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Jualan Agro MADANI terus jadi pilihan di Perlis

Arau: Jualan Agro MADANI yang menawarkan harga keperluan dapur lebih rendah, terus menjadi pilihan rakyat di Perlis membeli barang basah segar untuk memenuhi keperluan keluarga.

Pengunjung dari Kampung Tambun Tulang dekat sini, Athirah Mohamad, 30, berkata beliau datang seawal jam 8 pagi bagi mendapatkan ayam dan sayur-sayuran segar.

"Saya dengar ada Jualan Agro MADANI di sini terus saya datang dengan anak sebab barang selalunya murah dan tempat jualan pula dekat dengan rumah, tak perlu nak bergerak jauh beli barangang keperluan," katanya semalam.

Athirah yang juga suri rumah itu berkata, jualan itu wajar di-

perluas lagi dengan menumpukan kawasan masjid untuk memudahkan pergerakan penduduk kampung membeli keperluan, sekali gus meringankan beban golongan memerlukan.

Seorang penjawat awam Azril Mustafa, 45, berkata Jualan Agro MADANI dilihat berkesan membantu meringankan beban rakyat dalam menghadapi peningkatan kos sara hidup pada masa ini.

"Jualan Agro MADANI ini perlu diteruskan pada masa akan datang kerana memudahkan orang ramai, terutama orang kampung yang jauh dari kedai dan pasar



Mohd Anzara Azizan

untuk membeli barang keperluan.

"Syabas diucapkan kepada Lembaga Pemasaran Pertanian Persekutuan (FAMA) kerana menganjurkan program seperti ini di kawasan tumpuan seperti di masjid. Orang kampung dapat beli barang dengan harga yang murah dan dekat dengan ru-

mah," katanya.

Sementara itu, Pengarah FAMA Perlis, Mohd Anzara Azizan, berkata penganjuran Jualan Agro MADANI di negeri berkecuaan setakat 28 Mei lalu merekodkan nilai jualan RM1,239,486 dengan penganjuran sebanyak

142 kali.

"Alhamdulillah, kita punya perancangan untuk Jualan Agro MADANI bagi 2024 ini sebanyak 233 kali, dan berakhir Mei lalu kita berjaya mencapai kurang lebil 60 peratus, iaitu sebanyak 142 kali," katanya.

Mohd Anzara berkata, penganjuran itu memanfaatkan 1,015 usahawan dengan bilangan pengguna 25,300 orang, mencatatkan penjimatan sebanyak RM342,249.68 sehingga 28 Mei itu.

"Untuk Jun pula, kita akan mengadakan lagi Jualan Agro MADANI di tujuh tempat di Perlis bagi memudahkan orang ramai mendapatkan barang keperluan dengan harga berpatutan," katanya.

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Beras Putih Malaysia Madani sukar didapati di pasaran?

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PETALING JAYA: Isu bekalan beras putih tempatan masih belum reda biajupun kerajaan memperkenalkan Beras Putih Malaysia Madani bagi menangani masalah tersebut.

Beberapa tinjauan yang dilakukan *Utusan Malaysia* sebelum ini menyaksikan masyarakat terus mengeluh apabila sukar mendapatkan bekalan beras putih tempatan dan mereka terpaksa membeli beras import yang mahal.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Setiausaha Persatuan Pengguna Negeri Kedah (Cake), Mohammad Yusrizal Yusoff berkata, penjualan Beras Putih Malaysia Madani masih belum menyeluruh menyebabkan rakyat sukar untuk membelinya.

Katanya, beras yang berharga RM30 bagi kampit 10 kilogram (kg) itu hanya boleh didapati menerusi program jualan Madani dan tidak dijual secara meluas di pasar raya utama.

"Isu beras putih tempatan masih belum selesai kerana

rakyat masih perlu membeli beras import yang harganya tidak menentu dan semakin mahal sehingga boleh mencapai RM48 bagi kampit 10kg.

"Program jualan Madani pula tidak kerap diadakan, iaitu mungkin dua atau tiga kali sebulan, jadi susah mahu beli. Lebih baik jika beras itu dijual secara meluas di pasar raya utama di seluruh negara," katanya ketika dihubungi semalam.

Menurutnya, peluang untuk membeli beras putih Madani itu pun 'ikut nasib' kerana setiap kali program jualan

Madani diadakan, orang ramai perlu beratur panjang dan jika bekalan masih ada, mereka dapat membelinya.

Terdahulu, Kerajaan Perpaduan memperkenalkan kategori tunggal bagi beras putih untuk menggantikan kategori beras putih tempatan dan import di pasaran negara ini yang dikenali sebagai Beras Putih Malaysia Madani.

Kerajaan turut menetapkan harga siling bagi beras putih pada kadar RM30 bagi kampit 10kg manakala RM15.50 (5kg) dan RM3.50 (1kg), berkuat kuasa

19 Februari dan dijangka berada di pasaran bermula 1 Mac lalu.

Selain itu, Yusrizal menyatakan pengumuman mengenai bekalan 140,000 tan metrik beras tempatan sudah berada dalam pasaran seperti yang diumumkan oleh kerajaan sebelum ini sebenarnya 'masih belum dirasai pengguna'.

