

Newsletter

3rd QUARTER ACTIVITIES 2018 (July - September 2018)

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This newsletter presents activities and events that FPEAK was involved in for the months of July, August and September 2018.



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...among others.

Curriculum Development for Judicious use of Pesticides & IPM

FPEAK is part of the technical working group in the development of competence base IPM curriculum with the guidance of TVETA. The curriculum is expected to be published by the end of the year.

Fruits Vegetables and Herbs Conference and Exhibition 2018

The second edition of the conference was held on 5th to 7th September 2018 at Kenya School of Monetary Studies, Nairobi. The three-day event attracted over 300 participants drawn from the government, private sector, academia, research, farmers, development partners and financial institutions. special guests from SGF and JBT which are international organizations working in the fruit processing sector were in attendance.

Discussions revolved around Food Safety, Market Access ICT Solutions for horticulture, Market standards and SPS regulations and Horticulture finance



Retail Trade Code and Regulations

FPEAK is involved in the development of retail trade code and regulations in the domestic horticulture sector. The code is aimed at ensuring industry player protection from major losses due to delayed payment and/or for any reason, cannot continue to run the business. The code has already been submitted to the office of the PS Ministry of Trade for his approval.

Pesticide Label Extension and Residue Trials for Minor Crops

FPEAK has been working with Pesticides Control Products Board (PCPB), Agrochemicals Association of Kenya (AAK) and Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS) to extrapolate the products labels to have pesticides registered for minor crops.

So far 32 Permits on minor crops issued by PCPB as follows:

Crop	Insect Pests	Diseases	Weeds	Nematodes
Herbs	8	4	2	1
Broccoli	2	2		
Chilies	4	2		
Sweet Corn	1		2	
Runner Beans	1	1		
Snow Peas		1		
Spinach	1			

The Food Safety Market Survey Project

This project is anchored on the background and development of the KS 1758 standard. Stringent adherence to markets standards such as KS1758 has translated into expanded market access and high revenues. It is for this reason that the KHC in co-ordination with FPEAK and other members seeks to embark on the food safety pilot project together with its partners to cascade the efforts in the export market to the local market. This will be executed in two phases:-

Phase I Baseline Survey - This phase will involve data collection to help inform and formulate the interventions

Phase II Implementation Phase - Will involve carrying the interventions identified in Phase I.



Pesticide Management Initiative East African Region advisory Committee

FPEAK has representation in this committee which sets out to provide strategic advice to the above project by bringing in external expertise and viewpoints and by sharing trends and developments related to pesticide management in Kenya. The members of the advisory committee are experts from the public and private sector in Kenya.

KNTWG

FPEAK hosts the Kenya National Technical Working Group (KNTWG). The technical working group has provided strength to the FPEAK technical department and has helped the industry develop responses to emerging pest issues by developing crop protocols for fall armyworm and false codling moth.

Representation in Various Technical Committees

FPEAK continues to represent member interests in the various advisory and technical committees of the horticulture industry. These committees include:

- i. The Horticulture Competent Authority Structure (HCAs)
- ii. Technical committee on minor crops agrochemical extrapolation.
- iii. Participation in development of KS 1758 part 2 tools.
- iv. Membership in the advisory committee on the judicious use of pesticides and IPM.
- v. National Sanitary and Phytosanitary committee



Consultative Meeting Between Horticulture Industry Stakeholders & Various Stakeholders

A milestone was realized on 26th July, 2018 when for the first time in so many years, Kenya's leading players in the horticulture industry converged at Eka hotel for a consultative forum. The aim of the meeting was to consolidate issues facing the horticulture industry and bring them forth to policy makers for redress. Dignitaries at the meeting included the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Industrialization, Trade and Cooperatives (MOITC), Mr. Peter Munya, Dr. Chris Kiptoo, Principal Secretary, MOITC, Mr. Apollo Owuor- Chairman of the Fresh Produce Exporters of Kenya (FPEAK), industry captains Mr. Clement Tulezi-CEO, Kenya Flower Council, Mr. Okisegere Ojepat CEO, Fresh Produce Consortium (FPC), and Mr. Hosea Machuki- CEO, FPEAK.

