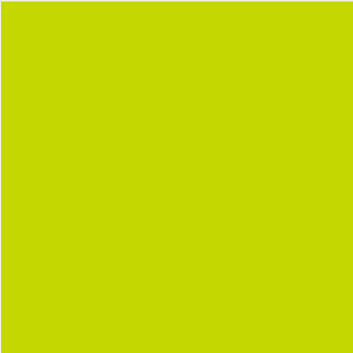


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Transforming Regulation Services for
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ABOUT THE COVER

In its 46th year, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority continues to uphold its mandate, vision, and quality policy, which reflects its dedication to protect its stakeholders and promote food safety and sustainability.

The agency recognized the need for a governance framework that reflects the needs and interests of the citizens they serve which led to innovations in service delivery. For the year 2023, FPA focused on adopting a more inclusive and participatory approach, where citizens are not just passive recipients of services but active participants in shaping policies and regulations, creating a Citizen-Driven Governance.



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VISION

Improved quality of life for all Filipinos through increased farm incomes, productivity and food production using safe and appropriate fertilizer and pesticide inputs.



MANDATE

Assuring the agricultural sector of adequate supplies of fertilizer and pesticide at reasonable prices, rationalizing the manufacture and marketing of fertilizer, protecting the public from the risks inherent in the use of pesticides, and educating the agricultural sector in the use of these inputs.



STRATEGIC THRUSTS

Fertilizer and Pesticide Regulation
Education/Product Stewardship
Harmonizing with International Standards on Labeling
Good Governance



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year, we emphasized the crucial role of citizen-driven governance in revolutionizing the regulatory services of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA). As stakeholders committed to community welfare and agricultural sustainability, it's paramount that we adopt practices fostering enhanced public engagement and accountability.

In recent times, there's been a notable shift towards recognizing the value of involving citizens in decision-making processes affecting their livelihoods. This shift not only promotes transparency and accountability but also taps into diverse perspectives and expertise.

The fertilizer and pesticide industry's significance in ensuring food security and sustainable agricultural practices cannot be overstated. Yet, our regulatory framework must evolve to meet emerging challenges while safeguarding environmental and public health standards.

Citizen-driven governance offers a pathway to achieve these goals. First, by actively engaging citizens in regulatory processes, we unlock invaluable insights and experiences. Platforms like public consultations and advisory committees foster dialogue between regulators and the community, ensuring decisions align with societal needs.

Second, transparency is fundamental to effective governance. By making regulatory processes transparent and accessible, we build trust. Public reporting, performance metrics, and audits ensure accountability and oversight.

Moreover, technology provides innovative avenues for citizen involvement. Online portals, mobile apps, and social media facilitate real-time communication and feedback. Harnessing technology breaks down participation barriers and broadens engagement.

Lastly, regulatory transformation necessitates collaboration among various stakeholders. Governments, industries, civil society, academia, and citizens must unite. Through partnerships, we pool resources and expertise to tackle regulatory challenges comprehensively.

Upholding citizen-driven governance holds immense promise for reshaping regulatory services in fertilizer and pesticide oversight. Embracing transparency, accountability, and public participation will create a responsive and sustainable regulatory framework benefiting all stakeholders.

Let us join hands in attaining this transformative endeavor. Together, we can chart a course towards a more resilient agricultural sector.



Julieta B. Lansangan
JULIETA B. LANSANGAN
MSA, MSES

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR FERTILIZER

For the past 46 years, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) has remained steadfast in its commitment to promoting food safety and sustainability for all stakeholders. Our mandate, centered on ensuring the availability of safe and adequate supplies of fertilizers and pesticides, remains our impetus to helping Filipino farmers improve their productivity and increase incomes.

Driven by our deep-seated desire to enhance our nation's agricultural landscape, we have strengthened our operations, monitoring, and enforcement efforts. We have expanded our information campaigns to disseminate up-to-date information to the public. Moreover, we have consistently implemented innovations to meet the evolving needs, expectations, and aspirations of those we serve.

We at FPA, are dedicated to continually improving food safety and sustainability, innovating our services, and attentively addressing the concerns of our clientele and stakeholders. Through relentless initiatives, robust partnerships, and unwavering dedication, we are firmly driving the Philippines towards a brighter future, collectively working towards "Masaganang Agrikultura, Maunlad na Ekonomiya".



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myer G. Mula". The signature is stylized and somewhat abstract, with overlapping loops and lines.

DR. MYER G. MULA

MESSAGE FROM THE OIC DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PESTICIDE

Over the past year, we have embraced innovations, prioritized citizen involvement, and actively sought feedback to shape our decision-making processes to strengthen public engagement and accountability in our regulatory services.

This report highlights the various initiatives and milestones achieved through our commitment to innovate our service delivery and create a citizen-driven governance. These efforts enhanced transparency and allowed us to bridge the gap between regulators and citizens, building trust and fostering a shared responsibility toward achieving our common environmental goals.

Throughout the year, we have worked diligently to ensure that our regulatory services align with the needs and expectations of the public and incorporated mechanisms for public accountability into our regulatory processes. These include reports on our activities, evaluations of our performance, and robust mechanisms for handling complaints and grievances. By actively engaging with the public and holding ourselves accountable, we are committed to continuously improving the effectiveness and efficiency of our services.

These initiatives and milestones wouldn't be possible without our dedicated personnel, which is why I would like to express my deepest appreciation for their unwavering commitment to this citizen-centered approach. Their hard work and enthusiasm have been instrumental in driving positive change and achieving meaningful outcomes.

May this Annual Report inspire us to continue our collective efforts toward building a regulatory framework that reflects the needs, expectations, and aspirations of the stakeholders we serve.



Maribel M. Querijero
MARIBEL M. QUERIJERO
MSA

PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Particulars	Physical Targets (%)	Physical Accomplishments (%)
FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE REGULATORY PROGRAM		
Outcome Indicators		
1. Percentage of handlers and products monitored/inspected with detected violations	0.50%	0.49%
2. Percentage of Notice of Violations and Order issuances that resulted into cases filed/litigated	0%	0%
Output Indicators		
1. Percentage of regulatory documents issued within the prescribed time frame	97%	97%
2. Percentage of submitted reports that resulted in the issuance of notice of violations and penalties imposed	1%	2.53%

For Outcome 1, FPA conducted a total of 32,332 visits to establishments and 114,852 fertilizer and pesticide (F/P) products were inspected. This resulted in the detection of 686 violations which represents 0.49% of the total visits and inspections conducted. 99.53% of the monitored handlers and products were compliant with the FPA rules and regulations.

For Outcome 2, no cases were filed into court out of the total 686 violations detected from January to December 2023 due to compliance of handlers.

For Output 1, a total of 23,657 regulatory documents were issued, of which 23,031 or 97% were issued within the prescribed time frame.

For Output 2, a total of 23,657 applications were received. Among these, 600 applications, accounting for 2.53% of the total, incurred surcharges due to the late renewal of permits and penalties from the SUMS order. Although surpassing the target of 1% with penalties, this indicates a positive indicator. Despite facing penalties, stakeholders in F/P chose to register their businesses with FPA, contributing to increased suppliers for farmers in the market. The FPA diligently notifies its clients/handlers of impending license expirations as early as 90 days beforehand to mitigate surcharge occurrences.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

For CY 2023, FPA had a total Regular Appropriation of P250.102 million, Automatic Appropriation of P9.140 million, and Special Purpose Fund of P9.221 million or a total of P268.463 million.

Budget Release. The total budget released for the Fiscal Year 2023 was P268.463 million broken down as follows: P150.603 million for General Administration and Support Service, P85.964 million for Quality Control and Inspection, P28.896 million for Registration and Licensing, and 3.000 for Locally Funded Projects.

Fund Utilization. The agency has utilized 98.82% or P265.291 million of its total budget. For the agency's various programs, projects, and activities, the rate of fund utilization is as follows: General Administration and Support (GAS) – 98.42%, Operations which includes Quality Control and Inspection – 99.56%, and Registration and Licensing – 98.58%, Locally Funded Projects -100.00%

PARTICULARS	ALLOTMENT	OBLIGATION RATE	DISBURSEMENT RATE
General Administration and Support Services (GASS)	Php 138,304,000.00	98.28%	98.69%
Operations	108,798,000.00	99.39%	97.47%
• Quality Control and Inspection (QCI)	81,132,145.78	99.53%	98.25%
• Registration and Licensing (RL)	27,284,000.00	98.98%	95.13%
Automatic Appropriations	9,140,000.00	98.55%	100.00%
Locally Funded Projects	3,000,000.00	100.00%	100.00%
Special Purpose Fund	9,221,584.00	100.00%	99.95%
Continuing Appropriations	674,712.28	99.50%	100.00%
TOTAL	Php 269,138,296.28	98.82%	98.30%

Income Collection. The total income collected for the year was P100.615 million or 126% of P79.663 million target, which primarily came from service income broken down as follows: Permit Fees at P5.910 million, Registration Fees at P56.875 million, Licensing Fees at P31.254 million, Fines and Penalties – Service Income at P3.354 million and Other Service Income at P3.222 million.

Type of Revenue	Target Revenue	Actual Revenue	Percentage
Permit Fees	5,122,000.00	5,910,000.00	115%
Registration Fees	42,832,000.00	56,875,000.00	133%
Licensing Fees	27,657,000.00	31,254,000.00	113%
Fines and Penalties	-	3,354,000.00	100%
Other Service Income	4,052,000.00	3,222,000.00	80%
Total Service Income	79,663,000.00	100,615,000.00	126%









2023 AT A GLANCE

Fertilizer and Pesticide Regulations

2,265

fertilizer regulatory documents issued

4,832

pesticide regulatory documents issued



Field Monitoring and Enforcement

146,074

handlers and products inspected

96

Stop Use, Marketing and Sale (SUMS) orders issued

590

Notice of Violations (NOVs) issued



Quality Control and Laboratory Services

799

fertilizer samples analyzed

430

pesticide samples analyzed



Accreditation, Training and Public Information

3,774

accreditation cards issued

26

accreditation trainings conducted

10,370

IEC materials distributed



Institutional Development

ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) accreditation maintained

PNS ISO/IEC 17025:2017 laboratory accreditation maintained

Recipient of HRM-PRIME Bronze Award from the CSC

CSC registration of FPAEA and grant of CNA

Eligibility for the grant of FY 2021 PBB



Project Management

Logistics and warehousing facilitated for the **20,000MT** urea fertilizer donation by the People's Republic of China

Fund transfer facilitated for the three (3) LGU beneficiaries of the Fortified Organic Fertilizer Development Program

Launching of UNIDO project on promoting eco-friendly crop protection solutions











FERTILIZER REGULATIONS

Increasing farmers income and agricultural productivity through the issuance of licenses, registrations, and permits to regulate the fertilizer industry



Strategic Objectives

-  Ensure safety and standard protocol compliance
-  Ensure Quality and Efficient Service
-  Ensure safe and adequate supply of quality Fertilizers at reasonable prices
-  Continual Improvement of registration, licensing and permit processing system
-  Ensure regular consultation with stakeholders
-  Improve Employee Development Program



4,172
regulatory documents
issued

1,003

Certificate of Product Registration

1,060

License to Operate

1,752

Certificates for VAT exemption and other permits issued

129

Experimental Use Permit (EUP's) issued



Certificate of Product Registration

Certificates issued for Fully Registered Products (Traditional)	428 NEW	427 RENEWAL	Certificate for New Fully Registered Products (Non-Traditional)	Certificate for Label Expansion	Certificate for Additional Supplier/Trader Fully-Registered Products (Traditional)
Certificates issued for Provisional Products (Non-Traditional)	17 NEW	5 RENEWAL	65	15	46



License to Operate

Handlers	865	Warehouse Registration	135	Dealer, Dealer Repacker, Mango Contractor	60
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Third-Party Authorizations

