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**MANILA BULLETIN:**

# Landbank launches Agrisenso Plus to aid thousands of farmers, fishers

**BY JEL SANTOS**

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(LANDBANK PHOTO)

Over 10,000 small farmers, fishers, and agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) are set to benefit from the newly launched AGRISENSO Plus Lending Program, an enhanced initiative by the state-run Land Bank of the Philippines (Landbank) aimed at boosting agricultural value chains.

The program, launched on Nov. 22 at the Candaba Action Center in Barangay Mandasig, is a result of a collaboration between Landbank, the Department of Agriculture (DA), the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), and private sector partners.

According to Landbank, the AGRISENSO Plus Program, which was designed to improve productivity and income while advancing sustainable growth, offers expanded eligibility, lower interest rates, and a streamlined loan process.



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Lynette V. Ortiz (LANDBANK PHOTO)

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and

CEO

Lynette V. Ortiz, the President and CEO of Landbank, said the AGRISENSO Plus underscores Landbank's dedication to delivering comprehensive and impactful assistance to the entire agriculture sector.

“Through strategic collaborations with public and private partners, we are complementing accessible credit with insurance benefits, capacity-building, and other interventions to boost productivity, enhance income, drive sustainable growth, and contribute to national food security,” she said in a statement.

Eligible beneficiaries, she said, include small farmers, fishers, agribusinesses, micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the agricultural value chain, and even new agriculture graduates within three years of completing their studies.

The program also offers free life and credit life insurance and provides borrowers access to training programs to improve their farming practices and business management skills, Ortiz added.

Key partners in the initiative include AGREA Agricultural Communities International Foundation, Inc., which will deliver capacity-building interventions, and private companies like SariSuki, KITA Agritech, and TAO Foods, which provide market access, technology, and sustainable food processing solutions.

To reduce barriers to access, Landbank said it has simplified loan application requirements. Purchase Orders are no longer needed for individual farmers, and endorsements from irrigators' associations have been made optional for irrigated areas. Additionally, rice-farming ARBs can now seek endorsements from either the DAR or the National Irrigation Administration (NIA).

Ortiz said the program offers an annual fixed interest rate of 4 percent for small farmers, fishers, and ARBs, while other borrowers, such as MSMEs and larger enterprises, enjoy rates between 6.5 percent and 7.5 percent. Large enterprises lending to their partner cooperatives or ARBOs receive a concessional interest rate with a 0.5 percent discount.

Existing AGRISENSO borrowers will automatically transition to the enhanced AGRISENSO Plus features upon their next loan availment, Landbanksaid.

Applications are open at all Landbank Lending Centers and Branches, or via Landbank's Customer Service Hotline at [028405700](tel:028405700).

<https://mb.com.ph/2024/11/23/agrisenso-plus-to-aid-farmers-fishers>

**MANILA BULLETIN:**

# Marcos tells farmers, fisherfolk to enroll into government's insurance program

**BY BETHEENA UNITE**

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The program aims to protect farmers' seedlings and equipment.

He said the Agriculture department has expanded its insurance program to ensure the protection of farmers' and fishermen's livelihood amid calamities.

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“Kaya po hinihikayat ko ang ating mga magsasaka at mangingisda na mag-enroll po sa programang ito, yung Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation, upang masiguro po ang proteksyon ng inyong mga kabuhayan laban sa mga sakuna (So, I am encouraging our farmers and fisherfolk to enroll to this program, the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation, to ensure the protection of your livelihood in times of calamities),” he added.

The President also vowed to continue modernizing and developing climate resilient agricultural processes and equipment.

During the event, a total of 456 CLOAs and electronic titles for the Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling(SPLIT) Project were distributed, benefitting 346 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) in the province.

Marcos and the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) also handed over 25,773 CoCRoMs to 21,496 ARBs in Isabela. Through these certificates, the government assumes the debt of ARBs amounting to P1,152,916,073.00.

It can be recalled that Marcos signed the New Agrarian Emancipation Act (NAEA) on July 7, 2023 to condone all loans, including interests, penalties and surcharges incurred by ARBs from land awarded under Presidential Decree (PD) 27, R.A. No. 6657 and R.A. No. 9700.

