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MANILA BULLETIN:

DA seizes 300 tons of smuggled vegetables in Navotas warehouse raid

BY JEL SANTOS

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Authorities seized more than 300 tons of smuggled vegetables during a raid on a warehouse in Navotas City on Thursday night, Aug. 15, Department of Agriculture (DA) said.

DA Secretary Francisco "Kiko" Tiu Laurel Jr. said a team composed of members of the DA-Inspectorate and Enforcement Office, the Bureau of Customs (BOC), and other law enforcement units, raided a storage facility located in Navotas.

Citing the initial report of the raiding team, the DA disclosed that 132.75 tons of white onions, valued at ₱21.2 million, were found in one of the two cold storage facilities.

Meanwhile, another storage facility contained 89.89 tons of imported carrots, estimated to be worth around P13.48 million.

The agency also reported that the team found 360 kilos of tomatoes, 10 kilos of enoki mushrooms, and a 40-footer container van loaded with 92.25 tons of imported white onions.

After the discovery of the smuggled onions and carrots, Laurel instructed the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) to suspend issuing import permits for the vegetables. "Natagpuan sa warehouse ang mga nai-smuggle na mga toneladang white onions at imported carrots. Dahil dito, inatasan ko ang DA-Bureau of Plant Industry na i-suspinde ang issuance ng import permits para sa mga produktong ito (The discovery of smuggled tons of white onions and imported

carrots in the warehouse has led me to instruct the DA-Bureau of Plant Industry to suspend all import permit issuances for these products)," he said in a statement.

The DA chief stressed the necessity of stringent enforcement to address smuggling and unfair trade practices effectively.

"We cannot allow illegal trade practices such as this to continue hurting the livelihood of our farmers. The order of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. is clear: Go after these smugglers without let up," he stated.

Aside from harming local farmers, Laurel said smuggled agricultural products also put at risk the health of Filipino consumers.

The DA chief urged the public to report any information on agricultural product smuggling to him or other agriculture officials to protect the interests of Filipino farmers.

"Iniimbitahan ko po kayong i-report sa DA ang anumang impormasyon sa agricultural smuggling. Makakaasa kayong hindi papalampasin ng kagawaran ang mga illegal trade practices na patuloy na nakakaapekto sa kabuhayan ng ating mga magsasaka (I invite you to report any information on agricultural smuggling to the DA. You can be assured that the department will not overlook illegal trade practices that continue to impact the livelihoods of our farmers)," he said.

In 2023, President Marcos warned smugglers and hoarders that the government will run after them, saying their "days are numbered."

He pointed out that the high costs of agricultural products are due to smugglers, hoarders, and those who distort prices.

The Chief Executive stated that the government is taking action against these groups and will file charges against them.

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MANILA BULLETIN:

147 hogs intercepted at border controls test positive for ASF — DA

BY JEL SANTOS

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(DA-BAI PHOTO)

A total of 147 hogs from Quezon province have tested positive for the fatal African swine fever (ASF), the Department of Agriculture (DA) disclosed on Friday, August 16.

Due to the outbreak of ASF in Batangas, the DA and local governments have set up border controls in a bid to stop the spread of ASF.

Assistant Secretary Arnel De Mesa, the spokesperson of the DA, said the first truck intercepted along Mindanao Avenue in Quezon City was carrying 60 hogs; the second one had 87; and the third was transporting 14. They all presented fake shipping papers.

He noted that all the trucks are from Quezon province and are bound for Pangasinan.

"Iyong dalawang trucks na nahuli na walang kaukulang papel, parehas galing Sariaya, papuntang Pangasinan, turned out to be positive sa ASF upon conduct ng laboratory test (The two trucks that were caught without the proper papers, both coming from Sariaya and headed to Pangasinan, turned out to be positive for ASF after laboratory testing)," he said in a press briefing.

