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**STATEMENT ON TOMATO PRODUCTION AND SUPPLY FOR 2021
CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES**

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture has noted agitations amongst some tomato growers in some parts of the country over fears of glut because of this year's anticipated bumper harvest.

The Ministry gathered that, some tomato farmers, particularly in the Ashanti and Bono Regions, have expressed fears over lack of market for their produce in the impending Christmas festivities and beyond.

These concerns are largely due to reports that market women who trade in tomatoes are planning to travel to Burkina Faso to import the product into the country.

The situation, according to farmers, will adversely affect their market, which could result in serious post-harvest losses.

The Ministry therefore wishes to assure all farmers in the country that it has begun discussions with members of Tomato Transporters and Traders Association to ensure ready markets for our dear farmers.

It would be recalled that in recent times, there have been disturbing reports that market women who are compelled to travel all the way to Burkina Faso to import the produce due to local scarcity are often robbed of their capital and other possessions, thus raising issues of security.

To resolve these problems, the Ministry has put in place measures to increase local production of tomato under the Planting for Food and Jobs programme.

Accordingly, the Ministry says that, these measures have yielded positive results and



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for the first time in many years Ghanaian tomato traders would not have to travel to Burkina Faso to import the produce into the country.

For this reason, the Ministry has met with the leadership of the Tomato Traders and Transporters Association to firm up plans aimed at linking its members to some areas of production.

To ensure the proper execution of this objective, the Ministry has identified several areas in both the Ashanti and Bono Regions where members of the traders and transporters association will collaborate with farmers to address these potential challenges. These areas include

TANO SOUTH

Derma, Techimantia, Dwomo and Sunrise

TANO NORTH

Duayaw Nkwanta, Susanho, Adrobaa and Terkyere

OFFINSO NORTH

Akomadan, Afrancho, Asempanaye, Nkenkesu, Abofour and Sabronum

DORMAA AHENKRO DISTRICT

Badu Farmers, Antswrefo Farmers, Duasidan Farmers, Masu Farmers, Kweku Badukro, Yaw Boufourkro, Taflo, Dormaa Ahenkro Township and Asotiana respectively.

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture wishes to use this opportunity to inform Ghanaians, particularly the media, to join the campaign "PATRONIZE LOCAL TOMATOES" this Christmas Festivities to support our local farmers and reduce the cost of importation on the local economy.

Let's all help support the growth of the local tomato industry and encourage our hard-working farmers to continue to produce more tomatoes and other crops to feed the country.



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