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Tracking the real cause of the chicken and eggs problem

PETALING JAYA: Authorities are scrambling to get to the bottom of the latest chicken and egg shortages, says the Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Ministry.

Ministry secretary-general Datuk Azman Mohd Yusof acknowledged the issue and was investigating where the problems were in the supply chain.

"If the root (cause) came from retail, the ministry will investigate from retail to the upstream level to identify the causes.

"If it originated at farms, it would be under the supervision of Agriculture and Food Industries Ministry (Mafi)," he told *The Star* yesterday.

Azman revealed that Mafi had also received similar complaints.

"Based on Mafi's data, in September, there was enough supply. But lately, they too had received complaints on chicken and egg shortages.

"I have been told a series of meetings between Mafi officials and suppliers (at farms) are still under way to resolve such issues," he added.

An official from Mafi, when contacted, said the ministry was waiting for a report from the Veterinary Services Department on the issue of egg shortage.

"We will release the findings of the report as soon as we receive it," the official said.

Yesterday, *The Star* reported that poultry farmers said the current shortage of price-controlled eggs in the market would worsen ahead of the year-end festive season.

Industry players said the situation is unlikely to ease even next year because of several factors.

These include the rising cost of chicken feed due to weakening ringgit against the US dollar and weather factors.

When asked, Azman said the ministry was also monitoring possible shortages of other essentials such as sugar.

He said several initiatives would be put in place to address a sugar shortage.

It includes limiting exports to prioritise local demand.

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Beluran bird nest industry flies high at MAFI's festival

BELURAN: The Beluran Swiftlets Festival, an initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industries (MAFI), has become an effective platform that has benefited the local industry players and the people of this district in Sabah.

The programme was organised in conjunction with the 50th anniversary celebration of the Farmers' Organisation Authority (FOA) and was supported by the Beluran Area Farmers' Organisation (PPK).

The local community had taken part in various activities during the programme and the participants included swiftlets industry players and farmers.

Among the activities were the Keluarga Malaysia Cheap Sales, exhibition, courses for swiftlets entrepreneurs and the agriculture industry, bazaar, cheap rice sales, fishing competition, PeladangNita cooking and decorations competition, as well as MAFI Prihatin and NAFAS programmes.

MAFI Minister Datuk Seri

Dr Ronald Kiandee said the activities organised throughout the programme was among the ministry's approach to foster a closer relationship with the local community in Beluran.

"The programme also opened up opportunities for MAFI to obtain opinions and feedback directly from the community on the assistance and incentive provided by PPK.

"The rolling out of the incentives and assistance are part of the continuous efforts by the government to improve the income and livelihood of the people," said Ronald when officiating the Beluran Swiftlets Festival last Saturday.

Earlier, Ronald had opened a bird's nests processing centre here that will benefit about 800 industry players as well as create job opportunities for the farming community here.

The centre was established in cooperation with Syarikat Nestlin Malaysia Sdn Bhd and it was

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Ronald (fourth left) touring the PPK Beluran swiftlets' bird's nest processing centre.



Many activities were held during the festival including a cooking competition where Ronald showed off his skills.



The festival was made even more fun with a fishing competition.



A farmer receives a MAFI PihatIn contribution from Ronald (left).



Ahmad thanks MAFI for the incentive under the Agripreneur Programme.

built by FOA with a government allocation of RM1.4 million. It can produce about 100 kilogramme of raw bird's nests per month.

The minister also witnessed the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Beluran PPK and Syarikat Nestlin Malaysia Sdn Bhd to market the

bird's nests products.

Ronald pointed out that the ministry had allocated RM100,000 to Beluran PPK for a swiftlets bird's nests house agripreneur project, RM250,000 for an aquaculture activity enhancement programme and RM243,000 for a farmers' agrotourism entrepreneurs

initiative.

On top of that, he said an allocation of RM10,000 was presented to SMK Beluran for a hydroponic vegetable plantation project and MAFI PihatIn kits worth RM20,000 were given to 250 Beluran PPK members.

"We hope FOA can continue

to play its role as an agency to improve the economic and social wellbeing of the farming community," Ronald said.

A recipient of the incentive provided under the Agripreneur Programme, Ahmad Bedawi Allam, 22, thanked the government for paying attention to the community

here.

He said the financial assistance he received will be utilised to improve his swiftlets house located at Kampung Balaban Jaya.

"With the financial assistance of RM20,000, this will allow me to repair the house and reduce the financial burden that I have to shoulder.

"I hope the government will consistently assist entrepreneurs in this district in order to increase the production of our swiftlets bird's nests products," he said.

He also said the opening of a swiftlet bird's nests processing centre by the ministry and FOA would provide great assistance to the local industry players.

"Currently, I can earn an income of about RM3,000 a month through the sale of bird's nests and I hope it can be increased from time to time."