"Na-notice ng mga quarantine officers natin 'yung sizes ng mga baboy—maliliit, mga 30 kilograms lang. May mga apparent signs ng ASF (Our quarantine officers noticed the sizes of the pigs—they were small, only around 30 kilograms. There were apparent signs of ASF)," he went on.

According to De Mesa, the results of the laboratory tests for the 14 hogs have yet to come out.

Aside from Batangas, the agriculture department noted that they have monitored positive cases of ASF in the provinces of Laguna and Rizal.

Tighter border controls, checkpoints

De Mesa said the interception of the ASF-positive hogs is a clear sign that the government's border controls and checkpoints are "very effective."

He said that the DA is in close coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and local governments to implement their strict monitoring.

"Ito ay patunay lamang na mabisang paraan itong mga border control. Kung hindi ito napigilan, pupunta ito sa mga destination nila that might cause 'yung pagkalat pa lalo ng ASF (This only proves that these border controls are an effective method. If this hadn't been stopped, the pigs would have reached their destinations, which might have further spread ASF)," he stated.

De Mesa said the DA has also increased the amount of indemnification for hog raisers for them to be entired to surrender hogs that are suspected to be positive for ASF.

Per De Mesa, the indemnification was previously set at P5,000, regardless of the hogs' age and size. The DA has since increased this amount to ₱8,000 for medium-sized hogs and ₱12,000 for large ones.

"Malaking incentive na 'yun sa mga magbababoy na huwag ipuslit at isuko na 'yung mga baboy na nakita nila na may potential na may ASF para hindi na katayin, hindi na ibenta sa mga biyahero, at i-depopulate na lang (That's a significant incentive for hog raisers not to smuggle and to surrender pigs they suspect might have ASF, so they won't be slaughtered, sold to traders, and will instead be depopulated)," he noted.

Warning

Although the ASF virus cannot be transmitted from pigs to humans, De Mesa stressed that, in accordance with the Food Safety Act, the slaughtering, selling, or cooking of infected animals is prohibited.

"So, dapat itong i-dispose properly sa pamamagitan ng paglibing at pagsunog [ang ASF-infected hogs] (So, these ASF-infected hogs should be disposed of properly through burial and incineration)," he said.

The spokesperson said that while the virus can be killed by thoroughly cooking the meat from infected hogs, in cases where the infection isn't known, it's still better to properly dispose of the infected hogs.

ASF is a highly contagious and deadly swine disease that has been devastating swine industries around the world since its resurgence in 2018.

In 2019, ASF resurfaced in the Philippines and has since spread across more than 3,800 barangays in 53 provinces by July 2022.

Due to ASF, local pork production in the Philippines fell by almost a fourth from June to October 2021 against the comparative period in 2020.

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MANILA BULLETIN:

P44M-aid released to over 6,000 El Niño-hit farmers, fishermen in Cordillera Region – DOLE

BY TRIXEE ROSEL

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President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. leads the distribution of livelihood and emergency employment assistance to farmers and fishermen affected by the El Niño climate phenomenon in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) on July 19, 2024. (Courtesy of DOLE)

The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) has disbursed a total of P44 million worth of assistance to 6,216 farmers and fishermen in the Cordillera Administration Region (CAR) who suffered from the dry spell and drought caused by the El Niño weather phenomenon, it said on Friday, Aug. 16.

Through the DOLE Integrated Livelihood and Emergency Employment Program (DILEEP), the aid includes temporary jobs for 5,857 farmers and fishermen in Kalinga and Apayao under the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged Workers (TUPAD) Program and livelihood support for 359 beneficiaries through the Kabuhayan Program.

The financial support is part of a broader government initiative unveiled by President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. during the "Bagong Pilipinas: Tulong sa Magsasaka at Mangingisda Program" in Luna, Apayao.

Marcos outlined the distribution of P36.8 million for TUPAD wages and P7.5 million for livelihood assistance.

