



Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Mining

Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Branch

- Every person carrying on trade or the business of buying or selling, or of buying or exporting agricultural produce shall be required to take out a licence under this Act.
- No person shall carry, on any water, highway or public road, any agricultural produce unless such produce is accompanied by a receipt.
- The receipt shall be issued by the vendor of the produce:
 - (i) if the person purchases the produce; and
 - (ii) in any other case, the grower of the produce.
- Every person who is required to issue a receipt, may purchase a receipt book at any office of the Jamaica Agricultural Society (JAS) situated in –
 - the parish in which the person resides; or
 - if the person is a licensed produce dealer, the parish in which he conducts business or in which his licence is issued
- The receipt helps the police to verify whether or not the produce in transit is stolen or purchased. It also facilitates speedy dialogue between the police and farmers and assists in the apprehension of persons who steal agricultural produce.

FARM THEFT... HURTS!



CALL 119 or 311 TO REPORT FARM THEFT

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You don't have to give your name...
No *69... No Caller ID.

**Get a Cash
Reward**

For any information that leads to an arrest.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining, in collaboration with the Ministry of National Security, has established a **Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Branch** to intensify efforts to address the theft of agricultural produce.
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining has made amendments to the **Agricultural Produce Act (APA)** and is seeking to collaborate with the Jamaica Constabulary Force to amend the **Praedial Larceny (Prevention) Act** to “redefine” praedial larceny and to increase the fines associated with the theft of agricultural produce which includes crops, livestock, poultry, fish and also of farm equipment.
- To facilitate the traceability of agricultural produce from ‘farm to fork’, the Ministry is implementing the **National Animal Identification and Traceability System (NAITS)**. Under NAITS, all cattle will be tagged and issued a passport.
- The passport is used to record critical bio and genetic data of animals. It also records the transfer of animals from one owner to the next.
- Legislative amendments to the Animal (Disease and Importation) Act make it mandatory for owners of cattle to tag their animals and possess the necessary passport.
- The tagging system will aid the Ministry’s Anti-Praedial Larceny efforts and address issues of animal health, identification and traceability.

“ENSURING JAMAICAN FARMERS REAP WHAT THEY GROW”

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- The Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Branch, in collaboration with the Jamaica Constabulary Force, has conducted numerous police operations to curtail and prevent incidents of praedial larceny across the island.
- The Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Branch has embarked on a public education campaign to sensitize farmers, police officers, judiciary and the Jamaican public on the deleterious impact of praedial larceny on farming communities and the country’s economic development.
- A National Praedial Larceny Prevention Committee comprising key stakeholders, was established by the Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Branch to strengthen its efforts to curtail incidents of farm theft in Jamaica.
- You can call **Crime Stop at 311** to report incidents of farm theft and **get a cash reward** for any information that leads to an arrest.

IT’S THE LAW!

The Agricultural Produce Act (APA) outlines certain requirements to which farmers must adhere. According to the Act:

- Every person carrying on the trade or business of growing or rearing agricultural produce shall become registered with the Rural Agricultural Development Authority (RADA). Farmers can be registered at any of the RADA parish offices.