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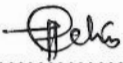
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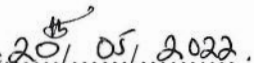
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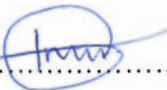
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DEDICATION

I dedicate this work to my parents for their endless love and support always rendered to me.
In the same vein, this piece of work is dedicated to my supervisor, staff and BSA students.
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

TEFCU = Teso Tropical Fruit Cooperative Union Limited

GAPS = Good Agricultural practices



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ABSTRACT

Industrial training is one of the examinable modules that is done in Busitema University, Faculty of agriculture for the period of 10 weeks by students aiming to become agriculture professionals. It exposes the student to the farmers in which he or she learns from it and also the farmers learn from the student, gives the students a hands-on experience in farm and community practice and farming in general by giving them opportunity to stay and interact with the community. The 10 weeks industrial training attachment was carried out at TEFCU in Soroti city where I got exposure in fields such as crop production. Participatory discussions, demonstration methods and observation were methods used to obtain information from the farmers during attachment period. Various activities were carried out such as orientation, training on citrus agronomic practices, etc. Skills such as agricultural routine activities, identification of problems in farm and community concerning production, use of agrochemicals, disease diagnosis were attained. Some challenges were also encountered in the course of attachment such as inadequate farm tools and long distance to the farmers' fields. However, some Recommendations were highlighted to the university and the sub county to mitigate the challenges encountered such as purchase of more farm tools to allow students carry practical activities in time, need for timely preparation to enable students complete their activities in time.

In conclusion, industrial training was marvelous because I was able to obtain practical skills in citrus production and management.

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CHAPTER ONE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Teso Tropical Fruit Cooperative Union Limited (TEFCU)

Teso Tropical Fruit Cooperative Union Limited (TEFCU) can be traced way back to the year 2000 as Teso Tropical Fruit Growers Association (TEFGA) and later to Teso Tropical Fruit Cooperative Society Ltd which transformed into TEFCU on 24th April 2013 upon registration with the Registrar of Cooperative Societies No. 10193/RCS.

TEFCU is the umbrella organization for fruit farmers in Teso sub region which promotes quality and quantity fruit production, value addition and marketing. It aims at building the capacity of its members (primary cooperative societies) on leadership, production and marketing. The Union focuses on improving the livelihoods of the fruit farmers through collective marketing of their fruits and eliminating middle men who have for long exploited farmers. Teso Tropical Fruit Cooperative Union achieves the objective through extension officers who visit the farmers in their locations and provide them with the technical knowledge in better farming methods to increase their yield.

TEFCU has membership across all the eight districts of the Teso region namely; Amuria, Bukedea, Kaberamaido, Katakwi, Kumi, Ngora, Serere and Soroti. TEFCU intends to work with at least 76 primary cooperative societies in Teso region that means one primary cooperative society from each sub-county. The Union is currently working with fifty eight (58) primary cooperative societies. Its membership is Five Thousand Nine Hundred Six (5906).

1.2 Vision

“To be a recognized source of high quality farm fresh fruits products in East Africa”

1.3 Mission

“Promotion of sustainable production and marketing of high quality fruits in viable quantities to our customers for improved livelihoods of the fruit farmers and the entire community in Teso sub-region”.