The intent of the consultative meeting is to provide a platform for the various stakeholders in the sector to present their grievances and issues to the government in the most expeditious manner possible to enable rapid changes in the sector and services in the global marketplace.

Some of the issues that were raised include: Export licences, lead time by KEPHIS, freight charges, inspection rates, ECS process, export certificate expiration, communication and marketing from KEPHIS, fumigation among others.

Dr. Kiptoo was more than happy to grace the occasion and thanked the associations and stakeholders for organizing the forum. What came out clearly was that the government is aware of the challenges faced by the exporters and is doing everything it can to ensure the firms have an easy time when conducting business. Dr. Kiptoo promised more consultations with the stakeholders and invited them for the trade week which took place from the 30th of August.

The CS acknowledged guests and stakeholders and appreciated the horticulture industry and acknowledged the challenges being faced and promised his team will do their very best to sort out the issues through the commitment of the government and the President. He promised to create the right environment and support the sector to continue growing the country's GDP. The Government would also not condone any regulatory agency becoming a barrier to trade. The CS insisted that chemicals that are approved in other countries to be fast tracked and used in Kenya. He also insisted that market access to countries that are accessing our markets should benefit both parties.

Hon. Peter Munya praised the industry for its significant contribution to the Country's GDP and also contributing in terms of support for Kenya's balance of payment by taking care of a major per centage of Kenya's exports. He acknowledged that the industry is one of the most developed, most diverse and most competitive industries in Kenya. He said there is a major opportunity to expand the sector and continue diversify range of products and assured the Government will support the industry to make sure that the challenges facing the industry are addressed so that it can continue being competitive and continue expanding its market share.

He promised that his team will leave no stone unturned until most of the issues the industry has raised that require his intervention are addressed and the rest of the issues that require long term solutions will be worked on to make sure they are all resolved.

Upcoming Events



Fruit Attraction
23rd - 25th October 2018
Madrid, Spain



International Floriculture & Horticulture Trade Fair

International Floriculture Trade Fair
7th - 9th November 2018
Vijfhuizen, Netherlands

