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Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise Completes Tour of Toledo District

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Hon. Abelardo Jose Mai, Minister of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise, went on a tour of agribusinesses in the Toledo District from January 28-29, 2021.

Minister Mai visited several businesses where he held meetings with the staff. These included the Toledo District Agriculture Station, the Belize Marketing and Development Corporation Rice Mill at Big Falls; several shrimp farms, including Aquamar and BelEuro; and the Naledo turmeric processing facility. Several farms were visited where the Minister held meetings of agro-related concerns, including meetings with the southern cattle and agro-product traders and exporters and the Toledo Cacao Growers Association. Minister Mai stated that he was impressed with the work at some of the farms, such as the Herson Blandon Farm and the Leslie Parham Farm.

The Minister noted the issues and concerns presented by agro-producers and shared his commitment to trying to find a way forward. He reiterated his Ministry's mission of putting Belizean products first.

Minister Mai was accompanied by Hon. Mike Espat, Toledo East Area Representative and Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, and Investment.

The Minister will continue his national tour in the coming months.

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