

# **AGRICULTURAL TRUSTS WORKSHOP**

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# COTTON SA TRUST

*Katoen SA Trust*



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## **BACKGROUND**

**The Cotton SA Trust is administered by six trustees representing the producers of seed cotton (three), cotton ginners (one), cotton spinners (one) and the Minister of Agriculture (one).**

### **Main Objectives**

- **The financing of the stimulation and promotion of cotton production, demand, consumption and research.**
- **The financing of the provision, distribution and dissemination of information.**
- **The rendering of assistance to any person or institution established to promote any branch of the agricultural industry which relates to cotton which has similar objectives as the Cotton SA Trust.**

## **INCOME AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS**

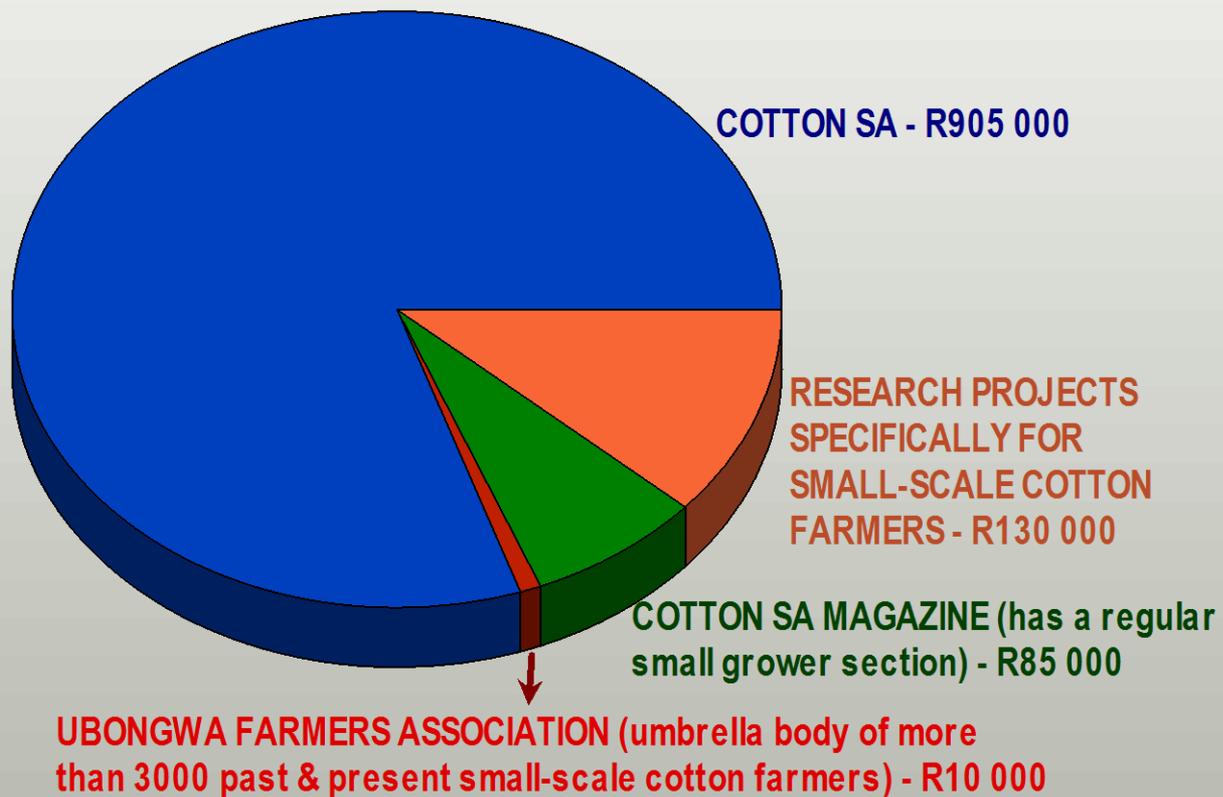
**The Cotton SA Trust collects no levies and its main revenue is rental income from the leasing of office space in its main asset, the Cotton SA Building.**

**Apart from 3 cleaners, the Cotton SA Trust has no other personnel and therefore conducts no activities or projects as such, except to provide funding to beneficiaries, Cotton SA being the main beneficiary, as the latter is seen as the executive arm of the Cotton SA Trust as its objectives are the same as that of the Trust.**

# APPROPRIATION OF AVAILABLE INCOME TO BENEFICIARIES

*(typical annual appropriation)*

2010/11 FINANCIAL YEAR



## **SMALL-SCALE COTTON FARMER DEVELOPMENT**

**Due to small cotton crops, Cotton SA's levy income is inadequate to properly finance its functions, which includes development of the small-scale cotton farming sector. The Trust provides annual financial assistance to Cotton SA in this regard.**

### **COTTON SA's SMALL-SCALE COTTON FARMERS INITIATIVES**

- **SMALL-SCALE COTTON FARMER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM;**
- **SMALL-SCALE COTTON FARMER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM;**
- **SMALL-SCALE COTTON FARMERS' FORUM;**
- **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL COTTON STRATEGY PLAN.**

## **SMALL-SCALE COTTON FARMER SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

- **Cotton SA is an AgriSeta accredited training institution.**
- **Training takes place in collaboration with local government and agricultural colleges.**
- **This formal skills development program is organised in four 5-day modules synchronised with the normal production cycle of the crop and presented over a 12-month period.**
- **Up to now almost 1000 small-scale cotton farmers have attended these courses.**

## **SMALL-SCALE COTTON FARMER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

- **Established in view of the need for a support system for cotton farmers previously trained.**
- **Program is aimed to provide mentors who can support and impart knowledge and skills to small-scale farmers.**
- **Mentors involved in the program report to a manager/master mentor who guide mentors and continuously identifies new mentors who can impart their knowledge and practical skills to small-scale farmers.**

## **SMALL-SCALE COTTON FARMERS' FORUM**

- **The main function of the Forum which meets three times a year, is to co-ordinate and monitor progress with regards to the main objectives of the Cotton Sector Strategy Plan and to provide an environment where positive interaction between role-players could lead to increased market access for the small-scale cotton farmer.**
- **The Forum comprise more than 50 members representing amongst others: the national and provincial governments; the ARC; the private sector including input suppliers; farmers and financial and training institutions.**

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL COTTON STRATEGY PLAN**

- **One of the main objectives of the National Cotton Strategy Plan developed by Cotton SA and the government in collaboration with role-players, is to broaden participation enabling small growers to contribute about 25% of the national cotton crop by 2015.**
- **Cotton SA has been tasked to manage the implementation of the Cotton Sector Strategy Plan, which is currently being revised by role-players and government.**

A photograph of a cotton field with many ripe, white cotton bolls ready for harvest. The sky is clear and blue. The cotton plants are in the foreground and middle ground, with some bolls in sharp focus.

**THANK YOU**

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