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Grain SA Farmer Development Division**

**FINAL REPORT TO:**

**THE MAIZE TRUST  
ADVANCED FARMER SUPPORT**

**1 October 2024 – 31 August 2025**

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## 1. Introduction

The mission of PGP remains to develop capacitated sustainable grain farmers, to assist with access to finance and to support their progress towards full commercialisation. This progress towards the New Era Commercial status remains a challenge for most emerging farmers and has been slower than anticipated as farmers face many challenges including:

In involving itself with the farmer development sector in the grain growing arena, PGP has encountered farmers of all shapes and sizes. Some small-scale farmers merely wish to improve household food security and/ or increase household income. Other farmers have already seen job opportunities as well as a potential avenue towards entrepreneurship, and have committed themselves to developing commercial farming enterprises. The team has seen many farmers working hard, but struggling to break through to sustainability because of the many challenges grain farmers face nowadays in an environment characterised by high input costs, volatile markets, and high risk. Many of these farmers still need assistance until they can be considered viable and sustainable established farming enterprises.

We are happy to present this interim report on the progress that the 28 farmers that have been assisted through the Maize Trust with Crop Insurance, Soil Corrections and Mentorship during the 2024/2025 season, have achieved thus far.

## 2. Approved budget and spending to date

Financial period: 1 October 2024 – 31 August 2025

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#### Maize Trust Advanced Farmers

Financial period: 1 October 2024 - 31 August 2025

Farmer name	Budget Approved	60% Received from MT	Funds used	Balance of budget
Soil correction support for farmers	R 2,622,539.70	R 1,573,523.82	R 1,095,490.72	R 1,527,048.98
Insurance support for farmers	R 1,710,040.30	R 1,026,024.18	R 1,292,876.09	R 417,164.21
Mentorship support for farmers	R 886,841.87	R 532,105.12	R 207,596.20	R 679,245.67
Management (Implementation Fee) @ 7%	R 365,359.53	R 219,215.72	R 334,912.90	R 30,446.63
	<b>R 5,584,781.40</b>	<b>R 3,350,868.84</b>	<b>R 2,930,875.91</b>	<b>R 2,653,905.49</b>

- Detail of expenditure to date

Some of the farmers are spreading their lime and phosphates during September which is why there is budget remaining in the table below. We believe that after our audit which commences after the end of September, that the balances remaining will be very small.

**Maize Trust - Soil corrections & Insurance**

**Financial period: 1 October 2024 - 10 September 2025**

<b>Farmer</b>	<b>Grant Received</b>	<b>Insurance paid</b>	<b>Soil corrections</b>	<b>Balance remaining:</b>
Mngadi NS	R 73,500	R 0	R 0	R 73,500
Mbhele GS	R 52,500	R 0	R 0	R 52,500
Makoele LJ	R 84,275	R 0	R 84,275	R 0
Lentswetshipi SE	R 130,872	R 10,872	R 0	R 120,000
Zanovuyo	R 335,461	R 269,597	R 65,864	R 0
Ngwenya JJ	R 105,000	R 36,780	R 68,220	R 0
Nkosi ME	R 115,687	R 34,294	R 0	R 81,394
Mlotshwa MM	R 145,087	R 40,920	R 0	R 104,167
Mazibuko KB	R 168,000	R 0	R 0	R 168,000
Khumalo L R B	R 200,000	R 103,267	R 96,733	R 0
Mas 24	R 168,000	R 63,082	R 104,918	R 0
Hangala	R 126,000	R 30,812	R 0	R 95,188
Serema GO	R 147,000	R 12,531	R 0	R 134,469
Dwaalkraal	R 105,000	R 24,482	R 0	R 80,518
Moniwa B Skosana	R 200,181	R 54,656	R 145,110	R 416
Ngwenya SI	R 103,087	R 28,010	R 63,847	R 11,231
Makhunga GA	R 84,000	R 36,000	R 47,480	R 520
Khoza PP	R 126,000	R 14,127	R 0	R 111,873
AM Gondo General Farming	R 84,467	R 24,467	R 59,633	R 367
TSO Farming	R 243,925	R 133,925	R 108,800	R 1,200
Masiu Farming	R 171,755	R 77,155	R 94,520	R 80
Matshinini MJ	R 248,955	R 15,674	R 233,282	R 0
SI Malakoane	R 230,146	R 43,089	R 187,057	R 0
Liyasikwa Luyamila	R 274,681	R 124,680	R 150,001	R 0
Bokgotlo Farming	R 168,000	R 54,108	R 0	R 113,892
Deejo Farming	R 168,000	R 14,297	R 0	R 153,703
Mongane Son & Daughter	R 105,000	R 8,495	R 0	R 96,505
Vhanyai Ranch	R 168,000	R 37,557	R 130,443	R 0
Maize Trust Projects	R 0	R 0	R 0	R 0

