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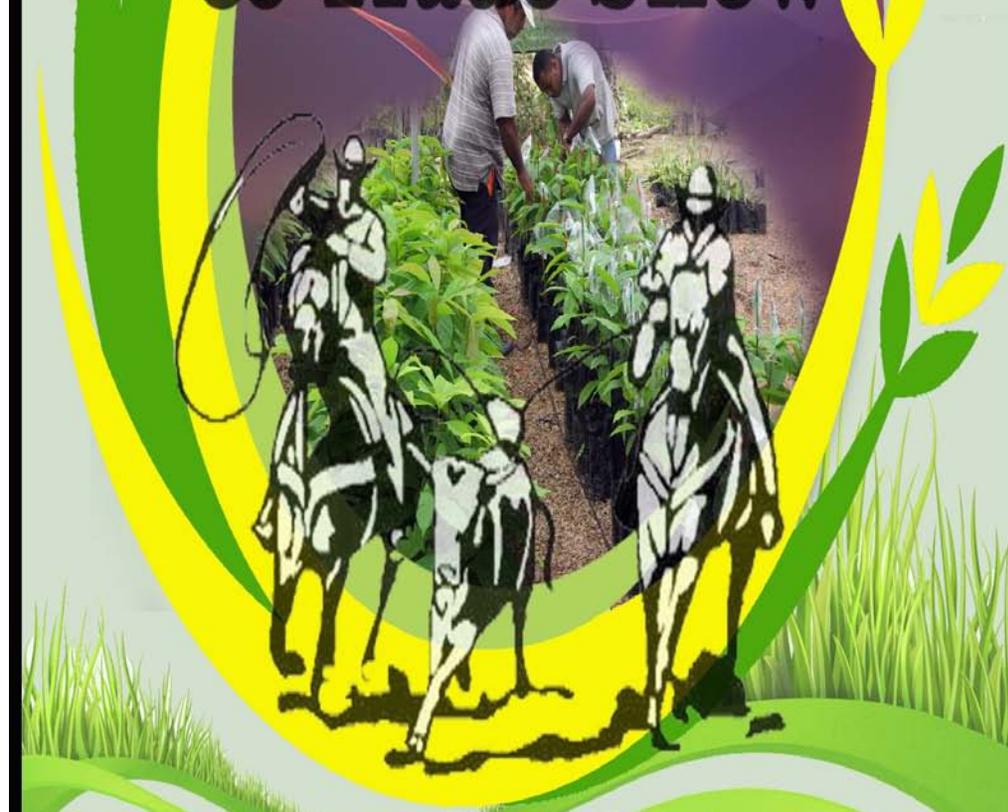
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**"Stimulating Prosperity in Agriculture and Food  
Production through Renewed Public Private Partnership"**

# National Agriculture & Trade Show



**May 2-4, 2014**

## Official Opening Ceremony

### NATIONAL AGRICULTURE & TRADE SHOW 2014

National Showground, Belmopan

Friday, 2 May – 2014

#### Master of Ceremony – Belarmino Esquivel

3:45 pm Guest to be seated

3:55 pm – Arrival of the Governor General

4:00 pm – Inspection of the Guard of Honour by the Governor General

Sir Colville Young

4:05pm – National Anthem – Panerrifix Steel Band

4:08 pm – Invocation – Rev. Hughington Williams

4:10 pm – Welcome Address – His Worship Mr. Simeon Lopez, Mayor of  
Belmopan

4:20 pm – Address by Guest Speaker – Mr. Alvin Henderson

4:30 pm – Entertainment by Panerrifix Steel Band

4:35 pm – Sashing of the Farmers of the Year

By Hon. Hugo Patt – Minister of State in the Ministry of Natural  
Resources and Agriculture assisted by Ms. Belmopan

Junior Farmer – Mr. Deiny Jones—Cayo District

Woman Farmer – Mrs. Angelica Dubon—Toledo District

Senior Farmer – Mr. Felix Esquivel—Corozal District

4:40 pm – Address by Keynote Speaker

Minister of Natural Resources and Agriculture

Hon. Gaspar Vega

4:50 pm – Vote of Thanks

By NATS Committee Co-Chair – Mr. Roberto Harrison

5:00 pm – Departure of the Governor General

(Please remain in place until the Governor General has departed)

#### Junior Farmer



Mr. Dieny Jones is a 20 year old farmer from La Gracia Village in the Cayo District. The diversified 60-acre farm which he works on belongs to his father, but he directly manages his vegetable production including carrots, onions, potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage and sweet pepper among others. He also produces grains such as corn and beans as well as an assortment of fruits. He raises sheep, ducks, goat, chickens and owns his own horse. In addition, he grows tilapias. He participates in district workshops and trainings and from the knowledge gained adopted the use of Irrigation system, Protective structures and use of small Machinery. He is an inspiring young farmer and advocates for more youth involvement in agriculture.

#### Senior Farmer



Mr. Felix Esquivel is a dynamic 45 year old senior farmer from Corozal Town. He is married and has 8 children. He has dedicated his entire life to farming and was the Junior farmer of the year for 1990. Since then, he has continued to grow and develop more knowledge and experience that has resulted in him earning this year's Senior Farmer of the year award. Mr. Esquivel currently has 130 acres of land, of that; 100 acres has been developed through agriculture. He manages 60 heads of cattle with 30 acres of improved pastures. Recently he started a local chicken operation to meet the local demand for chickens. He also is a major producer of honey and bee pollen. Agriculture has become his main source of income and provides food security for his family and his community

#### Woman Farmer

Mrs. Angelica Ursula Dubon lives in the quiet and serene village of Yemeri Groove. She is now 66 years young. Since November of 1969 she has been involved with part time farming. After 1995 she became a full time farmer gradually converting her farm into an integrated farm. The farm has improved greatly making better use of her land and the application of innovative technologies. The Farm now comprises of 60 acres of improved pasture, 51 heads of cattle, pigs, horses, and backyard chickens, 7 acres of assorted fruit trees, 1 acre of protein/energy bank, 1acre of corn and 1/4ac of assorted vegetables. Her farming system provides the necessary resources for the continued development and investment.

