# SA GRAIN AND OILSEED INDUSTRY





# THE SOUTH AFRICAN GRAIN AND OILSEED INDUSTRY

Despite its relatively small share of the total GDP, primary agriculture is an important sector of our economy. The local grain and oilseeds industry is one of the largest agricultural sectors, making a major contribution to the country's total gross agricultural production.

Agriculture as a percentage of GDP has decreased over past four decades. Although this implies that the economy is maturing and moving towards the secondary and tertiary sectors, farming remains vitally important to the economy. Agriculture's prominent, indirect role in the economy is a function of backward and forward linkages to other sectors. Purchases of goods such as fertilisers, chemicals and implements form backward linkages with the manufacturing sector, while forward linkages are established through the supply of raw materials to the manufacturing industry. About 70% of agricultural output is used as intermediate products in the sector.

# Agriculture is a crucial sector and an important engine of growth for the rest of the economy

South Africa has a dual agricultural economy, with both well-developed commercial farming and more subsistence-based production in the deep rural areas. The stability and future growth of the sector is imperative to provide food security to the South African population and it is a key focus of the New Growth Path. The NGP is also a plan by the government to create 5 million new jobs by 2020.

# Agriculture is a significant provider of employment, especially in the rural areas, and a major earner of foreign exchange

Maize is the largest and most important locally produced field crop, a dietary staple, a source of livestock feed, and an export crop. Maize is produced mainly in North West province, the Free State, the Mpumalanga Highveld and the KZN Midlands. Wheat is produced in the winter rainfall areas of the Western Cape, parts of the Free State and various irrigation areas. Barley is produced mainly in the southern Western Cape. Soybean is mainly grown as a rotation crop with maize. Sunflower seed is produced in the Free State, North West, Mpumalanga Highveld and Limpopo. Sorghum is cultivated in Mpumalanga, Free State, Limpopo, North West and Gauteng.

# South Africa's agricultural industry operates in a free market and the primary producers are thus price takers.

Livestock is the largest agricultural sector in South Africa comprising beef and dairy cattle as well as poultry and pigs. It is highly dependent on animal feed produced from grains and oilseeds.

Agro-processing comprises value-adding to all grains and oilseeds: Wheat and white maize milling; Brewing of barley and sorghum; Crushing of oilseeds such as soybeans and sunflower for vegetable oils; and Manufacturing of animal feed from yellow maize.

The functioning of the grain and oilseeds industries are highly dependent on domestic grain information as well as local and international macro-economic information to enable role players in the grain industry commercial and emerging sectors, to continue making meaningful decisions.

# Grain Value Chain

- Input service providers • Finance & insurance
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- Seed, fertilizer, agro-chemicals
- Livestock inputs

#### **Primary agriculture**

- Smallholder farmers
- Commercial farmers

### Post-harvest service providers

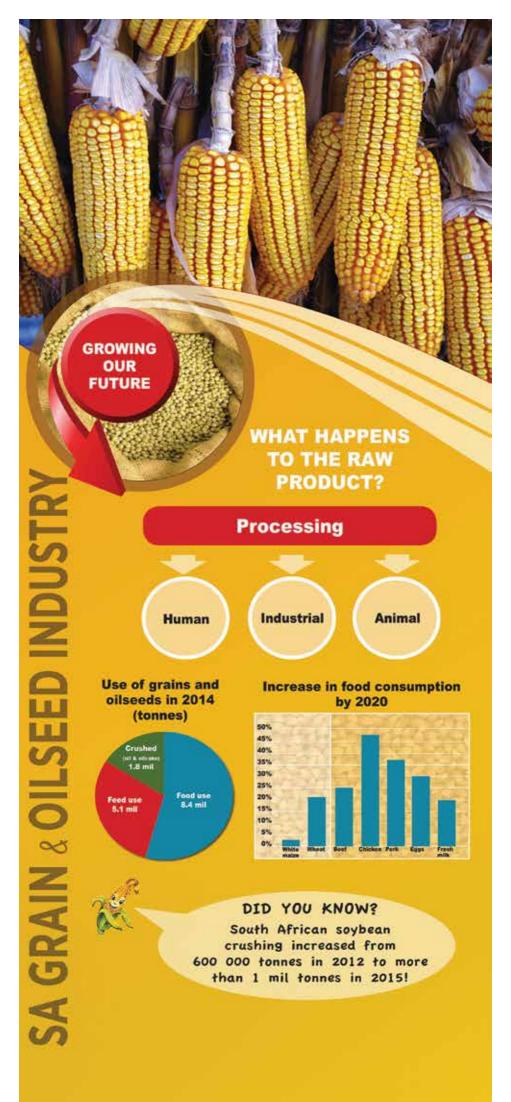
- Storage 
  Trade
- · Processing · Manufacturing
- Packaging 
  Agro-logistics