	<b>R 4,332,580</b>	<b>R 1,292,876</b>	<b>R 1,640,182</b>	<b>R 1,399,522</b>
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### 3. Overall production of Maize Trust supported farmers 2024/2025

The following table shows all hectares and crops, with yields that were planted during the 2024/25 season by the farmers who have been supported through the Maize Trust. For any farmer to be successful it is imperative to have a good crop rotation system to promote soil health, to combat disease and to spread risk, to name a few.

Last Name	First Name	Crop	Province	Study Group	Ha planned	Ha planted	Tons harvested	Average yield
Mokgoetsi	Maleshoane Teresia	Maize Dry Land own funds	North West	Ventersdorp 28	42	42	204,08	4,86
Masiu	Oujan	Maize Dry Land own funds	Free State	Paul Roux 31	52	49	177,09	3,61
Mbhele	Godfrey Sanele	PepsiCo Maize White	Kwazulu Natal	Newcastle 29	25	25	116	4,64
Tlotleng	Johanna	PepsiCo Maize White	North West	Lichtenburg 28	80	70	257,17	3,67
Mazibuko	Khayelihle Blessing	PepsiCo Maize White	Kwazulu Natal	Emangweni 29	80	58	283,84	4,89
Mokgoetsi	Maleshoane Teresia	PepsiCo Maize White	North West	Ventersdorp 28	80	80	352,05	4,40
Mngadi	Nhlanhla Sicelo	PepsiCo Maize White	Kwazulu Natal	Ntabamhlophe 29	35	35	112,82	3,22
Khoza	Philani Patrick	PepsiCo Maize White	Kwazulu Natal	Dukuza 29	60	35	130	3,71
Mpomela	Allman	SACTA Maize	North West	Lichtenburg 28	50	75	140	1,87
Makhunga	Gua Abram	SACTA Maize	Mpumalanga	Carolina 29	45	45,3	76,7	1,69
Ngwenya	John Jabulanyi	SACTA Maize	Kwazulu Natal	Osizweni 29	50	50	136,1	2,72
Khumalo	Lucky Romegius Boniface	SACTA Maize	Kwazulu Natal	Newcastle 29	180	238	726,74	3,05
Matshinini	Madinda Jabulani	SACTA Maize	Free State	Paul Roux 31	40	40	0	0,00
Nkosi	Mandla Enos	SACTA Maize	Mpumalanga	Siyacathula 29	30	46	222	4,83
Mlotshwa	Mathews Mfanimpela	SACTA Maize	Mpumalanga	Siyacathula 29	30	22	152,39	6,93
Serema	Organ	SACTA Maize	North West	Lichtenburg 28	70	61	153,58	2,52
Malakoane	Sello Isaac	SACTA Maize	Free State	Kestell 31	100	84	541,6	6,45
Ngwenya	Sizwe Innocent	SACTA Maize	Mpumalanga	Donkerhoek 29	40	40	117	2,93
Masuku	Tamsanqa Raphael	SACTA Maize	Kwazulu Natal	Osizweni 29	80	81	265,8	3,28
Hlela	Thembakuye Jeffrey	SACTA Maize	Kwazulu Natal	Kilmon 33	60	52	272	5,23
Makhunga	Gua Abram	SACTA Soybeans	Mpumalanga	Carolina 29	40	29	0,1	0,00
Ngwenya	John Jabulanyi	SACTA Soybeans	Kwazulu Natal	Osizweni 29	30		could not plant	
Mazibuko	Khayelihle Blessing	SACTA Soybeans	Kwazulu Natal	Emangweni 29	25	0,01	0,01	1,00
Makoele	Lekhotla Johannes	SACTA Soybeans	Free State	Kestell 31	138	66	68	1,03
Khumalo	Lucky Romegius Boniface	SACTA Soybeans	Kwazulu Natal	Newcastle 29	80	50	21	0,42
