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1. INTRODUCTION

Farmer development and agricultural transformation remains a priority in South Africa. The agricultural sector in South Africa faces different scenarios – on the one side there are excellent large commercial farmers who compare with the best in the world, and on the other side, there are subsistence farmers, struggling to feed their families. The former homeland areas cover 13% of South Africa which is in the region of 18 million ha (only a portion of this is arable land however), and in the Grain SA Farmer Development programme, we have more than 12 000 subsistence farmer members (those farming currently on less than 10 ha of land). However, there is also a large part that have access to land and have the skill to farm but unfortunately do not have access to finance.

The Advanced Farmer Input Support project is aligned with the Maize Trust objectives specifically to support; Market access in respect of the South African Maize industry (inter alia by providing marketing infrastructure, training and assistance in rural areas where the need thereto exists). The project advances transformation by supporting emerging farmers.

The funding from the Maize Trust has been the anchor to the Grain SA Farmer Development Programme for many years. Many farmers have benefitted as a result. None of the individually funded programmes have enough funds to provide the adequate support required by emerging black farmers. Grain SA's approach is to create a network of funding and technical partners to allow farmers to access the wider benefits on offer. The fact that there is a functional support system and infrastructure has made it possible to link a number of other initiatives to the work sponsored by the Maize Trust. **Table 1** shows the different active funding partners and projects for the Grain SA Farmer Development Programme . This project provides complementary funding for farmers also supported through inputs funding by the South African Cultivar and Technology Agency (SACTA) as well as other private funding streams. As demonstrated in the **Table 1** all the funding is directly used for farmers inputs and services (i.e. Insurance and mentorship).

Table 1: Active projects under the Grain SA Farmer Development Programme – 2020/2021 Season

Funding Partner	Description/ objective	Selection Criteria	Crop	Budget	Number of Farmers	Total Ha (2020/21 Season)
South African Cultivar & Technology Agency (SACTA)	Input support with payback agreement	Producers that developed through the program.	Winter and summer grains	R2.8 mil R16.4 mil	26	1876 ha (Summer Grains) 400 ha (Winter Grains)
Maize Trust	Additional funding for mentorship, insurance and soil correction.	Farmers in the program that received input support in the coming season.	Maize	R4.54 mil	33	1535 ha
Oil and Protein Seed Development Trust (OPOT)	Additional funding for mentorship, insurance and soil correction.	Farmers in the program that received input support in the coming season.	Sunflower and Soybeans	R3.27 mil	38	1990 ha
Standard Bank	Production finance	Recommendations credit committee, Final selection bank.	Maize, Soybean, Drybeans and Sunflowers	R11.4 mil	12	1764 ha
Maize Trust, Grain SA, Monsanto, Cortiva, AFGRI, Villa Crop Protection, Winter Cereal Trust	Achieve commercial yield subsistence farmers	Own contribution ha capacity.	Maize	R12.6mil	2474	3159 ha
DRDLR	Recapitalization / production support	Farmers identified by DRDLR.	Mixed crops	R201 mil	28	

The progress towards the New Era Commercial status has been slower than anticipated as farmers face many challenges including the following;

a) Production loans

- Many farmers do not meet the collateral security requirements of the lending institutions.
- Multi-peril insurance expensive which increases risk
- Should the farmers be able to qualify/afford multi-peril insurance, the guarantee is not enough to secure the loan
- The small margins in dry land grain production make it risky for someone who is learning ‘the trade’ - there is no gap for mistakes

b) Tractors and machinery

- In many areas, mechanization is not available and in cases where there is mechanization, the condition and implementation is often very poor
- The use of contractors is widespread and there are huge challenges relating to this which include the timing of operations, the quality of the work being done and the high cost thereof (only the contractor ends up making money)

c) Issues relating to land and soil

- The pH of the soil is low (particularly in areas with higher rainfall and higher potential), and in many areas, the phosphate levels are very low as a result of years of cultivations without the application of adequate fertilizers
- In some instances, marginal soils are being cropped

2. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The advanced farmer support is extended as complementary funding to farmers who already have access to input funding. The complementary funding is therefore used to cover **soil correction, insurance and mentorship support** related costs. This is an effort effectively meant to assist the farmers to address any emerging barriers that could make it difficult to achieve commercial yields. As farmers exploit their soils, there is increasing needs to support soil health and ensure good soil pH to ensure efficient utilisation of nutrients. Knowledge transfer through professional mentorship is a key part of the extra support that Grain SA is able to provide to participating farmers as a result of the funding support provided by the Maize Trust.

