

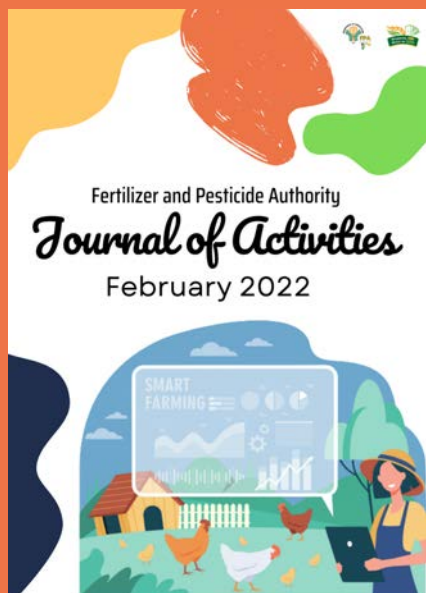


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# ENFORCING FPA'S MANDATE IN THE FIELD



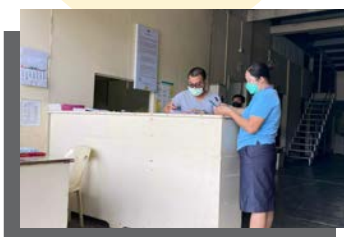
## Accounts on:

- Ensuring the quality and safety of products
- Monitoring handlers, products, and programs related to fertilizer and pesticide
- Collaborating with other agencies to provide better service to the people

## FPA Davao Region - Feb 2, 2022

FPA Davao Region inspected q Banana Plantation in Panabo City and Kapalong, in Davao del Norte on February 2, 2022. The inspection was led by Regional Officer Marrisa G. Napalit and Provincial Officer Cheery B. Agrade.

The said on-site inspection focuses on the checking of chemical mixing facilities, pesticide storage, arrangement, order, good housekeeping and others. The activity was initiated to ensure that FPA standards are well observed and as a prerequisite for their annual renewal as Institutional User with FPA.



## FPA Cagayan Valley - Feb 2-4, 2022

FPA Cagayan Valley conducted a clean-up drive operation in the 2nd district of Cagayan on February 2-4, 2022. Those who were unregistered in the area were invited to attend the ASD training.



## FPA Cordillera Administrative Region- Feb 7, 2022

FPA CAR represented by Regional Officer Rogelio B. Tanguid and Provincial Officer Rowena F. Bilig mentored local fertilizer bulk-blender and national distributors on proper handling and storage of registered products.



## FPA Cordillera Administrative Region- Feb 8, 2022

FPA CAR conducted a pre-inspection of the proposed staging area for empty pesticide containers at Palina, Kibungan on February 8. Palina BLGU requested such a project for funding by concerned entities - Syngenta Phils, MLGU Kibungan, BLGU Palina, and PLGU Benguet.





## FPA Central Luzon - Feb 9, 2022

On February 9, FPA Central Luzon, with Bulacan Provincial Officer Roel Valdez conducted an evaluation and assessment of the warehouse facility of Cargill Philippines located at Malolos City. The said entity is strengthening production capacity to provide reliable disinfectants that will help hog farmers across the country.



## FPA Western Visayas - Feb 9, 2022

FPA Western Visayas monitored the fertilizer Experimental Use Permit (EUP) trial with accredited researcher Dr. Carlos Jardeniano Jr. in Cabacungan, La Castellana, Negros Occidental.



## FPA Davao Region- Feb 10, 2022

FPA Davao Region conducted an inspection of pesticide warehouse in Brgy. Mahayag, Bunawan, Davao City with Provincial Officer Louie T. Palarao on February 10.

The said on-site inspection was conducted as a prerequisite for their annual renewal as licensed handler with FPA.



## FPA Central Luzon - Feb 11, 2022

FPA Provincial Officer Quirino T. Baterna conducted a fertilizer product label monitoring activity at Laxamana Agri-Poultry Supply in Zone 1, Iba, Zambales. The activity was done to increase further the knowledge and awareness of store representatives in the product information printed in the label.



## FPA Northern Mindanao - Feb 11, 2022

FPA Northern Mindanao conducted a compliance inspection on February 11 to the dealers in the City of Iligan, Lanao del Norte. The activity intends to validate the actions taken by the establishment owners/managers on the previous findings and to monitor permanent and consistent compliance. It was confirmed that minor violations were addressed. A total of eight F/P establishments were found active and compliant in the FPA rules and regulations.



