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“...enhancing partnerships to develop and sustain agriculture and fisheries...”



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## 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

## NATIONAL CAREER DAY 2018

Theme: - “*Lifelong Learning.*”

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries contributed to this year’s Career Day for both Savaii & Upolu islands and was organized and facilitated by the Samoa Qualifications Authority.

In this year’s career day all the Divisions within the Ministry participated and displayed various resources and services for the information of the students and public who were there to listen and observe the event. Many were so keen to find out what exactly the Ministry’s role is in the Agriculture Sector, the different jobs offered by if once completed their studies.

The various brochures and information leaflets distributed on these days were vital for any science research or studies especially promoting the Agricultural Science as a field of study.

The majority of students shared their interests in the different possible careers within the Ministry and also their enthusiasm about the technical side of the Ministry, including the Animal Protection and Health Division, Fisheries Division, Crops Division and the services offered by the Quarantine Division to ensure that our country is free from the many agricultural and environment pests and diseases.

This close collaboration between ministries is one of the powerful tools used by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to reach out to create awareness of the public about the services offered, not just for farming purposes but also other opportunities that are beneficial for everyone.

## Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries' contribution to Samoa's National Youth Week 2018

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*“As for the Youth Week, a tree planted today, if looked after properly it will become a tree grown to be fruitful. The Samoan government together with organizations such as the United Nations, Australian Government, Japanese Government, Chinese Government and New Zealand Government, all aim for safer opportunities to develop the lives of youths. This is because you are very important to the development of Samoa; you are future leaders. There's only one day allocated by the United Nations for the whole world to celebrate youths but a whole week has been given by the government of Samoa for all of you.” - Hon Prime Minister, Tuilaepa Sailele Lufesoliai Malielegaoi.*

In 2017, the government started celebrating both the International Youth Day and our National Youth Day on the same week, leading on to Father's Day. In this year's event the three days will be commemorated jointly. The event will be mainly focused on the youths showcasing and striving to improve and develop their various talents and interests. In Samoa, the youth age is from the ages 18 to 35 years old.

This Youth/Business Expo 2018 is an initiative organized and facilitated by the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development and the United Nations Development Program under the Samoa One UN Youth Employment Project. The theme for this year's National Youth Week is “Safe Space for Youth”.

In commemorating this year's National Youth week, other government Ministries were invited to participate and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries was one of the invitees. This space provided a platform for the MAF services to be presented for the information of the Youth and public, mainly those that are farmers and fishers. There were consultations with youth that visited about the possibilities of farm produces towards the markets at both local and overseas levels, the possible career developments at the Ministry and providing them with the information on the different Crops in Samoa, Livestock farms and Fisheries.

The Ministry will definitely look forward to effectively participate to this event every year and continue this support in developing and accompanying the youth of Samoa through agriculture and fisheries.



# 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
<b>Seasonal Crops</b>			
<b>Vegetables</b>			
• Tomatoes	4-6 months		Dry season
• Cucumber	4-6 months		Dry season
• Head Cabbage	3-4 months		Dry season
• Chinese Cabbage	3-4 weeks		Dry season
• Pumpkin	4-12 months		All year round
<b>Spices</b>			
• Ginger	5-6 months		All year round
• Black pepper	2-3 years		All year round
• Spring Onions	2-3 months		Wet season
<b>Annual Crops</b>			
• Taro	6-8 months		All year round
• Taamu	7-8 months		All year round
• Banana	8-12 months		All year round
• Yam	7-8 months		All year round
• Talo palagi	6-8 months		All year round
• Cassava	5-8 months		All year round
• Papaya	8 months		All year round
• Peanuts	4 months		All year round
• Pineapple	12 months		All year round
<b>Permanent Crops</b>			
• 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	Fruit in 4yrs, peaks in 5-20yrs		2 cycles
• Mango	Fruits in 5yrs, peaks from 6-20yrs		1 cycle
• Avocado	Fruits in 5yrs, peaks from 6-20yrs		1 cycle
• Rambutan	Fruits in 5 yrs, peaks from 6-20yrs		1 cycle