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Vegetables and Fruits
display at Agriculture
Show 2018



Some Pigs displayed at
Agriculture Show 2018 by
the Animal Protection and
Health Division.



Variety of fish displayed at
Agriculture Show 2018 by
the Fisheries Division.

OUR VISION

A sustainable agriculture and
fisheries sector for food security,
health, prosperity, job creation
and resilience.

OUR GOAL

To increase food nutrition and
income security

OUR THEME

Enhancing partnerships to
develop and sustain agriculture
and fisheries

AGRICULTURE SHOW MONTH

Improving Capacity for managing Pests and Diseases of Coconuts



The Coconut Industry Development for the Pacific (C.I.D.P) together with the Pacific Community and the European Union, representatives from 15 island countries of the Pacific and private sectors participated effectively to this training which was held at Tanoa Tusitala Hotel.

Team Leader of CIDP shared that by the end of this training, the participants will understand the type of pests and diseases that are affecting our coconut plantations, symptoms and practical ways to manage and control pests and diseases. The training also helps to build the ideas of how to approach communities for awareness and organize collective efforts to destroy and decrease pests and diseases. Team Leader Hussein also shared that under the 10th European Development Fund, the European Union has allocated EUR4 million (SAT\$2.2 million) to assist the coconut industry in the Pacific under the CIDP Project.

The representatives were from Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Republic Micronesian Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timore Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Samoa.



The look of a coconut tree when contaminated by its pests and diseases

SAMOA AGRICULTURE SHOW 2018

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries is on it again; showcasing the different farms in Samoa. Some of the different crops, fish and livestock farms were exhibited and displayed.

Afioga Lopao Mu'a; Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries officially opened the two separate events for Upolu and Savaii. Some of the farmers from around Samoa participated in this event with some of the companies and industries that were invited to join. There were stakeholders and partners of the ministry present for both occasions. More than 200 farmers and farmer groups from around Samoa registered and took part in this initiative this year.

Prior to the Agriculture and Fisheries Show, was an inspection for farms of the different crops, fish and live-stock in hopes to improve and enhance the development of our local produce and farm technologies to sustain farming locally. In conclusion to these inspections; the rewards and prizes were presented to the most favourable farms according to the criteria of the inspections.

The Agriculture Show held every year is mainly focused on valuing the efforts of our stakeholders

including both primary and value added sectors. For the first time since the establishment of this initiative, our local value added producers were involved and their contribution this year is a sign of sustainability and improvement for our agriculture sector. There was local honey sellers as well, those of whom are farming and developing our local honey for both local and overseas markets. The MAF, Crops Division is currently responsible with assisting the honey bee farming given that this is catalytic to the pollination of our fruit orchards; giving more and fast yield.

The Ministry is also contributing to the advancement of our youth farmers, in close collaboration with the Youth Employment Project under the guidance of the UNDP. This program focuses on motivating and accompanying the youthful farmers in agricultural initiatives, mainly vegetable gardening. These youth were then awarded with prizes during the Agriculture Show.

Some of the prizes awarded for the farmers were tractors for plowing and clearing the land and some garden tools like shovels and knives and garden compost.

Some of the produces, schools artistic creativities, recipe tasting and giant clams displayed at the Agriculture Show this year





MAJOR CROPS GROWING CALENDARS FOR SAMOA

WET SEASON IN SAMOA

OCTOBER - MARCH

DRY SEASON IN SAMOA

APRIL - SEPTEMBER

CROPS	Peak Harvest Time & Optimum growing conditions	Planting Time	Number of harvest cycles per year	
Seasonal Crops				
Vegetables				
• Tomatoes	4 -6 months	  	Dry season	3 cycles
• Cucumber	4-6 months		Dry season	3 cycles
• Head Cabbage	3-4 months		Dry season	3 cycles
• Chinese Cabbage	3- 4 weeks		Dry season	3 cycles
• Pumpkin	4- 12 months		All year round	
Spices				
• Ginger	5-6 months	  	All year round	
• Black pepper	2-3 years		All year round	
• Spring Onions	2-3 months		Wet season	
Annual Crops				
• Taro	6 -8months	        	All year round	1.5 cycles
• Taamu	7- 8 months		All year round	1 cycle
• Banana	8-12 months		All year round	1 cycle
• Yam	7-8 months		All year round	1.5 cycles
• Talo palagi	6-8 months		All year round	1.5 cycles
• Cassava	5-8 months		All year round	1.5 cycles
• Papaya	8 months		All year round	1.5 cycles
• Peanuts	4 months		All year round	3 cycles
• Pineapple	12 months		All year round	1 cycle
Permanent Crops				
• Coconut	Fruits in 5yrs and peaks from 6-20yrs			1 cycle
• Cocoa	Fruit in 3yrs and peaks from 4-20yrs			1 cycle
• Breadfruit	Fruit in 3yrs and peak from 4 -30yrs			1 cycle
• Coffee				2 cycles
• Mango	Fruit in 4yrs, peaks in 5-20yrs			1 cycle
• Avocado	Fruits in 5yrs,peaks from 6-20yrs			1 cycle
• Rambutan	Fruits in 5 yrs,peaks from 6-20yrs			1 cycle