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Safety Measures Advisory for Farmers Before Passage of Tropical Weather System

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The projected path of Tropical Storm Nana presents threats to the agriculture sector, particularly to the central and southern regions of Belize. To mitigate the potential effects of Tropical Storm Nana, the Ministry of Food and Agriculture and Immigration hereby advises all farmers who are in low-lying and flood-prone areas to safeguard their families and livelihoods. All farmers are advised to take the following measures.

Crop producers are advised to:

- harvest available and mature crops,
- make a note of all crops planted and production amount,
- store harvested crops in cool, dry areas to avoid spoilage or losses.

Producers with tropical greenhouses or cover structures are asked to:

- remove covering materials (UV plastic and anti-viral netting),
- safely store equipment and supplies,
- make a note of all crops planted and production amount, including taking pictures of the structure(s).

Livestock producers are advised to:

- temporarily relocate animals to safer areas,
- ensure availability of animal feed and water,
- make a count of all animals.

Farm inputs:

- secure all farm machinery and farm inputs,
- relocate all pesticides and pesticide containers to avoid spillage and contamination, especially in flood-prone areas.

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