

FARM PROFILE

Farm Name: Busiano Fruits and Trees



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2.0. Location (Village, Parish, Sub-county, District, Region)

District: Jinja

Sub-county: Mafubira Parish: Wanyange Village: Wanyange Hill

Plot 1 Ssaza Road Wanyange P.O.Box 1438 Jinja –Uganda

Region: Eastern

Jinja District, Busoga sub-region, in the Eastern Region of Uganda. It is approximately 81 kilometres (50 mi), by road, east of Kampala, the capital and largest city of Uganda. It sits along the northern shores of Lake Victoria, near the source of the White Nile. The city sits at an average elevation of 1,204 metres (3,950 ft) above sea level. The city was planned under colonial rule in 1948 by Ernst May, German architect and urban planner. May also designed the urban planning scheme for Kampala, creating what he called "neighbourhood units." Estates were built for the ruling elite in many parts outside the centre city. This led to the



area's 'slum clearance' which displaced more than 1,000 residents in the 1950s. In 1954, the construction of the Owen Falls Dam submerged the Ripon Falls. Most of the "Flat Rocks" that gave the area its name disappeared under water as well. A description of what the area looked like can be found in the notes of John Hanning Speke, the first European to lay eyes on the source of the Nile.

3.0. Background of the Farm (Story be hide your Farm, Acreage and Family)

Busaino Fruits and Trees Farm sits on 1064 acres spread into two branches namely Wanyange and Bugiri branches. Wanyange branch started in 2002 and focuses on Agro-ecology with fruits, trees, herbs and animals on 62 acres. The farm also has a Training academy for people interested in agro-ecology with an element agro-tourism targeting schools. Bugiri is the biggest branch started in 2012 with 1000 acres, majoring in mixed farming and grazing cows for beef.

Busaino Fruits and Trees Farm is a family farm established and run by Mr. Patrick (62 years old) & his wife Judith with 3 children. The Wanyange branch has 5 full-time workers whereas Bugiri branch has 12 full time work. All family members and 3 workers can communicate well in English.

The Farm Family House has numerous rooms with an old architectural fashion of Coronial times, however, it has been renovated with wood to retain its original design and it's powered by both electricity, gas and solar energy. It's located along Kampala-Mombasa High way and accessibility to Jinja Town is easy since the Farm possesses 2 cars to facilitate the farmer's mobility.

5.0 Farm Enterprises and activities on the Farmland (write about the different enterprises on the farm and activities the intern can be involved in)

Wanyange Branch, being an Agro-ecological farm, it has a component of Agroforestry activities such as tree nurseries and planting, organic farming and simple agro and herb processing. It also has a Training academy for agro-ecology and organic farming, grafting, organizing festivals for planting & ecology, in house natural juice making, wine, massage and physiotherapy. With lots of pathways, resting sides and recreation site, Wanyange branch receives people who come for relaxation and agro-study tours.

Bugiri Branch, it focuses on animal production especially raring cattle for beef, breeding, Poultry-200 kroiler birds, sheep and crops like avocado (Jumbo variety), Mangoes (Apple & Bire variety) Jackfruits for Wine production and Lemon grass. The orchard takes 400 acres of the farm with intercropping and community livestock grazing approach for people around the farm. The main market for this farm is western Kenya and local markets of Jinja, Mbale and Kampala.

6.0 **Facilities on the Farm** (Describe about the Farm Facilities i.e. the nature of farm building(s) and accommodation)



Accommodation, the farm possesses a main house with numerous rooms-self-contained and can host 2 interns in own private self-contained room with Internet, a bathtub/ shower and dressing mirror. Meals are taken together with the family on a common dining table and sometimes the intern can participate in preparation of meals.

Machinery, there are simple tools used at the farm to facilitate the value addition following processes namely processing, drying, crushers, mixing and making herbal drinks, juice and physiotherapy herbs.

7.0 Farm ideas/plan for engaging the international young farmers exchange participants into social integration.

- Training Academy- the intern to be involved in review of the training curriculum especially by sharing the training background of Germany.
- Involved in Training especially in line of Agro-ecology.
- Involved in cheese production and juice making.
- Food preparation
- Participate in Music and Dance especially sharing some German songs.
- Involved in Busoga Kingdom cultural activities like preparing King's tourism trail at the farm, attending Chiefs and Clan Leader's meetings.

7.0 Future Plans and Aspirations for the Farm

- 1. Participate in the National Agricultural Show at Jinja.
- 2. Linking up with oversees Action Association to start Agro-Ecological trainings
- **3.** Advocate for National curriculum and recognition of the farm as a hands-on training ground for scholars.
- **4.** Honey processing

Photo Gallery.















