

# NATS announces Farmers of the Year for 2022

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The National Agriculture and Trade Show will be held later this month after a two-year hiatus, under the theme, "Innovations in Technology: Driving a Climate of Resilient and Competitive Agriculture and Food Sector", and in conjunction with the announcement of that theme, the committee has released the

names of the persons whom it has selected to be the recipients of the Farmers of the Year award for 2022. Three individuals from varying districts and one notable mention were announced by the NATS committee in its release yesterday.

Orlando Ek of the Corozal District will



**Ms. Krystle Romero**  
**Stand-Out (Impressive Junior Farmer) 2022**



**Darwin Orellana**  
**Junior Farmer of the Year 2022**



**Mrs. Norma Figueroa**  
**Female Farmer of the Year 2022**



**Mr. Orlando Ek**  
**Male Farmer of the Year 2022**

take home the prize for the Male Farmer of the Year. The Female Farmer of the Year award will be presented this year to two recipients after an impressive submission from a young farmer from Toledo. Mrs. Norma Figueroa took the first place prize, while a second-place

finisher, Ms. Krystle Romero, was also selected.

In its release, the NATS committee stated, "Ms. Romero is the 2nd place finisher in the Female Farmer of the Year category and was very close in points to the winner. While the competition

traditionally only recognizes the top finishers in each category, the evaluators felt that Ms. Romero, who can be classified as a junior female farmer, shows great potential for the future."

The "Agric" Show will be held from May 27 to the 29th at the Belmopan National Agriculture and Trade Showgrounds. An official ceremony recognizing the awardees is expected to take place at that time.

## VACANCY NOTICE

### MECHANIC

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the following post in the Mechanical/Electrical Department. In the Port's continued effort to promote diversity, both females/males, are encouraged to apply for the available post.

**Reports to:** Technical Manager

**Summary of Responsibilities:** Individual should be able to make adjustments on Brakes, Parking Brakes, Clutches under supervision. Remove/Replace Master Clutch/Breaks cylinders, Bleed Brakes, clutch, cooling system and cable rope.

**Job Responsibilities:**

- Able to remove and replace tires on all equipment's.
- Perform inspection checks/services oil & filter change.
- Assist in cleaning mechanical workshop.
- Remove & replace all equipment: starters, alternators, fan belts, radiators, Hydraulic hoses, cooling hoses, mirrors & shocks etc.
- Able to make adjustments on Brakes, parking brakes, and clutches.
- Remove/Replace Master Clutch/Breaks cylinders, Bleed Brakes, clutch, cooling system and cable rope.
- Any other duties that may be assigned of a related nature.

**Job qualifications/Requirements:**

- Minimum High School diploma with over 5 years' experience or Associates Degree in automotive technology or related field with 3 years' experience will be an asset.
- Must possess a valid driver's license.
- Basic knowledge to scan ECU (ECM), TCU and adjoining cabin electronics.
- Basic knowledge on propane fuel system

**Skills/Competencies:**

- Ability to work independently
- Able to work flexible hours
- Strong analytical skills
- Critical Thinker

**Compensation Package:** Will be commensurate (in accordance with the Company's Salary Structure).

**To apply:** Provide updated resume, cover letter ([addressed to Human Resource Manager](#)), copy of valid social security card, Valid police record, name and phone number of two (2) previous employers.

Applications should be emailed to:  
[jobapplications@portofbelize.com](mailto:jobapplications@portofbelize.com)  
Closing date for receipt of applications is Friday, May 27, 2022.

## Mullins River woman, 64, killed...

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of Sarawee Village, Stann Creek District, on the Stann Creek Valley Road off the Hummingbird Highway.

According to initial reports from police, Duran was driving a James Bus which was traveling from Belmopan to Dangriga Town when, somewhere between Miles 2 and 3 on the Stann Creek Valley Road, he saw a white pickup truck emerging from the right side of a dirt road located behind Lock & Key. Pinelo and two other passengers were inside that truck, which was being driven by 53-year-old Paul Bernard.

Duran told police that he flashed his lights and honked the horn of the bus to alert Bernard that he was approaching, and it had initially appeared that Bernard had responded appropriately, since Bernard brought the pickup to a halt and reversed back onto the dirt road. Duran, upon seeing the pickup truck reverse onto the dirt road, then proceeded along the highway. However, moments later, the truck unexpectedly sped onto the highway, and then attempted to make a left turn.

According to Duran, he applied his brakes but was not able to bring the bus to a stop in time, and its front portion hit the front side of Duran's truck, which caused the truck to careen into a ditch in the right side of the road, while the bus swerved to the left side of the road.

Pinelo died on impact. Her body was transported to the Southern Regional Hospital at 8:36 p.m., and she was pronounced dead on arrival. Her body was deposited at the morgue, where a post-mortem examination was to be conducted. It has been reported that no other serious injuries or fatalities were caused by the collision.

At the time of the collision, Bernard didn't possess a valid driver's license and is believed to be at fault.