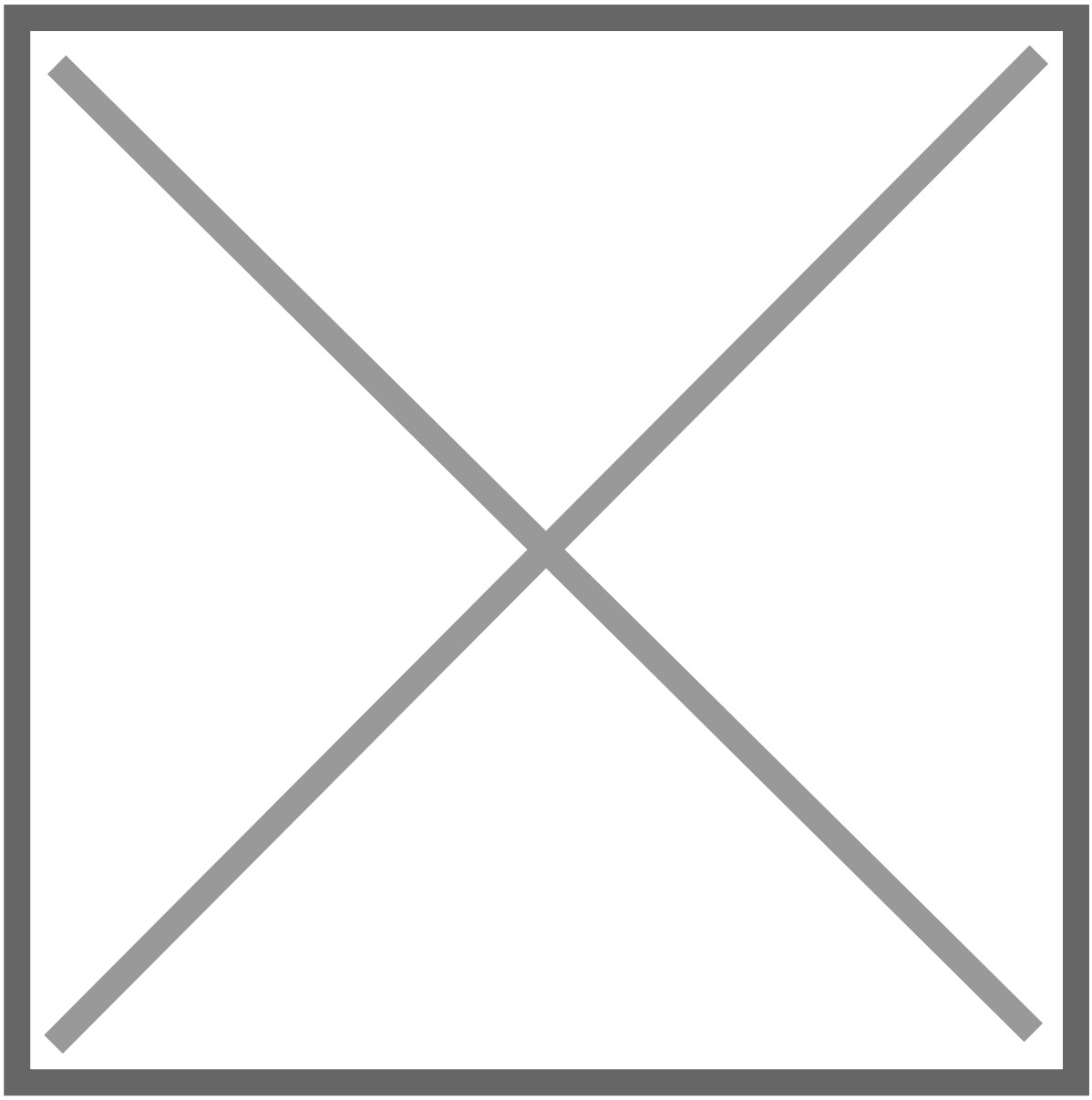
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# Agriculture And Fisheries Month Activities to Kick off this weekend

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Agriculture and Fisheries Month will be observed this year with activities designed to highlight the ingenuity and resilience of the local sectors.

The month’s observance which will be held from March 8 to 29 will feature activities including exhibitions, markets, and a panel discussion aimed at fostering meaningful conversations about food security, sustainability, and technological advancement in agriculture and fisheries.

The events are expected to provide a platform to local producers, fishermen, and experts to share their knowledge, showcase their products, and discuss strategies for a more sustainable future.

Junior Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries Dr. Karl Dawson said the month provides an important opportunity to highlight the work of local farmers, fishers, and communities.

Honourable Dawson said, “As we face the challenges of limited land and vast ocean, we must continue to embrace innovative, sustainable practices. Despite the limited land space, we are pursuing an effort to make more land available for farming, given the vital role of agriculture."

Dr. Dawson also noted that the Department of Agriculture will be supporting training initiatives focused on food production methods that are highly productive yet require minimal land use.

Meanwhile, Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. Theodore James, said this year's theme, "Limited Land, Vast Ocean: Reimagining Food Production Through Ingenuity," invites the community and stakeholders to explore innovative and

sustainable food production methods.

Mr. James said, “Through this year's theme, we aim to focus on how our Territory adapts to the challenges of limited land and an expansive ocean. By reimagining food production and embracing new approaches, we can create sustainable systems that preserve our natural resources and ensure long-term food security and economic growth for the Virgin Islands."

The activities will commence with an exhibition and market in **Tortola at Paraquita Bay on March 8 and 9** to further engage the public in the conversation about sustainable food practices. Other activities include an AgriFish Dialogue and a panel discussion to discuss innovative solutions and emerging trends in the agricultural and fisheries sectors.

Exhibitions will also be held on Virgin **Gorda, Anegada** and **Jost Van Dyke** to allow local farmers, fishers, and other stakeholders to showcase their work,

connect with consumers, and demonstrate how ingenuity and resourcefulness are shaping the future of food production in the Virgin Islands.

The Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is committed to promoting sustainable agricultural and fisheries practices throughout the Virgin Islands.

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## Additional Documents or Media

- Agriculture Events Calendar