"Jika benar bekalan beras tempatan sudah pulih, kenapa masih ada yang mengeluh sukar untuk dapatkan beras itu? Kerajaan perlu jelaskan hal sebenar kerana rakyat bergelut dengan kenaikan kos hidup," ujarnya.

Saran harga lantai padi dari RM1,300 ke RM1,600 satu tan

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PETALING JAYA: Tindakan pengilang membungkus beras putih tempatan dengan cop beras putih import menyebabkan isu ketidakaaman beras tempatan di pasaran sehingga kini belum selesai.

Bercakap kepada *Utusan Malaysia*, Setiausaha Pertubuhan Persaudaraan Pesawah Malaysia (PeSAWAH), Nur Fitri Amir berkata, kebanyakannya kilang berbut membeli padi dengan jumlah yang banyak.

"Sekarang harga minimum terjamin padi adalah RM1,300 per tan tetapi terdapat kilang di sebahagian tempat seperti Perak dan Kedah sudah menawarkan harga RM1,600 per tan."

"Mereka berbut membeli padi daripada pesawah pada harga tinggi. Oleh itu, mereka menjual beras dengan harga RM40 ke atas dengan memukar kampit yang dicop beras putih import."

"Jadi, ini menjadi isu kenapa beras yang ada di pasaran sekarang adalah kebanyakannya beras putih import," katanya.

Sehubungan itu, beliau mendorong kerajaan meningkatkan harga lantai padi kepada RM1,600 per tan agar ia berpututan dengan kos ditanggung oleh pesawah dalam ekonomi mendesak ketika ini.

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Nur Fitri berkata, kerajaan perlu meningkatkan harga beras RM30 kepada RM35 bagi kampit 10 kilogram dan juga harga lantai padi agar ia tidak membantakan pesawah.

"Ini tidak adil kepada pesawah kerana kebanyakannya kos

Presiden Persatuan Pengguna Kedah (Cake), Mohd Yusrizal Yusoff berkata, kerajaan juga disaran lebih agresif dalam menyelesaikan isu beras putih tempatan masih belum selesai sehingga kini.

"Kerajaan perlu lebih agresif dalam menyelesaikan isu beras putih tempatan dan tidak hanya sekadar cakap mengenai tambahan 140,000 tan beras yang sehingga kini masih tiada di dalam pasaran."

"Kita tidak pasti mekanisme apa yang digunakan oleh kerajaan untuk menyelesaikan isu ini kerana dilihat beras putih tempatan ini hanya terdapat di jualan-jualan Rahmah tetapi bukan di pasaran," katanya.

Terdahulu dilaporkan, kerajaan memperkenalkan beras putih Malaysia Madani yang akan dijual dengan harga RM30 bagi kampit 10 kilogram (kg) bermula 19 Februari lalu.

Pengerusi Task Force (Kluster Makanan) NACCOL, Datuk Seri Syed Abu Hussin Hafiz Syed Abdul Fasal berkata, dengan nama baharu itu kategori beras putih tempatan (SST) dan beras putih import (SSI) dimansuhkan.

Kata Syed Abu Hussin, kerajaan turut menetapkan harga siling bagi beras putih pada kadar RM30 bagi kampit 10 kg manakala RM15.50 (5kg) dan RM3.50 (1kg), berkuat kuasa ini.

"Pengguna boleh mendapatkan beras putih berharga RM30/kampit di pasaran mulai 1 Mac. Tempoh 19 Feb hingga 1 Mac berikutnya mengambil masa untuk dijual di pasaran," katanya.

Namun, sehingga kini BPT masih tidak kelihatan dalam pasaran walaupun Perdana Menteri, Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim telah mengarahkan stok bekalan barang keperluan itu diendarkan ke seluruh negara.

Pada masa sama, kerajaan juga disaran lebih agresif dalam menyelesaikan isu beras Putih Tempatan (BPT) yang masih belum selesai sehingga kini tiada di pasaran.

Vege, livestock farmers rush to register for diesel subsidy

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JOHOR BARU: Vegetable and fruit farmers have rushed to sign up for the RM200 Budi Madani monthly diesel subsidy programme since it was introduced about a week ago.

Federation of Vegetable Farmers Association president Lim Ser Kwee said more than half of its members had already registered for the cash assistance online.

"However, we are unsure when the grant will be disbursed."

"Applicants were only told to check their application status on the website from time to time and we hope that the waiting period will not be too long," he said when interviewed.

He said farmers were already affected by high operating costs such as worker's wages and price of fertilisers and pesticides, which have increased about 40% since the economy reopened after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Diesel is an integral part of a

farm, powering pumps for irrigation, tractors and machines for dispensing fertiliser and pesticides, Lim added.

"The amount of diesel used each month varies; depending on the weather, we might need to water crops more or reduce the frequency."

"When it is dry, a farm could use up to RM50 for diesel a week just to water the crops," he said.

