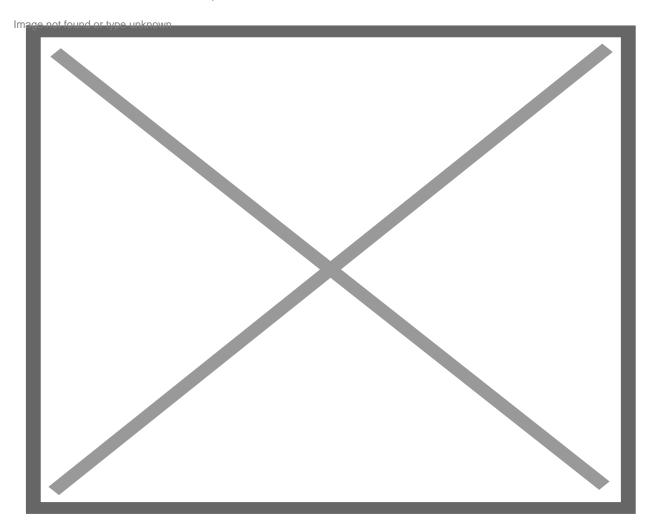
## **Governor Bryan Aiming for Agrifest 2022**

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Agrifest 2022 has the backing of Governor Albert Bryan, with the territory's leader stating during his weekly press briefing that a successful fair would serve as a good test ahead of other events, including the 2022 V.I. Carnival (St. Thomas Carnival).

"My target right now is to have a really good Agricultural Fair," Mr. Bryan said. "We could have a thousand or how many people moving around and everybody being safe. It's a good place to start with a major event because there's no alcohol there, and it's a daytime event."

Putting on the fair will in part depend on the territory's performance relative to Covid-19."Work with me so I could work with you because I know you're tired of being at home and locked away. But all of our successes and how far we've moved depends on you... You got to do the right thing. You've got to help these business owners, you got to adhere to the guidelines and paying attention to when these things change."

The last Agrifest <u>took place in February 2020</u>. Organizers had planned for a 2021 event but later canceled as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

"After much gut wrenching contemplation, discussion, and weighing, the Agriculture and Food Fair of the U.S.V.I. Board of Directors is sad to announce that due to ongoing uncertainties of the Covid-19 pandemic and the safety of our Virgin Islands Society, the Annual Agriculture and Food Fair of the U.S.V.I. 2021 is postponed until February 2022," the board said Feb. 3, 2021.

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