

Ghana advances organic farming push as MoFA signs \$10 Million Fertiliser Plant Agreement with Omanbapa AgriTech

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New manufacturing facility targeting up to 60,000 tonnes of annual production underscores Ghana's strategy to improve soil health, reduce dependence on synthetic fertilisers and accelerate sustainable agriculture



Ghana has taken another step toward reshaping its agricultural input ecosystem after the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Omanbapa AgriTech Ltd to establish a large-scale organic fertiliser processing plant valued at \$10 million. The proposed facility, which will be located between the Ashanti and Ahafo regions, is expected to become a key component of the country's transition from conventional chemical fertilisers to organic alternatives. A joint technical committee will determine the final project site.

The agreement was signed by Minister for Food and Agriculture Eric Opoku on behalf of the government, while Bernard Oduro Takyi, Chief Executive Officer of Omanbapa AgriTech Ltd, represented the company. Government Prioritises Soil Health and Sustainable Food Production

The investment aligns with Ghana's broader agricultural transformation agenda, which increasingly emphasises long-term soil fertility, environmental sustainability and food safety. Speaking during the signing ceremony, Agriculture Minister Eric Opoku said the government's policy direction is to progressively replace inorganic fertilisers with certified organic alternatives to preserve soil productivity and strengthen sustainable crop production.

According to the minister, maintaining healthy soils has become a national priority as the country seeks to improve agricultural resilience while ensuring safer food production for consumers. He noted that the agreement follows several months of technical consultations between the ministry and Omanbapa AgriTech, culminating in a project that is now ready to move into implementation. The minister added that once the agreement takes effect, construction activities are expected to begin following confirmation of the final project location.

Three-Phase Manufacturing Strategy

Omanbapa AgriTech said the investment will be executed through a phased development model designed to gradually expand domestic production capacity. The first phase will focus on procurement of raw materials, followed by fertiliser blending operations before advancing to full-scale manufacturing. During the initial blending stage, the facility is expected to produce 20,000 to 30,000 metric tonnes of organic fertilisers annually. Once fully operational, production capacity is projected to reach approximately 60,000 metric tonnes per year.

The Ministry of Food and Agriculture is expected to serve as the principal purchaser of products manufactured at the facility, creating an assured domestic market during the project's early years.

Company Completes Regulatory Approvals

Omanbapa AgriTech stated that it has already secured the regulatory approvals required to manufacture and commercialise organic agricultural inputs in Ghana. According to the company, product registrations and compliance procedures have been completed with the Plant Protection and Regulatory Services Directorate (PPRSD), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tree Crops Development Authority (TCDA). The company also confirmed that it has obtained licences covering the importation, production and commercial distribution of organic agricultural products.

With regulatory approvals in place, Omanbapa has requested consideration in future government procurement programmes involving organic agricultural inputs.

Organic Inputs Target Larger Share of Agricultural Supply

Beyond establishing manufacturing capacity, Omanbapa AgriTech outlined a broader objective of increasing the share of organic products within Ghana's agricultural input system. The company said it aims for organic products to account for approximately 80 per cent of agro-inputs procured by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture over time, supporting national efforts to improve soil quality while reducing reliance on synthetic fertilisers.

The \$10 million investment is also expected to strengthen local fertiliser manufacturing capacity, reduce import dependence and create opportunities for value addition within Ghana's agricultural supply chain. As governments across Africa increasingly prioritise regenerative agriculture and climate-resilient farming practices, Ghana's latest investment signals growing policy momentum behind organic fertiliser production as a strategic pillar of sustainable agricultural development.