Highlighting a comprehensive "whole-of-government approach," Marcos stressed the necessity for extensive measures to address the region's drought-induced challenges, which have led to P1.24 billion in agricultural losses and affected 28,000 local farmers and fishermen.

The effort is supported by various government agencies, including the Department of Agriculture, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, the Department of Trade and Industry, and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.

 $\underline{https://mb.com.ph/2024/8/16/p44-m-aid-released-to-over-6-000-el-nino-hit-farmers-fishermen-in-cordillera-region-dole}$

MANILA BULLETIN:

'Prepare for the worst': Solon calls for House probe on African Swine Fever situation

BY ELLSON QUISMORIO

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• AGRI Party-list Rep. Wilbert "Manoy" T. Lee believes there is a need for the House of Representatives to look into the escalating impact of the African Swine Fever (ASF) in the country.



(Unsplash)

AGRI Party-list Rep. Wilbert "Manoy" T. Lee believes there is a need for the House of Representatives to look into the escalating impact of the African Swine Fever (ASF) in the country.

For this purpose, Lee filed House Resolution (HR) No. 1956 in the current 19th Congress.

Lee expressed his concerns over the ASF situation at summit on "SMART LGUs" in Iloilo City that was organized by the Vice Mayors' League of the Philippines. He attended as guest speaker.

He stressed the need for the Department of Agriculture (DA) to "prepare for the worst" in a bid to avoid supply shortage of pork and pork products, which can lead to increase in prices.

"Bukod sa ASF, isa sa magiging hamon sa supply ng karne ng baboy ang paparating na La Niña. Ngayon pa lang ay dapat puspusan na ang paghahanda ng DA para siguruhin na hindi magkakaroon ng kakulangan sa karne ng baboy lalo na sa paparating na holiday season," Lee said.

(Aside from ASF, one of the challenges that confront the supply of pork is the upcoming La Niña. This early, the DA should aggressively prepare for it so as to avoid a pork shortage during the holiday season.)

He called on concerned government agencies, including the DA and Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC), to provide assistance to hog raisers, safeguard their livelihood, and ensure food security.

For Lee, the government should link hog raisers to markets where they can sell their products considering that there can be a possible rise in hesitance to buy pork due to ASF.

Lee further emphasized the importance of ramping up and intensifying biosecurity measures to contain ASF. He also sought more testing to identify infected areas, including contaminated materials and livestock transport trucks.

With the anticipated delivery of 10,000 doses of ASF AVAC live vaccines to address the ASF spread in Batangas on Aug. 16, Lee urged DA to prepare contingency plans in case of delays.

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MANILA BULLETIN:

Northern Samar kicks off farm, seafood tours

BY MARIE TONETTE MARTICIO

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TACLOBAN CITY – The provincial government of Northern Samar has introduced two new tour circuits to enhance tourism opportunities in the province.



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The Fun Farm Tour and the Seafood Tour aim to showcase the vibrant agricultural landscape and innovative farming practices of Northern Samar, providing unique experiences for local and international visitors, said Josette Doctor, the provincial chief tourism operations officer.

Doctor presented the concept to department heads at the recent third quarter development cluster meeting.

The Provincial Tourism Office, in collaboration with the Provincial Agriculture Office (PAO) and the Provincial Economic Development and Investment Promotions Office (PEDIPO), will promote the Fun Farm Tour in the municipalities of Mondragon, Silvino Lobos, San Roque, and Pambujan.

These towns are known for their agricultural abundance and will offer activities such as food tasting, farming and food processing tours, and homestay experiences.

On the other hand, the Seafood Tour will feature the towns of San Jose and Rosario, renowned for their delicious mud crabs, fresh fish, spider shells, squid, shrimp, and other delectable seafood.

The tour will feature diving, fishing, food processing, and ocean-to-table food-tasting experiences.

