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The Julie Mango in Every Yard Program

“Promoting Julie Mango as the Fruit of Choice of the US Virgin Islands”

Application Guidelines

Instructions: Please Read

INTRODUCTION

The Julie Mango is well-known for its exceptional flavor and compact growth habit. Experts suggest that this variety is an ideal choice for those with small yards or those who wish to grow mangoes in containers due to its very compact and dwarf structure. Despite its small size, the Julie is quite productive and bears fruit at a young age. In fact, the Virgin Islands Code (VI Code Title 7, Chapter 1, Subchapter VI, Section 25) has provisions for the establishment and implementation of "The Julie Mango in Every Yard Program" by the VI Department of Agriculture, which encourages private residents of the Virgin Islands to dedicate a portion of their land for at least one Julie mango tree.

As a result, VIDA sought funding to establish and implement “The Julie Mango in Every Yard Program” in the territory. This program will seek to train participants in grafting, tree pruning and planting, and general tree maintenance.

OBJECTIVE

The Objective of this programs is to promote Julie mango as the fruit of choice in the USVI in order to enhance competitiveness of Specialty Crops.

GOAL

Establish and implement “The Julie Mango in Every Yard Program” by producing more residents with grafting skills.

EXPECTED OUTCOME/RESULTS

- Increase awareness, knowledge, and consumption of Julie mango in the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Increase access and availability of Julie mangoes
- Increase knowledge on grafting, pruning, planting, tree care and general tree maintenance through education



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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible participants must meet the following minimum requirements to participate in this program:

- Must submit a completed request for application by the deadline.
- Must indicate an interest in obtaining grafting skills
- Must have a location to plant the grafted tree

APPLICATION DUE DATE: July 18, 2025

All applications are due by 5:00 PM (local time) via:

- Hand submission – Agriculture Department (both on St. Croix and St. Thomas / St. John)
or
- Email – shantel.douglas@doa.vi.gov.

REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

All applications submitted for "The Julie Mango in Every Yard Program" will go through a Competitive Review Process. A panel of three members, who are not associated with the Department of Agriculture, will evaluate each application based on a point and rank system. After evaluation, VIDA will select 60 applications - 30 for the St. Croix district and 30 for St. Thomas/St. John district - with the highest scores to participate in the program.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For further information about the Julie Mango in Every Yard Program, please contact, VIDA's Acting Marketing Director, Shantel Douglas at (340)778-0993 or Email shantel.douglas@doa.vi.gov.



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Julie Mango in Every Yard Program Application

Instructions: Please complete the RFA thoroughly. Only complete applications will be processed. Make sure to provide accurate contact information, including a valid phone number and email address.

Applicant Information (please print)

Applicant(s) Full Name: _____

Is the applicant at least 18 years old? Yes ☐ No ☐

1. Mailing Address: _____
2. Participating Address/Location _____
3. Valid Contact Number: _____
4. Email Address: _____

Questionnaire (please print)

1. What experience do you have in grafting and pruning fruit trees?

2. Why are you interested in participating in this program?

3. Indicate your availability to attend the **mandatory** 2-hour workshops every Saturday for a period of 3 weeks to fulfill the program requirements.



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4. How many years of farming and gardening experience do you have? _____
5. Please indicate if you have a farmer's license? ☐ Yes ☐ No Expiration Date: _____
6. Do you have an outstanding balance owed to the VI Department of Agriculture?
☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, state the amount you owe, and the name of the product or services received.

7. Are you willing to sign a cooperative agreement between VI Department of Agriculture and yourself if you are selected as a participant? ☐ Yes ☐ No