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**THE PHILIPPINE STAR:**

# ‘Government must hike, diversify agriculture budget’

[Jasper Emmanuel Arcalas](#) - The Philippine Star

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Photos show farmers harvesting their plot of land in Rosario, La Union on October 4, 2024.

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## **To boost food security**

MANILA, Philippines — The government must increase and diversify its investment in agriculture to boost food production and improve the country’s food security amid local and global production woes, according to the Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food Inc.

PCAFI president Danilo Fausto said the allotted budget by the government for the agriculture sector remains “low” considering the prevalence of undernourishment and poverty incidence nationwide.

Fausto pointed out that the combined budget of the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Agrarian Reform amounted to just P221.7 billion, which is only 3.8 percent of the P5.768-trillion budget this year.

Furthermore, he said that the budget for agriculture would be at least P10 billion lower next year at P211.3 billion despite the 10-percent increase in the proposed 2025 state budget set at P6.35 trillion.

Fausto also noted that the government's budget for agriculture is "rice-centric" with at least 60 percent of the total allocation going to the rice sector, neglecting the other subsectors that contribute significantly to overall food production and security.

"On the other hand, high value crops which contribute 33.8 percent of the total agriculture output, got a measly 2.6 percent of the total agriculture budget and the livestock sector receiving 3.1 percent of the budget while contributing 30 percent to the agriculture output," he said during the 25th anniversary of the PCAFI recently.

Fausto said the government must ramp-up its investments in agriculture to ensure the sustainability of the country's food supply and meet its growing demand as the population grows by 1.9 percent annually.

"At present, the private sector accounts for 95 percent of the total agriculture investments in relation to the total agricultural output of the country," he said.

"Providing cheap food for the consumers and fighting inflation through imports is a short-term solution. Producing our own food requirements, although a much longer process, will be more sustainable for our people," he added.

"It goes without saying that if we allow others to feed us, we are giving them the authority to starve us," Fausto said.

According to Fausto, the current and growing global issues like the war in Ukraine and Middle East as well as geopolitical conflicts in the region could affect the country's food supply because of the dependence on imports.

Senate President Francis Escudero said he supports increasing the agriculture budget as the current government allocation amounts only to P13,000 per farmer or fisherfolk nationwide.

"What can that help? At present, the budget of the Department of Public Works and Highways of P1 trillion is bigger than the DA. Are we an agriculture country or a country of contradictions?" Escudero said during PCAFI's anniversary.

"Let's put our money where our mouth is. Not until we do that, we cannot say that we really love and help our agriculture sector," Escudero said.

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2024/11/23/2402227/government-must-hike-diversify-agriculture-budget>



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# Bigger climate finance share for farmers sought

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Farmers are seen harvesting okra along the Luisita Access Road in Tarlac on November 10, 2024.

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MANILA, Philippines — The 29th Conference of Parties (COP) leadership should address resource allocation disparities by providing farmers and fisherfolk a bigger share of available climate financing to help them cope with the ill effects of climate change, according to non-government organization Rice Watch and Action Network (R1).

“The fight against climate change cannot emphasize enough the importance of agrifood systems. Ironically, this sector receives a meager share of the pie and it continues to decline,” R1 said.

Citing a recent analysis by the Climate Policy Initiative, R1 said small-scale agri-food systems received only 0.8 percent or about \$5.53 billion of the total \$660.2 billion climate finance across all sectors from 2019 to 2020.

The group noted that in 2021, the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization revealed that climate-related development finance in the agri-food systems declined by 12 percent on an annual basis to \$19 billion.

“We join the united efforts of smallholder farmers, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, youth and women in seeking equitable share in climate financing,” R1 said.

“Only then can we truly uphold climate change resilience among our sectors that are most vulnerable to the devastation of climate change impact,” it added.

R1 said it is currently working with national and local government agencies in providing local climate information services and technical support so these information are adopted in climate change action plans.

“Farmers are also trained on mechanisms to make their farms and families resilient to the devastating impact of this climate crisis,” it said.

“These are some of the programs, activities and projects that need investment if only the government has the resources and capacity to provide to local government, farmers and other stakeholders,” it added.

Earlier this week, the Department of Finance (DOF) disclosed that it is pushing for a yearly climate financing package of \$1.3 trillion annually from developed countries to address mounting challenges posed by climate change.