These circuits will complement existing ones, including the Balicuatro Island Hopping Tour, Eco-Tour, Along the River Cruise, and the Pacific Tour, and provide diverse attractions for tourists visiting Northern Samar.

https://mb.com.ph/2024/8/17/northern-samar-kicks-off-farm-seafood-tours

DA defends franchise for Kadiwa outlets

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People line up at the Kadiwa center in the Department of Agriculture office in Quezon City to buy rice at P29 per kilo.

Michael Varcas.

MANILA, Philippines — An official of the Department of Agriculture defended the move of DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. to allow franchises for Kadiwa outlets.

At a press conference, DA spokesman Arnel de Mesa said that Food Terminal Inc. (FTI) is tasked to handle the expansion of Kadiwa stores in the country.

"The FTI is studying the Kadiwa franchise, but definitely our objective will be the same: lower retail price in the Kadiwa stores compared to the markets. We want to show the obvious difference of buying agricultural products in the Kadiwa," he said.

According to De Mesa, the move will also ensure the sustainability of the operation of the Kadiwa outlets in the country.

Tiu Laurel said that his administration plans to open Kadiwa outlets in the country's 82 provinces before the end of President Marcos' term in 2028.

 $\frac{https://www.philstar.com/nation/2024/08/17/2378490/da-defends-franchise-kadiwa-outlets}{}$

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

African swine fever hits parts of Cagayan, Isabela, N. Vizcaya

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TUGUEGARAO CITY – The <u>African swine fever (ASF)</u> struck parts of the provinces of Cagayan, Isabela and Nueva Vizcaya, which prompted local officials to set up checkpoints.

Dr. Manuel Galang Jr., Department of Agriculture-Cagayan Valley anti-ASF focal person, on Saturday said that the agriculture department and local government units have imposed a pork ban in affected areas to contain the virus while the Regional African Swine Fever Task Force has set up checkpoints.

Affected areas include the towns of Sta. Fe, Dupax Del Norte, Dupax Del Sur and Bambang in Nueva Vizcaya; Angadanan and San Guillermo in Isabela and Enrile and Iguig in Cagayan.

At least 124 pigs have so far been culled in affected areas in the region.

In Isabela, 17 pigs were culled in San Guillermo town while 46 heads died and were buried by hog raisers in District 1 and Anonang villages, Isabela veterinary records showed.

In Angadanan town, 24 were culled while 39 died and were buried in La Suerte village.

Galang, however, said the cases are still "isolated" and that only few villages in the affected areas were recorded.

Galang said at least 600,000 doses of <u>anti-ASF vaccines</u> are expected to arrive soon. **READ MORE**

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

Marcos names Alexander Lopez as National Maritime Council spokesperson

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Then Western Command chief Vice Admiral Alexander Lopez gives a traditional "talk to men" to the soldiers station in Pag-asa Island, one of the Philippine detachments in Kalayaan Island Group in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea). FILE PHOTO

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. has named former Energy Undersecretary Alexander Lopez—who previously led a military command charged with defending the West Philippine Sea—as the spokesperson for the National Maritime Council (NMC).

In a statement on Friday, Malacañang said Lopez was appointed on Aug. 6 as the NMC's spokesperson, more than four months after the President created the body in March this year.

"Lopez, a former military officer, will speak on behalf of the NMC on issues surrounding the West Philippine Sea," the Presidential Communications Office said.

The NMC was created through Executive Order No. 57. It is chaired by Executive Secretary Lucas Bersamin and composed of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of National Defense, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Finance, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Transportation, Office of the Solicitor General and National Security Adviser Eduardo Año.

https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/1973727/nmc-spokesperson-named

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

BAI: African swine fever remains in 22 provinces

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LIVESTOCK CHECKPOINT The Bureau of Animal Industry has put up checkpoints across the country to inspect swine shipments.

—RICHARD A. REYES

The country's swine industry continues to suffer from African swine fever (ASF), with the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) tally showing that the animal disease has spread to 11 regions, 22 provinces and 64 municipalities, as of Aug. 8.

