

DA7 urges LGUs in Negros Oriental to enact agri ordinances

In order to have a more climate-resilient agriculture, the Department of Agriculture-Central Visayas (DA7) encouraged the local government units (LGUs) of Negros Oriental to enact ordinances that will help mitigate the impact of climate change in the production of food.

DA7's Agriculture Program Coordinating Officer (PATCO) in Negros Oriental, Sarah Perocho, urged the LGUs to enact ordinances or executive orders on the establishment of household rain water impounding system, solid waste management and recycling of single-use plastic bottles.

"Let's adopt and embrace climate-resilient technologies as these could be a big factor in the development and advancement of our agri production and livelihood," Perocho said.

Perocho went on that having an ordinance on solid waste management will force every household to have compost pits for biodegradable materials to be used as fertilizers.

"This will help reduce the volume of thrown garbage," Perocho added.

The establishment of a household rainwater catchment is another ordinance that DA7 is proposing to the LGUs.

Perocho bared that the water catchment will help prevent flooding as rainwater is impounded for domestic uses like potable water, among others.

"On plastic ordinance, LGUs can buy all their single-use plastic containers as raw materials for eco-blocks, for instance. If there is such an ordinance, this will not only benefit the agriculture sector but also the constituents to earn income," Perocho said.

Perocho shared that Tanjay City Mayor Reynaldo Concepcion was very happy and receptive especially on the plastic ordinance.

"He is very receptive on all the proposed ordinances," Perocho said.