3. PARTICIPATING FARMERS AND PLANTING UPDATE

A total of 31 farmers are actively participating in the project planting a combined total of 1710 hectares including 250ha and 1460 ha planted to soybean and maize respectively. **Table 3** presents a list of participating farmers and the planted Hectares.

Table 3: Participating farmers and the planted Hectares.

Name of Farmer	Funder	Province	Name of Coordinator	Soybean	Maize
Mogonediwa DM	SACTA	North-West	Du Toit van der Westhuizen	50	50
GO Serema	SACTA	North-West	Du Toit van der Westhuizen	50	50
Dwaalkraal Trust	SACTA	North-West	Du Toit van der Westhuizen	20	50
Thamsanqa Raphael MASUKU	SACTA	KwaZulu Natal	Graeme Engelbrecht	25	25
Khayelihle Blessing MAZIBUKO	SACTA	KwaZulu Natal	Graeme Engelbrecht	0	0
Jeff Hlela	SACTA	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	20	20
Yonela Ngwane	SACTA	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	50	100
Sello Mofokeng	SACTA	Free-State	Johan Kriel	25	50
Jonas Mavundla	SACTA	Free-State	Johan Kriel	50	100
Paulos Tshabalala	SACTA	Free-State	Johan Kriel	50	50
David Thamae	SACTA	Free-State	Johan Kriel	50	25
Mosia Paulus	SACTA	Free-State	Johan Kriel	50	50
Manenzhe Philemon	SACTA	Free-State	Johan Kriel	50	50
William Matasane	Maize Trust	Free-State	Johan Kriel	0	50
Oujan Masiu	Maize Trust	Free-State	Johan Kriel	0	50
Hendrik Mabala	Maize Trust	Free-State	Johan Kriel	0	50
Joseph Mohlomi	Maize Trust	Free-State	Johan Kriel	0	50
Mampho Thaele	Maize Trust	Free-State	Johan Kriel	0	50
Paulus Mothlabane	Maize Trust	Free-State	Johan Kriel	0	50
Lazarus Mothlabane	Maize Trust	Free-State	Johan Kriel	0	50
David Phike	Maize Trust	Free-State	Johan Kriel	0	50
Bheki Mabuza	Maize Trust	Mpumalanga	Jurie Mentz	0	110
Vilakazi	Maize Trust	Mpumalanga	Jurie Mentz	0	90
Nhlanhla Sicelo Mngadi	Maize Trust	KwaZulu Natal	Graeme Engelbrecht	0	20
Harry Robert Khumalo	Maize Trust	KwaZulu Natal	Graeme Engelbrecht	0	60
T Ntonga	Maize Trust	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	0	50
T Sabasaba	Maize Trust	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	0	50
T Tsephe	Maize Trust	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	0	100
P Tsephe	Maize Trust	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	0	0
L Khitleli	Maize Trust	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	0	30
Mofokeng	Maize Trust	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	0	100
L Mbutho	Maize Trust	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	0	100
D Sidinani	Maize Trust	Eastern Cape	Luke Collier	0	50
Total Hectares				250	1460

4. MENTORSHIP SUPPORT AND INSURANCE

- **North West province**

Three farmers are participating from the North West. Planting a total of 150 hectares of soybean and 50 ha of maize. All the farmers managed to plan on time and their crops are looking very good. At this stage the maize is already matured and is reaching hard dough stage. Some of the farmers Although there have been cases of hail storm damage, but none of the participating farmers experienced any hail damage.

Insurance: All three farmers have taken up crop insurance for hail damage.

“Over all we are thankful for the support from the trust and we are thankful for the lovely rains we had in this province. At least after a few years of drought and disaster we can smile and look forward to a very good yield this season”

Du Toit van der Westhuizen (Farmer & Grain SA Mentor)

- **Free State**

There are eleven farmers in this project. Every one of them managed to successfully plant maize. The projects are in Hertzogville, Wesselsbron, Hennenman and Senekal. The farmers did however experience heavy rains which negatively affected the planting and spraying process. Problems were observed relating to weed control and nitrogen shortage. In spite of these constraints, a good yield is expected. The good crop price will support these farmers to enable them to make a profit.

