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## “ASG Hosts Flag Day International Farm Fair.”

*The Department of Agriculture invites over 220 vendors for super farm fair.  
Hot food, produce, florists, livestock, music, curators, and family filled fun.*

The Department of the Agriculture's Director Solia Mutini is hosting a Flag Day International Farm Fair **from April 14th -17th, 8 am-5 pm**, at the Veteran's Memorial Stadium Tafuna, American Samoa. "This will be the largest farm fair of its kind," states Director Mutini. "It is also our goal to support the local farmers, florists, and curators whenever we can. When we have these fairs, they support local brands and businesses. It gives them a platform to showcase what our local farmers are capable of growing."

Along with the local vendors, the Fair will have jumpers for kids, music, and entertainment. There will be over 65 restaurants, 110 farmer boots, 28 florists, 8 livestock stations, 11 curators.

The Arts Council will also be providing entertainment beginning at 5 pm.

"I want to commend Director Mutini and the Department of Agriculture staff for planning and putting this International Farm Fair together. This is a great way to build and promote agriculture advocacy. These local farmers will educate others on the importance of subsistence farming," states Governor Lemanu. He continues, "If you never grew up on a farm, you would not understand the commitment and hard work ethic it requires. I look forward to experiencing a family environment, similar to large county fairs in the mainland."

Governor Lemanu is very adamant about the public's education on agricultural services. He explains, "Food security is an issue we need to look at closely. How can we sustain another pandemic that may even close trade routes that would cause a ripple effect of social and economic impacts that would lead to a crash in produce and farming markets? I encourage all families to learn more about subsistence farming and supporting local produce and fish markets. American Samoa has also progressed in vertical and hydroponic farming, another alternative to growing produce."