## FPA Davao Region- Feb 14, 2022

FPA Davao Regional Officer Marrisa G. Napalit and Provincial Officer Mr. Louie T. Palaro conducted a fertilizer warehouse inspection on February 14 to monitor the fertilizer products and check the compliance of the fertilizer warehouse implemented by the Agency.



## FPA Davao Region - Feb 14, 2022

On February 14, FPA Davao Region conducted an inspection on product re-labeling of pesticides in Brgy. Mahayag, Bunawan, Davao City. This was inspected by Regional Officer Marrisa G. Napalit and Provincial Officer Louie T. Palaraao.



## FPA Soccksargen - Feb 14, 2022

FPA Provincial Officer Cherubin M. Alonzo ensures the quality and fertilizer supply adequacy in the province through random weighing and collection of fertilizer samples. The activity was conducted on February 14.





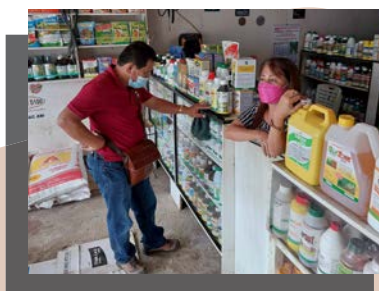
## FPA Central Luzon - Feb 15, 2022

FPA Central Luzon visited the pesticide field trials conducted in SynTech Research South East Asia (SRSEA) Experiment Station located at Sta. Arcadia, Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija.



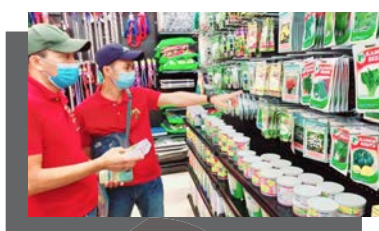
## FPA CARAGA - Feb 15, 2022

FPA Caraga conducted monitoring and inspection to various dealers' establishments in the different municipalities of Agusan del Sur on Feb. 15, 2022.



## FPA Bicol Region - Feb 15-18, 2022

FPA-Bicol Region conducted a clean-up drive operation in the Province of Camarines Norte on February 15-18, 2022 to ensure the compliance of fertilizer and pesticide handlers/dealers in accordance with Presidential Decree 1144. Non-compliant establishments were issued Notice of Violation (NOV).



## FPA Central Visayas - Feb 15-18, 2022

FPA Officers led by Regional Officer Arnulfo L. Arausa, Jr. conducted a clean-up drive operation in the Province of Cebu on February 15-18.



## FPA Bicol Region - Feb 17, 2022

On February 18, FPA Bicol Region Provincial Officer Engr. Christopher M. Nunez monitored the Drone Spray Application conducted by New Hope Precision Agriculture Corporation with the use of pesticide products from Syngenta Philippines, Inc., at San Ramon, Bula, Camarines Sur. The said activity is part of the 14th National Rice Technology Forum (NRTF) of the Department of Agriculture-RO5 which showcases the use of drone for seeder and spray application of fertilizer and pesticide.



## FPA Davao Region - Feb 18, 2022

Provincial Officer Louie T. Palarao conducted a warehouse inspection of pesticides in Brgy. Agdao, R. Castillo St., Davao City on February 18, 2022.



## FPA Soccksargen - Feb 18, 2022

PA SOCCSKSARGEN conducted an ocular inspection and auditing in one of the fertilizer manufacturing plants in Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

The team led by FPA Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea with Provincial Officers Jennie M. Basilio and Joey Pascua assessed the technological and technical capability of the local fertilizer manufacturer.

The activity was conducted as part of the company's requirements for licensing as a manufacture



## FPA Cagayan Valley - Feb 21, 2022

FPA Cagayan Valley conducted fertilizer plant inspection on February 21 in Isabela Province. This is to monitor their volume of fertilizer productions per month and assess their production processes.





## FPA Davao Region - Feb 21, 2022

FPA Davao Region conducted an inspection in one of the fertilizer manufacturing plants in Tagum City, Davao del Norte. This was conducted by Regional Officer Marris G. Napalit and Provincial Officer Cheery B. Agrade.

The team also conducted an inspection of fertilizer and pesticide distributors and other FP handlers in the city and checked its compliance with FPA.



## FPA Northern Mindanao - Feb 22, 2022

FPA Northern Mindanao conducted fertilizer random weighing and collected samples at Oroport on February 22 to check the standard weight and quality of fertilizer.



