

started in December 2018 and is expected that farmers will supply the domestic market until June 2019.

Communities that are harvesting carrots include La Gracia, El Progreso and San Antonio in the Cayo District and Roseville in Stann Creek District. Other crops that are also in harvesting mode are romaine lettuce, onions and potatoes, which are also expected to last until the end of June.

The mandate of the Ministry of Agriculture is to advocate and provide accessibility for farmers to supply the domestic market. Therefore, the Ministry encourages consumers to support the purchasing of local products and disapproves of the purchasing of contraband vegetables. The only time when the recommendation for importation is given is when there is a deficit in production and the local demand is not met.

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