

Farmers to get tips on weather changes

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The Minister of State for Northern Uganda, Grace Kwiycwiny, has called on development partners to support the region so as to revive agricultural productivity.

She said the region used to be a food basket but this had changed due to weather changes.

With appropriate information, farmers can decide to either buy drought-tolerant varieties or learn when to plant to avoid drought or flooding among others.

"The move will prevent losses incurred by farmers when adverse weather conditions like floods sweep all the crops, leading to starvation and sometimes death," Kwiycwiny said.

The minister called on development partners to teach communities in Lango sub-region to understand weather patterns at the forthcoming Agri-business expo that is to take place on March 23, at Lira Mayor's Gardens. "Lango was a food basket for the north, but with

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this unpredictable weather, many people have been left confused as to when to plant. I hope this event will give farmers information

regarding the planting season," she said.

During the expo, which will run under the theme: "Addressing Climate Change

and Food Security", farmers will be taught about the changing weather patterns being manifested in their region and other parts of the country, added Kwiycwiny.

Sarah Nakibuka from Eye to Eye Consult, the organisers of the expo, said the exhibition will offer solutions to climate change and food security.

"The most critical issue of our times is climate change which is already impacting populations and eco-systems, especially in Uganda and is threatening the most

vulnerable groups who are the smallholder farmers," Nakibuka said.

She added that the event which was expected to attract over 250 agro input dealers and weather experts would help farmers understand the changing patterns surrounding them.

During the expo, farmers will be taught value chain development and market linkages, the role of Bank of Uganda and Agricultural Credit Facility, fish farming among others.

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