Since the first ASF outbreak in 2019, the viral disease has affected 74 out of 82 provinces nationwide, but the Department of Agriculture (DA) said it is "not that alarming" since vaccines are "on the way."

According to the DA, 10,000 vaccines against the ASF arrived on Friday and the vaccination could begin by Tuesday.

The agency has also put up livestock checkpoints across Luzon to prevent further spread of the disease and protect the livestock and poultry industry.

On Friday, the BAI said it intercepted two more trucks containing hogs in Quezon City. It said one truck carried 87 hogs while the other had 14 hogs and the drivers of these trucks presented fake documents when apprehended by BAI personnel and police officers.

Pigs from the first truck tested positive for ASF while pigs from the other truck showed clinical signs of viral disease. The hogs were condemned and buried, Agriculture Assistant Secretary Constante Palabrica said.

Likewise, the DA promulgated Administrative Order No. 10 increasing the indemnity paid to affected hog raisers, hoping to address delayed payments and clamor for higher compensation.

"[The] delay in detection, case confirmation or stamping-out actions can lead to failure of the whole eradication program," the order dated Aug. 15 read.

No cash aid will be given to culled suckling piglets or pigs from birth until separated (weaned) from their sow.

For a weanling or young pig separated from the sow about 30-90 days old that weigh not more than 25 kilograms (kg), the compensation is set at P4,000 each.

The DA will also pay P8,000 for every condemned grower (any pig between weaning and sale or transfer to the breeding herd, sold for slaughter or killed for rations weighing 25 to 75 kg) or finisher (those with more than 70 kg live weight) pig.

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:

Angeles City sets up checkpoints vs African swine fever

By: Jun A. Malig - @inquirerdotnet

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ANGELES CITY, Pampanga — To keep this city free from the highly contagious African swine fever (ASF), the mayor ordered Thursday the establishment of livestock checkpoints along its borders.

Mayor Carmelo Lazatin Jr. issued a memorandum tasking the city police, headed by Colonel Amado Mendoza Jr., and the city traffic development office, headed by Francis Pangilinan, to immediately set up and man livestock checkpoints.

Delivery trucks, particularly those carrying pigs, will be inspected. Trucks loaded with livestock from ASF-affected areas like Bulacan and Batangas will be barred from entering this city.

"This preventive measure is to ensure that the city is free from ASF. Because the health, safety, and livelihood of our citizens depend on this," a city government statement quoted Lazatin as saying.

Lazatin said the city government is one with the Department of Agriculture in combating the rapid spread of ASF, as the department has already set up checkpoints across Luzon.

The mayor asked all hog dealers to present pertinent certificates manifesting that the pigs they are bringing into this city are not infected by ASF. He said vaccination records from veterinarians and shipping permits must also be presented at the livestock checkpoints.

Irish Calaguas, Lazatin's chief adviser, said the city government would be vigilant against the deadly ASF.

"Mayor Lazatin wants to be as vigilant as ever. Angeles City is ASF-free, and Mayor Lazatin wants to keep it that way," Calaguas said. INQ

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22 lalawigan sapul ng ASF – BAI

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MANILA, Philippines- Patuloy na nakararanas ang swine industry ng bansa ng African swine fever (ASF), kung saan makikita sa Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) tally na kumalat na ang sakit sa hayop sa 11 rehiyon, 22 lalawigan at 64 munisipalidad, hanggang nitong Agosto 8.

Mula sa unang ASF outbreak noong 2019, nakaapekto ang viral disease sa 74 mula sa 82 lalawigan sa buong bansa, subalit inihayag ng Department of Agriculture (DA) na ito ay "not that alarming" dahil sa available na bakuna.

Base sa DA, 10,000 bakuna laban sa ASF ang dumating nitong Biyernes at maaaring simulan ang pagbabakuna sa Martes.

