Sunday, October 18, 2015
Noon - 6:00 P.M.

University of the Virgin Islands
Albert A. Sheen Campus
St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

“Social Protection and Agriculture-Breaking the Cycle of Rural Poverty.”

Sponsored by
UVI Cooperative Extension Service
in partnership with
UVI Agricultural Experiment Station
V. I. Department of Agriculture
World Food Day is a worldwide event designed to increase awareness and understanding and provoke year-around action to alleviate hunger. It is observed each October 16th in recognition of the founding of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in 1945. The Food and Agriculture Organization is the lead agency of the United Nations’ system for technical assistance, research, and policy-making in world agriculture, fishing, forestry, and rural development. The first World Food Day was observed in 1981. In the United States, the endeavor is sponsored by 450 national private voluntary organizations. World Food Day is celebrated in 150 nations.

The objectives of World Food Day are to:

- Encourage increasing agricultural food production and to stimulate national, bilateral, transnational, and non-governmental initiatives to this end.

- Catapult economic and technical coordination among developing nations.
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  OPENING PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies
Kofi Boateng, Associate Director
UVI Cooperative Extension Service

National Anthem/VI March
Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra

Prayer...............................................................McKayla Collins
4-H Military Youth

Welcome.......................................................Kwame Garcia, Sr., State Director
UVI Cooperative Extension Service

Remarks..........................................................Robert Godfrey, Ph.D., Director
UVI Agricultural Experiment Station
Camille A. McKayle, Ph.D., Provost
University of the Virgin Islands
The Honorable Sammuel Sanes, Senator
31st Legislature, U.S. Virgin Islands
The Honorable Stacey Plaskett
USVI Delegate to Congress
Carlos Robles, Commissioner
V.I. Department of Agriculture
The Honorable Kenneth E. Mapp
Governor, U.S. Virgin Islands

Presentation of Food Items.................................4-H Youth Ambassadors
Closing Prayer....................................................Marthious Clavier, Extension Specialist

2:00 p.m. ***Hunger Fair Educational Display***
(UVI Great Hall)

Entertainment
Noon - 1:00 p.m. & 3:30 - 6 p.m.
DJ Porter
Rising Stars Youth Steel Orchestra
St. Croix Martial Arts Center
Ay Ay Cultural Dance Company
Guardians of Culture Moko Jumbies

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

***Food Drive***
(Donated food products will be collected under the tent)

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

10: 30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.
4-H Youth “Super Chef” Competition
(UVI REC Room 134)

2:00 p.m. - 2:25 p.m.
Soursop: A Tropical Delight
Caryl Johnson, Ed.D.
Extension Program Supervisor 4-H/F&CS
UVI Cooperative Extension Service

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tour of AES Research Facilities
Distribution of Seedlings

2:00 p.m. - until

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Soursop"Blast” Competition
(Open to the public)

2:35 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Annona (Soursop Family) Production
Errol Chichester
Assistant Commissioner
V.I. Department of Agriculture

3:10 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.
Okra Production
Donald Bailey
Research Specialist III
UVI Agricultural Experiment Station

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Tour of AES Research Facilities

3:50 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Goat Production
Stuart Weiss, Ph.D.
Research Assistant Professor
UVI Agricultural Experiment Station

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
“House of CANs” Competition
(4-H/ Youth Activity)

4:30 p.m.
4-H Youth "Super Chef" Awards

(UVI Great Hall)
A heartfelt thank you to the following individuals for assisting us with the judging of the 4-H Youth “Super Chef” Competition and the Soursop “Blast” Competition.

Yoland Browne
Raymond Matthew
Sonia Spencer
Jennifer Jordan
JoAnn Murphy
Patrick Kralik
Ashley Allen, Sr.

- Enhance the participation of rural people, particularly women and the under-privileged strata, in decisions and events impacting their living conditions.
- Augment public awareness of the issue of hunger in the world.
- Advocate the journey of technologies to the developing world.
- Revitalize international and national solidarity in the combat against hunger, malnutrition and poverty, and attract attention to accomplishments in food and agricultural development.

In the U.S. Virgin Islands, the University of the Virgin Islands Cooperative Extension Service has taken the lead in providing educational and nutritional workshops on food production to stimulate production and availability of food. The agency regularly partners with community groups, schools, government agencies, businesses, and media to hold this special event, to increase awareness and understanding about those who are hungry and undernourished.