Insurance: Eight of the farmers have taken up crop insurance.

- **KwaZulu Natal**

Nine farmers are participating in the project from KwaZulu Natal. With an exception of one farmer (Mr Khayelihle Mazibuko), all the farmers managed to plant successfully and the crop is looking very good. For example, Mr Bheki Mabuza planted 110 ha maize and is expecting about 8 t/ha yield; and Mr Amos Vilakazi planted 90 ha land is expecting 4.5 t/ha yields. The favourable climatic conditions with ample rain helped a lot towards the good maize crops with good expected yields for this season (see Figure 7). Weed control is very good and insect damage is minimal. Most of the maize have tasselled and looking very good.

Insurance: All nine farmers have taken insurance cover for hail and fire damage.

- **North West**

All three participating farmers in the North West managed to plant in time and their crop is looking very good. At this stage the maize is already matured and is reaching hard dough stage. The three farmers managed to insure their crop against hail. The interest would have been to secure multi-peril cover but the cost is too high for the budget allocated in this regard.

Insurance: All three farmers are insured for hail damage.

- **Eastern Cape**

Nine farmers are participating in the project in the Eastern Cape. One of them (Mr Tsephe) however, couldn't plant as planned due to too wet soils until it was too late in the season to plant. All the other farmers planted but reduced their ha's slightly due to a lot of rain such that it got too late in the season to continue planting. Over all the crops looks good and healthy and a relatively good yield is expected.

Insurance: All farmers managed to secure crop insurance which included cover for hail, fire and transport.

Below is a highlight of the project activities and crop progress in photos (**Figure 1**).

Figure 1: Crop Progress in photos

5. SOIL CORRECTIONS

In cases of pH challenges lime has to be applied at least three (3) months before planting. As such, Due to the late receipt of the Advanced Farmers Input support funding from the Maize Trust most of the farmers participating in the project could not do soil corrections. Only two farmers in KwaZulu Natal (Dundee) managed to apply potassium chloride (KCL) and KCL and MIP during planting. For the rest of the farmers, lime application will be conducted immediately after harvesting. Orders will be made out in early April for delivery of lime by the end of the month.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Maize Trust funding support for the Advanced Farmer Support programme in the current season amounts to a total R 4 541 080. These funds are dedicated to supporting farmers to cover costs related to soil corrections, insurance and mentorship support. While the funds are managed as one pull fund, a Third-Party Fund Account (TPFA) is opened for each farmer in order to track specific farmer spend as means to help improve the project accounting process. Table 1 below presents the financial spend of the project to-date. The expenditure is presented in-line with each of the different farmers' TPFAs. As highlighted in Table 4, about 534 000 is still to be allocated to farmers.

