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Students of St Kizito High School Namugongo showcasing livestock feeds made from food waste. Over 10 schools had stalls at the expo

Learners explain new innovations

The skills and knowledge that learners from different schools across the country displayed at this year's Harvest Money Expo last week are a testimony that Uganda's agriculture has a bright future. During the expo, learners, both male and female, took charge of different exhibition stalls and explained farming concepts with confidence and valour, write **HERBERT MUSOKE** and **MAUREEN NAKATUDDE**

Schools impress visitors at Harvest Money Expo

As people streamed into Kololo Ceremonial Grounds in Kampala for the 2026 Harvest Money Expo, learners of different age groups, some clad in overalls, stood in different stalls, explaining the latest farming innovations to whoever was willing to listen.

In one of the tents, Hannah Nowamani, a pupil of MST Primary School in Entebbe, was training visitors about testing and its role in increasing agricultural productivity and profitability.

"It is important to test soil, especially the alkalinity and acidity, so that you understand which crops can do well and where. We have to keep the soil nutritious so that it feeds the crops, which in turn feed the farmer," she says.

Next to Nowamani is her schoolmate, Abraham Lincoln Ssentongo, who is explaining profitability in piggery.

"For profitability, one needs to select high-performing breeds like large white, landrace and cambrough, among others, which should be fed and kept well with hygiene," he says.

For Hannah Zhenelle Kwagala, a pupil from the same school, the enterprise she is in charge of is a bizarre but profitable one. She says snail farming is profitable. Kwagala says a farmer can rear snails from which she harvests slime to make cosmetics like lotions and jelly, among others.

In addition to farming projects, the pupils also exhibited a mini radio studio that was broadcasting what was happening at the expo live to the fellow pupils back at school in Bwerenga on Entebbe Road in Wakiso district. They also showcased a refrigerator that sells milk. It dispenses milk to customers according to what the buyer deposits.

Apart from primary and secondary schools, institutions of higher learning, such as St Elizabeth's Institute of Health Professionals, Mukono and Strathmore University Business School from Kenya exhibited their agricultural projects and shared their experiences.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

In the secondary school's category, the exhibitors were: Emma High School from Kampala, Iganga Secondary School, Bombo Army Secondary School, Gayaza High School and St Kizito High School and Namugongo, among others.

Emma High School students exhibited different urban farming products, such as vegetables and poultry.

"Farming is not only a business, but the future. Even corporations can practice farming. Vegetables like *sukuma*, spring onions, amarathas, among others, can be grown in the backyard," a female student, told *Mwalimu*.

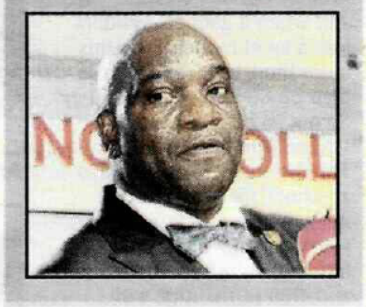
Charles Kigozi Kato, another student of Emma High School, explained rabbit farming with ease.

"Rabbits are easy to rear. Their feeds are easy to find and they produce every month," he said

Abraham Kyarisima, the agriculture

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