173



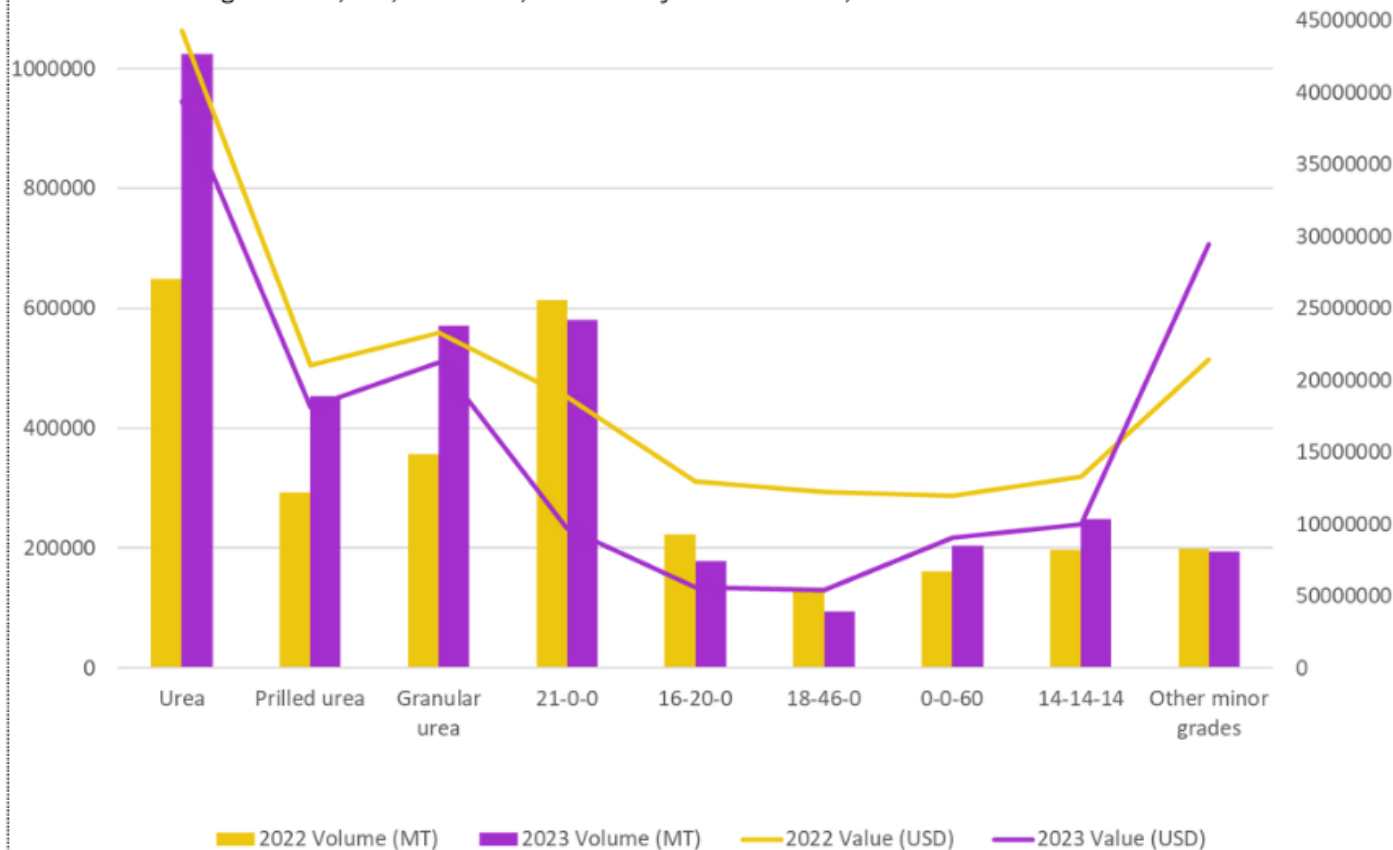
Amendments

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Comparative Importation Data for CY 2022 and 2023

The total volume of fertilizer imports in 2023 amounted to 2,523,840.87 metric tons (MT), which indicates 16.07% increase from 2022 imports. However, despite the increase in volume, the total importation value decreased significantly by 19.51%, primarily due to the sharp decline in raw material inputs. Urea remained to be the most in-demand fertilizer grade at 1,024,352.45 MT, followed by 21-0-0 at 580,336.48 MT.





PESTICIDE REGULATIONS

Promoting agricultural sustainability and protecting human health and the environment from the potential risk of pesticides and other agricultural chemicals through the issuance of licenses, registrations, and permits to regulate the pesticide industry



Strategic Objectives

- Ensure public safety and standard protocol compliance
- Ease international flow of safe and quality Pesticide products
- Continual Improvement of registration, licensing and permit processing system
- Strengthen inter-agency coordination and collaboration
- Judicious and effective use of resources
- Ensure safe and adequate supply of quality pesticides
- Ensure Quality and Efficient Service
- Improve Employee Development Program
- Improve infrastructure





Certificate of Product Registration

New Proprietary Pesticides & New Pesticide Formulations	Registration under Third Party Authorization (TPA)	Label Expansion	New Generic Pesticides	Renewal (New Proprietary, New Generic, TPA)	Other Agricultural Chemicals for Animal Facilities
66	338	62	246	1,078	44



License to Operate

Handlers	603	Drone Spray Operators	3	Pest Control Operators	32	Dealers	49
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Other Certificates and amendments issued

170



Pesticide Importation Data CY 2023

Pesticide importation this year totaled 68,052 MT, valued at 296,858,609.00 USD - consisting of 63,257 MT of formulated products, valued at 281,830,857.00 USD, and 4,795 MT of technical materials, valued at 15,027,751 USD. Herbicides had the highest import volume at 30,385 MT, followed by fungicides at 13,841 MT.

	Technical		Formulated Product		Total	
	Volume (MT)	Value (USD)	Volume (MT)	Value (USD)	Volume (MT)	Value (USD)
Fungicide	65	147,300	13,776	87,435,754	13,841	87,583,054
Fumigant	0	0	83	1,424,424	83	1,424,424
Herbicide	3,896.95	10,322,080	26,488	91,022,158	30,385	101,344,238
Insecticide	715	4,314,450	9,323	73,566,353	10,038	77,880,803
Insecticide/Nematicide	0	0	1,028	1,613,539	1,028	1,613,539
Miticide	0	0	403	56,640	403	56,640
Molluscicide	44	107,085	469	3,292,176	514	3,399,261
Nematicide	0	0	124	849,543	124	849,543
Others	51	72,276	9,555	18,845,682	9,606	18,917,958
Disinfectant	20	33,660	1,946	3,598,086	1,966	3,631,746
Rodenticide	3	30,900	62	126,503	65	157,403
TOTAL	4,795	15,027,751	63,257	281,830,857	68,052	296,858,609





FIELD OPERATIONS, MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

Implementing and enforcing regulation of FPA at the regional and provincial levels for greater efficiency, accessibility and ease of doing business.



Strategic Objectives



Ensure safe and adequate supply of quality Fertilizers and pesticides at reasonable prices



Ensure public safety and standard protocol compliance



Ensure regular consultation with stakeholders



Ensure Quality and Efficient Service



License to Operate



5,471

total licenses issued



Fertilizer handlers

1,011



Pesticide handlers

389



both fertilizer and pesticide handlers

2,861



Warehouse registration

1,210



Monitoring and Inspection



148,654

total handlers and products inspected



Licensed handlers

32,332



Unlicensed handlers

735



Products inspected

114,852



Unregistered products detected

735



Other Monitoring Activities

Experimental Use Sites	91	Product Stewardship	110	Fertilizer Shipment (in ports)	277	Plant Safety Audit (plantation/plant)	100
Hospitals	236	Pesticide Poisoning Cases	46	Plant site (waste water reuse)	15		



Enforcement Actions

Notice of Violations issued	590	Stop Use, Move, Sale (SUMS) issued	96	Clean-up drives conducted	147
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Coordination with government and Private Sectors

1,080



Media Interviews

2



Radio Guesting

20



Trainings/Symposia conducted/coordinated

Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training	195	Safe and Judicious Use of Fertilizer and Pesticide	188	Others	88
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LABORATORY SERVICES

Ensuring strict conformity of fertilizer and pesticide products with established standards and specifications and supporting the standards-setting and regulatory functions of FPA



Strategic Objectives



Ensure compliance with all statutory requirements



Strengthen client feedback and redress mechanism



Judicious and effective use of resources



Ensure Quality and Efficient Service



Continual Improvement of registration, licensing and permit processing system



Improve Employee Development Program



Strengthen inter-agency coordination and collaboration



Improve infrastructure



1,280
total documents issued

LSD released a total of 1,280 documents including fertilizer and pesticide test results, permit to purchase and borrow methyl bromide, Plant-Incorporated-Protectant (PIP) product registration, and certificate of laboratory recognition.



Fertilizer Sample Analysis



799

total samples analyzed



Product registration

420



Quality Monitoring

248



Research and other purposes

131



Pesticide Sample Analysis



430

total samples analyzed



Product registration

417



Quality Monitoring

6



Research and other purposes

7



Other Issuances

Received applications for Plant-Incorporated-Protectant (PIP) Product Registration

11

Issued Certificate of Laboratory Recognition

3



Permit to Purchase or Borrow Methyl Bromide

Issued Permit to Purchase

45

Issued Permit to Borrow

1





ACCREDITATION, TRAINING AND PUBLIC INFORMATION

Implementing and enforcing regulation of FPA at the regional and provincial levels for greater efficiency, accessibility and ease of doing business.

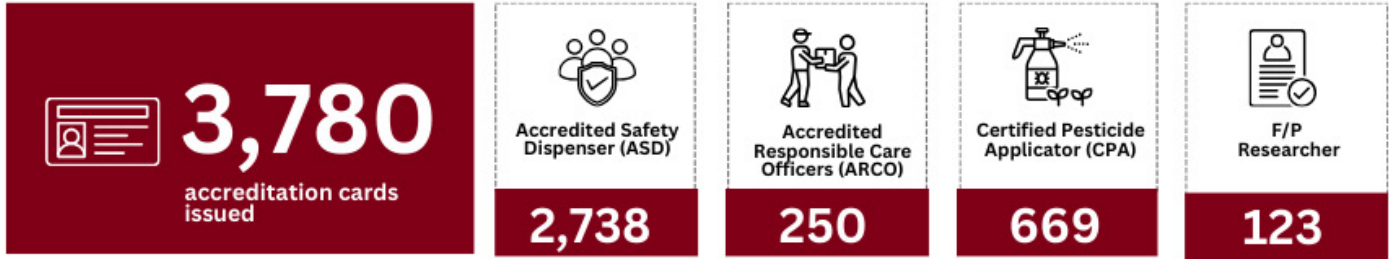


Strategic Objectives

-  Ensure safety and standard protocol compliance
-  Ensure public awareness on use, handling, and effects of fertilizer and pesticide
-  Ensure regular consultation with stakeholders

-  Monitor prices and supply of fertilizer and pesticide products
-  Ensure Quality and Efficient Service

Accreditation





Training



26

trainings conducted



Accredited Responsible Care Officers (ARCO)

7



Certified Pesticide Applicator - Fumigator

8



Certified Pesticide Applicator - Exterminator

7



F/P Researcher

4



Symposia conducted

19



Training certificates issued

2,911



Training associations accredited

5



Public Information



Data requests and inquiries



Email inquiries replied

142



Facebook inquiries replied

93



FOI requests facilitated

53



IEC materials distributed

13,100



Content and publication issuances

Press releases published

52

Journal of Activities (JOA) published

12



Webinar Series



10,370

People reached

Episode 1

2,200

Episode 4

2,600

Episode 2

1,600

Episode 5

770

Episode 3

1,500

Episode 6

1,700



Facebook Page Insights



New followers

6,052



Page likes

16,444



Engagement

15,400



Content Reach

320,000



Posts Published

289





Commencement
Dr. Boel R. Suratta

INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Strengthening institutional capacity and capability through continual process improvement and implementing the principles of the ease of doing business



Strategic Objectives

-  Ensure compliance with all statutory requirements
-  Judicious and effective use of resources
-  Continual Improvement of registration, licensing and permit processing system
-  Strengthen inter-agency coordination and collaboration
-  Strengthen client feedback and redress mechanism
-  Ensure Quality and Efficient Service
-  Improve Employee Development Program
-  Improve infrastructure

Systems and Processes improvement

Maintenance of ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) accreditation



Maintenance of PNS ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation





Ease of doing business initiatives

Grant of FY 2021 Performance Based Bonus



Maintenance of FOI compliance



Very satisfactory client satisfaction rating and zero complaints received from the CSC Contact Center ng Bayan (CSC CCB)



Implementation of online payment system for accreditation program



Initiated the Institutional Strengthening and Productivity Improvement for Regulatory Efficiency (INSPIRE) Program



Publication of FPA Citizen's Charter (Second Edition)



Human resource development and management

Receipt of CSC HRM-PRIME bronze award



CSC registration of FPAEA and award of CNA



Newly hired and promoted employees

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Facilitating the logistics and warehousing of 20,000MT urea fertilizer donation from the People's Republic of China



The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) facilitated the logistics of the 20,000 metric tons of urea fertilizers donated by the People's Republic of China (PRC) as part of the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation with the Philippines. This came after the Office of the President issued a delegation of authority to the FPA to accept the donated urea fertilizers on behalf of the Department of Agriculture (DA) on May 3, 2023.

