

# Ondo re-assures on Improved Farming productivity

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The Ondo State government has reassured farmers of its commitment to enhance improved annual productivity.

It urged the farmers associations to unite to maximise government's support.

Disclosing this during an interactive session with representatives of various agricultural groups, the state Governor Dr Olusegun Mimiko said farmers play a critical role in nation building.

He urged the farmers to be ready to work together, saying a united farmers' group gives room for proper and timely government intervention for sustainable growth.



Governor Olusegun Mimiko

Mimiko asked the farmers to concentrate more on agricultural production to improve the economy of the country. He called on interested private farmers to partner the state government in the development of the sector.

“Government has a fundamental responsibility to support agriculture to make the sector more attractive and achieve food security in the country, as there is no place in the world where agriculture is not subsidised one way or the other. We want farmers in the state to come out with proposals that can improve farm yields which can be imbedded in next year's budget,” he said.

Earlier in his address, the Chairman of the state Chapter of All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN), Pastor Akinola Olotu, praised the governor for ensuring that the sector is on top of his administration's list of priorities.

Noting that the number of farmers in the field is reducing daily, Olotu praised the state government for making the sector attractive to the younger generation through the establishment of agricultural villages in different parts of the state.