## FPA CARAGA - Feb 22, 2022

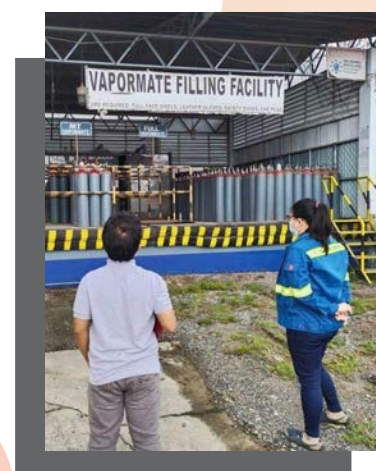
FPA Caraga conducted monitoring and inspection of fertilizers and pesticides in various dealers and distributors in Agusan del Norte on Feb. 22. One of the highlights of the activity was to conduct fertilizer sampling to questionable grades that will be submitted to FPA recognized laboratory for further laboratory analysis.



## FPA Davao Region - Feb 22, 2022

Provincial Officer Mr. Louie T. Palarao conducted an inspection of the pesticide warehouse on February 22 at Linde Hills, Brgy. Buhangin, Davao City.

The said on-site inspection was conducted to ensure that FPA standards, the safety of workers, order of the products stored, and preparedness in case of emergencies are well observed.





## FPA Western Visayas - Feb 23, 2022

With the strong commitment of FPA Western Visayas to be more proactive in determining the compliance rate of the handlers in Negros Occidental. The RFU conducted a clean-up drive and met up with distributors to remind them of the importance of FPA's product and price monitoring.



## FPA Davao Region - Feb 23, 2022

Regional Officer Marrisa G. Napalit and Davao City Provincial Officer Louie T. Palarao inspected a fertilizer plant in Davao City on February 23. The team also conducted fertilizer warehouse inspections in Buhangin, Davao City. The warehouse has been devastated by the recent mild earthquake which distributes some piled fertilizer bags. Fortunately, no damage or leak has been found during the inspection.

Moreover, the team also conducted fertilizer sampling and have those samples analyzed.



## FPA Soccksargen - Feb 23, 2022

FPA 12 takes legal action on the alleged pesticide drift to a mangosteen farm in Makilala, Cotabato.

The office received a complaint letter from a mangosteen farmer claiming due to alleged pesticide drift spraying of a banana plantation in the area, the mangosteen leaves changed color and seems dying.

The FPA team went to investigate and inspect the area together with a Pollution Control Officer (PCO) of the banana plantation, representatives from the Barangay LGU, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB).

The team interviewed residents and collect samples of leaves of mangosteen and submit the same to the University of Southern Mindanao Agricultural Research and Development Center-Central Laboratory, Kabacan, Cotabato for proper identification.

Moreover, FPA also requested the PCO of the banana plantation to collect water samples from where the residents get their drinking water and even from the creek where they use to bath and wash clothes.

FPA is still awaiting for the laboratory result of the collected samples to confirm the issue.



## FPA CARAGA - Feb 23-24, 2022

FPA Caraga conducted series of inspections and random weighing of fertilizers in various localities in Agusan del Sur on Feb. 23-24.



# UPDATING THE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS



Accounts on:

- Training, workshops, and other learning activities initiated by FPA
- Meetings of FPA Officials



## FPA Bicol Region - Feb 7, 2022

On February 7, 2022, FPA-Bicol Regional Officer Gabriel B. Atole attended the DA-RF05 MANCOM meeting at Lanuza Hall, CBES, DA-RF05, San Agustin, Pili, Camarines Sur.

Atole discussed the reasons behind the fertilizer price hike and the commitment of the Agency to the Balanced Fertilization Use Strategy (BFUS).



## FPA Bicol Region- Feb 8, 2022

In connection with the Resolution of the Sanggunian Panlalawigan of Sorsogon, "Requesting the Philippine Congress to Urgently Appropriate Emergency Funds to Expand and Improve Current Fertilizer Subsidy and Reduce Fertilizer Cost for Farmers by at least 50%," the FPA-Sorsogon Provincial Officer Engr. Ardon Ryan E. Nee-Estuye represented FPA-Region 5 during the Committee on Food Security, Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform Hearing at Sorsogon Sanggunian Panlalawigan Session Hall, Sorsogon City on February 8.

Engr. Nee-Estuye presented the current fertilizer price situation and answered the queries of the Sanggunian Panlalawigan Board Members and farmer leaders present during the committee hearing.