The programme ended with performances by local artists, including rock music legend, Ella



BEKALAN Ikan untuk kegunaan di seluruh negara masih mencukupi kecuali pada musim-musim tertentu. – GAMBAR HIASAN

Bekalan ikan musim tengkujuh masih cukup

KOTA TINGGI – Sumber ikan negara masih mencukupi untuk kegunaan orang ramai pada musim tengkujuh.

Ketua Pengarah Perikanan Malaysia, Datuk Mohd. Sufian Sulaiman berkata, data menunjukkan ikan masih ada di kawasan perairan negara ditambah pula dengan pelbagai usaha dilakukan untuk menambah pembiakan hidupan marin tersebut.

“Kalau bekalan berkurangan ia mungkin disebabkan nelayan tidak dapat menangkap ikan dalam jumlah banyak.

“Memang musim tengkujuh nelayan tak dapat tangkap ikan. Nelayan juga diberikan kursus untuk ternak ikan sangkar, dalam kolam dan membaiki enjin membaiki bot,” katanya pada

Majlis Penyerahan Sijil MyGAP Hatcheri di Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Bandar Mas, di sini semalam.

Menurut Mohd. Sufian, setakat ini tidak berlaku kekurangan bekalan yang ketara kecuali pada musim tertentu.

“Ada musimnya ikan tiada. Nampak ketara ketika pandemik Covid-19 apabila nelayan tidak turun ke laut. Namun, selepas dibenarkan, dapat hasil banyak.

“Maknanya kena beri masa ikan membiak. Saya cadangkan nelayan membuat perancangan mungkin seminggu sekali atau sebulan tiga empat hari tidak ke laut, yang mana akan menambah pembiakan pelbagai spesies ikan,” katanya.

Headline	130 artificial reefs planted off Johor		
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130 artificial reefs planted off Johor

MERSING: A total of 130 artificial reefs, or "tukun", costing RM5.1 million have been anchored since 2007 to enhance biology productivity and fishery resources in the waters off Johor.

State Agriculture, Agro-based Industry and Rural Development Committee chairman Datuk Zahari Sarip said the programme was among the Johor government's efforts to increase marine resources so as to ensure national food security.

"We are committed to our efforts in ensuring that our goals of preserving the environment and conserving resources and maintaining fisheries biodiversity can be achieved.

"However, there are differences in the functions of reefs, that are used for conservation and meant to prevent trawler incursions, while the 'unjam' is a device for the purpose of shoaling to facilitate fishing operations and recreational fishing," he said in a statement yesterday.

Nine conservation tukun worth RM280,000 and 200 units of "unjam" valued at RM200,000 have been placed in Johor waters this year.

Zahari was on a working visit to an "unjam" and "tukun" anchoring programme implemented by the State Fisheries Department with the cooperation of the Pulau Besar, Pulau Aur and Pulau Pemanggil communities. - Bernama

Fishermen's body eyeing additional RM3m profit

KUALA LUMPUR: The National Fishermen's Association (Nekmat) aims to collect more than RM10 million in profit this year compared with RM7 million last year following the increase in fishing revenue and success of projects carried out by the association.

Nekmat general manager Azrin Shah Ismail said the amount of profit made by the association, decreased last year due to the pandemic, which restricted the movements of fishermen to generate income.

"We can see that the economy of Nekmat, the regional and state fishermen's associations is better, which includes high sales results and

projects being carried out (running smoothly) without any restrictions," he said at the opening ceremony of the 37th Nekmat annual general meeting, which was officiated by Agriculture and Food Industries Ministry secretary-general Datuk Haslina Abdul Hamid at the World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur on Tuesday.

Azrin Shah also said Nekmat will distribute a dividend of RM1.7 million to its 100,000 members in 13 states before December.

Meanwhile, Haslina lauded Nekmat's achievements in further improving the economic and social standards of the fishing

community to ensure that the welfare of the group is protected, and secure the future of the country's fisheries sector.

She said the government allocated a total of RM77.2 million in the 12th Malaysia Plan through the Malaysian Fisheries Development Authority for projects in the fisheries sector as well as fishermen's welfare, including the construction or upgrading and improvement of complex infrastructure and fishing jetties and community-based aquaculture projects.

"Various programmes include empowerment of fishermen's market, development of fish collection and

distribution hub, national fish buffer stock, frozen fresh fish, empowerment of fishermen's group economic projects, construction of boats for fishermen's associations, modernisation of coastal fishermen, a fishermen's fund and fishing entrepreneurs," she said.

She also expressed hope that the cooperation and commitment of the authority, Nekmat and the ministry would continue to make the country's agrofood sector sustainable, guaranteeing food security to drive the country's economic growth.

- Bernama

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Penggunaan teknologi sesuai mampu tingkat pengeluaran beras



GUNA DRONE...Dr Daud mencuba penggunaan teknologi drone Kampung Darat Pauh Bongawan pada Selasa.

BONGAWAN: Penggunaan teknologi yang sesuai, mulai daripada pembajakan sehinggalah menuai padi, akan dapat menurunkan kos pengeluaran padi dan dapat meningkatkan hasil beras, kata Ahli Dewan Undangan

Negeri (ADUN) N30 Bongawan, Dr Daud Yusop.

