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This newsletter presents activities and events that FPEAK was involved in for the months of July, August & September 2021.

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KS 1758 ROLL OUT KCDMS PROGRAM



Through support from the USAID funded KCDMS program which is being implemented by RTI, FPEAK is currently rolling out KS 1758 part 2: Fruits and Vegetables on County Agriculture and Trade officers in the 12 Counties that the KCDMS program is running. The counties include: Kitui, Makueni, Taita Taveta, Busia, Bungoma, Kakamega, Vihiga, Kisumu, Siaya, Migori, Homa Bay and Kisii. So far, FPEAK has held sensitization workshops on officers in Kitui, Makueni, Taita Taveta, Busia, Bungoma, Kakamega and Vihiga counties.

In the next quarter, FPEAK will be holding sensitization sessions in Kisumu, Siaya, Homa Bay, Migori and Kisii Counties. After, the sensitization workshops, there will be a master training session of 3 officers selected from each of the 12 counties and thereafter, FPEAK will be training its members on KS 1758 part 2: Fruits and Vegetables. Communication on how this will take place will be shared promptly.

FPEAK encourages its members who source and/or source fruits and vegetables from the above-named counties to register for the training sessions for ease of planning.



FOOD SAFETY BEANS & PEAS

Due to the ongoing issues regarding MRLs exceedance in the production of beans and peas to the EU/UK, HCD organized for a virtual meeting on 17 th August 2021, where the issues were raised and discussed by exporters and regulators. We encourage all FPEAK members who deal in Beans and Peas to follow the requirements by the market and regulators so as to ensure that we secure this important market.

As a follow up to the meeting, a committee, which FPEAK is a member, was formed. The committee held its first meeting on 7th September 2021 at HCD Headquarters and came up with the following proposals which would be imposed on exporters to curb the increased interceptions on Acephate, Metamidophos or Hexaconazole molecules.

- KEPHIS will suspend the ECS service for 30 days for the effected produce (beans). During that period, the company is expected to check its system. An initial full joint audit for the entire production and a field verification has to be conducted before a company is provided with ECS service.
- AFA-HCD will suspend the license for the affected produce for 30 days and suspension will be lifted after a joint audit (KEPHIS and HCD) and a verification audit has been done and the company cleared by both institutions.
- KEPHIS and AFA-HCD have been encouraged to conduct unannounced inspections/audits.
- There would be an awareness campaign on the use of acephate, metamidophos and hexaconazole molecules. The joint awareness campaigns will be conducted by PCPB, KEPHIS, HCD, AAK, FPEAK and FPC Kenya.
- PCPB to withdraw the 100gms of products that contain acephate as the active ingredient



TRAINING ON SPS – MANAGEMENT OF KENYA'S HORTICULTURE FOOD SAFETY AND PLANT HEALTH CONCERNS

FPEAK, with support from TMEA collaborated with Pepper Plum Consultants to develop protocols which address the SPS issues that Kenya deals with. After the development of the protocols, the consultants held a three-day virtual training for FPEAK members on SPS – Management of Kenya's Horticulture Food Safety and Plant Health concerns on 24th to 26th August 2021.

The training aimed to inform members on the various issues that arise from the trade of fresh produce in the EU and UK. The protocols will be shared with members once fully developed.



FPEAK is part of the Technical Working Groups on Beans, Peas and Avocadoes. The two TWGs went on separate retreats at Sawela Lodges in Naivasha on 9th and 10th September 2021 for beans and peas and 22nd to 24th September 2021 for avocadoes.

During the retreats, the TWGs went through the draft documents which were presented by the consultants and made the contributions which would make the good practice guides easy to take up by our members and the industry at large.

The two documents will be shared with FPEAK members once they have been finalized.



Data Collection Training

FPEAK together with other industry associations participated in a training on data collection tools and data collection methods which was held at Hotel Waterbuck in Nakuru on 19th and 20th August 2021. This training equipped FPEAK staff on the different data collection tools and methods which would be useful for the association in the future.

Horticultural Market Information System

TMEA is supporting FPEAK to develop a portal that will host the data on the production and trade of horticultural produce in Kenya. This portal will assist FPEAK and its members in negotiations with the government, development partners, markets and other stakeholders on the support required for the sector. A consultant is currently developing the portal while another is collecting the data on production and trade of horticultural produce in Kenya. The portal will be up and running soon and the link will be shared with FPEAK members.

Tour of Meru, Isiolo, Mombasa and Kilifi Counties

FPEAK and other industry stakeholders continue to try and unlock the horticultural production in the coast and other regions, the fresh produce handling cargo handling capacities of Moi International Airport, Mombasa Port and Isiolo International Airport. FPEAK visited Meru, Isiolo, Mombasa and Kilifi counties to engage stakeholders on how to improve the production and trade of horticultural produce in the different regions.