Table 1: Project financial expenditure to-date – 31 August 2021

Farmer name	Income approved & received	Funds used	Remaining funds
Mogonediswa DM	100 000,00	4 400,00	95 600,00
GO Serema	100 000,00	-	100 000,00
Dwaalkraal Trust	100 000,00	4 636,00	95 364,00
Thamsanqa Raphael MASUKU	50 000,00	19 886,00	30 114,00
Khayelihle Blessing MAZIBUKO	50 000,00	5 000,00	45 000,00
Jeff Hlela	40 000,00	37 885,50	2 114,50
Yonela Ngwane	200 000,00	62 935,60	137 064,40
Sello Mofokeng	100 000,00	17 500,00	82 500,00
Jonas Mavundla	200 000,00	19 000,00	181 000,00
Paulos Tshabalala	100 000,00	45 000,00	55 000,00
David Thamae	50 000,00	7 500,00	42 500,00
Mosia Paulus	100 000,00	15 000,00	85 000,00
Manenzhe Philemon	100 000,00	15 000,00	85 000,00
William Matasane	100 000,00	60 538,40	39 461,60
Oujan Masiu	100 000,00	61 366,40	38 633,60
Isaac Khuto	100 000,00	66 334,40	33 665,60
Joseph Mohlomi	100 000,00	67 489,55	32 510,45
Mampho Thaele	100 000,00	67 461,54	32 538,46
Lazarus Mothlabane	100 000,00	66 428,00	33 572,00
David Phike	100 000,00	67 498,75	32 501,25
Johannes Mothabane	100 000,00	66 428,00	33 572,00
Israel Mothabane	100 000,00	64 685,60	35 314,40
Bheki Mabuza	220 000,00	18 000,00	202 000,00
Vilakazi	180 000,00	37 946,30	142 053,70
Nhlanhla Sicelo Mngadi	40 000,00	6 000,00	34 000,00
Harry Robert Khumalo	120 000,00	74 887,41	45 112,59
T Ntonga	100 000,00	82 562,50	17 437,50
T Sabasaba	100 000,00	86 585,20	13 414,80
T Tsephe	200 000,00	162 737,65	37 262,35
P Tsephe	100 000,00	64 000,00	36 000,00
L Khitleli	60 000,00	60 366,89	- 366,89
Mofokeng A	200 000,00	175 458,65	24 541,35
L Mbutho	200 000,00	166 773,60	33 226,40
D Sidinani	100 000,00	84 248,40	15 751,60
Hendrik Mabala	100 000,00	67 487,48	32 512,52
Paulus Mothabane	100 000,00	67 487,48	32 512,52
Maize Trust Projects funds still to be allocated	234 000,00	-	234 000,00
	4 244 000,00	1 996 515,30	2 247 484,70
Grain SA Management Fee (7%)	297 080,00	139 756,07	157 323,93
Grand Total	4 541 080,00	2 136 271,37	2 404 808,63

Note: The funding was received late last year such that most farmers were only able to apply soil corrections in September 2021. The final figure will therefore change as soon as the September expenditure is allocated to the project.

7. Conclusion

The contribution of the Maize Trust is key to the sustainability of the project as a contribution to the larger Farmer Development Programme of Grain SA supported by other private companies and financial institutions. The combined support strengthens Grain SA's offering to support farmers and goes a long way to cover expenses that farmers would otherwise not be able to afford. Importantly, this includes skills transfer through mentorship which will certainly help to develop farmers to a point where they would be self-sustainable.

ANNEXURES

Annexure 1: List of all farm visits by Grain SA Mentors

Dundee						
Event type	Province	Office	Development coordinator	Farmer	Event date	Created by
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Dundee	Engelbrecht Graeme	Khumalo Harry Robert	2021-06-15	De Jager Chris
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Dundee	Engelbrecht Graeme	Mngadi Nhlanhla Sicelo	2021-06-21	De Jager Chris
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Dundee	Engelbrecht Graeme	Khumalo Harry Robert	2021-06-22	De Jager Chris
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Dundee	Engelbrecht Graeme	Khumalo Harry Robert	2021-06-28	De Jager Chris
Kokstad						
Event type	Province	Office	Development coordinator	Farmer	Event date	Created by
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tobo(Chairperson) Thembalihle	2021-04-12	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-04-13	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Boki Mthandeki	2021-04-13	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Gadalane Mshiyeni	2021-05-05	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-05-19	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Boki Mthandeki	2021-05-20	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-05-20	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-06-15	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-06-15	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-06-16	Kirk Neil

Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-06-16	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-06-17	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-06-17	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Khitleli Lebohang	2021-06-18	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Sabasaba Tholong	2021-06-18	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Sabasaba Tholong	2021-06-21	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Sidinani Mphikeleli David	2021-06-21	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-06-22	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-06-22	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-06-23	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-06-23	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Sidinani Mphikeleli David	2021-06-24	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Sabasaba Tholong	2021-06-24	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-06-30	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-06-30	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Sidinani Mphikeleli David	2021-07-14	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-07-15	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Sabasaba Tholong	2021-07-16	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-07-18	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-07-19	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-07-20	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-07-21	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-07-22	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-07-23	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-07-26	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-07-27	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-07-28	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-07-29	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Khitleli Lebohang	2021-08-02	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-08-02	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Gadalane Mshiyeni	2021-08-03	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-08-09	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-08-09	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-08-10	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-08-10	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-08-11	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-08-11	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-08-12	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-08-12	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-08-13	Kirk Neil

Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-08-13	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-08-16	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-08-16	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Free State	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Motlhabane Israel	2021-08-17	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-08-17	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-08-17	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-08-18	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-08-18	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-08-19	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-08-19	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-08-20	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-08-20	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-08-23	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-08-23	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-08-24	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mofokeng Abednigo	2021-08-24	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Stuurman Patrick	2021-08-25	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Khitleli Lebohang	2021-08-25	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Marareni Sipiwo	2021-08-25	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tobo(Chairperson) Thembalihle	2021-08-25	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-08-25	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-08-25	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Sabasaba Toka	2021-08-26	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Gadalane Mshiyeni	2021-08-26	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Kwazulu Natal	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Sabasaba Tholong	2021-08-26	Diko Luthando
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-08-26	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius	2021-08-26	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-08-27	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Mbutho Luvuyo	2021-08-27	Kirk Neil
Farm Visit	Eastern Cape	Kokstad	Collier Luke	Ntonga Thobani	2021-09-09	Diko Luthando
Ladybrand						
Event type	Province	Office	Development coordinator	Farmer	Event date	Created by
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane (1) Johannes	2021-04-06	Kriel Johan

Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane(Johannes Motlhabane) Tsietsi	2021-04-06	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Matasane William	2021-04-07	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Masiu (Masiu Family 1) Oujan	2021-04-07	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Israel	2021-04-12	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Pencil	2021-04-12	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Phike Tseleng David	2021-04-12	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mabala (Loop and Vaal Trust 1) Hendrik	2021-04-12	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mohlomi Joseph	2021-04-12	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Thaele (Thaele MP Perlot LTD 1) Mampho Adeline	2021-04-12	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Khuto Isaac	2021-05-14	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mohlomi Joseph	2021-05-18	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Phike Tseleng David	2021-05-18	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Thaele (Thaele MP Perlot LTD 1) Mampho Adeline	2021-05-18	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane(Johannes Motlhabane) Tsietsi	2021-05-19	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane (1) Johannes	2021-05-20	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Matasane William	2021-05-21	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Masiu (Masiu Family 1) Oujan	2021-05-21	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Israel	2021-05-21	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Pencil	2021-05-21	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mabala (Loop and Vaal Trust 1) Hendrik	2021-05-21	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane (1) Johannes	2021-06-08	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane(Johannes Motlhabane) Tsietsi	2021-06-08	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Matasane William	2021-06-10	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Masiu (Masiu Family 1) Oujan	2021-06-10	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Khuto Isaac	2021-06-11	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Thaele (Thaele MP Perlot LTD 1)	2021-06-14	Kriel Johan

				Mampho Adeline		
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mohlomi Joseph	2021-06-14	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Phike Tseleng David	2021-06-14	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Israel	2021-06-18	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mabala (Loop and Vaal Trust 1) Hendrik	2021-06-18	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Pencil	2021-06-18	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Pencil	2021-06-18	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Matasane William	2021-07-02	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Masiu (Masiu Family 1) Oujan	2021-07-02	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Khuto Isaac	2021-07-05	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane (1) Johannes	2021-07-07	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane(Johannes Motlhabane) Tsietsi	2021-07-07	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mabala (Loop and Vaal Trust 1) Hendrik	2021-07-08	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Israel	2021-07-08	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Pencil	2021-07-08	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Phike Tseleng David	2021-07-21	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mohlomi Joseph	2021-07-22	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Thaele (Thaele MP Perlot LTD 1) Mampho Adeline	2021-07-22	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Matasane William	2021-08-12	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Masiu (Masiu Family 1) Oujan	2021-08-12	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Khuto Isaac	2021-08-13	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane Pencil	2021-08-17	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mabala (Loop and Vaal Trust 1) Hendrik	2021-08-17	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Phike Tseleng David	2021-08-19	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Mohlomi Joseph	2021-08-19	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Thaele (Thaele MP Perlot LTD 1) Mampho Adeline	2021-08-19	Kriel Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane(Johannes	2021-08-24	Kriel

