

## Overview

- A farm that practices applicable agricultural technologies, employs doable farming strategies, and operates successfully, thus, worthy of emulation.
- The Farmer/Farm Family is relatively advanced compared to the rest of the farmers.
- The LSA includes a successful agri-processing enterprise owned by a processor who is not necessarily a farmer/farm family.

LSA I shall serve as the following:

- a practicum area to complement classroom learning;
- a venue for training and other extension activities like practical and hands-on learning for immediate use;
- visit area for farmers, rural community members, ATI's training participants, agriculture students, and other private individuals; work immersion site for students from schools; and
- source of the other extension services in the field such as farm business advisory services, information support, and technology demonstration.

## Classification of LSA I

1. **Farming LSAs.** A farm that practicing/engaged in any of the farming activities such as:
  - *Good Agricultural Practice (GAP)*, various crops;
  - *Good Animal Husbandry Practice (GAHP)*, various animals;
  - *Natural Farming.* A farm practicing organic agriculture but not yet certified by the Organic Agriculture Certifying Body;
  - *Organic Agriculture.* The farm is certified by the Organic Agriculture Certifying Body;
  - *Integrated/diversified farming*, to cater to those not yet certified as GAP/OA/GAHP, includes commodity-based farming system;
  - *Cut Flowers, Ornamentals, and Succulents*;
  - *Halal*; and
  - *Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture.* Growing crops and raising livestock, poultry, and fish in an urban setting. No minimum area requirement but the farm must be productive.

2. **Agri-Processing LSA.** The farmers and non-farmers who are engaged in the processing of fruits & vegetables, meat, fish, and other agricultural products including the by-products of agricultural commodities.

## Qualification Requirements

### Farming LSA

#### The Farm

1. can be any of the following: (a) Privately-owned; (b) Farmers/Fishers Organization operated farm (*RBO - 4H Club, RIC, P4MP, IAs, IPs Organization, MS Organization, ARB Organization, Coconut Farmers Association/ Cooperatives other farmers/ fishers associations; farmers/fishers cooperatives*); and (c) Government-owned
2. is integrated and diversified; a specialized farm producing a specific commodity; a farm demonstrating AF technology/ies.
3. has basic techno-demo farm facilities: (a) Technology Demonstration Area (with minimum requirement of 1,000 sq.m. except for urban and peri-urban agriculture garden with no minimum area requirement; 1 ha. for Coconut-based Farm under the CFIDP; 25 heads for Livestock); (b) Holding Area; (c) Wash Area; and (d) Toilet; and
4. is accessible by land and other transportation facilities.

#### The Farmer/Farm Family

1. is a graduate of Agriculture/Fisheries training courses/programs relevant to the operation of an LSA, photocopy of the certificate as evidence;
2. is a farm tiller or should be the main actor in the operation of the farm, not just a farm owner/business person; should be willing and able to demonstrate technology/ies in the farm to the clientele at the time needed;
4. is a farmer-leader or is respected in the community with (certification of good standing from Barangay Captain or other authorities in the community as evidence);
5. should be willing to be trained regularly;
6. is physically fit to perform the responsibilities of an LSA operator and the LSA;
7. a Filipino citizen residing in the country;
8. is registered in the RSBSA by the DA; in the case of coconut-based farmers - is registered in the

NCFRS by the PCA.

## Agri-Processing LSA

### The Enterprise

1. can be any of the following: (a) Privately-owned with business permit and DTI registration; (b) Farmers/Fishers Organization operated enterprise (*RBO - 4H Club, RIC, P4MP, IAs, IP Organization, MS Organization, ARB Organization, other farmers/fishers associations; farmers/fishers cooperatives*) with a business permit and a DTI registration; (c) Government-owned for learning purposes;
2. has basic agri-processing facilities: (a) Technology Demonstration Area; (b) Holding Area; (c) Wash Area; and (d) Toilet;
3. is either multi-product or specialized;
4. is accessible by land and other transportation facilities.

### The Agri-Processing Enterprise Owner

1. may not necessarily be a farmer/farm family;
2. is a graduate of Agriculture/Fisheries processing training courses/programs relevant to the operation of a LSA;
3. is the main actor in the operation of the agri-enterprise, not just the business owner;
4. should be willing and able to demonstrate technology/ies of the agri-enterprise to the clientele at the time needed;
5. is a leader or is respected in the community;
6. should be willing to be trained regularly;
7. is physically fit to perform the responsibilities of an LSA operator and the LSA;
8. a Filipino citizen residing in the country;
9. Other considerations (if applicable):
  - Recipient of processing equipment and facilities, other benefits from the DA agencies, and other development agencies (DTI, DOST, etc.)
  - Recipient of agri-processing related awards from credible institutions).

### Government-Owned

1. should be successful in demonstrating farming or the agri-processing enterprise for learning purposes;
2. must have a staff permanently assigned with a Special Order/Designation as evidence to maintain and demonstrate technologies of the