FPEAK staff and other industry stakeholders pose for a group photo during the data collection training



Industry stakeholders during a courtesy call to the County Commissioner, Isiolo County



FPEAK CEO, Mr. Hosea Machuki, 5th from left, with other stakeholders when they paid a courtesy call to the Kilifi County CECM, Agriculture, Hon. Luciana Sanzula



FPEAK CEO, Mr. Hosea Machuki and other stakeholders during a press briefing at Mombasa County



MANGO EXPORTS TO THE EU/UK

Hot Water Treatment Plant

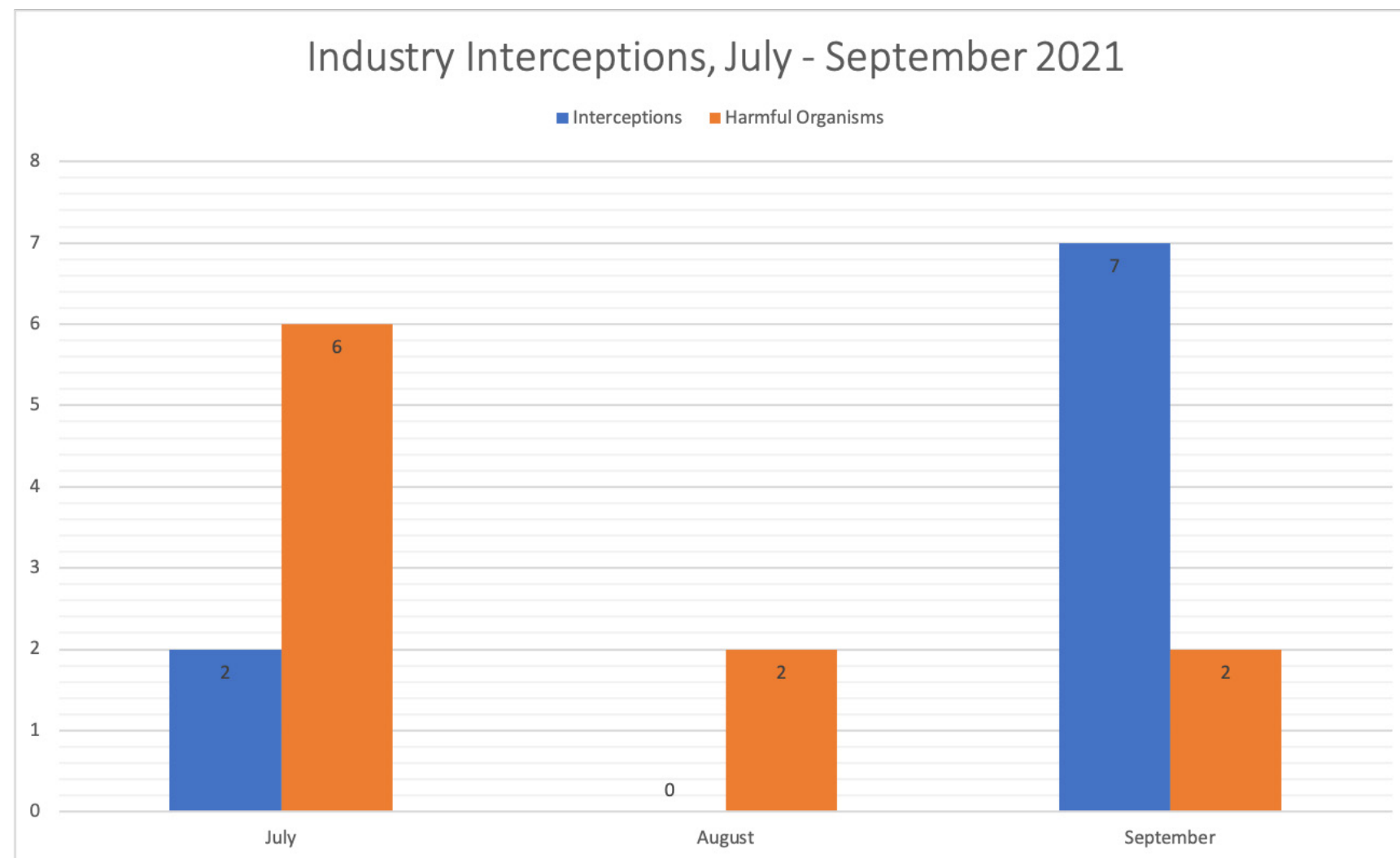
FPEAK is actively engaging with the Government of Kenya, Development Partners and other industry stakeholders to establish a common user Hot water treatment plant at JKIA. Through the engagement, Agriculture and Food Authority – Horticulture Crops Directorate (AFA-HCD) have committed to set up a fumigation plant at JKIA and plans are underway to design a common user hot water treatment plant. This would be a crucial facility in ensuring Kenya gets back into the export market of EU/UK. KEPHIS has already developed a hot water treatment protocol which will be used in the treatment of the mangoes before shipment to the EU/UK.

FPEAK Member Engagement on Export of Mangoes to EU/UK

As part of the re-entry strategy in the EU/UK export market, FPEAK, through support from RTI- KCDMS program, organized a one-day meeting on 7th September 2021 at Crowne Plaza JKIA with FPEAK members, KEPHIS and other stakeholders to deliberate on the way forward to achieve this. KEPHIS made a presentation on the requirements of the EU/UK market during this meeting.

FPEAK is still working with Government of Kenya and Development partners to ensure that all the facilities are set up soon so as to export Kenyan mangoes to the EU/UK.

INDUSTRY STATISTICS



Documentation cases include: Additional Declaration Missing | Plant Passport: Incomplete | Plant Passport:copy/ Duplicata Not Endorsed | Incorrect Identity Declared On Documents | False Information

Harmful Organisms include: Thaumatotibia leucotreta | Scirtothrips aurantii |



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