He added that the RM200 diesel subsidy, although not enough to cover the costs, was welcomed by farmers as it helped to keep them afloat and compete with farmers overseas.

"Without government subsidies and grants, farmers will find it more difficult to sustain and the industry will keep shrinking in the next five to 10 years."

"When more farmers choose to get out of the sector, the country's food security will have to depend greatly on imports, which does not benefit the domestic economy either."

"Government support is needed

to strengthen the agriculture sector; when local farmers do well, we can also go into the exporting market and contribute to the nation's economy," he said, adding that there were more than 6,000 vegetable farmers nationwide.

Federation of Malaysia Fruit Farmers Association acting president Alvins Lo urged farmers to register for the diesel subsidy in order to give the government a clearer picture of those in need of such financial assistance.

He added that since the government's move to rationalise diesel subsidies, the association has received many calls and inquiries from industry players about the subsidy application process.

"This shows that the matter affects their livelihood and costing as farming is a tough 3D (dangerous, dirty and difficult) industry that utilises diesel in our daily operations from managing crops to transportation," he said.

Although the Finance Ministry defined eligible applicants as agriculture or commodity smallholders with an annual turnover of between RM50,000 and RM300,000, he urged all members as well as non-member farmers to sign up for the subsidy programme.

Farmers should state why they need the subsidies even if their farms do not meet the annual turnover criteria.

"This will better let the government understand the real situation and make improvements to the policy and mechanism accordingly to support the agriculture sector."

The federation also meets with the Agriculture and Food Security Ministry from time to time and we will have a stronger bargaining power when we can show data-driven information to ask for higher subsidy amounts," added Lo, who is also Johor Fruit Farmers Association chairman.

On May 21, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim announced that the Cabinet agreed to rationalise diesel subsidies; this would begin with target-

ed diesel subsidies in the peninsula first, and later for Sabah and Sarawak.

The Finance Ministry then opened applications for cash assistance under the Budi Madani programme to individuals, small-scale farmers and smallholders from the B40 and M40 groups in the peninsula, starting May 28.

For assistance about the Budi Madani programme, contact the helpline at 1-800-88-2747, 03-8882 4565 or 03-8882 4566 or email budimadani@treasury.gov.my.

Queries can also be directed to the agriculture ministry operations room at 03-8870 1207/1147 from 8.30am to 5.30pm on weekdays or via email to geoagroadmin@pkpm.gov.my.

Alternatively, assistance can also be sought at all Inland Revenue Board offices in Peninsular Malaysia.

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'RM200 subsidy falls short of expenses'

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GEORGE TOWN: While some have welcomed the diesel subsidy, many farmers say RM200 does not help them with their monthly expenditure.

Padi farmer Muhammad Harun, 47, said subsidies are always welcomed but he could spend up to RM800 a day on diesel when it is time to work the padi fields.

"We use our tractors daily when it is padi harvesting season and we can spend thousands of ringgit on diesel a month, which usually makes up 15% to 20% of our expenses."

"I have three tractors and use diesel for other equipment like my power thresher, water pumps and lorries," said the farmer from Permatang Pauh.

Cameron Highlands Vegetable Growers Association deputy president Lau Weng Soow said while it is good that subsidies are given, it is not enough for a

month, let alone a day, for some.

"Most of our farms are located on the outskirts, where there is no electricity or other facilities, so we use diesel for the generators."

"Sometimes, powering a generator can cost RM200 a day in diesel, and these are the smaller farms."

"Small farms spend RM10,000 just on diesel while the larger ones can spend up to RM100,000 on diesel per month," he said.

Lau said most of their equipment and vehicles are diesel-powered, adding that the RM200 would only be enough for a week to run a truck.

The Finance Ministry recently announced that private diesel vehicle owners, including individuals, small-scale farmers and smallholders from the B40 and M40 groups in Peninsular Malaysia, could apply for cash assistance under the Budi Madani programme.

Lau said while the use of solar panels is encouraged, Cameron Highlands does not have enough



sunlight for it to be feasible.

"Even the companies selling solar systems tell us it is too cloudy here."

"Diesel is a necessity, but many farmers here will not qualify for the cash aid."

"We anticipate that 80% of them will not qualify as there is a clause that one's annual gross profit must be between RM50,000

and RM300,000."

"While many earn more than that here, it's important to remember that this amount is before we deduct our expenses," he said.

Meanwhile, retiree Kenny Ho, 67, who has a 23-year-old pickup truck, said he was surprised by how easy it was to apply for the subsidy.

"I applied on May 28, and when

I checked two days later, it was approved. I guess I fit all of the criteria. I use the truck mainly for fishing and camping trips," he said.

Ho said the RM200 would be helpful although it would not cover his diesel expenses for the whole month.

"It can cost up to RM500 a month if used regularly," he said.

Not quite enough:
Muhamad (left) with his worker Muhamad Hadi Abdul Ghani filling up the tank on a tractor on his farm in Mukim 6, Kampung Pertama, Permatang Pauh.
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