

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

Focuses on increasing production and productivity of crops, livestock, and fish in a manner so as to ensure food security, nutrition, and increased house hold incomes.

Major functions of the sector:

- (i) Enforcing laws and regulations to address the challenges of crop and livestock diseases, and supporting the control of diseases, pests and vermin.
- (ii) Ensuring that coordination and synergies are enhanced between agricultural research, supply of inputs and extension services as well as agro-processing, value addition and market access.
- (iii) Formulation of Action plans focusing on; Irrigation technologies, strengthening measures to protect the environment and avert climate change effects on food security and tree planting.
- (iv) Promoting food safety and standards for domestically consumed products through enforcement of standards and enhancing regulations.
- (v) Strengthening farmer associations /cooperatives to streamline provision of extension services, improve farmer mobilization and linkage of farmer associations to agro-industries.
- (vi) Aquaculture development and promoting collaboration between public, Government and the private sector.
- (vii) Ensuring that coordination and synergies are enhanced to collect Agricultural Statistics

Key achievements

A. district production management services

- Supervised activities under the sub-sectors
- Mobilized and selected 3,126 farmers for OWC inputs for season B and A 2018/2019
- Distributed 18,200 Kgs of Bean seed, 12,000 Banana Tissue Culture and 31,850 Kgs of maize seed, 52 heifers, and 156 piglets.
- Paid staff salaries from July 2018-March 2019.
- Extension Staff facilitated to provide advisory services to farmers.
- Identified 270 model farmers to demonstrate the 4-acre model per parish.

- Registered 7,473 Agricultural Households

B Crop production services

- Supervised Agriculture Extension and Advisory Services in the Sub Counties
- Registered 173 Nursery operators for seedlings and vegetative materials.
- Received demonstration materials for control of Fall Army Worms (FAW) from MAAIF.
- Trained 482 farmers on FAW

C Livestock production services

- Undertook Surveillance of Foot and Mouth Disease in Kamira and Butuntumula.
- Vaccinated 133 cattle against Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)
- Vaccinated 53 dogs and 67 cats against rabies.
- Treated 11,264 clinical cases in livestock. **Theileriosis** (ECF) was the most prevalent
- Inseminated 289 heads of cattle.
- Identified and prepared beneficiaries of OWC; piggery (156) and heifers (52)
- Inspected carcasses of 3,196 cattle, 704 goat, 168 sheep and 1,984 pigs.
- Inspected 19,200 liters of milk and 18,000 eggs

D Fisheries production

- Carried out routine fish hygiene inspection in public fish markets in markets of Luwero, Wobulenzi and Bombo.

E Vermin control services

- Sensitized and created awareness on crop protection against vermin in all LLGs
- Anti-vermin operations were carried out in sub counties

F Tsetse vector control and commercial insects

- Trained farmers and deployed Tsetse traps to reduce prevalence of **trypanosomiasis**
- Support supervision visits carried out in Kamira and Butuntumula

Priorities for 2019/2020

- Increasing agricultural production and Productivity
 - Improving access to critical inputs
 - Improving agricultural markets and value addition in the 13 commodities
 - Institutional and enabling environment strengthening for agricultural development
- (i) MAAIF support to Agriculture Extension Services will go towards provision of agricultural extension services by the District to:

- (ii) Establishment of the Young Farmers' Movement through the education sector in order to promote youth lead agricultural exhibitions and village Farm Schools
- (iii) Support establishment of fishponds to enhance food, nutritional and income security.
- (iv) Provision of foundation stocking materials of improved breeds of pigs and heifers.
- (v) Establish irrigation demonstration centers at small scale
- (vi) Provision of support to community based multiplication of planting materials
- (vii) Intensify the control of diseases, vectors and pests
- (viii) Promote Water for Production at Farm Level and Public Private Partnership.
- (ix) Work with other Development partners and Government agencies to mitigate Climate Change effects for better adaptability by Communities
- (x) Provision of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services
- (xi) Step up integration into Agricultural Value Chains (AVCs) and promote value addition.



District Production Officer Dr. Andrew Kidida Makubuya with UNMA officials sensitizing the public on climate change at Musana radio station.