The target is aimed at financing climate adaptation, mitigation as well as loss and damage initiatives that are aligned with the urgent needs of developing nations like the Philippines.

The DOF said it joined the negotiations for scaled-up climate finance flows to vulnerable nations during the 29th COP to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 29) in Baku, Azerbaijan.

“The Philippines is aggressively pushing for bold actions and sustained, increased financing for countries that are perpetually on the frontlines of catastrophic typhoons,” Finance Undersecretary Maria Luwalhati Dorotan-Tiuseco said during the high-level ministerial dialogue on climate finance.

<https://www.philstar.com/business/2024/11/23/2402234/bigger-climate-finance-share-farmers-sought>

**THE PHILIPPINE STAR:**

# SUC land to be used for raising seeds

[Alexis Romero](#), [Bella Cariaso](#) - The Philippine Star

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MANILA, Philippines — Fertile lands owned by state universities and colleges (SUCs) would be tapped for raising seeds for high-value crops and increasing farmers' output, President Marcos said yesterday.

In his speech in Bacolor, Pampanga, Marcos also asked local government units (LGUs) to adopt disaster-mitigating measures to reduce destruction of crops from super typhoons.

The Chief Executive was in Bacolor to distribute certificates of land ownership and certificates of condonation with release of mortgage to nearly 2,500 agrarian reform beneficiaries.

Marcos said tapping unused lands of SUCs for seedling production was part of the recommendation of the Private Sector Advisory Council (PSAC).

"I met with various agencies of the government including the private sector. During the meeting, it was proposed to develop more seedling nurseries in the entire country to boost the production of vegetables and rice," Marcos said.

He said state agencies should seek help from SUCs in directing students' interest towards seed production. With graduates of agricultural SUCs handling seed production, farmers could focus on growing the seedlings, the President said.

"The farmers can take care of the actual growing of seedlings. These new agronomists, agriculturists can be (the) ones doing seed production," he said at the meeting with PSAC.

At the meeting with Marcos, PSAC member Aileen Uygongco-Ongkauko of the La Filipina Uy Gongco Group presented a recommendation for enhancing local seed production across all crops to boost the country's food security.

Commission on Higher Education Chairman Prospero de Vera said some 70 SUCs offer agriculture programs. Fifteen of them have facilities for coconut production, while others have unused lands that can be repurposed for seedling production through agreements with the agriculture department, De Vera added.

Marcos said increasing seedling nurseries across the country would also benefit Pampanga's agriculture, food specialty and food processing industries.

He added that Pampanga, considered the Culinary Capital of the Philippines, will benefit from the initiative.

"I am sure that this initiative will help certain industries here in Pampanga, including palay, specialty food and food processing," he added.

He also highlighted the partnership between the public and private sectors in the province through the Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty Program.

Pampanga is the leading producer of eggs in Central Luzon. The province represents 17.7 percent of the overall egg production in the country.

PSAC lead convenor and Aboitiz Group president and CEO Sabin Aboitiz emphasized the importance of these initiatives.

“These efforts go beyond just addressing food security. They represent a meaningful step toward sustainability, healthier living and making more efficient use of our resources. By increasing awareness of brown rice’s benefits and addressing rice wastage through the half-cup rice initiative, we can collectively create impactful change,” Aboitiz said.

Also yesterday, Marcos ordered all concerned government agencies to finish disaster-mitigation projects in Cagayan Valley.

Included in the list of priority projects are flood control structures, irrigation systems and rehabilitation initiatives on major river basins and dams in Region 2.

He reported ongoing construction of flood mitigation project along the Pinacanauan de Tumauni River in Cagayan, known as the Tumauni River Multipurpose Project.

The project is expected to irrigate 8,200 hectares of agricultural land and benefit 5,860 farmers.

Review of master plans for key river basins in the country is also underway, he added.

“Even the Magat Dam is already being worked on by the government,” Marcos said.

The Balasig Small Reservoir Irrigation Project, which is designed to enhance flood mitigation, would also provide reliable irrigation water in Isabela utilizing the Balasig River.

The Tuguegarao Circumferential Dike Road Project, which is being built to protect nearby communities by stabilizing riverbank soil and increasing river’s drainage capacity, was also monitored.