Matshinini	Madinda Jabulani	SACTA Soybeans	Free State	Paul Roux 31	40	38	66	1,74
Nkosi	Mandla Enos	SACTA Soybeans	Mpumalanga	Siyacathula 29	16		could not plant	
Mlotshwa	Mathews Mfanimpela	SACTA Soybeans	Mpumalanga	Siyacathula 29	20	37	43,11	1,17
Khoza	Philani Patrick	SACTA Soybeans	Kwazulu Natal	Dukuza 29	25	0,01	0,01	1,00
Malakoane	Sello Isaac	SACTA Soybeans	Free State	Kestell 31	100	67,77	105	1,55
Masuku	Tamsanqa Raphael	SACTA Soybeans	Kwazulu Natal	Osizweni 29	30	30	0,01	0,00
Hlela	Thembakuye Jeffrey	SACTA Soybeans	Kwazulu Natal	Kilmon 33	40		could not plant	
Mpomela	Allman	SACTA Sunflower	North West	Lichtenburg 28	50	50	18	0,36
Matshinini	Madinda Jabulani	SACTA Sunflower	Free State	Paul Roux 31	46	33	46	1,39
Masiu	Oujan	SACTA Sunflower	Free State	Paul Roux 31	96		could not plant	
Gondo	Alfred Manqoba	Standard Maize	Mpumalanga	Middleburg 2 29	50	50	345	6,90
Skosana	Moniwa Badge	Standard Maize	Mpumalanga	Middleburg 2 29	195,65	149,37	298	2,00
Masiu	Oujan	Standard Maize	Free State	Paul Roux 31	90	100	0	0,00
Tsotetsi	Ranko Petrus	Standard Maize	Free State	Kestell 31	106	97	734	7,57
Lentswetshipi	Seoke Ezekiel	Standard Maize	North West	Mooifontein 28	100	90	211,18	2,35
Mabuza	Simphiwe Senzeko	Standard Maize	Mpumalanga	Breyten 29	156	157	1350	8,60
Gumede	Xolani Zanovuyo	Standard Maize	Mpumalanga	Siyacathula 29	480	312	1020	3,27
Gondo	Alfred Manqoba	Standard Soya	Mpumalanga	Middleburg 2 29	61,55	61,55	100,55	1,63
Skosana	Moniwa Badge	Standard Soya	Mpumalanga	Middleburg 2 29	320	320	172	0,54
Tsotetsi	Ranko Petrus	Standard Soya	Free State	Kestell 31	106	92	253	2,75
Mabuza	Simphiwe Senzeko	Standard Soya	Mpumalanga	Breyten 29	165	165	347,27	2,10
Gumede	Xolani Zanovuyo	Standard Soya	Mpumalanga	Siyacathula 29	104	200	240	1,20
Masiu	Oujan	Standard Sunflowers	Free State	Paul Roux 31	101	96	51	0,53
Lentswetshipi	Seoke Ezekiel	Standard Sunflowers	North West	Mooifontein 28	200	165	121,29	0,74
Mokgoetsi	Maleshoane Teresia	Sunflower own funds	North West	Ventersdorp 28	27	27	10	0,37
Serema	Organ	Sunflower own funds	North West	Lichtenburg 28	24	24	18,29	0,76

#### 4. Feedback on project to date

##### 4.1 Mentorship

Proper reporting plays a critical role in the monitoring and evaluation of all work being done. Within the PGP Development program, there are very strict reporting procedures that are followed where mentors report on a web reporting system on a weekly basis. These reports indicate everything about each and every visit to a farmer visit. Snapshots below shows a portion of it as an example. The report also includes a farm visit log that is filled in and signed by the farmer.