Naglatag din ang ahensya ng livestock checkpoints sa buong Luzon upang mapigilan ang pagkalat ng sakit at protektahan ang livestock at poultry industry. **RNT/SA**

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Red tide natukoy sa 12 lugar

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MANILA, Philippines- Iniulat ng Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) ang paralytic shellfish poison (PSP) o toxic red tide na lampas sa regulatory limit sa ilang lugar nitong Sabado.

Sa pinakabagong shellfish bulletin, sinabi ng BFAR na natukoy ang red tide toxins sa shellfish na kinolekta at sinuri mula sa mga sumusunod na lugar:

- Dumanquillas Bay, Zamboanga del Sur
- San Benito, Surigao del Norte
- Daram Island, Samar
- Zumarraga Island, Samar
- Irong-Irong Bay, Samar
- Villareal Bay, Samar
- Cambatutay Bay, Samar
- Maqueda Bay, Samar
- Matarinao Bay, Eastern Samar
- Cancabato Bay, Leyte
- Puerto Bay, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
- Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay

"All types of shellfish and Acetes sp. or alamang gathered from the areas shown above are NOT SAFE for human consumption. Fish, squids, shrimps, and crabs are safe for human consumption provided that they are fresh and washed thoroughly, and internal organs such as gills and intestines are removed before," pahayag ng BFAR. **RNT/SA**

https://remate.ph/red-tide-natukoy-sa-12-lugar/

Mga baboy na naharang sa QC checkpoint positibo sa ASF

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MANILA, Philippines- Kinumpirma ng Bureau of Animal Industry nitong Biyernes na ang mga baboy na naharang sa isang checkpoint sa Quezon City noong Huwebes ay nagpositibo sa African swine fever (ASF).

Sinabi ni Agriculture Assistant Secretary for Swine and Poultry Dante Palabrica na dalawang truck na naghahatid ng 87 at 14 baboy ang naharang sa isang checkpoint sa Mindanao Avenue.

Nagpositibo ang mga baboy mula sa unang truck sa ASF habang ang mga sakay ng isa pang truck ay nagpakita ng clinical symptoms ng virus.

"The blood tests showed the hogs are positive for the ASF virus, so we have no choice but to condemn them and dispose of their carcass at the central burial site we have identified," pahayag ni Palabrica sa isang press release.

Aniya, kapwa mula sa Sariaya, Quezon, ang mga truck at patungo sa Pangasinan.

Nagpresenta ang mga driver ng dalawang truck ng pekeng health certificates at shipping permits.

Samantala, kinumpirma ni Batangas Governor Hermilando Mandanas na patuloy ang pagkalat ng ASF sa lalawigan.

Hanggang nitong Biyernes, 352 hog farms sa mga bayan ng Lobo, Lipa, Lian, Rosario, Calatagan, Talisay, San Juan, Tui, Balayan at Malvar ang apektado na ng virus.

Hiniling niya sa national government ang agarang interbensyon.

"We cannot dilly dally kasi talagang mauubos yan and it will spread," giit ni Mandanas.

Nitong Martes, sinabi ni Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel na naglaan sila ng 10,000 bakuna para sa Batangas. **RNT/SA**

https://remate.ph/mga-baboy-na-naharang-sa-qc-checkpoint-positibo-sa-asf/

Mga baboy sa Bulacan, bantay-sarado vs ASF

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Bulacan – Mariing pinababantayan ni Bulacan Governor Daniel Fernando ang kalagayan ng African Swine Fever (ASF) sa lalawigang ito.

Ayon kay Fernando, nakikipag-ugnayan na ang pamahalaang panlalawigan sa Department of Agriculture upang mapigilan ang pagkalat nito at tiyakin ang lahat ng karne sa lahat ng pamilihang bayan sa lalawigang ito ay ligtas ikonsumo.

Nanawagan din ang gobernador sa mga hog raiser at mamamayan na patuloy sumunod sa mga ipinatutupad na protocols at guidelines para masigurong protektado ang industriya ng babuyan at kalusugan ng publiko. Hinimok niya ang mga nag-aalaga ng baboy na agad ipagbigay alam sa kinauukulan kung ang mga alaga ay kinakikitaan ng sintomas ng ASF.