The FPA was also authorized to facilitate the brokerage, hauling, delivery service warehousing, and monitoring of the accepted fertilizer donation.

To ensure the delivery, transport, and storage of the inputs, the FPA closely coordinated and tran-

sacted with the Bureau of Customs (BoC), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), and other government agencies, for the acquisition and processing of relative documents.

The donation, which is equivalent to 400,000 fertilizer bags, was distributed to intended rice and corn farmers in five (5) regions in Luzon including Ilocos Region, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, CALABARZON, and Bicol.

Through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DA and FPA, the fund requirement for the activity was released from the National Rice Program FPMA Fund of the Department of Agriculture (DA).

Since the arrival of vessel carrying the donation at the Manila Harbor Center (MHC), FPA deployed its employees at the port and NFA warehouses who worked on shifting schedules to monitor the logistical activities for 24-hours.

Ceremonial turn-over of donation

President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. (PBBM) formally accepted the fertilizer donation from the PRC during its ceremonial turnover on June 16, 2023 at the National Food Authority warehouse in Malanday, Valenzuela City.

PBBM stressed that the donation was a testament to the promising agricultural cooperation between the government of the Republic of the Philippines and the PRC.

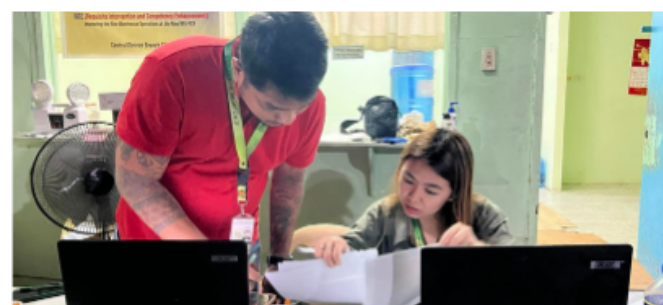
“The donation from China was a product of our [assistance] requests from our [international] partners when global fertilizer prices went up and available local supply of fertilizers decreased,” the President said.

The President expressed his gratitude to the Chinese government, represented by Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Huang Xilian, who also provided PHP 4-million worth of rice assistance for the victims of the Mayon Volcano eruption in Albay.

The donation coincides with the commemoration of the 48th year of Philippine-China diplomatic ties last June 2023.

Distinguished attendees included PRC Ambassador to the Philippines Huang Xilian, Special Assistant to the President Antonio Lagdameo Jr., Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary (DSWD) Rex Gatchalian, and Valenzuela City Mayor Weslie Gatchalian.

Other attendees are officials from the DA, DA National Rice and Corn Programs, DA- Regional Field Offices, National Food Authority (NFA), Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Valenzuela local government, farmer representatives and local government leaders from various regions.



Launch of project on promotion of eco-friendly crop protection solutions



The FPA has been coordinating with the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and other relevant stakeholders for the implementation a project that aims to eliminate the use of harmful inputs to food production systems.

On 26 September 2023, FPA attended a stakeholder meeting facilitated by UNIDO held at Satin 1, Seda Hotel Vertis North, Quezon City. The activity convened project stakeholders for UNIDO to discuss project updates and project implementation arrangements; and to provide an overview of the remaining preparatory activities of the project.

Executive Director Julieta Lansangan led the FPA delegation composed of Ms. Maribel Querijero, OIC Deputy Executive Director for Pesticide; Dr. Gina Tomimbang, Chief Administrative Officer of FAD; Ms. Maria Theresa Oliveros, Chief of the

PMID; Ms. Shiena Lyn Atienza, OIC-Supervising Administrative Officer of FAD; and Mr. Jay-ar Rivera, Agriculturist II of FOCU.

Funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), UNIDO and the FPA will lead the implementation of the project titled "Promoting eco-friendly crop protection solutions for persistent organic pollutant and highly hazardous pesticide reduction in Asia" from September 1, 2023, to October 31, 2028.

Relevant stakeholders supporting the project include the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) under the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) through the Philippine Agriculture and Resources Research Foundation Inc. (PARRFI) as project executing entities (PEE).

The project aims to establish sustainable financing, investment, and incentive mechanisms in the formulation, production, and application of eco-friendly crop protection solutions for the reduction of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs) enhancing livelihood, food safety, and protection to human health and the environment.

It will have the following components:

- Component 1: Government regulatory capacity, which aims to enable the environment for the introduction of crop protection solutions to reduce POPs and HHPs
- Component 2: Finance and investment, which serves the purposes of enhancing finance and investment in the development, production, and application of biopesticides, safe chemical alternatives, and other biocontrol agents.

- Component 3: Capacity and knowledge dissemination, which will raise the capacity building and awareness in the formulation, production, and application of biopesticides, safe chemical alternatives, and other biocontrol agents carried out
- Component 4: Project Monitoring and Evaluation, in which an effective and efficient project implementation and monitoring based on GEF and UNIDO requirements and standards will be conducted.

The Pesticide Regulatory Division under the FPA serves as the main government focal point and national coordinating entity of the project. Coordinating agencies include the member agencies of the Department of Agriculture and Local Government Units of selected farmer groups.





Observance of coastal cleanup 2023

In observance of the International Coastal Cleanup 2023, the FPA in partnership with the Local Government of Macabebe, Pampanga, and industry stakeholders composed of Agrotiger, Syngenta Philippines, North Central Luzon Pest Management Operators Association Inc. (NCLPMPAI) and TAKADA recently conducted a coastal cleanup drive at a mangrove forest in Macabebe last September 28, 2023.

“As stewards of the environment, the activity will serve as our little contribution to saving our seas and oceans from detrimental wastes,” stressed Executive Director Julieta B. Lansangan.

She added that related efforts and advocacy must be sustained to restore ecological balance from ridge to reef for the sake of future generations.

Also present during the event are Chief of Pesticide Regulations Division, Maribel Querijero; PMID Chief, Maria Theresa Oliveros; and FPA Central Luzon Regional Officer Romeo Val Suguitan.

A total of 597 wastes were collected during the said cleanup.

Consistent monitoring of product stewardship programs thru baylo-basyo program

For 2023, FPA Region VI and VII initiated the Baylo Basyo Program.

“Baylo Basyo Program” is a Visayan term for the “Palit Basyo” Program, which aims to educate farmers in properly handling, applying, and disposing of empty pesticide containers.

A total of 146 farmers from Brgy. Nug-as and neighboring barangays in Alcoy, Cebu, attended the said event on May 23, 2023.

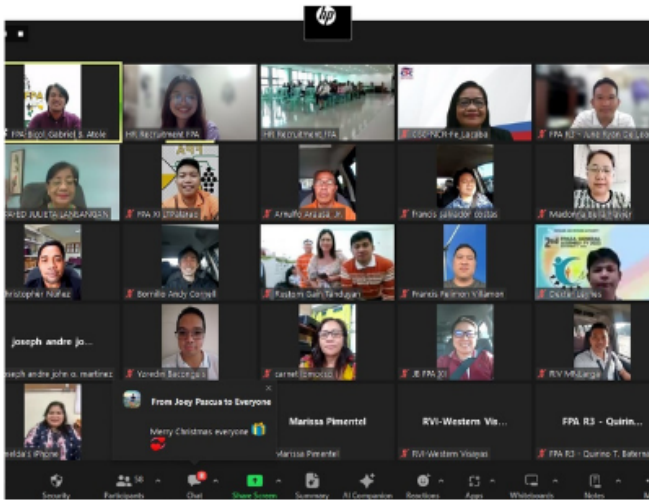
Five hundred six (506) farmers and twenty-eight (28) fertilizer and pesticide companies participated in the Baylo Basyo Program on April 13, 2023, in Leon, Iloilo.

The activity is a stewardship program established by the FPA to ensure the fertilizer and pesticide industry is responsible to the farmers who patronize its products.

Region VII collected 30 sacks of empty pesticide containers, while Region VI collected 1,972 kg of pesticides.



Granting of Certificate of Registration to FPA EA and Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) by CSC



The Civil Service Commission, represented by Director Fe Lacaba, awarded the Certificate of Registration to FPA EA and FPA Collective Negotiation Agreement (CNA) on December 22, 2023. Executive Director Julieta B. Lansangan and FPAEA Acting President Mr. Gabriel Atole were present during the award ceremony conducted online.

The recognition highlighted the association's commitment to excellence and adherence to Executive No. 180 (1987) and its Implementing Rules and Regulations. It also serves as a testament to the FPAEA's dedication and collaborative efforts in advancing the interests of its members and upholding the highest standards of service in the field of fertilizers and pesticides.

The said certificate is valid until November 21, 2026.



Maintaining FOI compliance for sixth year

For the sixth straight year, FPA received a Certificate of Compliance from the Inter-agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring Information and Reporting Systems (Task Force Administrative Order 25, s. 2011) for its implementation of the enhanced requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Program for Fiscal Year 2022 on October 03, 2023.

The certification has been validated by the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), the lead implementer of the FOI program.

In recognition of the right of the people to information on matters of public concern, FPA adopts and implements a policy of full public disclosure of all its transactions involving public interest, subject to the procedures and limitations provided in Executive Order No. 2.

This right is indispensable to the exercise of the right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making.



Recognition for PRIME-HRM bronze award from CSC

The Civil Service Commission (CSC) conferred the PRIME-HRM Bronze Award through Resolution No. 2300717 to the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority on September 11, 2023 at FPA Bldg., BAI Compound, Visayas Ave., Quezon City.

Pursuant to CSC Memorandum Circular No. 19, series of 2016, the PRIME-HRM or the “Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management” Award System celebrates and recognizes excellence in human resource management systems, practices, and competencies of government agencies in the four (4) core HRM areas such as: 1) Recruitment, Selection & Placement; 2) Performance Management; 3) Learning & Development; and 4) Rewards & Recognition.

Having been conferred the PRIME-HRM Bronze Award, the CSC has granted privileges to the agency such as an authority to approve appointments, subject to post audit, and an exemption from Section 96 of the 2017 Omnibus Rules on Appointments and Other Human Resource Actions, among others.

CSC also gave the agency a 20% discount for the HRM Officer or one (1) agency representative in training/conferences conducted by the Civil Service Institute and a 20% discount for the HRM Office head or one agency representative in CSC Regional Offices training and seminars.

Meanwhile, FPA is now responsible for maintaining the PRIME-HRM status under Level 2 and improving its HRM systems to meet the maturity indicators of the next higher level.

The agency should likewise continue to comply with the civil service laws, rules, and regulations in the issuance of appointments and implementation of other HR actions and partner with the CSC in helping other agencies develop or improve the HRM systems.

Prior to the bronze award, the agency obtained the Maturity Level 2 of the Enhanced PRIME-HRM last November 05, 2018.

Sustaining ISO 9001:2015 QMS accreditation

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority successfully maintained its ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System (QMS) Certification following the surveillance audit conducted on August 30, 2023, by the certifying body, TUV Rheinland Philippines, Inc. The onsite assessment took place at the FPA Central Office in Quezon City.

The certification's scope encompasses the provision of services for the issuance of licenses, registration, and permits related to fertilizer, pesticide, and other agricultural chemicals. During this surveillance visit, various processes were audited, including the Top Management, Internal Audit (including Corrective Action), Pesticide Regulations Division's Registration and Licensing and Permitting Process, Finance and Administrative Division's Purchasing, Human Resource and Management Development, Laboratory Service Division's Laboratory Analysis for Fertilizer and Pesticide Products, and Fertilizer Regulations Division's Registration and Licensing and Permitting Process.

In the closing meeting, the audit team, led by Michelle Pestañas, along with co-auditor Rafael Magsino and Audit Trainee Michael Nerbes, commended the Agency for its dedication to continual improvement. They highlighted three positive findings and identified nine opportunities for improvement, with no nonconformities raised overall.

The continued certification reaffirms the agency's commitment to providing customers with the highest level of products and services in accordance with the organization's policies and objectives, as recognized by the standard-setting body.

The FPA Management Team, led by Executive Director Ms. Julieta B. Lansangan and chaired by QMSC Chairperson Ms. Maribelle Querijero, actively participated in the audit process. The involvement of Division Chiefs and the QMSC Secretariat reflects the top-down commitment to maintaining and enhancing the Quality Management System within the organization.



CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

The Philippine Accreditation Bureau, Department of Trade and Industry, grants accreditation to

FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE AUTHORITY LABORATORY SERVICES DIVISION

FPA Bldg., BAI Compound, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City

having been assessed and found conforming to the requirements of **PNS ISO/IEC 17025:2017** and the PAB conditions for laboratory accreditation in the field of **Chemical Testing** as specified in the Scope of Accreditation.

