

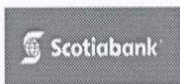
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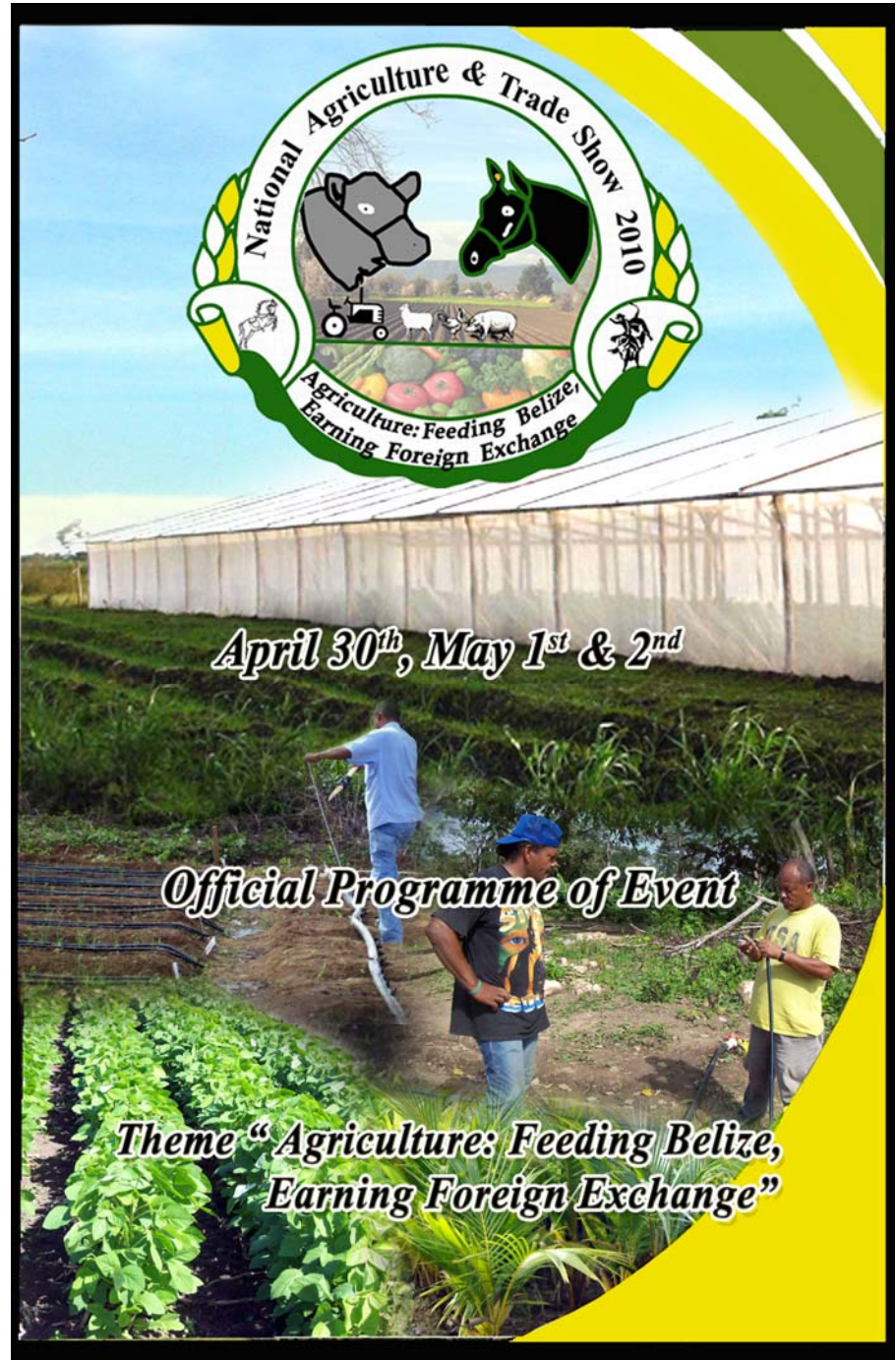
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April 30th, May 1st & 2nd

