

World Food Day October 15, 2011

On 15th October 2011, World Food Day entered its 31st year. This auspicious occasion also marked the 66th anniversary of the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The World Food Day theme for 2011 was “**Food prices – from crisis to stability**”, to increase public awareness of the volatility of food prices and to show what can be done to mitigate its impact on the most vulnerable segments of the population.

In addition to a Press Conference held on October 6th, 2011 to commemorate the event here in The Bahamas, an Official Ceremony was held on Saturday October 15th, 2011 from 12:30 to 3:00 pm.

This event featured choir and band renditions and dance performances from several Primary Schools, a live performance by the Royal Bahamas Police Band and remarks from key persons within the Agricultural and Fisheries Sector, including the Acting Minister of Agriculture, the Honourable Kenneth Russell and Dr. Keith Campbell, President of the Bahamas Agriculture Producers Association.

Other features were a bouncing castle for kids, information booths by the Ministry of Agriculture, FAO and “Hands for Hunger”, a Non-Governmental Organization.

The entire event was held against the back-drop of the weekly Farmers Market where various vendors offered farm produce at bargain prices. A back-yard gardening session was held free of charge for the general public.