Sinasabing isa ang lalawigan na malaking pinagkukunan ng karne ng baboy ng mga kalapit na pamilihan. (Dick Mirasol III)

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Karneng baboy sa Paco Market ligtas sa ASF

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MANILA, Philippines – Siniguro ng mga tindero sa Paco Market sa Maynila na ligtas sa banta ng African Swine Fever at dumaan sa inspeksyon ang kanilang mga tindang karneng baboy. *Crismon Heramis*

https://remate.ph/karneng-baboy-sa-paco-market-ligtas-sa-asf/

2025 budget tututok sa irrigation projects – DA

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MANILA, Philippines – Sinabi ng Department of Agriculture (DA) na ang mga proyekto sa irigasyon ay makakakuha ng malaking bahagi ng badyet nito para sa 2025 bilang bahagi ng roadmap nito upang mapalakas ang produksyon ng pagkain sa bansa.

"Ipo-focus natin ang ating paggastos...na hindi sabog, siyempre, ang kailangan natin na mag-invest is in irrigation," sabi ni Agriculture Secretary Francisco "Kiko" Tiu Laurel sa panayam noong Huwebes.

Kaugnay nito sinabi ni Laurel na 1.2 milyong ektarya ng patag na lupain ang hindi pa irigasyon. Gagamitin din aniya ng gobyerno ang budget nito para sa solar-powered irrigation initiatives, na nakikita rin para mapataas ang produktibidad ng mga magsasaka.

Bukod dito, sinabi ni Laurel na namuhunan din ang ahensya sa mga dryer, silo, at rice mill para mapataas ang pagbawi ng ani ng palay.

"Sa ngayon, ang recovery natin using old systems or drying sa kalye at sa ibang lugar, 50 percent lang na malaki ang nakukuha natin sa palay. Pero kung may mga drying systems tayo, puwedeng umakyat iyan up to 70 percent," ayon kay Laurel.

"So, may 15 hanggang 20 percent ang madadagdag sa ating buffer stock without increase production, iyong mga ganoon ba at marami pang iba, oo," dagdag pa nito.

Samantala humingi si Laurel ng kooperasyon ng lahat ng sektor sa pagpapatupad ng roadmap ng bansa para sa agrikultura, na binanggit na ang multi-sectoral collaboration ay maaaring gawing pare-pareho ang agrikultura ng Pilipinas sa mga dayuhang katapat nito at matiyak ang seguridad sa pagkain.

"Basically, kailangan ko ng cooperation ng lahat. At of course kaunting pasensiya pa dahil iyong mga kailangang gawin ay hindi iyan overnight na kapag itinanim mo, bukas nandiyan na eh," Laurel said during the Malacañang Insider program. (Santi Celario)

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ASF vax ipamamahagi na sa sunod na linggo – DA

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MANILA, Philippines – TARGET ng Department of Agriculture (DA) na i-rollout ang bakuna para sa African Swine Fever (ASF) sa susunod na linggo.

Sa naging panayam ng Malacañang Insider kay Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel, araw ng Huwebes, sinabi ng Kalihim na ang vaccine rollout ay makatutulong sa paglaban sa ASF sa ilang apektadong bayan ng Batangas at mapipigilan ang paglaganap pa nito. "Luckily iyong ating supplier nag-donate ng 2,000 doses at darating dito sa Biyernes at hopefully ang target namin is maumpisahan na iyong pagbakuna by Tuesday next week," ayon kay Laurel.

Sinabi pa n Laurel na kinuha nila ang bakuna sa pamamagitan ng emergency procurement system.

Ang procurement aniya ay maaaring magpatuloy hanggang sa susunod na buwan.

Tinatayang 8 munisipalidad sa Batangas ang nagdeklara ng state of emergency, kabilang na rito ang Lobo, Lian, Calatagan, Rosario, Lipa, Talisay, San Juan, at Tuy.