Official Programme of Event

*Theme "Agriculture: Feeding Belize,
Earning Foreign Exchange"*



**Official Opening Ceremony
NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SHOW 2010
National Showgrounds, Belmopan
Friday, 30th April, 2010**

Master of Ceremonies Mr. Neville McAndrew

- 3:40 pm..... Arrival of Dignitaries
- 3:45 pm.....Arrival of the Mayor of Belmopan
- 3:55 pm.....Arrival of the Governor General
- 4:00 pm..... National Anthem Sung by – Ms. Natalia Cardona
- 4:05 am..... Inspection of the Guard of Honour
by the Governor General Sir Colville N. Young
- 4:08 pm..... Invocation – Pastor Lance Lewis
- 4:10 pm..... Welcome Address
City of Belmopan Mayor Simeon Lopez
- 4:15 pm..... Entertainment by Our Lady of Guadalupe Steel Band
- 4:20 pm..... Address by Guest Speaker, Dr. Carla Barnett
- 4:30 pm..... Entertainment by Our Lady of Guadalupe Steel Band
- 4:35 pm..... Sashing of the Farmers of the Year
by Ms. Belmopan, Ms. Francine Francis
Junior Farmer of the Year, Mr. Manases Canto
Woman Farmer of the Year, Mrs. Julia Gonzales
Senior Farmer of the Year, Ms. Maritza Lazo
- 4:40 pm..... Address by Keynote speaker
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Hon. Rene Montero
- 4:50 pm..... Entertainment by Our Lady of Guadalupe Steel Band
- 4:55 pm..... Vote of Thanks
by 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 am and 5:00 pm so that the opening ceremonies will not be disrupted.

**“Agriculture: Feeding Belize, Earning Foreign Exchange”
NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND TRADE SHOW 2010**

National Agriculture & Trade Show Committee Members 2010

- Chairman.....Mr. Eugene Waight
- Treasurer..... Mr. Manuel Matus
- Secretary..... Mrs. Terry Apolonio
- Grounds Coordinator.....Mr. Clifford Sabala
- Ministry of Agriculture Representative.....Mr. Ricardo Thompson
- Police Department Representative.....Insp. David Chi
- Belize Livestock Association Representatives.....Mr. Roger Cal
Mr. Harold Parham
- Public Relations Officer.....Mrs. Claudette Dakers Norales
- Member.....Mr. Neville McAndrew
- Member.....Mr. Atlay Morales
- Member.....Mr. James Robinson
- Member.....Mr. Armin Cansino
- Member.....Mr. Roberto Harrison
- Member.....Mr. Enrique August
- Member.....Mrs. Malikah Cardona
- Member Mr. Melanio Pech

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Highlights of the Entertainment on the Love FM Main Stage

10:00 a.m.	Awarding of prizes to the Farmers of the year
11:00 a.m.	Live music with Gilharry 7
11:30 p.m.	Cultural displays by the Maya Center Youth Dance Group
12:00 p.m.	Live music with Gilharry 7/ Give aways
1:30 p.m.	Cultural Presentation
4:00 p.m.	Agricultural Competitions

Sunday, April 29th

10:00 am	Across-Love FM Love TV Cook-off
11:00 a.m.	Live music with Gilharry 7
11:15 a.m.	Karaoke, with Patch Gentle
12:30 p.m.	Live music with Kenny G and the New Creation
	Band and Ms. Leela Vernon
1:00 p.m.	Agricultural Competitions
2:00 p.m.	Cultural Presentations
3:00 p.m.	Live music with Gilharry 7
4:00 p.m.	Competition/Giveaways
4:30 -- 6:00 p.m.	Super G & music with Gilharry 7

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday May 1st

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 on Main Stage
10:00 am.....	1 st Stage of Horse Show (Rodeo Arena) Adults \$2.00 Kids \$1.00
10.30 am.....	Judging of Booths
11:00 am	Live music with Gilharry 7
11:30 am.....	Cultural presentation
12:00 noon.....	Live music with Gilharry 7
1:00 pm.....	2 nd Stage of Horse Show (Rodeo Arena) Adults \$2.00 Kids \$1.00
1:30 pm.....	Cultural Presentations (Main Stage)
2:00 pm.....	Flower Show Judging (at the flower palace)
2:00 pm.....	Arrival of Agriculture and Trade Show River Challenge (about) Canoe teams will come ashore at the Canoe Landing and at the River Fest
4:00 pm.....	Agricultural Competitions Main Stage
5:00 pm.....	Quad Motorcycle Exhibits