Beliau yang juga Penaung Kelab Alumni Pengajian Tinggi Indonesia Sabah (KAPTI) berkata, penggunaan teknologi drone untuk kerja-kerja menabur benih, menyembur racun, dan membaja mampu memberikan impak positif terhadap bidang pertanian di negeri ini.



TAKLIMAT...Antara tetamu dan peserta yang hadir dalam majlis berkenaan.

Dr Daud berkata demikian selepas menghadiri Majlis Taklimat Khidmat Drone di Dewan Terbuka Kampung Laut Bongawan seterusnya menyaksikan demonstrasi di Tapak Projek Rintis Padi di Kampung Darat Pauh, Bongawan pada Selasa.

Beliau juga melahirkan keyakinan bahawa teknologi drone ini mampu menarik minat anak-anak muda menceburi bidang pertanian, bertani di sawah padi.

Katanya, perkara ini juga akan dapat mengurangkan penghijrahan belia kampung ini ke bandar-bandar untuk mencari pekerjaan.

Jelasnya, Kementerian Pertanian dan Industri Makanan (MAFI) menganjurkan banyak program untuk membantu usahawan-usahawan muda melalui penglibatan jabatan dan agensi di bawah kementeriannya, antaranya Program Agropreneur Muda, Klinik Usahawan Agro dan lalin-lain lagi.



PENYERTAAN...Seorang peserta menerima sijil penyertaan dalam majlis berkenaan.

Program-program berkenaan bertujuan untuk menggalakkan penglibatan golongan muda dan belia menceburi bidang pertanian, tambahnya.

Usaha ini adalah untuk memberi peluang kepada belia supaya dapat menjana pendapatan yang tinggi.

Oleh itu, beliau menyeru anak-anak muda yang berminat dalam bidang pertanian agar merebut peluang yang ada untuk menjadi pelapis dan pemain dalam bidang pertanian di negara ini.

Menurutnya, persepsi golongan belia terhadap bidang pertanian perlu terus diperbaiki bagi meningkatkan lagi penglibatan mereka dalam bidang ini, sekali gus berupaya untuk meremajakan sektor pertanian.

Beliau memberitahu, penggunaan drone untuk penaburan benih padi itu bakal dilaksanakan di Projek Rintis Tanaman Padi di Kampung Darat Pauh, Bongawan yang diusahakan oleh Kelab Alumni Pengajian Tinggi Indonesia Sabah (KAPTI).

Katanya, KAPTI menyedari impak dan risiko daripada projek rintis ini, iaitu mengalami kos yang tinggi dan hasilnya yang rendah, kerana projek ini diusahakan di atas tanah sawah yang luasnya hanya kurang lebih 1.8 ekar sahaja.

Namun sesuai dengan matlamat penubuhan KAPTI dan menyahut seruan visi Sabah Maju Jaya, serta selaras dengan Dasar Agromakanan Negara, KAPTI tampil ke depan untuk menyumbangkan pengalaman dan kemahiran yang dimiliki untuk memberi khidmat kepada masyarakat di bidang pertanian.

Katanya, sumbangan KAPTI ini sangat kecil, jika dihitung dengan angka, namun nilai moral, dan motivasi yang ditunjukkan oleh KAPTI berjaya menyuntik semangat petani di kampung ini.

Beliau difahamkan, beberapa pemilik tanah sawah terbiar di sekitar projek ini berjumpa dengan pihak KAPTI, meminta tanah mereka diusahakan. "Ini petanda baik, ada potensi penanaman padi di kampung ini akan rancak semula," katanya.

Menurutnya, tanah sawah yang terus terbiar bakal menjejaskan hasil padi dan menjejaskan usaha sara diri beras negara khususnya negeri Sabah.

Katanya, Sabah memiliki kawasan sawah yang luas, namun suatu hari nanti, kawasan ini akan menjadi kecil jika tiada kawalan dan peraturan terhadap pengubahan tanah sawah kepada perumahan dan pembangunan domestik.

Lebih menyedihkan lagi, jika tiada pewartaan atau penggantian tanah sawah yang baharu dalam tempoh pengubahan berkenaan.

Katanya, KAPTI bersedia untuk bersama-sama dengan pemilik tanah sawah terbiar bagi merencanakan penanaman padi dalam skala besar.



TERBANGKAN...Dr Daud sedia menerbangkan drone di projek Rintis Tanaman Padi Kapti di Bongawan.

Beliau berharap hal ini menjadi kenyataan, dan dilaksanakan dengan konsep sosial ekonomi dalam konteks menjayakan agenda sekuriti makanan negara.

Saya juga berharap usaha murni KAPTI ini mendapat kerjasama dan galakkan daripada jabatan-jabatan dan agensi-agensi kerajaan dan swasta yang berkaitan dengan penanaman padi.

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