

Strategies

- Unite sector actors under one platform.
- Enable farmers and actors to exhibit their produce, technologies, and farming practices/innovations.
- Encourage the exchange of information, knowledge, and experiences through videos, social media, and radio.
- Identify opportunities for providing services to each other.
- Build coalitions to address the needs of actors, including smallholder farmers.

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Mobilization	MOA – DRDRE	WHH
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Construction	Roosevelt Reeves – MOA-PMU	BWI
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Major MOA Accomplishments: March 2024 to Present

- ✓ Developed, validated, and launched the National Agriculture Development Plan (NADP).
- ✓ Developed the Post-Harvest Loss Management Strategy.
- ✓ Created a Preparedness Plan for Food and Nutrition Security Crisis.
- ✓ Developed a Road Map for Food Security and Nutrition.
- ✓ Relaunched the University of Liberia Farm
- ✓ Launched the Peri-Urban Agriculture initiative project
- ✓ Began a nationwide tour and identified potential land for production.
- ✓ With sponsorship from the Chinese government, 20 young Liberians trained in Agri-Extension Technology at Beijing's Technology Extension Service Center.
- ✓ Aligned donor's sponsored projects under the MOA with the GoL ARREST Agenda.

❖ MOA's Projects

🚧 RETRAP:

- ✓ Constructed a vegetable kiosk at Catholic Junction and trained sellers on standard measurement scales.
- ✓ Supported about 2,300 farmers for the cultivation of 4,420ha of which 1,149ha have been cultivated in six counties: Bong, Lofa, Grand Cape Mount, Margibi, Montserrado and Nimba.
- ✓ Distributed 2,975 piglets and 51,500 chicks to 600 and 375 farmers respectively.

🚧 SADFONS

- ✓ Supported CARI for the production of 10.5MT of foundation seed (rice) and supplied 5.1MT to three out growers in Southeast, Liberia.

🚧 STAR-P

Machinery training:

- ✓ Trained 32 farmers, artisanal youths, mechanization providers, implement fabricators, and agric. institution reps in machinery use at CARI, July 15-21, 2024.

RICE Production:

- ✓ Cape Mount (Kpenegee): 160ha upland rice ready for harvest in 2 weeks; Nimba (Gbedin): 208.6ac lowland prepared and 79ac upland cleared, with ongoing planting; Lofa (Foya): 50ha lowland cleared, with ploughing and nursery setup underway.

THE NATIONAL
AGRICULTURE FAIR | NAF 2024

Theme Promoting Agriculture for Food Security, Nutrition & Sustainable Development

National Agriculture Fair 2024

Dec. 3 – 7, 2024

NAF Chronology

Year	Minister	Venue
1956	Johnny Cooper	Randall Street, present day Abi Jaoudi
1976 /77	Louis A. Ross	Fendell Campus
2006	Dr. J. Chris Toe	Gompa City, Nimba Co. (Joint WFP & NAF)
2007	Dr. J. Chris Toe	Tubmanburg, Bomi Co.
2008	Dr. J. Chris Toe	Voinjama, Lofa County
2018	Dr. Mogana S. Flomo	Buchanan City (Joint WFP & NAF)
2021	Jeanine M. Cooper	CARI, Suakoko, Bong County




Background/Introduction

Agriculture remains the cornerstone of Liberia's economic growth and development. Approximately 70% of the population relies on it for their livelihoods, with the majority of whom live in rural areas. The sector provides essential goods such as food, feed, and fiber. It has the potential to reduce poverty, increase farming households' income, and enhance living standards, thereby contributing to national growth and development. Agriculture also serves as a major source of foreign exchange, contributing about 25-35% to Liberia's GDP.

Recognizing its immense potential, the Government of Liberia, under its Agriculture-RREST Agenda, views agriculture as a key pillar for sustainable economic growth and national development, ensuring food and nutrition security for all Liberians. Established in 1972, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) is mandated to achieve self-sufficiency in food production, enhance the country's foreign exchange earnings, and transition farmers from subsistence to commercial farming.

In 2009, the MOA's mandate was updated to include promoting agricultural development, food security, and growth. The Ministry provides policy frameworks, directs agricultural investments, and supports services necessary for profitable and sustainable agriculture, thereby spreading the benefits of development to the poor.

As outlined in the 2012 National Agricultural Extension and Advisory Service Policy document, a critical activity of the MOA is to create an enabling environment for efficient and effective agricultural extension services. These services enable stakeholders to make productive and sustainable use of agricultural resources.

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Some of the past NAFs have often coincided with World Food Day programs, held on October 16 annually, which sometimes overshadowed the fair itself.

Goal of NAF 2024

The goal of the 2024 National Agricultural Fair is to showcase Liberia's agricultural potential, promote stakeholder interactions, and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience.

This goal aligns with Section 36 of the Executive Law governing the National Agriculture Fair.

Specific Objectives

- Exhibit agricultural machinery, insecticides, fertilizers, and various agricultural products.
- Showcase Liberia's agricultural potential to encourage more Liberians to engage in agriculture for business and food/nutrition security.
- Provide an enabling environment to enhance interactions among farmers, value chain actors, and other stakeholders.

- Bring together farmers, consumers, processors, input dealers, transporters, agriculturists, policymakers, UN agencies, NGOs, and other partners to enhance networking and partnership opportunities.
- Award prizes for the best-evaluated items and value chain actors in various subsectors.
- Create awareness and educate stakeholders about National Agriculture Development Plan (NADP) (2024-2030),
- Promote stakeholder investment in the plan and scale up adoption rate of associated improved technology.

2024 NAF Activities, Timeline and Venues

- **National Farmers Conference:**
December 3-4, 2024 (BWI)
- **National Agriculture Fair:**
December 5-7, 2024 (BWI)

Major Features of Event Venue:

Location and size: Centrally located stadium with seating capacity of 50 to 100 persons, suitable for VIPs and dignitaries.

Parking and Accessibility: Designated parking spaces that can accommodate a significant number of vehicles.

Additional Amenities: Two conference rooms for farmers' conference, meetings, and rest areas.

Sanitation Facilities: Existing toilet facilities beneath the stadium and conference rooms

