



JPFA's 2017/18 Executive met with The Honourable Audley Shaw, CD, MP, the New Minister of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries

In the General Elections of February 25, 2016 Mr Shaw was re-elected Member of Parliament for North East Manchester for a sixth term and was re-appointed Minister of Finance and the Public Service under the JLP administration. During a Cabinet reshuffle in late March, 2018, Jamaica's Prime Minister, the Most Honourable Andrew Michael Holness, ON, MP, entrusted The Hon Audley Shaw with the **"Super Ministry" - Ministry of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries (MICAF)**. Hon Audley Shaw commenced his ministerial duties at the MICAF on March 28, 2018.

The JPFA's Executive via its President, Mr. Hanif Brown, requested and was granted a meeting with The Honourable Audley Shaw, CD, MP, Jamaica's "New" Minister of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries. JPFA's Executive Members and Minister Shaw met at MICAF's New Kingston Offices (St. Lucia Avenue) on July 17, 2018.

JPFA's Executive Members who met with the Honourable Minister were: Mr. Hanif Brown, President; Miss Annabel Williams, 1st. Vice President; and Mr. Delroy Many, Immediate Past President/Public Relations Officer.

JPFA's Executive Members took the opportunity to raise on behalf of the Jamaican Pig/Pork Industry, and pig farmers in particular, major issues affecting the industry. Some of the issues raised by the JPFA with the Minister were:

1. Adaptation and Implementation of Jamaica's Pig/Pork Industry Policy/Position/Development Paper proposed by the JPFA.
2. Establishment of Jamaica's Pig/Pork Industry/Value Chain Council Paper proposed by the JPFA.
3. Safeguarding the industry from illegal pork imports – the Ministry will liaise with the JPFA prior to approving pork importation license for specialty pork cuts (including, bellies and tails).
4. Ministry to work with the JPFA and other players to facilitate more suppliers and the subsequent availability and affordability of Improved Genetic Stock to the Island's Pig Farmers.
5. Ministry to investigate the possibility of removing GCT charges on the importation of some specialized building materials, such as slotted floors, self-feeders, and other housing materials.

The JPFA would like to again utilise this medium to thank the Honourable Minister Audley Shaw, CD, MP, for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with the Association, and for his commitment to work with Jamaica's Pig/Pork industry stakeholders to mitigate against some of the major challenges and constraints experienced while simultaneously agreeing to facilitate the industry being able to capitalise on the best policy initiatives that the Ministry in concert with industry stakeholders will institute.



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