Maintenance of PNS ISO/IEC 17025 accreditation

The FPA Laboratory Services Division (LSD), being the technical support division of the FPA in product registration and quality monitoring activities, has been able to offer testing services for confirmatory of the guaranteed analysis or declared specification content of fertilizer, pesticide, and other agricultural chemical products. Since the start of its operation, it has been LSD's objective to consistently generate accurate and reliable laboratory test results. To achieve this, LSD has established its own quality management system and sought accreditation to PNS ISO/IEC 17025 from the Philippine Accreditation Bureau (PAB) which was granted to LSD in 2019.

The PAB Accreditation of Testing Laboratories is valid for five (5) years and within that 5-year period, Accredited laboratories are subjected to three (3) surveillance visits by PAB scheduled every fifteen (15)-month interval after the date of granting of the accreditation. On July 27-28, 2023, LSD had undergone its third surveillance visit with special assessment.

The selected team of PAB assessors, led by Ms. Perla F. Baje, conducted the assessment of the LSD's operation to verify if the laboratory demonstrates competence in its operation and effectively implements its quality management system.

Based on the results of the surveillance visit and the evaluation of PAB, the LSD has been granted continued accreditation to PNS ISO/IEC 17025:2017 in the field of chemical testing of fertilizer and pesticide on December 7, 2023. The PAB has recognized the commitment of the laboratory in the development and implementation of the LSD Quality Management System. The commitment of LSD to operate competently and to maintain customer confidence and satisfaction in the delivery of its testing services is evident in its continuous efforts to conform with the requirements of PNS ISO/IEC 17025:2017 and compliance with other regulatory bodies.

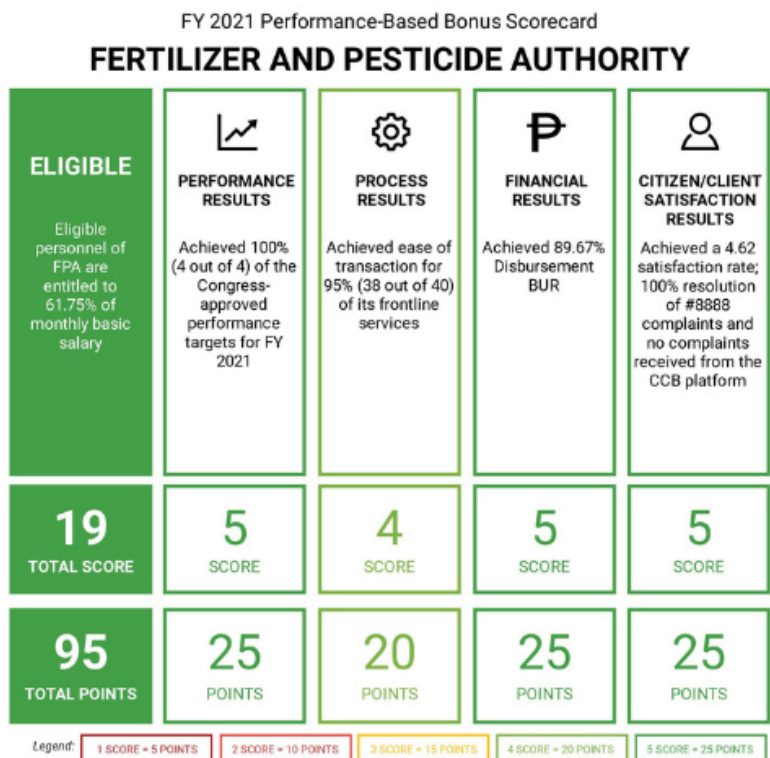
Eligibility for grant of 2021 Performance-Based Bonus

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) is eligible for the grant of 2021 Performance-Based Bonus after attaining a score of 95 points for the PBB Criteria and Conditions as provided in Section 4 of the Administrative Order 25 of the Inter-agency Task Force on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information and Reporting System (IATF) MC 2021-1.

Based on the FPA's Final Eligibility Assessment and Scorecard, the agency achieved 25 points or 100% in three out of the four criteria under Physical Accomplishment requirements.

The report also highlighted the following digitization initiatives of the agency in 2021 which contributed in achieving ease of transaction of its frontline services:

- Online submission of requirements;
- Electronic issuance of signed permits;
- Online scheduling of appointments;
- Implementation of inspection through online platforms;
- Digitization of customer feedback forms;
- Development of a system for online submission of application for accreditation;
- Enhancement of website for easy searching/browsing; and
- Computerized checking of exam except problem solving and enumeration.



Compliant in 11 out of 11 Agency Accountability Requirements

Transparency Seal COMPLIANT	PhilGEPS Posting COMPLIANT	Updating of Citizens Charter COMPLIANT	Sustained Compliance to Audit Findings COMPLIANT	Submission and review of SALN COMPLIANT	Freedom of Information (FOI) COMPLIANT
Submission of FY 2022 Annual Procurement Plan - Common Use Supplies and Equipment (APP-CSE) COMPLIANT	Submission of FY 2021 Annual Procurement Plan - Non-Common Use Supplies and Equipment (APP-non CSE) COMPLIANT	Posting of Indicative FY 2022 APP-non CSE COMPLIANT	Submission of FY 2020 Agency Procurement Compliance and Performance Indicators (APCPI) COMPLIANT	Undertaking of Early Procurement Activities covering 2022 Procurement Projects COMPLIANT	



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Client satisfaction measurement report

The FPA obtained an average rating of 4.8 or a ‘Very Satisfactory’ rating for the online client satisfaction survey from the total of 1,407 client feedback received during the period. The Office of the Executive Director (OED) received the highest rating of 5, followed by the Laboratory Services Division (LSD) at 4.84, Finance and Administrative Division (FAD) at 4.78, Planning, Management and Information Division (PMID) at 4.76, Fertilizer Regulations Division (FRD) at 4.745, Pesticide Regulations Division (PRD) at 4.74, and the Field Operations Coordinating Unit (FOCU) at 4.735

Division	Services Covered	Number of Feedback Returned	Average Rating
Fertilizer Regulations Division	Issuance of Licenses, registrations, and permits on fertilizer	449	4.745
Pesticide Regulations Division	Issuance of Licenses, registrations, and permits on fertilizer	409	4.74
Laboratory Services Division	Laboratory Analysis, Issuance of Permits to Purchase Methyl Bromide, FPA Laboratory Recognition, and Registration of Plant Incorporated Protectant and Other Pesticidal Substances	42	4.84
Planning Management, Information Division	Issuance of accreditation to ARCOs, CPAs, Researchers, and Training Association and Online Administration of FPA Exam and Release of Passers	189	4.76
Finance and Administrative Division	Cashiering/Payment, Central Receiving/Mailing and Human Resource	307	4.78
Field Operations Coordinating Unit/FPA-NCR	Inspection	14	4.735
Office of the Executive Director	Legal Service/Assistance	17	5
TOTAL/AVERAGE RATING		1407	4.8



Review and revision of Citizen's Charter

To enhance the Authority's service delivery mechanisms for the satisfaction of citizens and clients, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) conducted a three-day Seminar-Workshop on the Review and Revision of its Citizen's Charter on December 4-6, 2023.

As a key regulatory body overseeing the country's fertilizer and pesticide industry, the agency recognized the importance of refining its Citizen's Charter in addressing the evolving needs of stakeholders. In the pursuit of this objective, the activity was conducted to align the Authority's internal and external processes with the principles outlined in the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA) reengineering manual.

Executive Director Julieta B. Lansangan shared that the workshop will allow the agency to craft a simpler and more responsive Citizen's Charter in line with the clients' feedback and observations from the in-house experts.

"Let us set aside first our point of view and focus on the needs of our clients and what would make their transaction with us easier and faster." Dir. Lansangan said.

Atty. May Angeli M. Estolas and Mr. Joshua T. Bruno, from the Compliance Monitoring and Evaluation Office (CMEO) of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA), shared their evaluation of the existing FPA Citizen's Charter and emphasized on the areas needing improvements.

Following the discussion, the various divisions/units engaged in in-depth discussions, knowledge sharing, and collaboration, focusing on process optimization, adopting best practices, and refining process flows, to foster a culture of efficiency and citizen-centric service delivery.

Meanwhile, the activity was held while consciously following ARTA's Memorandum Circular No. 2019-002 or the Guidelines on the Implementation of the Citizen's Charter.



Strengthening and improving institutional capacity

In an effort to reform the organizational structuring of FPA to improve its service delivery, an Institutional Strengthening and Productivity Improvement (INSPIRE) Workshop was held last September 6-7, 2023, at FPA Bldg., BAI Compound, Visayas Ave., Quezon City.

Executive Director Julieta Lansangan said that the activity will help the Agency identify and eliminate inefficiencies in regulatory processes, approvals, and inspections to streamline operations and reduce processing time; and assess the allocation of personnel, technology, and equipment to ensure optimal utilization and resource alignment

“I hope this [activity] will allow us also to align FPA’s functions and processes with the evolving needs of the agriculture sector consistent with the enforcement of regulations,” Dir. Lansangan added.

Dir. John Aries S. Macaspac, Director of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Systems and Productivity Bureau discussed the proposed National Government Rightsizing Program (NGRP) of the Marcos administration.

He explained that the NGRP is a reform mechanism primarily aimed at enhancing the government’s institutional capacity, enabling the government to focus government efforts and resources on vital/core functions and services by determining the appropriate government interventions, size, structure, and complement on sectoral areas.

“Through this program, the government will be able to address dysfunctions, improve organizational and employee productivity, and improve government interoperability and service delivery,” Dir. Macaspac stressed.



Development of online application system for FRD frontline services

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority and the InterCommerce Network Services, Inc. (INS) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the development of the FPA online application system during the 46th Anniversary of the agency on May 30, 2023.

The system will be designed as a platform that enables stakeholders to submit applications and pay transaction fees for Licenses to Operate (LTO), Certificates of Product Registration (CPR) for fertilizer and pesticide, and Accreditation Certificates.

The signing was led by FPA OIC, Executive Director Julieta B. Lansangan, President and CEO of INS Francis Norman O. Lopez, OIC, Chief Agriculturist of Fertilizer Regulations Division (FRD) Rowena C. Reyes, and INS Account Manager Ronalyn G. Palo.





Implementation of online payment system for accreditation program

As the agency is gearing towards digitalization, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) inked its collaboration with Landbank of the Philippines for the online payment of accreditation services on February 24, 2023, at the FPA Board Room, Quezon City.

FPA OIC Executive Director Julieta Lansangan and the Landbank EDSA-NIA branch Head Marilou M. Saturno, led the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) witnessed by the FPA Management Committee.

Through this alternative payment system, clients for accreditation, such as Accredited Responsible Care Officer (ARCO), Certified Pesticide Applicator (CPA), Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD), and researchers, can now pay fees online. This partnership would greatly benefit the clients for easy access and minimize recurrent transactions in the Central Office.





#WEcanbeEquALL: promoting gender equality and inclusive society

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority continues to advocate gender equality as it joined the month-long observance of the National Women's Month in March 2023.

With the theme "WE for Gender Equality and Inclusive Society", the Agency through the FPA Gender and Development Focal Point System (FPA-GADFPS) has once again conducted various activities to promote the empowerment of women, not just in the workplace, but in the community.

The culminating activity was held on 31 March 2023 with the awarding of winners for the Juana Be Fit Challenge and FPA Mobile Legends Bang Bang (MLBB) Tournament.

Juana Be Fit aimed to encourage a healthy lifestyle among employees by challenging them to achieve desired Body Mass Index (BMI) for a month. It was a team challenge participated by each of the Divisions at the FPA Central Office.

On the other hand, the FPA MLBB Tournament showcased the capabilities of women employees to rise as active players and enthusiasts in related male-dominated fields such as E-Sports.

The agency had earlier joined International Women's Day on March 8 through the 'Serbisyo Para Kay Juana'. During the occasion, OIC Executive Director Julieta Lansangan highlighted FPA's contribution to building a gender-sensitive community as women take most of the leadership roles in FPA.

"The FPA has always been an active supporter of our national government in its endeavor towards an inclusive society. As such, we can see that most of the Division Chiefs and Supervisors of FPA are women, a proof that not only men can lead, but also women," OIC Lansangan said.

Appointment of newly hired and promoted employees

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) hired nine (9) employees with original appointments, and promoted eleven (11) personnel for the year 2023.