Sa kabila nito tiniyak naman ni Laurel sa publiko na ginagawa ng DA ang lahat ng makakaya nito para kontrolin ang paglaganap.

"Tomorrow (Friday) pala, mayroon tayong mga checkpoint or inspection stations na itatalaga sa mga affected areas – sa eight municipalities so that ma-control natin iyong spread," ayon kay Laurel.

"So, it's not that alarming because the vaccine is on the way. So, hopefully ma-contain natin 'to. But, of course, it will not be easy 'no but we will do our best," dagdag na wika nito.

Sa kaganapang ito. pinalalakas naman ng DA ang laboratoryo at pananaliksik ng bansa sa layuning magkaroon ng 'locally manufacture vaccines' sa hinaharap.

"An indemnification program is also in place for the affected livestock sector," ang tinuran ni Laurel. "Then mayroon din tayong indemnification program na mapafinalize na namin iyong policy for the pork. Dati kasi parang kung magkakatay ng baboy na may ASF, 5,000 lang ang ibinibigay regardless of the size of the pig 'no. Ngayon, ginawa naming tatlong classification – mayroong pangbiik, may pang-medium size, mayroong pangmalaki iyong benta o iyong mga breeder," litaniya ni Laurel.

Samantala, ang indemnification rates ay ang mga sumusunod: small pigs, P4,000; medium, P8,000; at big, P12,000. *Kris Jose*

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7 bayan, 41 munisipaliad sa Quezon sapul ng ASF

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LUCENA CITY — Hindi bababa sa pitong bayan ng 41 munisipalidad ng Quezon province ang nakapagtala ng mga kaso ng African swine fever (ASF) sa mga lokal na baboy.

Inuri ng Office of the Provincial Veterinarian (OPV) sa isang ulat sa Facebook page nitong Huwebes, Agosto 15, ang mga bayan ng San Andres, Macalelon, Lopez, Mauban, Candelaria, at Tiaong bilang "red/infected zone."

Sa isang online na panayam, ipinaliwanag ni Flomella Alilio-Caguicla, provincial veterinarian, na mayroong kumpirmadong kaso ng ASF sa isang lokalidad sa ilalim ng "red/infected zone."

Sinabi niya na ang isang pangkat ng mga beterinaryo ay nagpapatunay sa bilang ng mga nahawaang kaso ng ASF at ang namamatay sa mga baboy sa pitong bayan.

Inilarawan ng World Organization for Animal Health ang ASF bilang "isang mataas na nakakahawang sakit na viral ng mga domestic at wild na baboy" na walang magagamit na bakuna, na nagdudulot ng 100-porsiyento na dami ng namamatay. *RNT*

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Tila gumagapang pa sa ibang probinsya ang African Swine Fever (ASF) outbreak sa Batangas sa kabila ng paghihigpit ng Department of Agriculture (DA) para mapigilan ang pagkalat nito.

Pitong bayan sa Quezon ang nakapagtala ng mga kumpirmadong kaso ng ASF.

Ayon sa Office of the Provincial Veterinarian ng Quezon, isinailalim na sa red zone o infected zone ang mga bayan ng Candelaria, Lopez, Macalelon, Mauban, San Andres, San Antonio, at Tiaong.

Base sa ASF zoning classification ng Quezon ang mga nasa red zone o infected zone ay ang mga munisipalidad na may kumpirmadong kaso na ng ASF.

Samantala, hinarang ng Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) sa isang checkpoint sa Tandang Sora, Quezon City ang isang sasakyan na may lulan na 60 baboy.

Sabi ng DA, peke ang mga dokumentong nagsasabing sa Sariaya, Quezon galing ang mga baboy at dadalin sana sa isang katayan sa Caloocan City.

Peke ang shipping permit nito at ang sertipikasyon na walang ASF ang mga baboy.(Ronilo Dagos/Eileen Mencias)

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