During this year, we have completed farmers scorecards for all the farmers, and we have also done a skills audit for each farmer.

The farmer scorecard is an assessment of the farmer himself (language capability and IT ability), business skills, financial information, natural resources and on / off farm infrastructure, soil status, diversification into other enterprises for risk mitigation , mechanization, as well as the loan repayment history.

The skills audit has involved a deeper look into the farmer and his skills so as to identify the specific needs of these farmers. We have drawn up lists of topics and courses that these farmers need and are working through the lists.

The farmers who have production loans with Standard Bank, Kgodiso and PepsiCo are watched very carefully by the PGP team as well as the funders. Meetings are held every two weeks during which the position of each farmer is discussed in detail.

Below is an example of the last comments that were posted by the mentors – the reports are done in an excel format and the information for each week is captured on the same sheet (and then hidden) so that at the end of the season, a full picture of the entire season is possible. It is difficult to show these reports adequately.

Farmer	Crop	Ha approved	Ha planted	
Mabuza Liyasikwa (Mabuza)	Maize	145	157	Harvesting completed .Fully Paid up.
Mabuza Liyasikwa (Mabuza)	Soya	165	165	Completed harvesting, sold and paid.
AM Gondo Farming Pty LTD	Maize	50	50	Completed harvesting and sale of crop. This farmer does not wish to proceed with STD KDF and PGP.
AM Gondo Farming Pty LTD	Soya	60	61	Completed harvesting and sale of crop. This farmer does not wish to proceed with STD KDF and PGP.
Moniwa Skosana	Maize	200		249,58 tons in Silo storage. Not completed harvest, approx 20 ha still to do, waiting for silo to have space available. Grain SA is marketing the maize in silo, have 2 buyers wanting the maize, waiting for purchase contract. Buyer 1 is at R 3950 per ton on the 2 nds (= R 140 000). Buyer 2 is at R 3633 (=about R 650 000) Awaiting confirmation regarding sale of livestock and have requested an equipment list and values for sale.
Moniwa Skosana	Soya	320	182	Completed harvesting and sale of crop
Zanovuyo (Gumede)	Maize	480	135	Lothair and Carolina silo's still full, the farmer is moving the maize himself in loads to Mkhondo silo (TWK) and when at 100 tons he will do the sale (at about 80 tons now in Mkhondo. On farm is about 230 tons YM 1 and 70 tons YM 2, Grain SA is marketing this as 'off farm' and am awaiting a buyer to finalise price. Farmer has R 180 000 due from DRDLR for mentoring work

				done and has committed to selling 40 weaners in October to meet his commitment of a co-payment of R 500 000.
Zanovuyo (Gumede)	Soya	100	60	Completed harvesting and marketing, and paid into TPFA
TSO Farming	Maize	110	97	Farmer done for the season.
TSO Farming	Soya	106	105	Farmer done for the season.
Masiu	Maize	80	80	Farmer done for the season.
Masiu	Sunflower	94	0	Farmer done for the season
Kgopiso Enterprise (Moloi)	Soya	350		Farmer done for the season.
Lentswetshipi	Maize	100		Maize done harvesting . He harvested around 170 tons of maize . He sold the maize and the money went onto the TPFA . confirmed by Boipelo
Lentswetshipi	Sunflower	150		Done with everything and sold . income went into the TPFA

Each of the loan funded farmers have a mentor assigned to them – the mentors report to the PGP coordinators (Graeme Engelbrecht, Eric Wiggill, Jacques Roux and duToit vd Westhuizen). During the season the coordinators also visit the farmers to make sure that everything is going well.