## FPA Bicol Region - Feb 9, 2022

FPA-Camarines Sur Provincial Officer Engr. Christopher M. Nunez conducted a four-hour alternative Accredited Safety Dispenser training at FPA-R5 Training Room, 2nd floor Farmers Hall, DA-RF05 Cmpd., San Agustin, Pili, Camarines Sur on February 9 to prospected fertilizer and pesticide dealers who want to secure their FPA dealership license and be knowledgeable on the safe handling and dispensing of fertilizer and pesticide products.



## FPA CARAGA - Feb 15, 2022

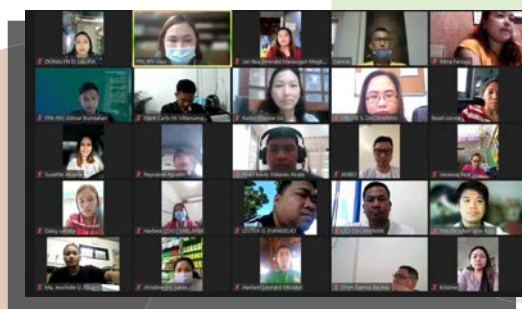
FPA Caraga conducted a meeting with Provincial Agriculturist Armando G. Valliente and DA-13 AFCD Coordinator Ma. Theresa Espenido. Some of the topics that were discussed include the recurring price increase of fertilizers and the balance fertilization strategy as measures to address the needs of fertilizer requirements in the farm.

Moreover, Espenido stressed the issues and concerns raised by the NGO sector regarding the aerial spraying operation of the banana plantation in Trento, ADS. As such, during the course of the discussion, FPA Caraga agreed to have an on-site field observation to address the issue.



## FPA CALABARZON MIMAROPA - Feb 16, 2022

FPA CALABARZON - MIMAROPA conducted a virtual Accredited Safety Dispenser training on February 16, 2022. The activity was attended by a total of 39 participants from Regions IV-A, IV-B, VII, X, and NCR. The training is a pre-licensing requirement for a license to operate as a dealer of fertilizer and pesticide products.



## FPA Davao Region - Feb 16, 2022

FPA Davao Region conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser training which was attended by 40 participants last February 16 at Pag-ibig Bldg., Apokon, Tagum City, Davao del Norte.

Regional Officer Marrisa G. Napalit and Deputy Director for Pesticide Mr. Eric C. Divinagracia spearheaded the training. The other speakers were Catherine Sumagaysay of Syngenta and Rey Eniquela of Bacphil.



## FPA Cagayan Valley - Feb 17, 2022

FPA Cagayan Valley conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser training at DA-NCES, Maguire, Abulug, Cagayan to educate and inform fertilizers and pesticides handlers on the rules and regulations of FPA and basic handling of pesticides and fertilizers.





## FPA Bicol Region - Feb 17, 2022

FPA Bicol Region, New Hope Precision Agriculture Corporation and Syngenta Philippines, Inc. conducted an Orientation on Safe Handling of Pesticides during Drone Spray Application at SARFC, San Ramon, Bula, Camarines Sur on February 17 to orient the farmers on the safety protocols and handling of pesticides during the drone spray application.



## FPA Zamboanga Peninsula - Feb 21-22, 2022

FPA Zamboanga Peninsula conducted an Accredited Safety Dispenser training at Top Plaza Hotel, Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte from February 21-22. A total of 44 individuals attended the said activity.



## FPA Cagayan Valley - Feb 23, 2022

An informative meeting was conducted on February 24 with the Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Dr. Myer G. Mula together with Regional Officer Romeo Val R. Suguitan and the whole FPA Central Luzon provincial officers. Some of the points being discussed include the soaring fertilizer prices, contingency measures, and spearheading of information concerning Balance Fertilization. Dr. Mula implied the functions, mandate, and participative role of each agency in alleviating the burden of the skyrocketing dilemma about fertilizer.



## FPA Central Luzon - Feb 24, 2022

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## FPA Western Visayas - Feb 24, 2022

two-day ASD training to all fertilizer and pesticide dealers. The training is designed to update and upgrade the technical knowledge of safety dispensers of fertilizers and pesticides.

After the training, the ASD is expected to carry out the responsibilities and widen the information dissemination, and educate the buyers/end-users in the safe use, handling, and storage of fertilizer and pesticide products at the store or during business operation. They are also required to be personally present at the store during business hours. The ASD shall keep records of sale and disposition of fertilizer/ pesticide products and the same shall be available for inspection and shall ensure that only FPA - registered fertilizer and pesticide products are to be sold.

