

# **X DON'TS**

## **1. DO NOT TAMPER WITH PRODUCE:**

Any person who adulterates any agricultural produce for any purpose likely to deceive a purchaser is guilty of an offence [36. (f)].

## **2. DO NOT FORGET TO ISSUE A VALID RECEIPT:**

Any person who being a vendor of any agricultural produce fails to issue a receipt to purchasers is guilty of an offence [36. (n)].

Any person who negligently or fraudulently gives a false receipt is guilty of an offence [36. (v)].

## **3. DO NOT TRANSPORT ANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE WITHOUT AN ACCOMPANYING RECEIPT:**

Any person who when carrying produce along any water highway or public road, fails to produce a receipt when requested by a constable, without satisfactory excuse, is guilty of an offence [36. (o)].

Any person who carries any agricultural produce along any water highway or public road without a receipt is guilty of an offence [36. (p)].



## **4. DO NOT HAVE IN YOUR POSSESSION ANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE THAT WAS ILLEGALLY OBTAINED.**

Always have your ID or receipt readily available when requested by an officer.

## **5. DO NOT BUY ANY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE FROM ANYONE WITHOUT OBTAINING A RECEIPT.**

## **PENALTIES**

All violations under this Act are punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000.00, and in default of payment, by imprisonment with or without hard work for a term not exceeding 3 months if the penalty exceeds \$50,000, or 1 month if the penalty is less than \$50,000.

If a corporation's officer, servant, or agent commits a breach, fines will be collected by seizing and selling assets. Imprisonment may be imposed if payment is not made.

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## **Praedial Larceny Prevention Coordination Branch**



# **COMPLIANCE: KNOW THE FACTS**

# The Agricultural Produce Act (APA) is a measure used to reduce praedial larceny and other farm related theft in Jamaica

In 2004, an Act was amended requiring farmers to register and use a mandatory receipt book system when legitimately selling and transporting agricultural produce. In this Act, agricultural produce includes both crops and livestock.

Section 14 prohibits anyone from carrying on any water highway or public road any agricultural produce unless accompanied with a valid receipt issued in accordance with the Act.

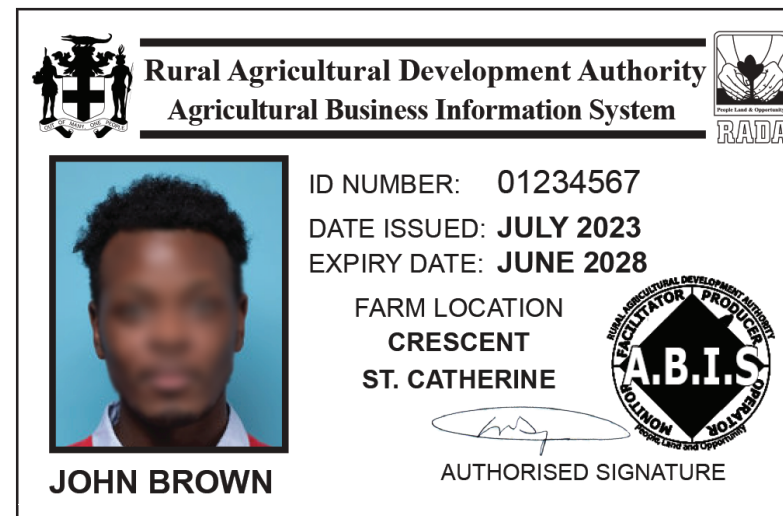
It is important that all persons along the food supply chain - farmers, purveyors, conveyors, butchers, consumers - know the significant components of the APA that affects the way in which they conduct business.



## 1. GET REGISTERED: it's free!!

Every person carrying on the trade or business of growing or rearing agricultural produce shall become registered with the Rural Agricultural Development Authority [2A. (1)].

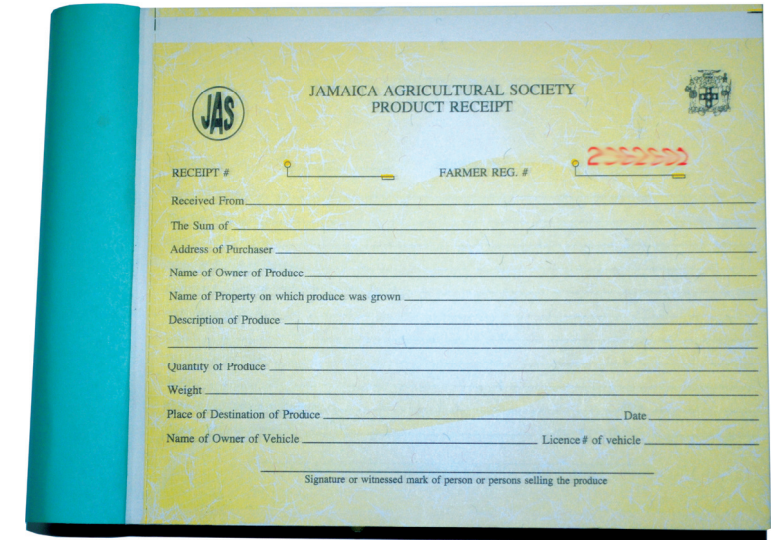
- Upon completion of registration, you are acknowledged as a farmer.
- Registered farmers may also purchase an ID card.
- The ID card is valid for 5 years.



## 2. GET YOUR RECEIPT BOOK:

Every person who is required to issue a receipt may apply for the receipt book at any office of the Jamaica Agricultural Society [15. (1)].

- Only registered farmers can purchase a receipt book.



## 3. ISSUE RECEIPT TO BUYERS:

No person shall carry, on any water highway or public road, any agricultural produce unless such produce is accompanied by a receipt [14. (1)].

- Always issue a receipt on the completion of a sale.
- Ensure the receipt is properly written up at the time of purchase.
- Keep the copies of the receipt in the receipt book.

Receipts are not required from anyone who transports agricultural produce for personal or non-commercial reasons.

Ensure that you present your documents and allow for a search of the vehicle if requested by an officer of the law.

- No search warrant is needed.