The newly appointed employees are the following:

NAME	POSITION
RECRUITMENT	
Anne Jizelle A. Prado	Chemist II
Kimberly R. Coronado	Planning Officer III
Debdeb M. Deimos	Agriculturist II
Shiena Mae P. Ginez	Administrative Assistant III
Amado A. Malana	Administrative Assistant III
Maria Fe B. Suyat	Administrative Assistant I
Dan Jay-ar P. Amac	Agriculturist I
Michael O. Juan	Agriculturist I
Rea Queen P. Migalbin	Administrative Officer II
PROMOTION	
Mark Kevin M. Salita	Agriculturist II
Aleni Peach D. Gonzales	Planning Officer II
Madonna Bella C. Flavier	Administrative Officer V
Maria Theresa B. Oliveros	Planning Officer V
Jayar V. Rivera	Agriculturist II
Kriz Anne Joi L. Minguez	Chemist IV
Maribel M. Querijero	Chief Agriculturist
Jesson E. Garcia	Senior Agriculturist
Sharmaine D. Tecson	Chemist IV
Ronalyn R. Mayuga	Administrative Officer IV
Rachelle D. Almoite	Administrative Officer IV

Human resource development

To further professionalize its employees, the FPA conducted several seminars and trainings for 2023. Here are some of the highlighted trainings:

TITLE OF TRAINING	DATE	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
Virtual Orientation to the Newly Appointed and New Contract of Service Personnel	January 20	23
Virtual Orientation on PhilHealth Premiums and Benefits	May 23	194
Virtual Orientation on PagIBIG Premiums and Benefits	May 24	194
Orientation on Documentary Requirements for Common Government Transaction	May 25	194
Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority's (FPA) Gender and Sensitivity Training	May 31	194
Seminar/Workshop on the Drafting of Rationalization Plan of the FPA	Sept 6-7	22
Virtual FPA Orientation and Re-Orientation for Newly Hired and Promoted Employees and COS	Sept 12	17
Training on Enforcement	November 17	107
Orientation on R.A. 10173 (Data Privacy Act Of 2012)	November 21	198
Refresher Training on Business Correspondence	November 22	198
Seminar Workshop on the Review and Revision of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) Citizen's Charter for FY 2023	December 4-6	20

Implementation of the Fortified Organic Fertilizer Development Program

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) implemented the Fortified Organic Fertilizer Development Program (FOFDP), which primarily involved the transfer of funds to the Local Government Unit (LGU) beneficiaries to establish the composting facilities for biodegradable wastes (CFBW).

For the year 2023, the said program has a budget allocation of Php3,000,000.00 under the 2023 General Appropriations Act.

BENEFICIARIES	AMOUNT (PhP)	STATUS
Legazpi City, Albay	1,000,000.00	Ongoing (awaiting delivery of CFBW)
Tanauan City, Batangas	1,000,000.00	Ongoing (awaiting delivery of CFBW)
Bambang, Nueva Vizcaya	1,000,000.00	Ongoing (rebiting)

The said program is in collaboration with the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM), which has the technical expertise to implement a CFBW project.

The FOFDP contributes to the modernization strategy of the Department of Agriculture (DA) to provide the LGUs with alternative sources of fertilizer to encourage their farmers to apply farm technology such as the fortified organic fertilizer. This shall also contribute to DA's strategy of sustainability of the soil and environment through balanced fertilization.

Planning, assessment and review activities



Planning Workshop for FY 2024 held via zoom platform on February 8-10, 2024



Mid-year Performance Review held at Muñoz, Nueva Ecija on July 31-August 4, 2023



Pre-planning Conference held at the FPA Board Room and via zoom on November 7-8, 2023



FY 2023 Year-end Assessment held at the FPA Board Room and via zoom on December 12-14, 2023

Information technology support

The Information Technology Unit continuously updates the accreditation system database, online price and stock inventory monitoring system for fertilizer products and imported fertilizer, and utilizes the IT assistance request portal for the central office.

Overall, a total of 425 IT assistance requests were received in their portal and 1,774 online price and stock inventory for imported fertilizer was monitored.

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Monthly updating of accreditation system database conducted

425



IT assistance requests facilitated

1,774



monitored online price and stock inventory in the monitoring system

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING OF EMPLOYEES



FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit Training in Malaysia

“The training program significantly enhanced our proficiency in conducting risk assessments and making well-informed regulatory decisions. This was made possible by utilizing the technical advice and information sources available in the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit. We now feel more confident and competent in utilizing this valuable resource to ensure the safety and efficacy of pesticide registrations.”

-MARIBEL M. QUERIJERO-

The Philippines was represented by Ms. Maribel M. Quirijero and Ms. Kriz Anne Joi L. Minguez in the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit Training held at the JW Marriott Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on July 10-14, 2023.

The FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit is a crucial tool that empowers pesticide regulators to make science-based decisions, particularly in developing countries facing limited resources and insufficient workforce.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), in collaboration with the Center for Pesticide Suicide Prevention in the United Kingdom and with the assistance of the Department of Agriculture, Malaysia, funded and hosted the five-day training program. Its main objective was to empower selected pesticide registrars with valuable knowledge and practical skills in utilizing the FAO Pesticide Registration Toolkit.

Throughout the training, participants were introduced to the different sections of the toolkit through engaging lecture presentations, hands-on exercises, and relevant case studies and were able to gain a deeper understanding of the technical advice provided by the toolkit, specifically in registration strategies, registration processes, data requirements and testing guidelines, assessment methods, risk mitigation, and assessment of alternatives.

Through its participation in the training, FPA has demonstrated its commitment to strengthening its capacity and expertise to ensure the safety and effectiveness of pesticides in the country.



Environmental Risk Assessment Workshop: Non-Target Organism Testing in USA

The workshop allowed me to gain the technical knowledge on how to improve the current FPA regulation on Plant-Incorporated Protectant in pest-protected plants. Through this, I may help in specific non-target organism testing requirements for PIPs.

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-FELIONA B. ALIP-

A delegate from the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, Ms. Feliona B. Alip, represented the Philippines in the Environmental Risk Assessment Workshop: Non-Target Organism Testing held at Ames, Iowa, USA last June 26 to 30, 2023.

Together with the representative of the Bureau of Plant Industry-Los Baños National Crop Research, Development and Production Support Center (BPI-LBNCRDPSC), Ms. Alip participated.

in the five-day technical training workshop composed of experiential learning opportunity in laboratory and field testing of non-target organisms for transgenic crops.

The technical workshop on non-target organism training was organized by the Agriculture and Food Systems Institute, in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture –

Agricultural Research Service, Iowa State University, and Corteva Agriscience, offered to regulatory scientists and environmental risk assessors. The workshop thoroughly discussed testing requirements for non-target organism testing.

During the technical workshop, the delegates were able to conduct laboratory-scale insect bioassays for target and non-target insects of corn, an insect population survey, of both conventional corn and Bt corn fields, a review and critique of an actual non-target study conducted by a commercial laboratory, and lastly a laboratory and facility tour on one of the major producers of transgenic crops: Corteva Agriscience, at Johnston, Iowa, USA.

“The learnings that I got from the training can be used in improving the regulations of FPA in terms of Plant-Incorporated Protectant (PIP) in pest protected plants,” Ms. Alip added.

Fourteen (14) participants coming from the Philippines, India, Vietnam, Malawi, Ghana, Nigeria, and Indonesia joined the extensive workshop.



Multisectoral Training Program to Combat Toxin Misuse in Malaysia

I learned that by raising awareness of the risks and learning how to best respond to biological event, we can protect our communities from the threats of acts of bioterrorism or other biological incidents, whether accidental, natural, or deliberate in origin



-SHARMAINE D. TECSON-

In a collaborative effort to combat the potential use of toxins as weapons by non-state actors, Ms. Sharmaine D. Tecson, Chemist III, represented the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) in the multisectoral training and exercise program at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on May 16-18, 2023.

The program, titled “Strengthening Efforts to Identify and Disrupt the Use of Toxins as Weapons by Non-State Actors by Engaging Multi Sector Stakeholders in Malaysia and the Philippines,” was sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) in cooperation with the University of Tennessee (UT).

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (DA-FPA), together with the other Philippine delegates as

well as the Malaysian counterparts in the law enforcement, security and public health sectors and first responders, participated in the said training program.

The primary objective of the program was to promote coordination activities among public health and security sectors, law enforcement, and first responders in the Philippines and Malaysia to prevent toxin acquisition, development, and deployment by non-state actors.

The program consisted of a three-day remote learning webinar, which focused on understanding biological toxin (BT) threats, securing toxins, and recognizing components of clandestine BT laboratories, followed by a three-day skills-based exercise, focusing on simulation exercises on biological incident response, including proper handling of Personal Protective Equipment, surveying the incident area, evidence collection, and decontamination procedures.

The training program provided the participants with the skills and knowledge to develop effective and coordinated responses when faced with biological threats and identify the gaps in their current practices to help combat toxin misuse in Malaysia and the Philippines.



USDA Global Pesticide Engagement in Malaysia

“The event equipped us with new insights and strategies that will contribute to further advancements in pesticide management and regulatory practices in the Philippines”

-KRIZ ANNE JOI L. MINGUEZ-

The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) participated in the USDA Global Pesticide Engagement with Economic Communities in ASEAN held at Putrajaya, Malaysia on March 5-10, 2023. Ms. Kriz Anne Joi L. Minguez, Chemist III, and Ms. Mary Grace M. Sumalinog, Chemist I, from the FPA-Pesticide Regulation Division, along with Mr. John Gregory V Aquino of the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS), represented the Philippines in this event.

The main objective of the event was to promote alignment in pesticide registration systems and maximum residue limits (MRL) among ASEAN countries. By achieving harmonization in these areas, regional trade with the United States, Australia, and New Zealand can be facilitated more efficiently. Furthermore, the event aimed to foster collaborative efforts in sharing experiences from previous work streams and setting future priorities for individual countries in ASEAN.

The event comprised a series of presentations, dialogues, and workshops, addressing key topics such as the updates on the ASEAN Pesticide Management Harmonization (PMH) project. Notably, discussions revolved around harmonizing bio efficacy testing protocols and the mutual acceptance of bio efficacy data in ASEAN.

Another crucial aspect covered during the engagement was an overview of the import MRL review process in both the USDA and ASEAN. Participants were able to familiarize themselves with the principles and approaches of risk assessment for registering crop protection products.

Additionally, the engagement included a session on dietary exposure assessment in accordance with the guidelines provided by APEC (Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation).

The participation of the FPA delegates in this important event demonstrates the agency's commitment to collaborating with international partners to strengthen pesticide regulations and ensure the safety of agricultural products.



US AFSI Non-Target Organism Training in Vienna, Austria

“We were able to see that international collaboration and knowledge sharing are critical factors in addressing environmental and agricultural challenges . The workshop ignited our commitment to fostering sustainable and environmentally friendly practices in the agricultural sector.”



-ATTY. JANEL AQUINO-PABALATE

As a way to support eco-friendly crop protection solutions, Attorney Janelyn I. Aquino-Pabalate, Attorney IV, and Mr. Jayar V. Rivera, Agriculturist I, represented the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority (FPA) in the workshop for the FARM Child Project held in Vienna, Austria.

The FPA delegates were accompanied by participants from the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Hindustan Insecticide Ltd. of India (HIL India). The UNIDO team was composed of Ms. Carmela Centeno, UNIDO Project Manager, Ms. Lournie De Sales and Dr. Yash Pal Ramdev, UNIDO Consultants, and Ms. Zarah Quintillano, UNIDO Project Assistant. On the other hand, HIL India was represented by Mr. Sashank Chatuverdi and Dr. Rajendra Thapar, HIL India Representatives.

The workshop, titled “Promoting Eco-Friendly Crop Protection Solutions for Persistent Organic Pollutants and Highly Hazardous Pesticide Reduction in Asia,” gave the participants a platform for discussions, knowledge exchange, and collaborative planning.

The workshop highlighted co-financing commitments, elaboration on the innovativeness of the financing mechanisms, banning of Malathion, Chlorpyrifos, and Mancozeb in the Philippines, institutional arrangement and execution of the project, presentation of UNEP of the Global Program, and the registration of BTK and Trichoderma.

The participants were able to conduct a field visit to an organic farm in Vienna, Austria on the last day of the workshop and saw that applying practices aligned with integrated pest management is a great way to manage pest outbreaks.





Regional Workshop on Food Safety Systems and ASEAN Meeting on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) in Bangkok, Thailand

“Our participation in the Regional Workshop on Food Safety Systems and the ASEAN Meeting on Highly Hazardous Pesticides, as well as the Langcang-Mekong Cooperation Summit, has been an enriching experience. These engagements ignited our commitment to international cooperation and our pursuit of ensuring food safety and sustainable agricultural practices.”

-JULIETA B. LANSANGAN-

The Executive Director of the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority, Dir. Julieta B Lansangan, participated in the Regional Workshop on Food Safety Systems and the ASEAN Meeting on Highly Hazardous Pesticides (HHPs) in Bangkok, Thailand, held on July 17-18, 2023. Subsequently, she participated in the 2023 Langcang-Mekong Cooperation Summit for Agriculture, Agriculture Materials, Economy, and Trade in Chengdu, China, from December 5-8, 2023.