<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2024/11/23/2402294/suc-land-be-used-raising-seeds>

**THE PHILIPPINE STAR:**

# Marcos erases P1 billion agrarian debts of 21,000 Isabela farmers

[Bella Cariaso](#) - The Philippine Star

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President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. presides over a situational briefing on the effects of Severe Tropical Storm #EntengPH at the NDRRMC headquarters in Quezon City on September 4, 2024.

PPA pool photos by Yummie Dingding

MANILA, Philippines — President Marcos yesterday distributed at least 25,000 certificates of condonation and release of mortgage (CoCRoM), erasing the P1 billion in agrarian debts of 21,000 farmers in Isabela.

“Covered by these certificates are almost 22,000 hectares of agricultural lands in Isabela, equivalent to at least P1 billion debts that we are erasing,” Marcos said during his speech at Josefina Albano Cultural Sports Complex in Cabagan, Isabela.

The President added that with the CoCRoM, the farmers will no longer pay for the amortization of their lands.

“You will only worry on how to cultivate your lands and make them productive,” Marcos added.

Republic Act 11953, or the New Agrarian Emancipation Act, erases all unpaid principal amortizations, interests and surcharges on agricultural lands awarded under the government’s agrarian reform program.

Agrarian Reform Secretary Conrado Estrella III has said the government targets to distribute at least 300,000 CoCRoMs before the end of the year.

At the same time, Marcos also distributed more than 450 Certificate of Land Ownership Award to more than 340 farmer beneficiaries in the province.

“This covers at least 500 hectares of lands in Isabela,” he said.

During his speech, Marcos announced the distribution of P25 million in indemnity checks to 1,400 beneficiaries in Mindoro who were affected by the recent typhoons.

“I am encouraging our farmers to enroll under the program of our Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation to ensure the protection of your livelihood against calamities,” he added.

### **Not a ‘charity sector’**

Meanwhile, farmers’ group Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food Inc. (PCAFI) said the government should not treat the agriculture industry as a charity sector, as it appealed for a level playing field amid the flooding of imported farm products in the country.

PCAFI president Danilo Fausto said that providing cheap food for consumers and fighting inflation through imports is a short-term solution, after Marcos issued Executive Order 62, which lowered the tariff on imported rice to 15 percent from the previous 35 percent.

“Our government should treat our agriculture sector not as a charity sector of our society, but as a good and profitable business proposition. Government should provide the right environment and incentives for the private sector to invest, expand their production, value chain and supply chain logistics, not kill them with competition from cheap and subsidized imported products,” Fausto said.

He added that producing the country’s own food requirements, although a much longer process, will be more sustainable for the people.

“We appeal for a level playing field from the government. Doing otherwise, we will be shooting ourselves, not on the foot, but on the head. It goes without saying that if we allow others to feed us, we are giving them the authority to starve us,” Fausto said.

He added that the National Expenditure Program continues to give agriculture a low priority.

“For 2024, the Department of Agriculture and attached corporations and the Department of Agrarian Reform received a budget of P221.7 billion out of the total budget of P5.768 trillion. For 2025, the agriculture budget is seen to be further reduced to P211.3 billion despite the 10-percent increase in the total budget of P6.352 trillion,” Fausto said.

He said what aggravated the situation is making the agriculture budget rice-centric, as evidenced by the wide disparity in the allocation of the budget for 2024, where the staple is getting 60 percent of the total agriculture budget while contributing only 23 percent of the total agriculture output.

Fausto said high-value crops, which contribute 33.78 percent of the total agriculture output, got a measly 2.6 percent of the total agriculture budget. The livestock sector received 3.1 percent of the budget while contributing 30 percent to the total agriculture output.

“We need to feed more and more people as we grow by 1.8 to 1.9 percent in our population versus our growth in agricultural production of only 1.2 percent at the end of 2023 and on a year-on year decline of -2.8 percent for the third quarter of 2024. It’s time to switch to sustainable farming practices and new food sources,” Fausto said.

<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2024/11/23/2402296/marcos-erases-p1-billion-agrarian-debts-21000-isabela-farmers>

**PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:**

# Agribusiness group urged gov't to give bigger budget for DA

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Department of Agriculture (DA) logo with rice and some high-value crops. INQUIRER FILES

The Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food Inc. (Pcafi) has urged the government to dedicate more funds to boosting local food production amid global supply woes and food shocks.

