

Peasant Farmers Association appeals to government

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THE Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana (PFAG) has called on the government to take steps to control the importation of food products which are also produced locally by members of the association.

They mentioned the continuing importation of rice, meat, chicken and tin tomatoes which were not only undermining the efforts of the local producers, but also promoting poverty in the country.

The President of the association, Mr Mohammed Adam Nashiru, made this statement at a press conference in Kumasi. The programme was attended by members of the association, drawn from the Ashanti, Brong-Ahafo and Volta regions.

Speaking on the theme "Promulgation for

Agriculture Financing and Market Accessibility to Peasant Farmers", he said there was the need for the government to reconsider the trade liberalisation policy, which, he said, was stifling the initiative of local industries and hampering the national development programme.

He added that Ghanaian farmers lacked credit and marketing facilities, and appealed to the government for assistance, while urging those who had not registered with the association to do so.

Mr Nashiru said further that the association had received some funds from sponsors of the programme to train and sensitise its members to promote agricultural production.

He appealed to the government to formulate policies to benefit farmers and boost agricultural production.