Accompanying Dir. Lansangan during the Regional Workshop and the ASEAN meeting was Mr. Marc Samuel A. Molina, Agriculturist II, while Ms. Rowena C. Reyes, Chief Agriculturist of the FPA-Fertilizer and Regulations Division, accompanied Dir. Lansangan during the Cooperation Summit.

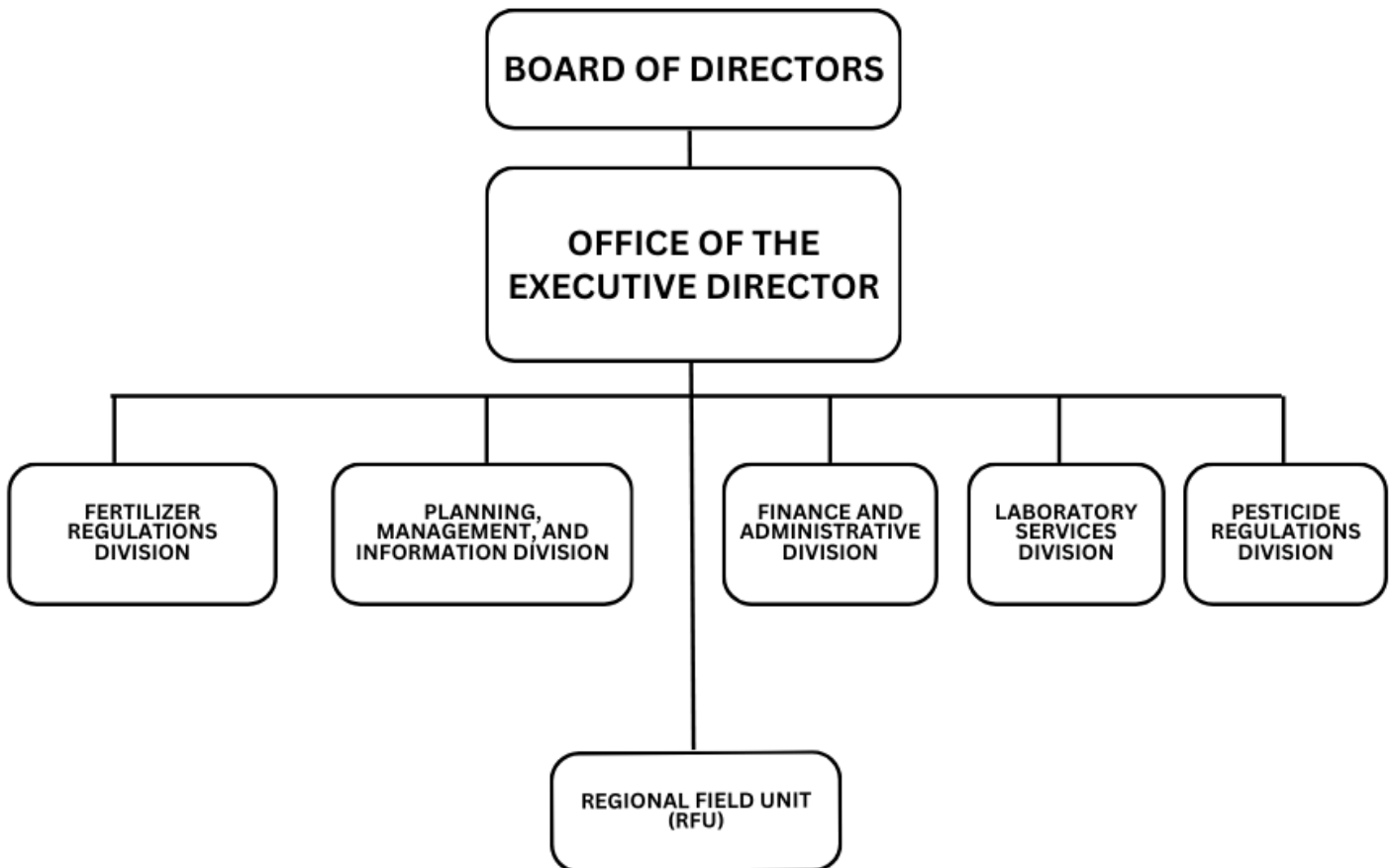
The Regional Workshop emphasized updates on global and regional development initiatives related to food safety systems. Meanwhile, the ASEAN Meeting focused on inputs from the ASEAN member States (AMS) and finalization of the title and draft text of the statement of ASEAN ministers on Agriculture and Forestry, aiming to reduce the use of harmful Agrochemicals to ensure food safety, public health, occupational safety, and environmental protection.

At the Cooperation Summit, special reports from various speakers from China, Myanmar, Malaysia, Vietnam, and the Philippines were highlighted. The Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority presented the Pesticide Importation and the Fertilizer and Pesticide Regulations in the Philippines, showcasing the agency’s commitment to upholding quality standards for agricultural inputs.

Dir. Lansangan's active participation in these events underscores the agency’s dedication to engaging in global dialogues and initiatives aimed at ensuring food safety and sustainable agricultural practices to improve its regulatory services to better serve their stakeholders.

FERTILIZER AND PESTICIDE AUTHORITY

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



FERTILIZER IMPORTATION

Grade	2023		2022	
	Volume (MT)	Value (USD)	Volume (MT)	Value (USD)
Urea	1,024,352.45	393,950,902.46	649,130.01	443,085,243.60
Prilled urea	453,269.62	181,531,388.08	292,272.16	210,229,510.94
Granular urea	571,082.83	212,419,514.38	356,857.85	232,855,732.67
21-0-0	580,336.48	97,004,397.33	613,725.73	188,443,325.41
16-20-0	178,996.4	56,306,845.50	222,397.65	129,717,192.00
18-46-0	93,845.60	54,131,867.50	132,667.06	122,120,042.71
0-0-60	204,628.79	90,484,890.79	160,714.14	119,737,920.87
14-14-14	248,111.53	100,108,119.80	196,836.00	132,816,119.93
Other minor grades	193,569.62	294,825,248.09	198,958.40	214,311,525.99
TOTAL	2,523,840.87	1,086,812,271.47	2,174,428.99	1,350,231,370.51

MONTHLY AVERAGE DEALER PRICES OF FERTILIZERS PER REGION, 2023

Region	Average Dealer Price (Php/50-kg bag) of Prilled Urea (46-0-0)												AVERAGE
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
CAR	2,528.83	2,490.00	2,321.93	2,195.00	1,990.22	1,889.88	1,731.68	1,757.94	1,767.26	1,770.58	1,764.58	1,796.81	2,000.39
REGION I	2,404.97	2,293.50	2,227.93	2,169.50	2,075.83	1,932.09	1,713.16	1,672.25	1,785.31	1,797.01	1,782.97	1,761.99	1,968.04
REGION II	2,380.00	2,146.88	1,960.83	1,951.67	1,944.33	1,795.28	1,643.50	1,681.46	1,651.53	1,672.92	1,688.96	1,680.00	1,849.78
REGION III	2,281.94	2,147.95	2,024.40	1,923.98	1,716.60	1,643.09	1,584.63	1,669.60	1,693.73	1,719.27	1,716.43	1,719.90	1,820.13
REGION IV	2,418.26	2,283.79	2,216.28	2,089.10	1,904.10	1,752.33	1,664.55	1,727.49	1,742.57	1,738.60	1,789.21	1,796.85	1,926.93
REGION V	2,551.88	2,422.56	2,302.17	2,173.38	1,997.39	1,823.84	1,826.73	1,794.31	1,807.43	1,850.21	1,839.85	1,869.92	2,021.64
REGION VI	2,465.17	2,321.70	2,108.19	2,012.50	1,974.67	1,901.46	1,636.36	1,639.17	1,679.70	1,842.00	1,763.23	1,770.54	1,926.22
REGION VII	2,618.06	2,468.91	2,421.00	2,385.54	2,277.63	2,016.62	1,923.84	1,848.73	1,801.97	1,824.17	1,833.17	1,840.48	2,105.01
REGION VIII	2,425.94	2,072.50	-	-	-	-	1,414.44	1,768.10	1,753.33	1,700.10	1,630.36	1,563.00	1,193.98
REGION IX	2,394.18	2,277.32	2,203.74	2,049.19	2,032.23	1,849.15	1,689.97	1,660.74	1,781.55	1,808.25	1,778.54	1,656.46	1,931.78
REGION X	2,899.41	2,766.95	2,623.53	2,548.57	2,409.46	2,334.43	2,154.95	1,972.79	2,058.35	2,114.53	2,014.28	2,003.09	2,325.03
REGION XI	2,341.82	2,161.03	2,041.19	1,893.61	1,803.14	1,674.56	1,599.74	1,637.20	1,758.58	1,723.62	1,738.57	1,695.45	1,839.04
REGION XII	2,248.39	2,153.83	2,085.17	1,884.20	1,758.11	1,625.75	1,489.44	1,663.87	1,751.91	1,738.88	1,672.41	1,623.95	1,807.99
CARAGA	2,150.97	2,030.91	1,932.78	1,700.49	1,512.27	1,413.48	1,360.52	1,621.65	1,758.11	1,658.98	1,604.68	1,563.23	1,692.34
BARMM	2,092.50	1,918.33	1,888.33	1,668.62	1,384.83	1,333.33	1,340.50	1,612.08	1,755.83	1,709.36	1,657.92	1,646.25	1,667.32
AVERAGE	2,413.49	2,263.74	2,168.39	2,023.06	1,912.92	1,784.66	1,654.00	1,715.93	1,769.81	1,777.90	1,751.68	1,732.53	2,339.64

MONTHLY AVERAGE DEALER PRICES OF FERTILIZERS PER REGION, 2023

Region	Average Dealer Price (Php/50-kg bag) of Granular Urea (46-0-0)												AVERAGE
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
CAR	2,214.74	2,018.97	1,755.40	1,708.67	1,459.12	1,562.04	1,631.41	1,582.08	1,758.38	1,657.59	1,652.29	1,680.05	1,585.26
REGION I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,880.00	1,870.00	1,775.00	1,750.00	-	606.25
REGION II	2,172.03	2,045.95	1,911.78	1,810.90	1,607.59	1,586.16	1,524.41	1,629.07	1,657.10	1,645.45	1,642.77	1,630.83	1,738.67
REGION III	2,261.83	2,084.25	1,933.22	1,805.18	1,628.04	1,588.59	1,553.53	1,645.70	1,680.53	1,690.87	1,718.50	1,751.49	1,778.48
REGION IV	2,171.08	2,035.19	1,940.71	1,775.91	1,570.27	1,537.95	1,517.99	1,621.74	1,663.21	1,661.52	1,695.69	1,684.60	1,739.65
REGION V	2,626.78	2,531.81	2,426.92	2,354.72	2,135.22	1,915.41	1,836.13	1,841.39	1,869.12	1,880.48	1,874.67	1,916.66	2,100.78
REGION VI	-	-	-	2,250.00	-	-	1,480.00	1,812.50	1,630.00	-	1,865.00	1,780.00	901.46
REGION VII	2,719.64	2,518.07	2,449.39	2,386.86	2,317.13	2,072.70	2,011.93	1,932.58	1,844.43	1,964.60	1,971.40	1,889.60	2,173.19
REGION VIII	2,279.67	2,082.88	1,960.85	1,866.07	1,730.98	1,581.47	1,513.09	1,668.99	1,715.83	1,709.25	1,690.78	1,670.84	1,789.23
REGION IX	-	2,337.50	-	-	-	-	1,900.00	-	-	1,881.25	1,777.50	1,707.50	800.31
REGION X	2,452.00	-	-	-	2,520.00	2,640.00	2,161.67	2,577.50	2,315.00	2,257.50	2,250.84	2,250.84	1,592.53
REGION XI	2,435.00	-	-	2,075.00	2,350.67	-	-	1,779.58	-	-	-	1,860.00	875.02
REGION XII	2,192.06	2,104.83	2,021.38	1,908.07	1,774.02	1,562.82	1,510.20	1,625.98	1,741.42	1,715.28	1,671.43	1,617.87	1,787.11
CARAGA	2,177.97	2,059.34	1,961.10	1,730.13	1,579.74	1,420.74	1,358.57	1,625.47	1,775.09	1,685.71	1,596.49	1,568.87	1,711.60
BARMM	2,166.47	2,014.06	1,935.16	1,682.86	1,508.30	1,397.34	1,359.28	1,680.00	1,787.50	1,708.25	1,579.72	1,543.00	1,554.47
AVERAGE	2,322.44	2,166.62	2,029.59	1,929.58	1,848.42	1,715.02	1,642.94	1,768.29	1,792.89	1,787.13	1,766.93	1,753.73	1,876.97