Despite every effort of the mentors, each season seems to bring challenges – this year the season looked good until the late and persistent rains made the harvesting of soya beans very difficult, and lowered the grade of the maize. Many farmers had second and third grade maize which was difficult to sell. The farmers also experienced challenges relating to storage as not many of them have on farm storage and many of the silos were reluctant to accept the lower grades of maize.

The table below shows the number of visits that the farmers have received from the mentors and the coordinators. More visits are done during the early part of the season, and then again towards the harvesting time.

Province	Responsible Person	Farmer	
Mpumalanga	De Jager Chris and Graeme Engelbrecht	Gondo Alfred Manqoba	36
Mpumalanga	Botha Martin	Gumede Xolani Zanovuyo	30
Eastern Cape	Wiggill Eric	Hlela Thembakuye Jeffrey	12
Kwazulu Natal	Wiggill Paul	Khoza Philani Patrick	38
Kwazulu Natal	De Jager Chris	Khumalo Lucky Romegius Boniface	32
North West	van der Westhuizen Du Toit	Lentswetshipi Seoke Ezekiel	23
Mpumalanga	De Jager Chris	Mabuza Simphiwe Senzeko	39
Mpumalanga	Botha Martin	Makhunga Gua Abram	30
Free State	Roux Jacques	Makoele Lekhotla Johannes	37
Free State	Roux Johan	Malakoane Sello Isaac	35
Free State	Roux Jacques	Masiu Oujan	19
Kwazulu Natal	De Jager Chris	Masuku Tamsanqa Raphael	33
Free State	Roux Jacques	Matshinini Madinda Jabulani	37
Free State	Roux Jacques	Mavundla Jonas Sello	8
Kwazulu Natal	Wiggill Paul	Mazibuko Khayelihle Blessing	41
Kwazulu Natal	Wiggill Paul	Mbhele Godfrey Sanele	23
Mpumalanga	Filter Timon	Mlotshwa Mathews Mfanimpela	34
Kwazulu Natal	Wiggill Paul	Mngadi Nhlanhla Sicelo	38
North West	van der Westhuizen Du Toit	Mokgoetsi Maleshoane Teresia	12
Free State	Roux Jacques	Moloi Samuel	28
North West	van der Westhuizen Du Toit	Mongane Itumeleng Naphtaly	18
North West	van der Westhuizen Du Toit	Mpomela Allman	17
North West	van der Westhuizen Du Toit	Munyai Mpho	9
Kwazulu Natal	De Jager Chris	Ngwenya John Jabulanyi	30
Mpumalanga	Filter Timon	Ngwenya Sizwe Innocent	34
Mpumalanga	Filter Timon	Nkosi Mandla Enos	34
North West	van der Westhuizen Du Toit	Pholo Ramoso	20
North West	van der Westhuizen Du Toit	Serema Organ	23
Kwazulu Natal	Wiggill Paul	Shelembe Thanduyise Richard	33
Mpumalanga	De Jager Chris	Skosana Andile Chris	38
North West	van der Westhuizen Du Toit and Wessel Wessels	Tlotleng Johanna	32
Free State	Roux Jacques	Tsotetsi Ranko Petrus	36

## 4.2 Soil corrections

The farmers had to harvest their crops before they were able to buy and apply the lime and phosphates for the soil corrections. It makes a considerable difference to the yields attained by the farmers when the soil status is optimal.

### **4.3 Crop insurance**

Some farmers have started with soil corrections on designated fields that have been earmarked for corrections, but the majority of corrections occurred as soon as the crops have been harvested. There is a strong drive to do more grid sampling and moving toward precision agricultural practices. It is imperative that we guide our farmers towards more sustainable practices. We are also encouraging farmers to invest in GPS systems for their equipment who do not have it already.