Moreover, the FPA Western Visayas is doing its best to capture the present issues and concerns in the field. Through private and public partnerships we could come up with a dual solution on how can we help the Farmers technically, increase the productivity for food security while highlighting



## FPA Bicol Region - Feb 25, 2022

FPA-Bicol Region, New Hope Precision Agriculture Corporation and Leads Agricultural Products Corporation conducted an Orientation on Safe Handling of Pesticides during Drone Spray Application at SARFC, San Ramon, Bula, Camarines Sur on February 25. The activity was done to orient the farmers on the safety protocols and handling of pesticides during the drone spray application which is part of the 14th National Rice Technology Forum (NRTF) of the Department of Agriculture - RF05.



## FPA Soccksargen - Feb 27, 2022

To strengthen the collaboration among stakeholders in the pesticide industry, FPA SOCCSKSARGEN, and Bayer Cropscience Philippines organized a solidarity meeting held at Koronadal City, South Cotabato on February 27.

The meeting was led by Product Stewardship Associates Allen Jay V. Ponce and Dave Cristobal of Bayer Cropscience Philippines with FPA RFU-12 Field Officers headed by Regional Officer Alita C. Bornea.

The said activity aimed to allow Bayer Cropscience Philippines to introduce their product stewardship programs and plans to the field officers and open doors for open dialogue, sharing, and consultation with FPA.

FPA Regional Officer Bornea and her team affirmed their commitment to supporting the product stewardship plans and programs of Bayer that would benefit our farmers in uplifting their lives.



# PUBLIC INFORMATION



## Accounts on:

- Interactions of FPA Officials with farming communities
- Informing the public of FPA activities and current regulations of fertilizer, pesticide, and other agri-chemicals



## FPA Bicol Region - Feb 11, 2022

To enlighten the queries of farmers regarding the continuing price increase of inorganic fertilizers, FPA-Bicol Regional Officer Gabriel B. Atole was invited by Philippine Information Agency (PIA) Albay in their radio program "Talakayan sa PIA Albay" hosted by Sally Altea on February 11.



## FPA Bicol Region - Feb 22, 2022

To give an update on the fertilizer price situation and measures being done by DA & FPA to mitigate the impact of fertilizer price hike, the FPA Bicol Regional Officer Gabriel B. Atole was invited to the Radio Program "Boses kan Masses" hosted by Denz Alta of Radyo Veritas Legazpi via Zoom on February 22, 2022.



## FPA Cagayan Valley - Feb 24, 2022

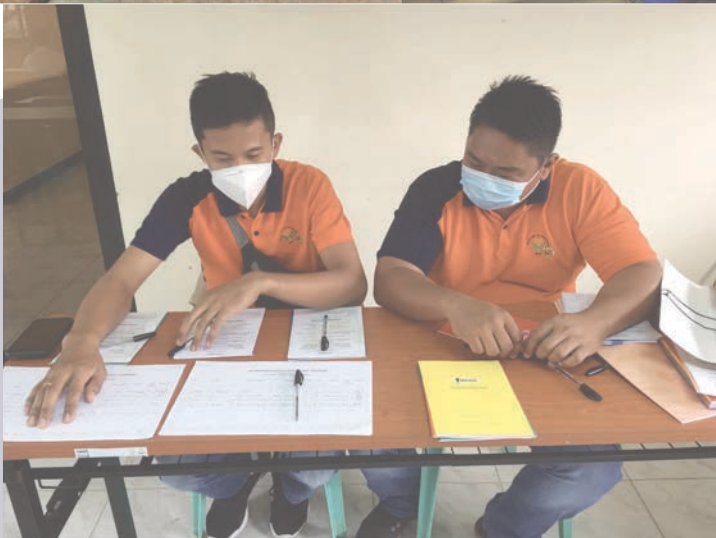
FPA Cagayan Valley conducted the third batch of fertilizer and pesticide dealers dialogue in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya on February 24 to inform and ask their support to end the rampant selling of unregistered pesticides in the region and neighboring provinces.

This was attended by 44 participants from the municipalities of Solano, Bagabag, Quezon, Diadi and Villaverde, Nueva Vizcaya.

FPA Regional Officer Leonardo A. Bangad in his message encouraged them to help the FPA to eradicate and end this illegal activity.











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