

Accomplished

- Distributed/Installed 715 units of flatbed dryers to minimize post-harvest losses and maintain grain quality for better prices



- 15 Corn Post-harvest Processing & Trading Centers are being established in addition to the four that are operational, each serving an area of 2,000 hectares of corn land geared to produce high quality corn and reduce post-harvest losses for additional income of farmers

Seeds and Other Genetic Materials

- DA will continue to pursue the development, propagation, distribution and adoption of sturdy, pest and disease resistant, high yield plant seeds and fruit crop seedlings, and superior breed of fast growing and prolific livestock and poultry animals, marine and aquaculture species

Accomplished

- Provided certified seeds to 2,698,691 ha and Hybrid seeds to 331,459 ha

- Distributed 15.5 M pieces of planting materials (e.g. sugarcane, mango, coconut, cashew, citrus, lanzones, durian, cassava, mushroom (spawn), and forage (cuttings) and 35 MT of seaweeds



- Distributed 29,059 head of various animals (large and small ruminants, poultry and swine)

- Distributed 159 M pieces of fingerlings and 2.25 M pieces of broodstock

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Dryers & other Postharvest Facilities

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Surmounting the Global Challenges of Agriculture Towards Philippine Food Self-Sufficiency and Security

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To raise the national food sufficiency level and ensure "Pagkain sa bawat mesa" for every Filipino, Her Excellency President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo rolled out during the National Food Summit in Pampanga on April 4, 2008 her centerpiece program for Philippine agriculture – a multi-billion intervention package aptly dubbed as **FIELDS**.

FIELDS involves the provision of six major interventions such as Fertilizer, Irrigation, Extension, education, and training, Loans, Dryers and other postharvest facilities, and Seeds to sustain Philippine agriculture's



high growth and guarantee long-term food security and sufficiency in the face of the unprecedented global food crisis.

To realize the vision of a modern and sustainable agricultural and fishery sectors, the Department of Agriculture (DA) will remain focused simplifying its programs and centering interventions for 2009 to 2010.

Fertilizer – DA is intensifying its campaign on the use of organic fertilizers. The DA-Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) in partnership with farmers' groups and NGOs, is tasked to implement the National Organic Agriculture Tamang-Abono Project to address the high cost of chemical-based fertilizers and to promote sustainable agriculture.

For 2009-2010, the DA will continue to promote among farmers the use of proven technologies like Bio-N and empower them to produce their own organic fertilizers.

Accomplished

- Distributed 3.56 million (M) fertilizer coupons to about 1.78 M farmers

- Distributed 27,316,585 (kilo gram)



kg of organic fertilizers and other soil ameliorants such as Bio-N, Vital-N and Bio-con

- Established four Bio-N mixing plants in Tampakan, South Cotabato; Maguindanao; Davao Oriental; and Zamboanga City while two were maintained in Iloilo and Capiz

- Distributed 2,026 soil test kits and 43,135 leaf color charts (LCC) and Minus-One-Element-Technique (MOET) kits to minimize wastage of fertilizer and soil ameliorants

Irrigation – The DA through the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) will continue to spend and invest on irrigation systems and other rural infrastructure such as farm-to market roads, Roll-on, Roll-off, ferry ports and no-frills airports for agricultural cargo.

On the otherhand, the DA-BSWM will also prioritize the construction of small irrigation facilities in partnership with the local government units and farmers' groups.

Accomplished

- Generated 13,481 hectares (ha) of new areas, rehabilitated 87,305 ha and restored 51,819 ha

- Completed 1,200 kilometers (km) of farm-to-market roads while some 2,223 km programmed in 2008 will be substantially completed by the end of June 2009

- Established 15 mariculture parks to promote fish culture in cages in marine waters located in coves or protected areas

- Constructed 11 tramlines (7 in Benguet; 3 in Mt. Province; 1 in Nueva Vizcaya) to transport commodities from highlands to the market)



Extension, education and training – Continuous allocation of funds for agricultural and fishery extension services, research and development initiatives, and education and training of farmers and fisheries on modern, innovative, cost-efficient, sustainable and market-driven technologies.

Through the DA's Agricultural Training Institute, Philippine Rice Research Institute and other concerned bureaus and agencies,

trainings and retooling of more trainors, local government officers and technicians will be conducted in partnership with State Universities and Colleges (SUCs).

Accomplished

- Conducted 7,878 training and training-related activities for 164,164 farm
- Established 5,299 techno-demos on Integrated Fish farming; and rice improvement, Diversified and Integrated Farm (Palayamanan) and Palay Check System

- Conducted 2,170 various research and development to generate production-enhancing and cost-reducing

Loans – The DA will push the amendment of the Act to maximize the compliance of banks to allocate funds for agriculture and agrarian reform sectors. President Arroyo asked Congress to enact a law allowing farmers to use their land as collateral for bank loans.

Accomplished

- Released a total of Php 3.834 billion (B) loans to 123,008 farmers/fisherfolk under the various lending facilities of the Agro-Industry Modernization Credit and Financing Program

- Released Php 21.06B production loan assistance for palay through LBP to 334,904 farmer beneficiaries



Dryers and other postharvest facilities – cooperation with the private sector, LGUs, and farmers to establish appropriate integrated processing and trading facilities such as cold chain systems and palay and corn processing to reduce post-production losses and preserve the quality of produce.