In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic our farmers need to keep safe too

The question arising in farming communities is how crop production is going to be done this year given COVID-19. Farmers are not included in the mandatory lockdown policy, so, that is not where the problem is. The problem is getting workers to help with land preparation and planting, while ensuring their safety as well as the farmer’s.

Below are practical tips to aid the farmers get by during this pandemic period...
Hello, Fellow Farmers...
My name is Uncle J. - a Ghanaian farmer.

Cropping Season is here but we also have a pandemic.

I am here with tips on how to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic.
1. How many workers would you need? (Based on your land area)

2. RETHINK!!! how you will organize your hired labor to prepare the land and plant seeds. (Do all these with being safe from the COVID-19 pandemic in mind)

- Ensuring a SOCIAL DISTANCE of 6ft/2m
- As well as using NOSE MASKS

Hired Hands / Land Area

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**TIP-2 ON THE FARM WEEDING**

1. When weeding, keep a safe distance of 6ft between each other always.

2. Weed from right to left (because most of the workers are right handed).
3. For large plots, organize workers in small groups of two or three workers.

4. Once they get to a smaller plot area, use one worker.
TIP-3 ON THE FARM SEEDING

1. Repeat steps in TIP-2
   * However, with seeding, as one is digging, the other is serving.

   6ft Apart
   Right to left
   Maintain group of 2 or 3
So after every good work, there is cause for celebration...
We still cannot forget to be extra careful here too. Here are the tips...

* Give Each Worker Their Own Water

* No Sharing of Cups

* No Touching of Same Container

* Have a Handwashing Station
Always remember to keep your:

SOCIAL DISTANCE

Wash your hands frequently and use a nose mask ALWAYS

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