Pcafi president Danilo Fausto said that because the country relies heavily on imports to meet its food requirements, the agriculture sector is extra vulnerable to global events – such as the protracted Russia-Ukraine war and geopolitical conflicts in the Asean region – that affect the supply and cost of food.

More funds should therefore be allotted for programs to increase local output, the agribusiness group stressed.

However, Fausto said the indicative budget of the Department of Agriculture (DA) amounting to P178.273 billion was just a small fraction of the P5.768-trillion national budget for next year.



The combined budget of the DA and Department of Agrarian Reform totaling P221.7 billion represents only 3.8 percent of next year's allotment, the group noted.

“What further aggravated the situation is having the agriculture budget to be rice-centric as evidenced by the great disparity in the allocation of the budget for 2024, where rice is getting 60 percent of the total agriculture budget while contributing only 23 percent of the total agriculture output,” Fausto said in his speech during Pcafi's 25th anniversary held in San Juan City.

The agribusiness leader said the government should also increase the proposed spending for other sub-sectors.

“On the other hand, high-value crops which contribute 33.78 percent of the total agriculture output, got a measly 2.6 percent of the total agriculture budget and the livestock sector received 3.1 percent of the budget while contributing 30 percent to the agriculture output,” Fausto also said. INQ

<https://business.inquirer.net/492081/agribusiness-group-urged-govt-to-give-bigger-budget-for-da>

**PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:**

# DA: Pork supply stable for Christmas holidays

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FAT IS FLAVOR File photo shows a row of roasted hogs.  
—INQUIRER FILE PHOTO

Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr. said there is no need to put a price cap on pork, particularly on “lechon” (roasted pig), for the upcoming holiday season despite the effects of African swine fever (ASF) in the country.

“No, I don’t believe in price caps. Especially roasted pigs. Technically, it’s a luxury item,” he said in an ambush interview on the sidelines of the annual membership meeting of the Philippine Chamber of Agriculture and Food Inc. on Thursday.

Tiu Laurel said that although a “minimal” price increase is expected amid the peak demands during Christmas, the country has a “stable” pork supply.

“I don’t think it’s going to be a big increase [in prices]. I think increment, minor increase only,” he added.

Chester Tan, chair of the National Federation of Hog Farmers, likewise allayed concerns over the holiday staple’s supply stability.

“Right now, we are assuring the public, this coming December season that we have enough supply of pork even for the lechoneros, [we have] enough supply,” he said in a separate interview.

He said they have secured forecasts, planning, and preparation with the DA for the past two to three months.

The DA chief, meanwhile, said that the arrival of pork imports has helped strengthen the country’s stocks.

“I think, we have enough supply. Actually, I was looking at the import numbers the other day, and [it shows that] there is 10 percent more importation of pork this year than last year,” Tiu Laurel said.

As of Sept. 30, more than 517.86 million kilograms of imported pork arrived in the country since January, based on the DA’s Trade System.

The DA has also been ramping up efforts to mitigate the impact of the ASF in the livestock sector through continuous government-controlled vaccination and more stringent biosecurity protocols, including setting up inspection stations within Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2008166/da-pork-supply-stable-for-christmas-holidays>

**PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER:**

# Marcos encourages farmers, fishers to enroll in DA insurance program

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President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. leads the distribution of land titles to beneficiaries in Tacloban City in this file photo taken on May 20, 2024. | PHOTO: Official Facebook page of the Presidential Communications Office

MANILA, Philippines — President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. on Friday encouraged farmers and fishermen to enroll in the Department of Agriculture's insurance program as protection for their livelihood in times of calamities.

He said this in his speech during the distribution of Certificates of Land Ownership Award (CLOAs) and Certificates of Condonation with Release of Mortgage (COCROMs) in Isabela on Friday.

“The Department of Agriculture is extending the insurance of our [farmers] and fishermen to ensure that you are prepared and protected from any damage of crisis or disaster that may come to your farms,” Marcos said.

“This insurance for crops or fishing equipment is very important, especially in regions that are often hit by typhoons or disasters,” he added.