### **Output markets**

Consumers

- Wholesalers
- Retailers

POLICY





# PRODUCTION IN SA

White maize

34%

ellow maize 25%

#### 2014 TOTAL of 4.6 mil hectares

Barley 2% Canola 2% Wheat 10% Sorghum 2% Groundnuts 1% Soybeans 11%

Sunflower 13%-

#### 2014 TOTAL of 18.5 mil tonnes

Wheat 9% Barley 2% Canola 1% Groundnuts<1% Soybeans 5% Sunflower 5% Yellow maize 35%

#### Main weaknesses of the SA Grain Value Chain:

- Scarcity of water resources
  Variable & erratic precipitation
  Land lost to urbanisation & mining

15% arable land Including 1%

potentially



**Rainfall in South Africa** 

# COMMODITIES

MAIZE

WHEAT

SUNFLOWER

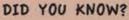
SOYBEAN

SORGHUM

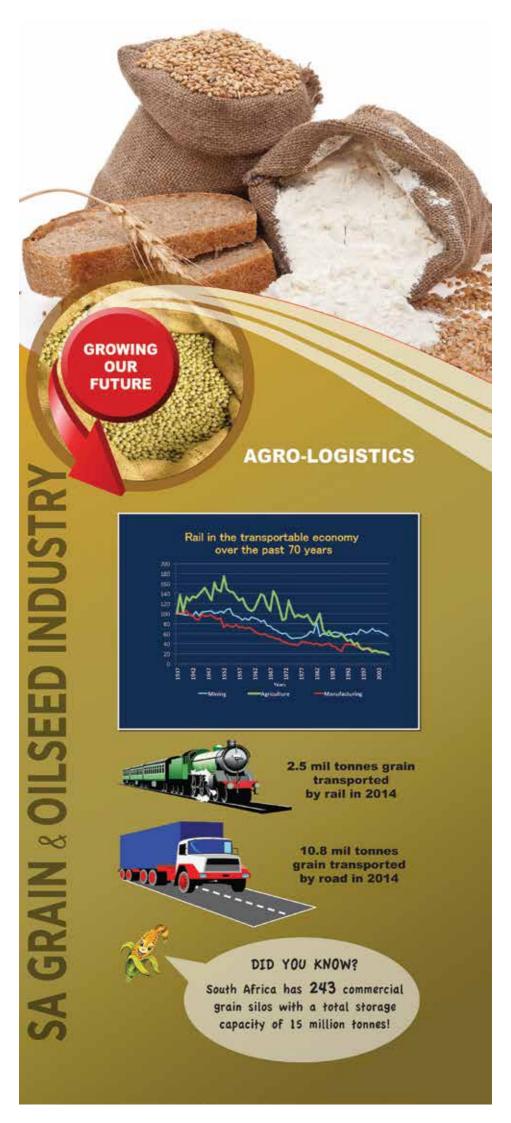
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# Main strengths of the SA Grain Value Chain:

- Large climatic diversity allows for varied grain production
- Highly intergrated value chain
  Expertise of producers



More than 95% of our Maize and Soybeans are genetically modified.





