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## 52nd Annual Agrifest Set to Showcase Virgin Islands' Agricultural Richness

**Set for February 17-19 at St. Croix's Rudolph Shulterbrandt Agricultural Complex, daily activities from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

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**Agriculture Fair 2022 By. V.I. CONSORTIUM, KGP**

The territory is gearing up for the 52nd Annual Agriculture and Food Fair on St. Croix, scheduled to take place from February 17-19 at the Rudolph Shulterbrandt Agricultural Complex, Estate Lower.

This year's fair, under the theme "Agriculture: Our future and so much more in 2024", promises an array of activities and exhibitions celebrating the territory's agricultural heritage and future.

The fair, open to the public, will charge an entrance fee of \$6 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$5 for senior citizens. It will operate daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the opening ceremonies set for 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 17.

"Our theme reflects our tireless and ongoing efforts to keep agriculture alive in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Let's enjoy, educate, and improve food security for many years to come," stated Dr. Louis E. Petersen, commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and president of the Agriculture and Food Fair Board.

### **Highlights of Agrifest 2024**

Agrifest 2024 will feature the Fair Wear Extravaganza and the Farmer of the Year award presentations on Saturday. A diverse lineup of entertainment includes the Superior Court Rising Stars Steel Orchestra, We Deh Ya Cultural Dancers, and many more, offering a rich cultural experience to attendees.

### **Family-Oriented Activities and International Participation**

The event promises family fun with exhibits, demonstrations, entertainment, and competitions. Visitors can expect prize-winning animals, local food and beverages, and fellowship with friends and relatives from neighboring islands. The fair will also host participants from Guyana, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, and Grenada, showcasing a regional collaboration in agriculture.

The University of the Virgin Islands will participate under the UVI tent, displaying publications and services offered to the community. As a major sponsor, the UVI School of Agriculture will exemplify this year's theme, emphasizing educational aspects of the fair.

The organizers, including the V.I. Department of Agriculture, UVI School of Agriculture, the V.I. Department of Tourism, VI Lottery, and VIYA, invite everyone to experience the best of Virgin Islands agriculture.