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**DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET SITTING ON AUGUST 01, 2022 UNDER
THE CHAIR OF H.E THE PRESIDENT AT STATE HOUSE, ENTEBBE**

1. Cabinet discussed and took note of the information that Uganda shall commemorate the International Youth Day which will be marked on August 12, 2022 at Kaunda Grounds, Gulu City. The theme of the day is “Inter-generational solidarity; the role of youth in the implementation of the Parish Development Model”. The global theme for International youth day 2022 “Intergenerational solidarity; creating a world for all Ages”.
2. Passed the principles for the amendment of the Animal Diseases Act Cap 38, 1964 as amended in 2000 and authorised the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries to proceed and draft the bill for cabinet consideration. The objectives of the bill include;
 - i) Address the gaps that have been identified in the current framework for animal prevention and control.
 - ii) Make provisions with respect to measures to effectively control and prevent diseases affecting animals (livestock, wild life, aquatic animals, productive entomology, microbial species)
 - iii) Promote quality and safety of food of animal origin as well as enhance trade in animals and their products.

The principles include;

- a) Aligning the Animal Disease Act with the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) guidelines, standards, regulations and recommendations.
- b) Strengthening prevention and control of animal diseases to meet national and international sanitary measures.

- c) Strengthening prevention and control of diseases in animals other than livestock.
 - d) Strengthen the veterinary laboratory services for analysis and diagnosis of animal diseases.
 - e) Strengthen of the veterinary inspection and certification
 - f) Compensation of farmers for animals slaughtered during disease control
 - g) The application of one health approach in the management of zoonotic diseases
 - h) Strengthen offences and penalties for contravening the Act and Regulations
3. Adopted a paper on strategic interventions to boost food and animal feed security in the country presented by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.

The national food security outlook for July 2022 is as follows;

- ✓ Karamoja 41% food insecure
- ✓ Teso 21.4% food insecure
- ✓ Acholi/Lango/West Nile 19.4% food insecure
- ✓ Buganda 17.7% food insecure
- ✓ Rwenzori 6.3% food insecure
- ✓ Bunyoro/Ankole/Kigezi 4.2% food insecure

The factors contributing to this situation include unpredictable weather, drought, pests and disease outbreaks, the effects of the COVID 19 Pandemic, limited supply and availability of fertilisers due to Russia – Ukraine war and limited access to irrigation and mechanisation.

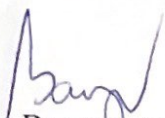
Cabinet agreed to support the proposed interventions of partnering with large scale commercial farmers/farming entities for mass production of strategic commodities to guarantee food and animal feed security. Institutions shall be given grants and private large scale farmers shall receive interest free loans.

The following commodities will be promoted with the attendant acreages, maize (114, 219 acres), soya beans 59,900 acres, beans (22,810,acres), sorghum (2, 720 acres). This totals to 224,650 acres.

The participating institutions and farmers with acres to be planted include;

1. Uganda Prisons 50,000 acres
2. UPDF 10,000 acres
3. NEC 5,280 acres
4. Veterans 4,707 acres

5. NARO 10,000 acres
6. NAGRC& DB 30,000 acres
7. Large scale farmers 314,000 acres



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