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Governor Lemanu Featured in USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Newsletter

Governor Lemanu P.S. Mauga was recently featured in the February 2024 issue of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Newsletter. The feature highlighted his meeting with Louis Obot, a Marketing Specialist and Operational Rations expert from the Specialty Crops Inspection (SCI) Division, during Obot's visit to American Samoa on January 14, 2024.

The meeting took place at a local processing facility where canned tuna production for the Department of Defense's Meals Ready to Eat (MRE) program was being observed. Governor Lemanu, a U.S. Army veteran with 23 years of active-duty service, expressed his enthusiasm at discovering the expanded variety of MRE options available today compared to his time in the military.

Louis Obot and his team are visiting the territory again this week for another MRE production run, continuing their critical work to ensure the highest standards of safety and nutrition for our troops. SCI plays a vital role in verifying that vendors meet stringent requirements, highlighting the ongoing commitment to supporting the health and well-being of our nation's service members.

To view the full newsletter, click [here](#).

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