



Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries

CALL FOR INTEREST FOR THE 2022 MANGO EXPORT SEASON TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection (PQ/PI) Branch of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries is inviting interested farmers and exporters to submit your intention to participate in the 2022 mango export season to the United States of America under the irradiation programme. You may complete the application form below online using the link provided below or submit your interest in writing to ppq@moa.gov.jm by **December 31, 2021**.

APPLICATION FORM:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevtpOvFyuFXFI66fQB6-q-xcbQIZ5Qj7NqOATMmq7sjZsQmQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Click on the link above to complete the application form.

REGISTERED FARMERS AND EXPORTERS

- Exporters with access to packing houses certified by the Plant Quarantine Produce Inspection Branch should, along with their application, submit the name, telephone number, farm location and RADA identification number of potential farmers to participate in this programme.
- Farmers in the following approved districts from which fruit fly monitoring data is currently collected are welcome to participate: Albion, Woodburn, Heartease, Norris, Leith Hall, Roselle in St. Thomas and Bull Bay, St. Andrew.

PROSPECTIVE FARMERS AND EXPORTERS

- Prospective exporters must register with the PQ/PI and obtain a certified packing facility.
- Farmers not currently in an approved district must contact the PQ/PI Branch to obtain the programme requirements.
- If you are not a registered exporter and wish to participate in the programme, please contact the Plant Quarantine Produce Inspection Branch at 876-977-0637 for further information.

MAIN REQUIREMENTS OF EXPORTERS AND FARMERS PARTICIPATING IN THIS PROGRAMME

1. Exporters and farmers are mandated to attend the annual orchard management training sessions conducted by PQ/PI to be held in January 2022
2. Farmers are responsible for:
 - Pruning mango trees to maintain an open canopy of manageable size.
 - Field sanitation: Removal and disposal of fallen fruits from the farm daily.
 - Implementation of a chemical control programme for adequate pest control.

Any queries or requests for further information may be directed to the Plant Quarantine/Produce Inspection Branch at 876-977-0637, 876-977-6401, 876-977-7160 or 876-924-8906.