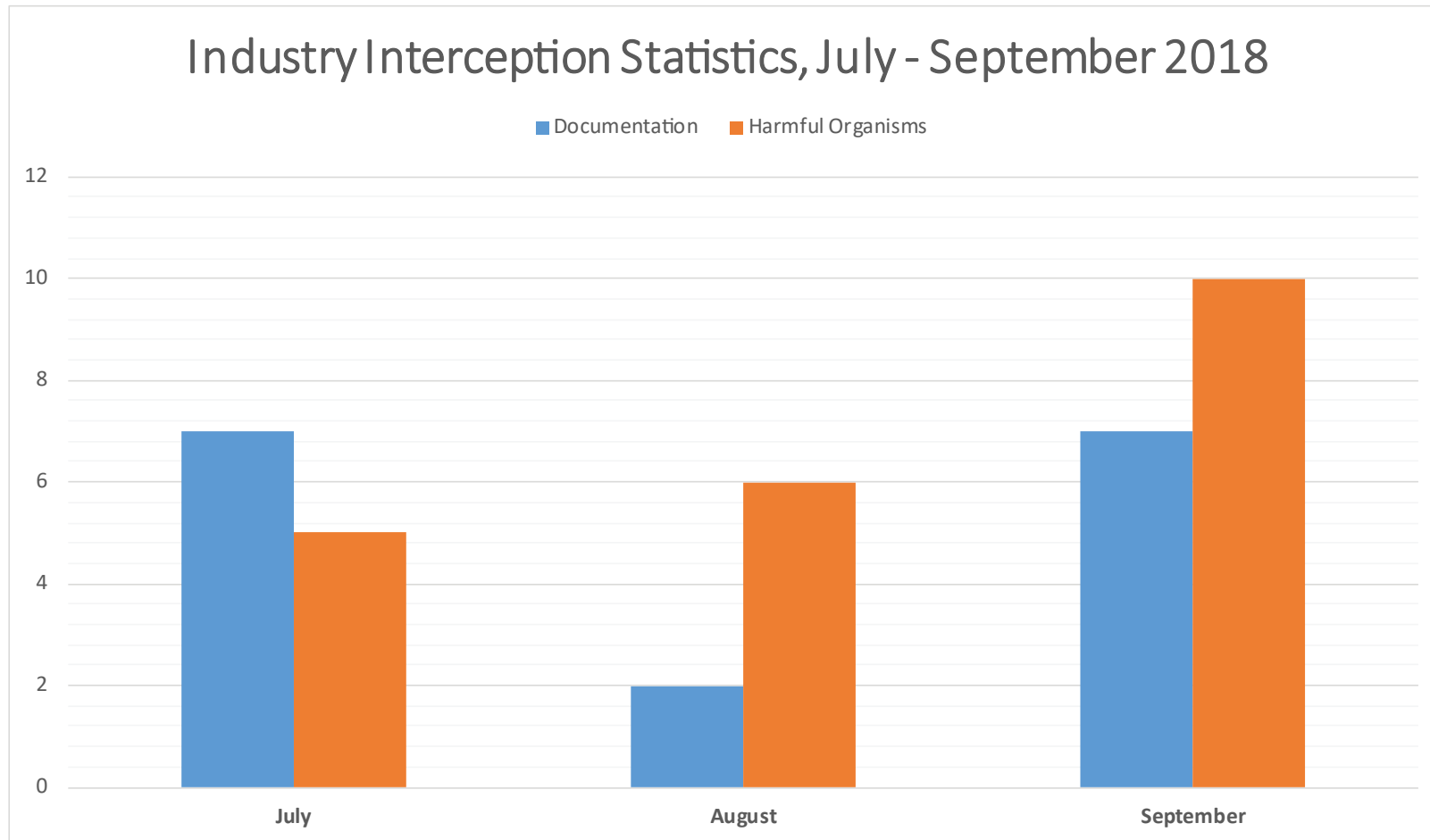


Amsterdam Produce Show
12th - 14th November 2018
Amsterdam, Netherlands



China Fruit & Vegetable Trade Fair
16th - 18th November 2018
Beijing, China

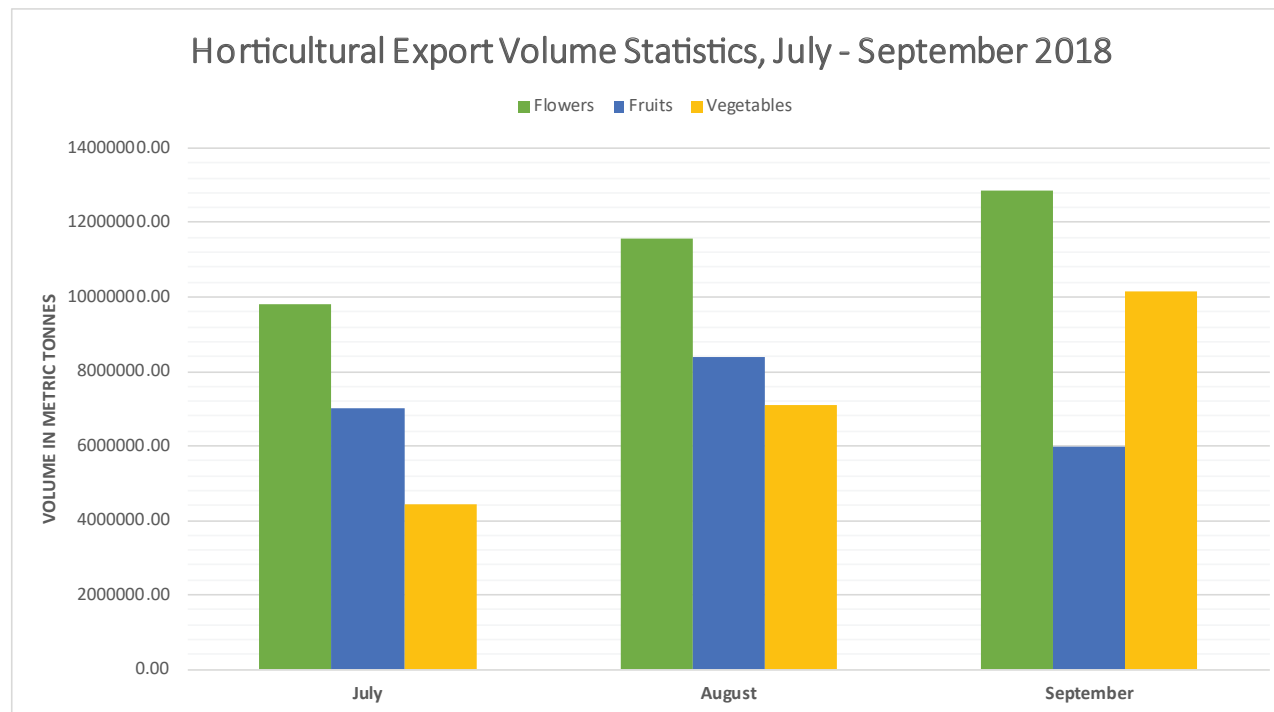
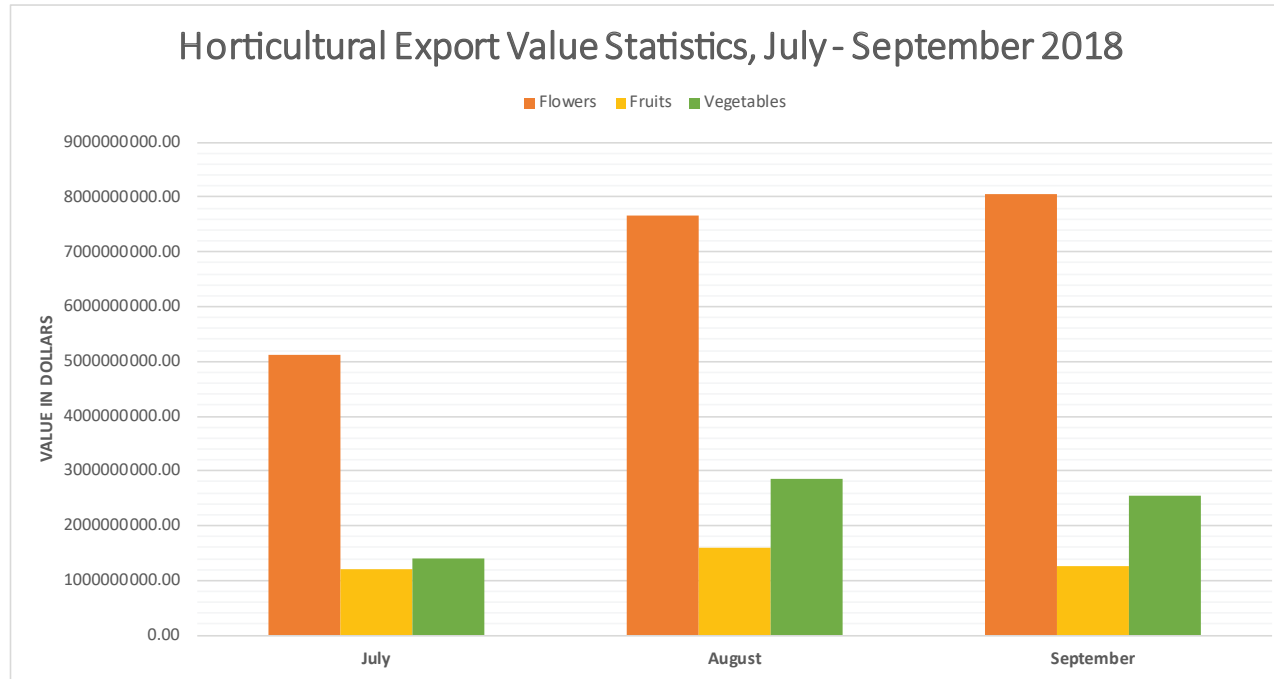
INTERCEPTIONS



Documentation cases include: Incorrect identity declared on documents | Phyto. cert.: additional declaration, inadequate/invalid/missing Plant Passport: absent/Incomplete | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects

Harmful Organisms include: Spodoptera Frugiperda | Spodoptera Littoralis | Thaumatotibia Leucotreta | Bemisia Tabaci

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