MONTHLY AVERAGE DEALER PRICES OF FERTILIZERS PER REGION, 2023

Region	Average Dealer Price (Php/50-kg bag) of Ammosul (21-0-0)												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVERAGE
CAR	1,237.78	1,145.38	1,108.86	1,108.72	1,008.19	932.84	955.66	888.71	904.83	839.02	856.64	861.67	987.36
REGION I	1,144.94	1,072.18	1,011.00	987.31	890.95	863.46	835.92	810.54	814.95	819.13	818.03	787.53	904.66
REGION II	1,117.14	1,071.92	1,025.97	1,010.10	925.73	878.54	828.81	850.69	861.38	853.19	877.28	879.55	931.69
REGION III	1,228.89	1,170.40	1,124.75	1,045.00	957.93	922.69	880.19	918.69	904.18	912.06	880.28	864.76	984.15
REGION IV	1,402.85	1,376.37	1,335.19	1,260.49	1,171.70	1,104.16	1,093.74	975.48	976.24	998.50	963.18	947.45	1,133.78
REGION V	1,261.56	1,139.58	1,027.86	1,040.90	1,055.39	888.06	797.68	831.88	838.27	901.12	867.77	877.20	960.61
REGION VI	1,438.73	1,417.83	1,440.70	1,442.15	1,381.43	1,254.00	1,255.16	1,156.75	1,080.24	1,023.62	1,026.39	1,003.80	1,243.40
REGION VII	1,242.97	1,122.46	1,043.26	1,017.69	982.77	922.94	788.97	776.18	798.27	814.28	819.44	816.81	928.84
REGION VIII	1,216.34	1,170.60	1,175.01	1,033.51	1,095.75	1,010.50	862.85	932.26	923.68	937.29	845.00	845.69	1,004.04
REGION IX	1,454.37	1,415.65	1,370.19	1,328.34	1,281.70	1,241.78	1,286.11	1,100.58	1,153.29	1,222.24	1,112.81	1,082.50	1,254.13
REGION X	1,186.66	1,026.96	945.70	907.24	857.82	784.59	761.07	764.42	787.61	803.25	814.39	790.39	869.18
REGION XI	1,092.44	997.55	990.05	849.11	814.43	780.26	725.12	721.57	740.58	742.15	733.57	734.37	826.77
REGION XII	1,045.53	986.42	921.16	841.69	776.28	737.58	694.87	717.00	750.74	729.79	713.49	729.98	803.71
CARAGA	1,162.68	1,105.54	1,066.00	1,024.15	965.74	889.99	838.81	800.70	798.96	789.68	772.53	764.98	914.98
BARMM	1,019.16	983.51	966.11	814.19	732.00	694.46	670.57	733.75	730.86	726.56	722.12	730.71	793.67
AVERAGE	1,216.80	1,146.82	1,103.45	1,034.52	993.19	927.06	883.65	868.62	870.94	874.13	854.86	847.83	968.49

MONTHLY AVERAGE DEALER PRICES OF FERTILIZERS PER REGION, 2023

Region	Average Dealer Price (Php/50-kg bag) of Complete (14-14-14)												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVERAGE
CAR	2,281.19	2,200.12	2,101.90	2,120.04	2,012.73	1,841.11	1,745.04	1,703.43	1,745.10	1,696.93	1,642.75	1,694.01	1,898.70
REGION I	2,249.75	2,142.64	2,123.05	2,062.00	1,947.20	1,798.57	1,720.37	1,670.96	1,664.85	1,672.38	1,607.86	1,648.38	1,859.00
REGION II	2,246.81	2,168.87	2,112.46	2,075.20	1,919.63	1,813.26	1,698.89	1,683.37	1,702.42	1,686.58	1,706.56	1,720.87	1,877.91
REGION III	2,194.14	2,085.47	2,042.39	1,985.90	1,874.34	1,713.83	1,628.73	1,638.57	1,638.08	1,643.32	1,658.08	1,647.69	1,812.55
REGION IV	2,443.06	2,394.07	2,361.40	2,341.10	2,265.43	2,090.98	1,968.07	1,777.24	1,847.02	1,836.57	1,800.21	1,824.04	2,079.10
REGION V	2,297.21	2,231.90	2,105.61	2,087.99	2,035.51	1,979.38	1,851.04	1,727.06	1,695.46	1,682.29	1,607.02	1,636.13	1,911.38
REGION VI	2,389.46	2,350.17	2,331.47	2,322.04	2,223.61	2,009.30	1,887.79	1,738.87	1,778.93	1,787.08	1,757.76	1,756.50	2,027.75
REGION VII	2,209.96	2,131.97	2,053.57	2,030.64	1,978.02	1,874.26	1,769.67	1,647.35	1,646.98	1,667.13	1,655.76	1,651.00	1,859.69
REGION VIII	2,218.71	2,229.70	2,145.17	2,083.65	2,025.21	1,962.56	1,704.01	1,672.17	1,742.41	1,749.53	1,679.83	1,622.09	1,902.92
REGION IX	2,431.26	2,412.40	2,365.99	2,329.38	2,273.62	2,173.47	2,123.64	1,920.07	2,057.77	2,041.81	1,891.03	1,937.55	2,163.17
REGION X	2,233.16	2,135.07	2,045.18	2,021.14	1,955.05	1,883.05	1,792.82	1,632.36	1,641.69	1,613.38	1,617.40	1,596.57	1,847.24
REGION XI	2,255.20	2,136.91	2,093.25	2,005.47	1,990.39	1,905.84	1,813.36	1,675.06	1,655.24	1,654.98	1,620.72	1,623.26	1,869.14
REGION XII	2,163.11	2,101.52	2,031.50	1,915.26	1,842.76	1,800.85	1,737.40	1,639.89	1,640.15	1,582.02	1,532.77	1,542.08	1,794.11
CARAGA	2,302.22	2,273.01	2,239.35	2,185.70	2,114.94	2,007.08	1,910.70	1,759.15	1,818.06	1,779.12	1,734.41	1,724.35	1,987.34
BARMM	2,137.50	1,968.96	1,863.63	1,750.00	1,839.43	1,778.04	1,732.81	1,653.54	1,662.74	1,599.03	1,561.20	1,524.86	1,755.98
AVERAGE	2,270.18	2,197.52	2,134.39	2,076.92	2,019.86	1,908.77	1,799.27	1,698.60	1,729.13	1,712.81	1,671.56	1,676.63	1,907.97

MONTHLY AVERAGE DEALER PRICES OF FERTILIZERS PER REGION, 2023

Region	Average Dealer Price (Php/50-kg bag) of Ammophos (16-20-0)												AVERAGE
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
CAR	2,095.74	2,034.57	1,990.07	1,964.11	1,818.53	1,659.67	1,611.92	1,580.12	1,606.13	1,562.93	1,558.78	1,528.15	1,750.89
REGION I	2,065.50	2,008.49	1,986.26	1,984.97	1,865.44	1,719.55	1,621.45	1,546.59	1,527.00	1,524.71	1,564.46	1,520.14	1,744.55
REGION II	2,067.72	1,974.24	1,939.49	1,897.15	1,758.95	1,670.14	1,521.78	1,525.21	1,549.50	1,531.28	1,551.26	1,580.52	1,713.94
REGION III	2,110.76	2,000.79	1,958.16	1,906.35	1,867.37	1,715.10	1,688.95	1,629.78	1,607.57	1,603.58	1,629.63	1,601.65	1,776.64
REGION IV	2,353.40	2,304.53	2,264.76	2,261.43	2,181.49	2,047.70	1,943.33	1,848.59	1,817.82	1,791.56	1,775.66	1,755.34	2,028.80
REGION V	2,245.17	2,168.83	1,969.08	1,973.96	1,959.53	1,829.79	1,636.03	1,665.09	1,626.39	1,601.23	1,565.59	1,549.82	1,815.88
REGION VI	2,315.80	2,297.17	2,213.59	2,202.51	2,185.04	2,021.07	1,878.12	1,770.20	1,701.29	1,702.10	1,716.55	1,676.38	1,973.32
REGION VII	2,154.40	2,077.97	1,981.42	1,928.78	1,913.09	1,800.68	1,702.43	1,639.66	1,577.79	1,606.23	1,624.73	1,589.50	1,799.72
REGION VIII	2,433.51	2,174.38	2,114.05	1,994.12	1,907.68	1,843.70	1,836.18	1,593.75	1,658.41	1,712.89	1,634.04	1,511.36	1,867.84
REGION IX	2,435.94	2,318.85	2,269.80	2,253.70	2,184.83	2,087.44	2,154.84	2,100.37	2,128.54	2,178.06	1,884.08	1,962.64	2,163.26
REGION X	2,088.36	1,981.19	1,915.75	1,903.43	1,842.60	1,700.77	1,636.84	1,576.83	1,564.01	1,519.23	1,576.08	1,518.51	1,735.30
REGION XI	2,172.29	2,085.17	2,017.77	1,926.05	1,901.23	1,857.23	1,724.39	1,633.97	1,638.35	1,614.58	1,612.32	1,552.02	1,811.28
REGION XII	2,024.35	1,969.17	1,928.98	1,854.66	1,775.87	1,703.72	1,625.06	1,579.90	1,581.61	1,513.67	1,498.00	1,454.49	1,709.12
CARAGA	2,225.92	2,210.57	2,211.56	2,177.64	2,099.19	2,064.26	1,992.68	1,906.21	1,894.94	1,928.87	1,851.71	1,802.47	2,030.50
BARMM	2,028.75	1,938.33	1,933.62	1,853.25	1,750.89	1,650.36	1,604.77	1,638.33	1,578.89	1,594.87	1,557.62	1,481.79	1,717.62
AVERAGE	2,187.84	2,102.95	2,046.29	1,996.05	1,934.12	1,824.75	1,750.93	1,679.02	1,670.55	1,665.72	1,640.03	1,605.65	1,841.99

MONTHLY AVERAGE DEALER PRICES OF FERTILIZERS PER REGION, 2023

Region	Average Dealer Price (Php/50-kg bag) of MOP (0-0-60)												AVERAGE
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
CAR	2,761.25	2,788.34	2,751.88	2,688.33	2,712.50	2,740.00	2,697.50	2,600.00	2,520.00	2,021.00	2,176.25	2,043.33	2,541.70
REGION I	2,228.50	2,400.00	2,450.00	2,550.00	2,700.00	2,664.58	2,556.25	2,600.00	2,450.00	2,467.50	2,482.50	2,465.00	2,501.19
REGION II	2,785.24	2,808.74	2,832.45	2,804.87	2,767.35	2,700.89	2,672.09	2,617.80	2,587.33	2,529.21	2,413.48	2,396.84	2,659.69
REGION III	2,542.50	2,778.06	2,765.62	2,847.40	2,905.39	2,915.69	2,840.33	2,514.38	2,410.16	2,479.17	2,380.62	2,282.08	2,638.45
REGION IV	2,259.30	2,204.71	1,920.83	1,769.50	2,470.67	2,339.17	2,440.72	2,523.00	2,541.58	2,501.87	2,523.38	2,550.08	2,337.07
REGION V	2,683.75	2,658.06	2,562.08	2,567.50	2,699.17	2,677.08	2,237.42	2,508.34	2,582.32	2,449.73	2,500.21	2,389.38	2,542.92
REGION VI	2,883.04	2,912.76	2,938.24	2,942.14	2,897.26	2,809.44	2,801.17	2,700.08	2,692.01	2,654.73	2,630.89	2,639.83	2,791.80
REGION VII	3,015.58	2,785.00	2,756.88	2,876.25	2,894.50	2,787.50	2,556.39	2,637.60	2,660.46	2,408.47	2,230.94	2,521.98	2,677.63
REGION VIII	2,618.10	2,680.70	2,811.72	2,805.83	2,973.60	2,896.88	2,805.87	2,773.74	2,594.37	2,557.58	2,580.31	2,591.17	2,724.16
REGION IX	2,440.53	2,469.44	2,501.91	2,524.58	2,511.68	2,503.75	2,298.67	2,243.50	2,203.83	2,209.15	2,199.17	2,118.89	2,352.09
REGION X	2,681.38	2,694.69	2,511.15	2,422.40	2,496.25	2,440.75	2,150.52	2,246.31	2,348.16	2,386.12	2,281.88	2,170.00	2,402.47
REGION XI	2,512.43	2,614.10	2,734.27	2,744.42	2,409.79	2,513.39	2,468.26	2,316.04	2,374.10	2,420.21	2,416.28	2,415.57	2,494.91
REGION XII	2,838.43	2,790.88	2,766.23	2,739.99	2,745.24	2,718.20	2,529.10	2,485.63	2,431.28	2,357.76	2,403.57	2,322.04	2,594.03
CARAGA	2,859.96	2,802.17	2,742.04	2,666.21	2,619.07	2,561.35	2,597.97	2,440.83	2,331.54	2,305.29	2,518.73	2,204.17	2,554.11
BARMM	2,813.24	2,790.76	2,755.95	2,674.31	2,626.42	2,573.54	2,513.45	2,431.87	2,380.95	2,258.76	2,172.11	2,083.20	2,506.21
AVERAGE	2,661.55	2,678.56	2,653.42	2,643.63	2,695.26	2,656.15	2,519.76	2,509.22	2,473.87	2,400.44	2,394.02	2,346.24	2,552.68