Sunday May 2nd

6:00 am.....	Gates open – Entrance Fee – Adult \$5.00 Children \$2.00
10.00 am.....	Livestock Judging (Horse)
10:00 am.....	Across-Love FM Love TV Cook off
11:00 am.....	Live music with Gilharry 7
11:30 pm.....	Karaoke at Love FM Main Stage
12:00 am.....	Dog Show, Livestock Judging Arena
1:00pm.....	Rodeo– Rodeo Arena
2:00 pm.....	Agricultural Competition (Main Stage)
3:00 pm.....	Cultural Presentations (Main Stage)
4:00 pm.....	Competition/Giveaways (Main Stage)
4:30 pm.....	Super G & Gilharry 7
6:00 pm.....	Show Closes – See you Next Year !!!

Profile Farmers of the Year 2010

Ms. Maritza Lazo is a junior farmer from the village of Bomba in the Belize District. She cultivates onions, tomatoes, sweet pepper, plantains, and fruit trees among other crops. Her semi-mechanized farm is equipped with a drip irrigation system for vegetable production and has an assortment of tools and machinery to facilitate field operations. This farmer also rears cattle, pigs and local chickens. Ten acres of the thirty acre farm are under improved pastures. Over the past years, Ms. Lazo has participated in trainings for vegetable production and soil management. This has prompted her to adopt good agriculture practices such as composting to improve soil fertility. She believes that the soil is a living thing; so it has to be nourished properly to obtain the best returns. In addition to field cultivation, this young farmer manually does milking of cows and makes cheese that is sold in the local community. Ms. Lazo maintains proper records and is fully cognizant and appreciates the importance of agricultural entrepreneurship.



has introduced a drip irrigation system with an industrial well, recently acquired a tropical greenhouse and has an assortment of field agricultural tools and equipment. A portion of the produce is usually used for home consumption and the surplus is sold at the local market. She has developed a label for her produce to identify and distinguish her products. Mrs. Gonzalez keeps good records of her operations because she firmly believes in taking a business approach to agriculture.

Senior Farmer of the Year is Mr. Manases Canto from San Antonio Village, Cayo District. Mr. Canto farm comprises of plantains, fruit trees, cattle, pigs and local chicken. He also cultivates sweet peppers, carrots, peanuts, potatoes and other vegetables. Traditionally Mr. Canto has used the Milpa system, but over the years he has evolved into a semi-mechanized operation. To improve his vegetable production, this farmer has established a drip irrigation system at his farm and acquired a protective covered structure to grow better quality vegetables. His produce is mainly sold at the San Ignacio market. Over the years Mr. Canto has received and participated in numerous trainings that have assisted him with his farm operations. He has a good technical background in animal husbandry and vegetable production including the proper management and control of pest and disease. His twenty acres farm is, no doubt, diversified, but his aim is to eventually convert it into a fully integrated farming system. For Mr. Manases Canto, agriculture is not only a good business, but also a way of life that he will continue to pursue.



Female Farmer of the Year is Mrs. Julia Isabel Gonzalez from the village of Rockstone Pond in the Belize District. Mr. Gonzalez has been working on her seventeen acre farm for the past twenty years. Today, this farmer has established a mixed farm that includes crops as well as livestock. It includes onions, potatoes, Red Kidney beans, corn, fruit trees and a variety of vegetables including lettuce, Pac Choi, sweet pepper, watermelons among others. The livestock component of the farm consists of five beef cattle with eight acres of improved pastures and 500 Tilapia fingerlings. To improve her production capacity and field operations, she



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE DISTRICT NOMINEES AND SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL FARMERS FOR FEEDING BELIZE, EARNING FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Judges for Farmers of the year 2007

Team Leader	Mr. Max Ortega...	IICA
	Ms. Fay Garnett...	MAF
	Ms. Celi Cho.....	Environmental Officer, DOE
	Mr. Roger Cal.....	BLPA