				Motlhabane) Tsietsi		Johan
Farm Visit	Free State	Ladybrand	Kriel Johan	Motlhabane (1) Johannes	2021-08-24	Kriel Johan
Louwsburg						
Event type	Province	Office	Development coordinator	Farmer	Event date	Created by
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-04-01	Vos Werner
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-04-13	Vos Werner
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-04-23	Vos Werner
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-04-30	Vos Werner
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-05-05	Vos Werner
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-05-10	Vos Werner
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-05-20	Vos Werner
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-06-17	Mentz Jurie
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-06-18	Vos Werner
Farm Visit	Mpumalanga	Louwsburg	Mentz Jurie	Mabuza Bheki Isaia	2021-06-22	Vos Werner

Annexure 2: Sample of brief farm visits reports from mentors

Farm Visit - 13 Aug 2021 00:00:00

Farmer's name:	Khuto Isaac		
Province:	Free State	Farm visit type	Advanced Farmers

Development coordinator		Recap coordinator	
Mentor:		Event donor:	Maize Trust
Event date:	2021-08-13	Place of meeting	The meeting took place at the Farm Diyatalawa in the Ficksburg district.
Event subjects:	Budgeting - direct costs and overhead costs Budgeting - enterprise budgets (for different crops)		
Area of farm visited	The visit took place at the homestead and the lands.		
General Comments	The aim of this visit was to discuss the financials for the new season.		
Action to be taken by farmers	I will organize the lime spreading as soon as possible and support with the budgeting.		

Farm Visit - 13 Aug 2021 00:00:00

Farmer's name:	Khuto Isaac		
Province:	Free State	Farm visit type	Advanced Farmers
Development coordinator		Recap coordinator	
Mentor:		Event donor:	Maize Trust
Event date:	2021-08-13	Place of meeting	The meeting took place at the Farm Diyatalawa in the Ficksburg district.
Event subjects:	Budgeting - direct costs and overhead costs Budgeting - enterprise budgets (for different crops)		
Area of farm visited	The visit took place at the homestead and the lands.		
General Comments	The aim of this visit was to discuss the financials for the new season.		
Action to be taken by farmers	I will organize the lime spreading as soon as possible and support with the budgeting.		

Farm Visit - 19 May 2021 00:00:00

Farmer's name:	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius		
Province:	Eastern Cape	Farm visit type	Advanced Farmers
Development coordinator		Recap coordinator	
Mentor:		Event donor:	Maize Trust
Event date:	2021-05-19	Place of meeting	Bon Accord farm
Event subjects:	Financial management - Income tax Harvesting - Moisture content Plant requirements - Soil		
Area of farm visited	Dairy & Sheds		

General Comments	<p>Discussed ABINBEV for coming season, soil corrections and what was needed as well as plans for harvesting for the coming season. Mr Tsephe was also speaking on behalf of his son who unfortunately was unable to be there on the day. Mr Tsephe himself would like to do 100ha this year, when last we had the ABINBEV Project prior to Covid we did approximately 50HA for Mr Tsephe and his son Phuteho, this year they would to increase to 100HA each. Mr Tsephe has planted maize this year and has reasonable crop however, he was under financial constraint so he had to reduce his hectorage slightly and accommodate silage for his dairy. On discussing he is very keen in pushing his yield, he is already putting money aside to buy extra Urea to topdress his crop with. We also discuss mentoring, the quality of mentoring, note have been taken of that feedback. We endeavor have to sit with the balance of advanced farmers to discuss the topic as well. We will also discussed with mentor once we get the opportunity to do so that will be before the season starts. Mr Tsephe also wanted to find out about the soils corrections and when that will be taking place, the crops are still on the ground we can't really do too much at the moment that's I indicated to Mr Tsephe which he understands. So as soon crops comes we will be in a position to purchase those various products whether it would be MAP, KCL or Lime. Mr Tsephe hasn't got too many fields that are acidic, his most needed products are MAP & KCL which I have noted and taken down the quantities. We are just short of putting in the orders now.</p>
Action to be taken by farmers	order & organize lime