MONTHLY AVERAGE DEALER PRICES OF FERTILIZERS PER REGION, 2023

Region	Average Dealer Price (Php/50-kg bag) of DAP (18-46-0)												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	AVERAGE
CAR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REGION I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REGION II	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REGION III	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REGION IV	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,950.00	3,950.00	3,950.00	3,950.00	-	-	1,316.67
REGION V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
REGION VI	3,473.50	3,416.67	3,241.67	3,133.34	3,030.00	2,950.00	2,774.50	2,691.80	2,719.63	2,698.92	2,667.50	2,594.58	2,949.34
REGION VII	3,431.78	3,823.12	3,501.75	3,262.81	3,081.00	3,270.00	2,926.98	2,946.25	3,057.50	3,047.71	2,891.25	2,746.25	3,165.53
REGION VIII			4,190.00	4,190.00						2,830.00	2,830.00		1,170.00
REGION IX	3,250.00	3,896.67	3,530.00	3,881.67	4,025.00	3,750.00	3,225.00	3,422.29	3,180.00	3,335.90	2,843.06	2,962.22	3,441.82
REGION X	3,713.43	3,231.82	3,269.05	3,386.77	3,317.62	3,265.30	3,117.24	2,982.80	2,830.24	2,816.67	2,764.46	2,701.04	3,116.37
REGION XI	4,533.92	4,110.07	3,796.50	3,727.38	3,625.83	3,334.89	3,172.89	2,927.94	2,846.88	2,871.72	2,827.11	2,726.17	3,375.11
REGION XII	3,846.11	3,773.61	3,741.39	3,325.00	3,660.56	3,608.33	3,216.67	3,297.92	3,574.44	2,908.33	2,697.22	2,629.17	3,356.56
CARAGA	4,430.00	4,386.25	4,255.00	4,255.00	4,175.00	3,852.50	3,553.67	3,497.78	3,309.63	3,378.22	2,969.44	2,966.66	3,752.43
BARMM													
AVERAGE													

AVERAGE PRICE OF SELECTED PESTICIDES

TOP FIVE FAST-MOVING PESTICIDES															
PRICES OF PESTICIDES PER REGION - INSECTICIDES															
as of December 25-29, 2023															
Active Ingredient	Brand Name	REGIONS													
		CAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	CARAGA
<i>(Price/Liter)</i>															
CYPERMETHRIN	Agro Cypermethrin														P297.50
LAMBACYHALOTHRIN	Bida														P635.83
BPMC+CHLORPYRIFOS	Brodan	P480.84	P460	P496.67	P483.33	P531.88	P516	P552.50		P594.17	P506.33		P518.00	P480/L	P536.13
CYPERMETHRIN	Bushwhack								P446.67		P390.00			P385.83	P385.00
BETACYPERMETHRIN	Chix			P738.33/L	P723.33		P813			P764.17					
CYPERMETHRIN	Cymbush	P278.90	*P490/L	P441.00	P427.50	P488.89	P485.58	P447.50	P567.00			P425.00	P441.20/L		P488.17
LAMBACYHALOTHRIN	Inferno														
LAMBACYHALOTHRIN	Karate			P795.00	P970.00	P769.64	P796			P834.33/1L		P717.50	P821.00	P833.33	
LAMBACYHALOTHRIN	Kriss														
METHOMYL	Lannate		*P741.25/425g								P705.00/425g		P1088.75/kg	*P878.33/425g	
CYPERMETHRIN	Magnum			P408.33	P404.38		P415.67	P395				P426.88			P451.67
MALATHION	Malathion		P340		P335.00					P536.00					
DIAZINON	Parapest D												P665.60		
CHLORANTRANILIPROLE	Prevathon		*P900/250ml			*P854.69/250ml									
METHOMYL	Scorpio							P568.33							
CYPERMETHRIN	Sniper													P313.00	
CYPERMETHRIN	Super M					P505.00									
LAMBACYHALOTHRIN	Warlock							P632.50							
LAMBACYHALOTHRIN	Y-Kurat										P437.83				

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AVERAGE PRICE OF SELECTED PESTICIDES

PRICES OF PESTICIDES PER REGION - HERBICIDES															
as of December 25-29, 2023															
Active Ingredient	Brand Name	REGIONS													
		CAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	CARAGA
(Price/Liter)															
2,4-D IBE	2-4D Ester					₱417.50	₱382.17			₱403.33	₱327.75		₱339.40		
BUTACHLOR+PROPANIL	Advance												₱662.80		
BUTACHLOR+PROPANIL	Agrobonds													₱620.83	
MPCA	Agroxone									₱401.88					
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Cleanzone														
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Clear-out		₱405.00	*₱1,487.50 /gal								₱436.67	₱436.50	₱908.21	
CYHALOFOP-BUTYL +	Frontier				1551.25/ L										
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Ground Plus										*₱1,620/ gal	₱493.75	₱426.33	₱550.42/ 1L	
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Grass Zero					₱487.50									
2,4-D AMINE	Glyphobest														*₱373.75/ 1L
2,4-D AMINE	Hedonal						₱515.40								
BUTACHLOR+PROPANIL	Hero									₱610.00					
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Machete			₱648.60		₱635.31	₱735.17			₱631.67					
BISPYRIBAC SODIUM	Mower									₱590	₱540.00				
BISPYRIBAC SODIUM	Nominee					1428.75/ 500ml									
GLYPHOSATE IPA	P-max			*₱1,354.17/ gal											
PYRIBENZOXIM+CYHALOFO PBTYL	Pyanchor Ultra						₱1,452.92								
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Round up		₱470.00									₱487.50	₱482.50		₱504.17
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Run Up														
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Sharp Shooter				₱416.25										₱446.67
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Shine									₱522.50					
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Slash														
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Square off													₱995.00	
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Sofit				₱900	₱952.19	₱1,105.20	₱1,006.33							
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Spitfire	₱1,385		*₱1,390/ gal											
GLYPHOSATE IPA	Triple 8			*₱1,432.50 /gal											

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AVERAGE PRICE OF SELECTED PESTICIDES

PRICES OF PESTICIDES PER REGION - FUNGICIDES																	
as of December 25-29, 2023																	
Active Ingredient	Brand Name	REGIONS															
		CAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	CARAGA		
<i>(Price/kg)</i>																	
PROPINEB	Antracol									₱856.50			₱617.50		₱643.33	₱693.88	
THIOPHANATE METHYL	Armor										₱1,850						
DIFENOCONAZOLE+ PROPICONAZOLE	Armure	₱750.00	*₱750/ 250ml	*₱725/2 50ml	₱545.0 0		₱743.00	₱603.40			*₱830/ 250ml		*₱685/ 250ml		*₱732.50 / 250ml		
BENOMYL	Benomax			*₱1,375/ box													
CHLOROTHALONIL	Daconil													₱943.80			
MANCOZEB	Dithane		*₱200/ 250g					₱620					₱618.63	₱567.5 0	₱586.75		₱569.38
MANCOZEB	Dithane M45				₱531.67	₱598.61									₱624.00		
THIOPHANATE METHYL	Fungitox												*₱348.75 / 500g	₱440.33		*₱633.75 /box**	
BENOMYL/ MANCOZEB	Fungufree						₱437.50						₱424.83				
COPPER HYDROXIDE	Funguran			*₱750/b ox**			₱909.38										
COPPER HYDROXIDE	Funguran OH					₱787.14					₱655.0 0	₱850.33					
MANCOZEB	Ganazeb															₱515.00	
COPPER HYDROXIDE	Kocide			*₱1,062. 5/box**		₱1,011.67					₱965.0 0	₱942.50					
MANCOZEB	Manager									₱610.0 0							
MANCOZEB	Mancozeb				372.50/ 1k												
MANCOZEB	Manzate						₱488.33							₱492.00			
CUPROUS OXIDE	Nordox					₱1,190.50											
MANCOZEB	Redeem											*₱400/ L					
DIFENOCONAZOLE	Score																
THIOPHANATE METHYL	Tango 70WP					₱1,673.33											
THIOPHANATE METHYL	Topsin													₱842.20	₱336.67/ 250g		
MANCOZEB	Torogji Blue																

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 **10 sachets/box of 35g



AVERAGE PRICE OF SELECTED PESTICIDES

PRICES OF PESTICIDES PER REGION - MOLLUSCICIDES																
as of December 25-29, 2023																
Active Ingredient	Brand Name	REGIONS														
		CAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	CARAG A	
(Price/kg)																
NICLOSAMIDE & NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINE SALT	Bayluscide			*P798.75 /box**		P1,153.28	P1,318.08					*P1,136.25/L		*P1,055.33/l	*P105/35 g	P1,237.17
METALDEHYDE	Bayonet					P303.44	P313.00	P283.33			P331.67	P319.17	P344.17		*P336.67 /500g	
NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINESALT	Cimarron											*P937.50 /box**			*P93.75/35g	
NICLOSAMIDE & NICLOSAMIDEETHANOLAMINE SALT	Hit			*P840/box**				P882.50								
NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINE SALT	Hit 700WP					*P881.75 /350g										
NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINESALT	Maskada															*P1000 /box**
METALDEHYDE, NICLOSAMIDE, &NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINE SALT	Moluxide													P634.00		
NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINE SALT	Niclomax							*P843.75/350g								
NICLOSAMIDE & NICLOSAMIDEETHANOLAMINE SALT	Parakuhol											*P1,109.5/L		*P818/l	*P93.33/100g	*P966.25/L
NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINESALT	Primalex															*P882.5 /box**
METALDEHYDE	Sakuhol															
NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINE SALT	Shatter											*P985/350g				*P980/box**
	Snail Free					*901.13 L										
NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINESALT	Snailmate 70WP					*P799.00 /350gm										
METALDEHYDE, NICLOSAMIDE, &NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINE SALT	Snailkill	P975.00	P245.00									*P291.67 /g				
NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINE SALT	Surekill		*P105/sachet	*P907.50/box**			*P1122.50/350g		P135.00	*P1131.67 /350g*				P1,029.60	*P115/35 g	*P1190 /box**
NICLOSAMIDE ETHANOLAMINE SALT	Tagluscide			*P775/box**		P1,190.50										
METALDEHYDE	Viso-Bait															

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**10 sachets/box of 35g

AVERAGE PRICE OF SELECTED PESTICIDES

PRICES OF PESTICIDES PER REGION - RODENTICIDES															
as of December 25-29, 2023															
Active Ingredient	Brand Name	REGIONS													
		CAR	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	CARAGA
		(Price/kg)													
COUMATETRALYL	Racumin			*P36.67/ sachet	*P100/ 100g	*P37.19/ 20g		P51.60	*P105.0 0/pk				*P52.60/ 50g		*P50/20 g
ZINC PHOSPHIDE	Ratkill			*P23.75/ sachet		*P23.64 /10g		P25.00						P25.00	
ZINC PHOSPHIDE	Ratol					*P22.3 3/10g		P27.50							
ZINC PHOSPHIDE	Rat-X			*P25/sa chet		*P22.50 /10g									
FLOCOUMAFEN	Storm			*P29.17/ sachet		*P36.25/ 15g		P32.50				*P25.75 /sachet		P22.50	
ZINC PHOSPHIDE	Zinc Phosphide	*P25.00 /10g		*P24/sa chet	*P28.5 0/10g	*27.22/1 0g	P24.25	P24.50	*P25.00 /pk	*P21.50 /pk	*P23.5/ sachet		*P30.00/ 10g	P24.38	*P23.75/ 10g

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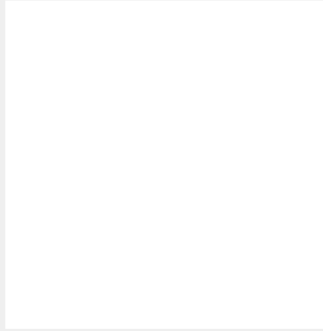
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