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National Agriculture & Trade Show 2012

April 27th, 28th & 29th

Programme of Events

Theme "Agriculture: Creating Greater Business Opportunities, a healthier Population and a more Robust Economy"

**Official Opening Ceremony
NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SHOW 2012
National Showground, Belmopan
Friday, 27th April, 2012**

Master of Ceremony.....Pastor Louis Wade Jr.

- 3:40 pm.....Arrival of Dignitaries
- 3:45 pm.....Arrival of the Mayor of Belmopan
- 3:55 pm.....Arrival of Minister of Natural Resources & Agriculture
- 4:00 pm.....Inspection of the Guard of Honor by the Governor
General Sir Colville Young
- 4:05 am.....National Anthem – Seventh Day Adventist School
- 4:08 pm.....Invocation – Rev. Kofia Nials Methodist
- 4:10 pm.....Welcome Address, His Worship Mr. Simeon Lopez
- 4:15 pm.....Poem, Mr. Mark Talbert
- 4:20 pm.....Address by Guest Speaker, Mrs. Marie Sharp
- 4:30 pm.....Entertainment by Orquidea Negra
- 4:35 pm.....Sashing of the Farmers of the Year
By Hon. Hugo Patt assisted by
Ms. Belmopan, Ashanti Garcia
Junior Farmer of the Year Nandy Aldana
Woman Farmer of the Year, Mrs. Maria Balan
Senior Farmer of the Year, Mr. Jorge Morales
- 4:40 pm.....Address by Keynote speaker
Minister of Natural Resources and Agriculture
Hon. Gaspar Vega
- 4:50 pm.....Vote of Thanks
NATS Committee Chairman, Mr. Eugene Waight
- 5:00 pm.....Departure of the Governor General

Please remain in place until the Governor General has departed.

Please Note:

All gates will be closed between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm so that the opening ceremonies will not be disrupted.

National Agriculture & Trade Show Committee Members 2012

- Chairman.....Mr. Eugene Waight
- Treasurer.....Mr. Manuel Matus
- Secretary.....Mrs. Mabelline Flores
- Grounds Coordinator.....Mr. Clifford Sabala
- Ministry of Agriculture Representative.....Mr. Roberto Harrison
- Police Department Representative.....Insp. Christobal Valero
- Belize Livestock Association Representatives.....Mr. Roger Cal
Mr. Harold Parham
- Public Relations Officer.....Mrs. Claudia Groutsche
- Member.....Mr. Atlay Morales
- Member.....Mr. James Robinson
- Member.....Mr. Armin Cansino
- Member.....Mrs. Nilda Sosa Riverol
- Member.....Mr. Enrique August
- Member.....Dr. Paul Flowers
- Member.....Ms. Tanya Marsden
- Member.....Mr. Hector Torres
- Member.....Ms. Catherine Hob
- Member.....Mr. Melanio Pech
- Member.....Mrs. Malukah Cardona
- Member.....Ms. Catherine Hob

Love FM Agric Show Main Stage 2012

Saturday April 28, 2012

- 10:00-10:30..... Award Ceremony Farmers of the Year 2012
10:30-11:00..... Gilharry 7 Band
11:00-11:30..... Mr. Peter's Boom and Chime Band
11:30-12:00..... Coconut Husking Competition - Lime Sucking
Competition - Baby Bottle Juice Drinking – Watermelon
Eating – Cane Peeling Competition – Sweet Pepper
Eating & Other agriculture
12:00-2:00pm..... Estereo Amor Segment featuring giveaways, live
Entertainment and competitions
2:00-3:00..... Agriculture presentation by Independence High
School
3:00-3:30..... Coconut Husking plus other competitions
3:30- 4:00..... Mr. Peter's Boom & Chime Band
4:00-5:00..... Gilharry 7 Band
5:00-5:30..... Consigo and Positive Vibes/Taprick
5:30-6:00..... McKoy backed by Gilharry 7

Sunday April 29, 2012

- 10:00-11:30..... Tropigas-BWEL- Love FM Agric Cooking
competition (under the shed at the main stage)
SIMULTANEOUSLY on the main stage:
10:00- 10:30..... Gilharry 7
10:30-11:00..... Coconut Husking- Corn Shelling- Ice Cream
Eating- Lime Sucking and other competitions
11:00-12:00..... Gilharry 7
12:00-2:00..... Estereo Amor Segment featuring Abraxas,
competitions and giveaways.
2:00-2:30..... Competition and Prizes
2:30-3:30..... Gilharry 7
3:30-4:00..... Chico Ramos & New Rebels Band
4:00-4:30 The Real McKoy backed up by Gilharry 7
4:30-5:00..... Consigo & Positive Vibes & Taprick
5:00-6:00..... Lovaboy backed up by Gilharry 7

NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SHOW 2012

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday April 28th

- 6:00 am..... Gates open – Entrance Fee – Adult \$5.00 Children \$2.00
8:00 am..... Live Broadcasts begin on all major radio stations
10:00 am..... Livestock Judging (Cattle)
10:00 am..... Award Ceremony Farmers of the Year 2012 (Main Stage)
10:00 am..... 1st Stage of Horse Show - Adults \$2.00 Kids \$1.00
10.30 am..... Judging of Booths
10.30 am..... Live Music Gilharry & Band (Main Stage)
11:00 am..... Mr. Peter's Boom and Chime Band (Main Stage)
11:30 am..... Coconut Husking Competition - Lime Sucking
Competition - Baby Bottle Juice Drinking – Watermelon
Eating – Cane Peeling Competition – Sweet Pepper
Eating & Other agriculture
12:00 noon..... Estereo Amor Segment featuring giveaways, live
Entertainment and Competitions.
1:00 pm Rodeo– Rodeo Arena
1:00 pm..... 2nd Stage of Horse Show - Adults \$2.00 Kids \$1.00
2:00 pm..... Flower Show Judging (at the flower palace)
2:00 pm..... Arrival of Agriculture and Trade Show River Challenge
Canoe teams will come ashore at the Canoe Landing
2:00 pm..... Agriculture presentation By Independence High School
3:00 pm..... Coconut Husking plus Other Competitions
3:30 pm..... Mr. Peter's Boom and Chime Band (Main Stage)
4:00 pm..... Gilharry 7 (Main Stage)
5:00 pm..... Quad Motorcycle Exhibits
5:30 pm..... Consigo and Positive Vibes / Taprick (Main Stage)

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- 6:00 am..... Gates open – Entrance Fee – Adult \$5.00 Children \$2.00
8:00 am..... Live Broadcasts begin on all major radio stations
10.00 am..... Livestock Judging (Horse)
10:00 am..... Tropigas/BWEL –Love FM Agric Cooking Competition (Main Stage)
10:30 am..... Coconut Husking, Corn Shelling, Ice Cream Eating, Lime Sucking
and other competitions (Main Stage)
11:00 am..... Live music with Gilharry 7
12:00 noon..... Estereo Amor Segment featuring Abraxas, competitions and
giveaways
1:00pm..... Rodeo– Rodeo Arena
2:00 pm..... Competition and prizes (Main Stage)
2:30 pm..... Gilharry 7 Band (Main Stage)
3:30 pm..... Chico Ramos & New Rebels Band (Main Stage)
4:00 pm..... The Real McKoy backed by Gilharry 7 band (Main Stage)
4:30 pm..... Consigo and Positive Vibes / Taprick (Main Stage)
5:00 pm..... Lovaboy backed by Gilharry 7 Band (Main Stage)
6:00 pm..... Show Closes – **See you Next Year!!**

Profile Farmers of the year 2012

Mr. Nandy Aldana is 15 years old and lives in Concepcion Village, Corozal District. Although he obtained the second highest PSE score in his village, Mr. Nandy did not take up the scholarship that was offered to attend high school; instead he choose to become a farmer. He loves working in agriculture and has been doing this for the past three years. He works on a five acre plot of land where he plants watermelon, cilantro, pumpkins, sweet peppers, hot peppers, melons, corn, and root crops on a yearly basis. He has a total of 47 local chickens from which he collects the eggs and sells to the community. He markets his crops at the Corozal Town wholesale market. He is young and hard working and would not change what he does; he loves agriculture and he knows that it is profitable.



Mrs. Maria Balan is a 48 year farmer from of Bullet Tree Falls. Mrs. Balan has been farming since 1990 and operates a five acre plot of land. She has diversified and cultivates an assortment of fresh vegetables by utilizing a drip irrigation system. Mrs. Balan manages a small herd of small stock (Sheep and poultry production). She has recently improved her agricultural practices with the introduction a vermiculture to aid in the production of organic material, which improves soil fertility and reduces the cost of vegetable production. In addition, she is currently using a cover structure to protect her vegetables from pests. Mrs. Balan is also involved in the processing of Cohune Oil and markets her products at the Farmers’ Market in San Ignacio on market days. She is proud to be member of the Belizean farming community that supplies healthy and quality produce to the Belizean consumers.



Mr. Jorge Morales, Senior Farmer of the Year, is 31 years old and comes from Consejo road, Corozal District. Mr. Morales’s farm comprises plantain trees, fruit trees, cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, turkeys and local chicken. He also cultivates sweet peppers, carrots, potatoes, tomatoes and other vegetables. To improve his vegetable production, this farmer has established a drip irrigation system at his farm. His produce is mainly sold at the San Pedro, Ambergris Caye market. Mr. Morales has a technical background in animal husbandry and vegetable production, including the proper management and control of pests and diseases. He has forty eight acres of farm land and most of it is already develop. For Mr. Jorge Morales, agriculture is not only a good business; it is also a way of life.



Nominees for Farmers of the Year 2012

Farmers	Senior	Female	Junior
Corozal	Jorge Morales	Placida Gomez	Nandy Aldana
Orange Walk	Alan Carrillo	Nori Hernandez	Saul Morales
Belize	Santos Gonzalez	Marta Payes	None
Cayo	Juan Tun	Maria Balan	Jose Luis Uck
Stann Creek	Ian McLaughlin	Emma Esmalla	None
Toledo	Julius Matthew Lewis	Clotilda Requena	Rogelio Oliva

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE DISTRICT NOMINEES AND SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE FARMERS WHO PARTICIPATED.

Judges for Farmers of the year 2012
Mr. Oscar Salazar MAF
Mr. Justaquio Tush MAF
Mr. Roger Cal BLPA