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Kemarau tak jejas tuai padi

Alor Setar: Aktiviti pertanian, terutama tanaman padi tidak mengalami masalah bekalan air walaupun Kedah ketika ini mengalami musim kemarau.

Pengurus Besar Lembaga Kemajuan Pertanian Muda (MADA), Datuk Fouzi Ali, berkata walaupun Kedah berhadapan cuaca panas berpanjangan, ia tidak menjejaskan pesawah kerana sekarang musim menuai.

"Pada masa ini, tiada sebarang

masalah dihadapi, malah MADA tidak mempunyai laporan mengenai pesawah terjejas kerana musim kemarau.

Musim menuai

"Sekarang musim menuai, maka sudah pasti isu ketiadaan air tidak timbul, malah empangan kita juga mempunyai bekalan air.

"Pesawah hanya mula tanam padi pada pertengahan bulan depan dan apabila timbul isu musim ke-



Fouzi Ali

marau, kita bernasib baik kerana sekarang adalah musim menuai," katanya ketika dihubungi, semalam.

Kelmarin, Ketua Cawangan Komunikasi Korporat MADA, Mohd Hafizi Zakaria, berkata paras takungan air di tiga empangan utama seliaan MADA) Empangan Pedu, Muda dan Ahning menurun sedikit berbanding dua minggu lalu, tetapi tidak menjejaskan bekalan air di negeri ini.

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Konsep pasar tani moden boleh diperluas dengan memberi peluang kepada Bumiputera dan belia berniaga.

Perluas konsep pasar tani tarik Bumiputera berniaga

Sudah sampai masanya pasar tani di negara ini dinaik taraf serta diperbesarkan lagi ruang serta peluang perniagaannya untuk Bumiputera berniaga kecil-kecilan.

Konsep perniagaan terbuka mesti dikekalkan, tetapi dengan pengubahsuaian seperti menyediakan lot niaga lebih luas dan teratur. Kemudahan tambahan seperti tandas awam dan lor parkir juga wajar disediakan.

Untuk menggalakkan Bumi-

putera berniaga, hendaklah juga dipelbagaikan produk jualan mereka, tidak semestinya barangan basah seperti ikan atau hasilan laut yang lain serta sayuran sahaja.

Pasarkan produk sendiri

Boleh juga dibenarkan hasil produk perusahaan kecil yang lain asalkan diusahakan oleh Bumiputera itu sendiri.

Begitu juga diharap semua peniaga di pasar tani dikedualikan bayaran sewa dan segala

tanggungjawab memantau dan menguruskannya terserah kepada pihak berkuasa tempatan (PBT), dengan kerjasama Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA) dan kerajaan negeri.

Sebagai ganti, kebersihannya hendaklah dikendalikan oleh peniaga itu sendiri di premis masing-masing selepas habis waktu berniaga.

Tiada had kepada siapa juga hendak berniaga asalkan rakyat Malaysia dan semestinya

hanya kepada peniaga Bumiputera.

Pada masa sama diharap pegawai penguat kuasa PBT melonggarkan syarat dan tidak ter-lalu mengetatkan pemantauan mereka ke atas peniaga.

Ini antara cara untuk menggalakkan lebih ramai Bumiputera berniaga, terutama belia Melayu.

Syed Abdullah Syed Osman
Ampangan, Seremban

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Hot weather affecting Harumanis mango farmers

KANGAR: The extremely hot weather is giving some 400 Harumanis mango farmers in Chuping a headache as the scorching heat is threatening the pollinating process of the fruits.

Last Friday, the temperature in Chuping reached about 37°C, making the area the hottest place in the country, and this has also resulted in the flowers dropping prematurely from the trees.

Perlis Agriculture Department crop development agent Mohd Shafarin Puteh said it had rained only twice since January.

"It is true that Harumanis mangoes require hot weather to grow well, but this year's weather is extremely hot.

"The ideal temperature for the mangoes to pollinate and produce fruits is between 31°C and 32°C but now our daily afternoon temperature is 36°C," he said after a meeting with farmers to address the concern in Kampung Panggas Besar here.

Mohd Shafarin said some 35,000 Harumanis trees would be at risk unless it rains soon.

"We have about 300ha of Harumanis farms, with an average of 123 trees per hectare.

"Last year, we produced about 750 tonnes of the fruit but with the present weather, I think there would be a drop," he said.

Farm owner Mohamad Zaki Khotob, 35, who has about 100 trees, said he expects a drop in the harvest this year.

"I think the harvesting would be delayed to



Sun-kissed mangoes: Farmer Azdha (left) and his partner Alauddin Abd Rahman showing some good quality Harumanis harvested at his farm in Kampung Belukar in Beseri, Perlis.

July or August. The hot weather has slowed down the growth of the fruits.

"This is probably the worst season in the past five years. Hopefully, the rain will come soon," he said.

Another planter in Kampung Belukar, Mohd Azdha Jusoh, is not affected by the hot weather as his farm, which has 900 trees, is equipped with an underground irrigation system from the nearby Sungai Abi.

"The hot weather allows more flowers to be produced from the trees and they can be kept

cool by the underground water.

"If the hot weather persists, I expect this season's produce to increase by 50% from last year," he said, adding he expects to harvest at least five tonnes of the mangoes this year.

Harvested only once a year, the sweet and aromatic Harumanis mango, which maintains its green colouring even when ripe, is the most expensive local mangoes as it could fetch up to RM40 per kg in the country and are exported to countries such as Singapore, Taiwan and Japan.

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Vietnam's cassava export plunges over last two months

HANOI: Vietnam raked in US\$160mil (RM654mil) from exporting 424,000 tonnes of cassava and cassava-based products in the first two months of this year.

The figure is down 25.9% in volume and down 8.9% in value

against the same period last year, according to the Vietnam Cassava Association yesterday.

In February alone, the country shipped abroad some 150,000 tonnes of cassava and cassava-based products worth US\$60mil

(RM245mil) down 12.8% in volume but up 13.8% in value on-year.

Between January and February, China remained the largest importer of Vietnamese cassava, accounting for over 9% of the total

volume, followed by the Philippines and Malaysia, said the Vietnamese Agriculture and Rural Development Ministry.

Vietnam exported more than 2.4 million tonnes of cassava and cassava-based products worth

US\$972mil (RM4bil) in 2018, seeing respective year-on-year decrease of 37.5% and 5.8%, mainly to China, South Korea, Malaysia and the Philippines, according to the country's General Statistics Office. — Xinhua

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