“That’s why I encourage our farmers and fishermen to enroll in this program, the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation, to ensure the protection of your livelihoods against disasters,” Marcos further said.

During the event, Marcos led the distribution of 456 CLOAs and electronic titles for the SPLIT (Support to Parcelization of Lands for Individual Titling) Project for 346 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs) across Isabela.

He also handed over 25,773 COCROMs to 21,496 ARBs, which forgave the ARBs debts worth P1.1 billion.

<https://newsinfo.inquirer.net/2008060/marcos-encourages-farmers-fishers-to-enroll-in-da-insurance-program>

**REMATE:**

## **DA, CPU sanib-pwersa sa pagpapakilala sa organic agriculture**

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MANILA, Philippines – Nagsanib-pwersa ang Department of Agriculture (DA) at Central Philippine University (CPU) sa serye ng mga event para palakasin pa ang awareness ng mga tao kaugnay sa organic agriculture kasabay ng selebrasyon ng bansa sa Organic Agriculture Month ngayong Nobyembre.

“Our purpose is to promote the importance of organic agriculture, achieve food security, global competitiveness, environmental integrity, and alleviating poverty,” ayon kay Dr. Joyce Wendam, CPU outreach program coordinator.

Ani Wendam, importante na masangkot ang mga magsasaka sa organic farming.

Inoobliga ang mga ito na ilaan ang 7% ng kanilang production area para sa organic agriculture, ngunit mas mainam kung mapatataas pa.

“It is important that we promote the adoption of organic agriculture because of food safety, the sustainable livelihood of farmers, environmental protection, and then there is the promotion of social justice, and disaster risk and mitigating measures,” dagdag pa niya.

Ang serye ng mga aktibidad ay nagsimula noong Nobyembre 18 sa pagbubukas ng trade fair, habang ang iba pang highlights ay mula Nobyembre 20 hanggang 22.

Kabilang dito ang organic research symposium para sa mga estudyante at professional, organic quiz bee para sa mga estudyante, folk media (binalaybay and comoso) competition para sa mga magsasaka, poster-making competition, at organic cooking contest.

“Our students are the successor generation. They have to succeed our aging farmers. The role of our youth is more on agri-entrepreneurship, so there will be value-adding and money in agriculture,” sinabi ni Wendam.

Samantala, sinabi ni DA Regional Agri-Fishery and Information Division chief James Earl Ogatis, ang kahalagahan ng folk media competition nitong Biyernes.

“We have proven that through folk media, we can disseminate and our farmers will understand how to apply the technology and narrate the details of the program.” *RNT/JGC*

<https://remate.ph/da-cpu-sanib-pwersa-sa-pagpapakilala-sa-organic-agriculture/>

**REMATE:**

## Suplay ng baboy sapat sa Pasko – DA

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MANILA, Philippines – Hindi na kailangang maglagay ng price cap sa mga baboy, lalo na sa lechon sa paparating na Christmas season sa kabila ng epekto ng African swine fever (ASF) sa bansa, sinabi ni Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr.

“No, I don’t believe in price caps. Especially roasted pigs. Technically, it’s a luxury item,” pahayag ni Tiu Laurel sa isang panayam.

Aniya, bagamat may “minimal” price increase na inaasahan sa peak demands tuwing Pasko, ang bansa ay mayroong “stable” na pork supply.

“I don’t think it’s going to be a big increase [in prices]. I think increment, minor increase only,” dagdag pa niya.

Pinawi rin ni Chester Tan, chair ng National Federation of Hog Farmers, ang pangamba kaugnay sa supply stability ng baboy ngayong holiday season.

“Right now, we are assuring the public, this coming December season that we have enough supply of pork even for the lechoneros, [we have] enough supply,” saad ni Tan sa hiwalay na pahayag.



Aniya, nakakuha na sila ng forecasts, planning at paghahanda kasama ang DA sa nakalipas na dalawa hanggang tatlong buwan.

Samantala, sinabi ng DA chief na nakatulong din sa pagpapalakas ng stock ng bansa ang pagdating ng mga pork import.

“I think, we have enough supply. Actually, I was looking at the import numbers the other day, and [it shows that] there is 10 percent more importation of pork this year than last year,” ani Tiu Laurel.