Farm Visit - 19 May 2021 00:00:00

Farmer's name:	Tsephe Thabang Mathitius		
Province:	Eastern Cape	Farm visit type	Advanced Farmers
Development coordinator		Recap coordinator	
Mentor:		Event donor:	Maize Trust
Event date:	2021-05-19	Place of meeting	Bon Accord farm
Event subjects:	Financial management - Income tax Harvesting - Moisture content Plant requirements - Soil		
Area of farm visited	Dairy & Sheds		
General Comments	<p>Discussed ABINBEV for coming season, soil corrections and what was needed as well as plans for harvesting for the coming season. Mr Tsephe was also speaking on behalf of his son who unfortunately was unable to be there on the day. Mr Tsephe himself would like to do 100ha this year, when last we had the ABINBEV Project prior to Covid we did approximately 50HA for Mr Tsephe and his son Phuteho, this year they would to increase to 100HA each. Mr Tsephe has planted maize this year and has reasonable crop however, he was under financial constraint so he had to reduce his hectorage slightly and accommodate silage for his dairy. On discussing he is very keen in pushing his yield, he is already putting money aside to buy extra Urea to topdress his crop with. We also discuss mentoring, the quality of mentoring, note have been taken of that feedback. We endeavor have to sit with the balance of advanced farmers to discuss the topic as</p>		

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Action to be taken by farmers	order & organize lime

Farm Visit - 02 Jul 2021 00:00:00

Farmer's name:	Masiu (Masiu Family 1) Oujan		
Province:	Free State	Farm visit type	Advanced Farmers
Development coordinator		Recap coordinator	
Mentor:		Event donor:	Maize Trust
Event date:	2021-07-02	Place of meeting	The meeting took place on the farm Driekoppen in the Senekal district.
Event subjects:	Crop : Maize - Crop development, Cultivar selection, row width, plant population		
Area of farm visited	The visit took place at the lands where maize was planted.		
General Comments	The aim of the visit was to determine the progress of the maize harvesting.		
Action to be taken by farmers	The farmer is desperate to buy some implements. At the moment he is using a contractor to cultivate, plant and spray. We will look at the financial situation after the harvest has been completed to se what can be done.		

Farm Visit - 02 Jul 2021 00:00:00

Farmer's name:	Masiu (Masiu Family 1) Oujan		
Province:	Free State	Farm visit type	Advanced Farmers
Development coordinator		Recap coordinator	
Mentor:		Event donor:	Maize Trust
Event date:	2021-07-02	Place of meeting	The meeting took place on the farm Driekoppen in the Senekal district.
Event subjects:	Crop : Maize - Crop development, Cultivar selection, row width, plant population		
Area of farm	The visit took place at the lands where maize was planted.		

visited	
General Comments	The aim of the visit was to determine the progress of the maize harvesting.
Action to be taken by farmers	The farmer is desperate to buy some implements. At the moment he is using a contractor to cultivate, plant and spray. We will look at the financial situation after the harvest has been completed to see what can be done.

Farm Visit - 22 Jun 2021 00:00:00

Farmer's name:	Mabuza Bheki Isaia		
Province:	Mpumalanga	Farm visit type	Advanced Farmers
Development coordinator		Recap coordinator	
Mentor:		Event donor:	Maize Trust
Event date:	2021-06-22	Place of meeting	DONKERHOEK
Event subjects:	Land visits to check soil and crops		
Area of farm visited	MEALIE LAND		
General Comments	PLANTING SEASON 2020/2021		
Action to be taken by farmers	WILL VISIT MR BHEKI IN A WEEK'S TIME TO DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS FOR THE NEXT PLANTING SEASON, AS WELL AS FINALISATION OF CURRENT HARVESTING PROCESS.		
Date of next visit			

Farm Visit - 22 Jun 2021 00:00:00

Farmer's name:	Mabuza Bheki Isaia		
Province:	Mpumalanga	Farm visit type	Advanced Farmers
Development coordinator		Recap coordinator	
Mentor:		Event donor:	Maize Trust
Event date:	2021-06-22	Place of meeting	DONKERHOEK
Event subjects:	Land visits to check soil and crops		
Area of farm visited	MEALIE LAND		
General Comments	PLANTING SEASON 2020/2021		
Action to be taken by farmers	WILL VISIT MR BHEKI IN A WEEK'S TIME TO DISCUSS FUTURE PLANS FOR THE NEXT PLANTING SEASON, AS WELL AS FINALISATION OF CURRENT HARVESTING PROCESS.		