Hanggang noong Setyembre 30, mayroong mahigit 517.85 milyong kilo ng imported pork ang dumating sa bansa mula noong Enero. *RNT/JGC*

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**REMATE:**

# Unang kaso ng bird flu infection sa bata, naitala sa California

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UNITED STATES – Kinumpirma ng US health officials ang kauna-unahang kaso ng bird flu infection sa isang bata, sa Estados Unidos.

Ang bata ay mayroong mild systems na ginagamot ng antiviral medication, at nagpapagaling na ayon sa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Pumapasok sa daycare ang bata at nakatira sa Alameda County sa California.

Dahil dito ay umakyat na sa 55 ang bilang ng mga kaso ng bird flu ngayong taon, kabilang ang 29 sa California.

Karamihan sa mga nagpositibo ay mga farm workers.

Samantala, palaisipan naman kung paano nahawa ang isang lalaki sa Missouri na hindi nagtatrabaho sa farm at walang contact sa infected na hayop.

Naospital din kamakailan ang isang kabataan sa British Columbia dahil sa bird flu. *RNT/JGC*

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**REMATE:**

## **Limitadong pag-angkat ng puting sibuyas, ilang gulay target ng DA**

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MANILA, Philippines – Masusing pinag-aaralan na ngayon ng Department of Agriculture (DA) ang limitadong pag-aangkat ng mga puting sibuyas at piling gulay, sinabi ni Agriculture Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr.

Ito ay matapos ang pananalasa ng magkakasunod na malalakas na bagyo na nakaapekto sa karamihan sa mga rehiyong gumagawa ng gulay sa kabundukan at mababang lupain sa Luzon.

“Nakikita ko, kailangan kong mag-import ng white onion dahil tumaas from PHP80 to PHP120 ngayon sa merkado eh dahil sa mga bagyo. ” ani Tiu Laurel sa isang ambush interview.

Ayon sa DA-Bantay Presyo (price monitoring), ang umiiral na presyo ng lokal na puting sibuyas sa Metro Manila ay mula PHP80 hanggang PHP140 kada kg.; habang ang mga presyo ng imported na medium-size na puting sibuyas ay mula PHP65 hanggang PHP160 kada kg., simula noong Miyerkules.

Noong Agosto, inaprubahan ng DA ang pag-aangkat at mga by-batch na pagdating ng 16,000 metrikong tonelada ng puting sibuyas upang matiyak ang matatag na suplay sa tahanan.

Maliban sa mga puting sibuyas, binanggit din ng DA chief ang posibleng pag-aangkat ng mga gulay sa sandaling makita ng patuloy na pagtatasa ang pangangailangan.

Nitong Miyerkules, tumalon ang presyo ng carrots sa Metro Manila sa PHP150 hanggang PHP230 kada kg., mas mataas sa PHP130 hanggang PHP160 kada kg. noong Oktubre 21;

Ang mga presyo ng kamatis ay tumaas din sa PHP150 hanggang PHP230 kada kg., mula noong nakaraang buwan ay PHP100 hanggang PHP170 kada kg. (*Santi Celario*)

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**REMATE:**

# DA mgtuturok ng 150K doses ng bakuna vs ASF

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MANILA – Kasunod ng matagumpay na paglulunsad ng 10,000 doses ng AVAC live vaccines laban sa African swine fever (ASF), sinabi ng Department of Agriculture (DA) nitong Huwebes na magpapatuloy ito sa paglulunsad ng 150,000 doses sa ilalim ng mga bakuna na kontrolado ng gobyerno.

“Iyong (The rollout of) 10,000 tapos na (is already finished). So, we are now starting (procedures) with the next 150,000,” ani DA Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel Jr.

Nauna nang pinalawak ng DA ang pagbabakuna na kontrolado ng gobyerno sa mga malusog at ASF-negative na baboy sa mga lugar sa labas ng Batangas, kabilang ang Laguna at Central Luzon.

Ang 150,000 doses, gayunpaman, ay ihahatid pa sa bansa, sinabi ng hepe ng DA.

Ayon sa Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), nasa 465 barangay sa Cordillera Administrative Region, Ilocos, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Bicol, at Soccsksargen ang nasa ilalim pa rin ng red zone, o mga lugar na may aktibong kaso ng ASF. *Santi Celario*

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