# INDUSTRY BODIES

#### **MAIZE FORUM**

TRUST . STEERING COMMITTEES . WORKING GROUPS

#### WHEAT FORUM

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#### SORGHUM FORUM

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#### **SUNFLOWER & SOYBEAN FORUM**

TRUST, OILSEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

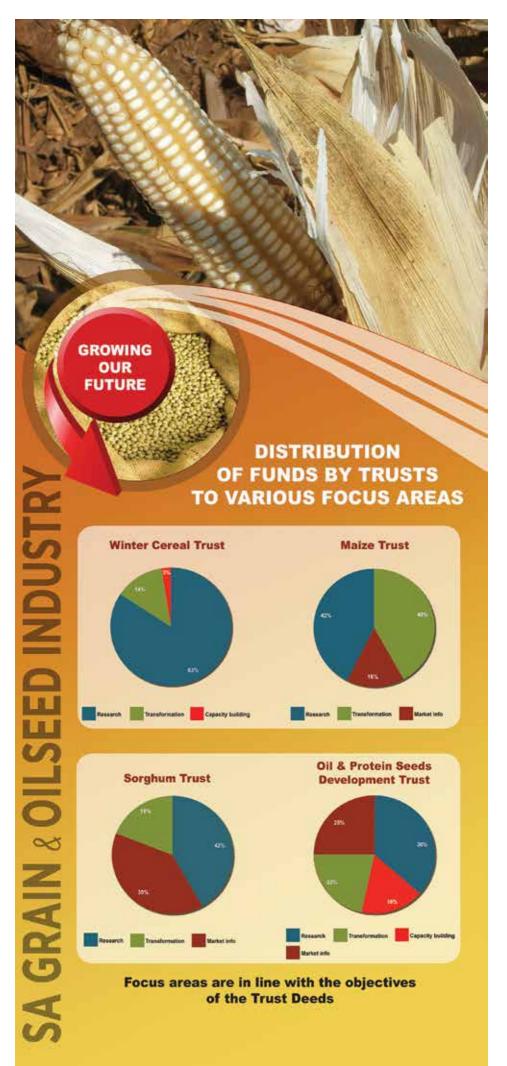
#### **GROUNDNUT FORUM**

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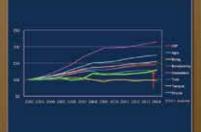
#### DID YOU KNOW?

Government liaison with the Forums & Trusts is through the National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC). various Government departments and industry bodies.



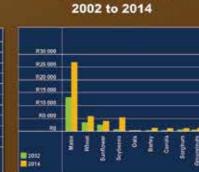
# CONTRIBUTION TO THE ECONOMY

Contribution of primary agriculture to GDP (Gross Domestic Product) Growth in gross value (R mil) of grains & oilseeds compared to other agricultural sectors 2002 to 2014

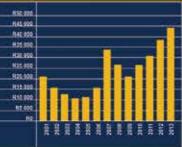


Growth in gross value (R mil) il) of of grains & oilseeds from

20



#### Gross value (R mil) of grains & oilseeds



Gross val grains



### TRUSTS SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING

#### UNIVERSITIES

#### **TECHNIKONS**

#### OTHER

University of Cape Town University of Pretoria University of the Free State North-West University University of KwaZulu-Natal University of Fort Hare University of Fort Hare University of Limpopo Rhodes University University of Venda University of the Western Cape University of the Witwatersrand







#### DID YOU KNOW?

Over the last 7 years, the Trusts have spent over R11.8 million on bursaries and have supported 92 MSc students and 41 PhD students.

## CROP QUALITY IN THE GRAIN & OILSEED INDUSTRY



#### THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN GRAIN LABORATORY (SAGL)

The SAGL is an independent, accredited service provider to the Trusts and other customers in the value chain

MAIZE (surveys since 1997)

WHEAT (surveys since 1997)

SOYBEANS (surveys since 2011)

SUNFLOWER (surveys since 2012)

### DID YOU KNOW?

The SAGL publishes annual crop quality surveys to assist industry with marketing locally and internationally.



## INFORMATION IN THE GRAIN AND **OILSEED INDUSTRY**

Who generates the information?







SA GRAIN INFORMATION SERVICE (SAGIS) **Funded by the Trusts** 

**CROP ESTIMATES** COMMITTEE (CEC) Under the auspices of DAFF



Other publications funded by the Trusts

SA GRAIN

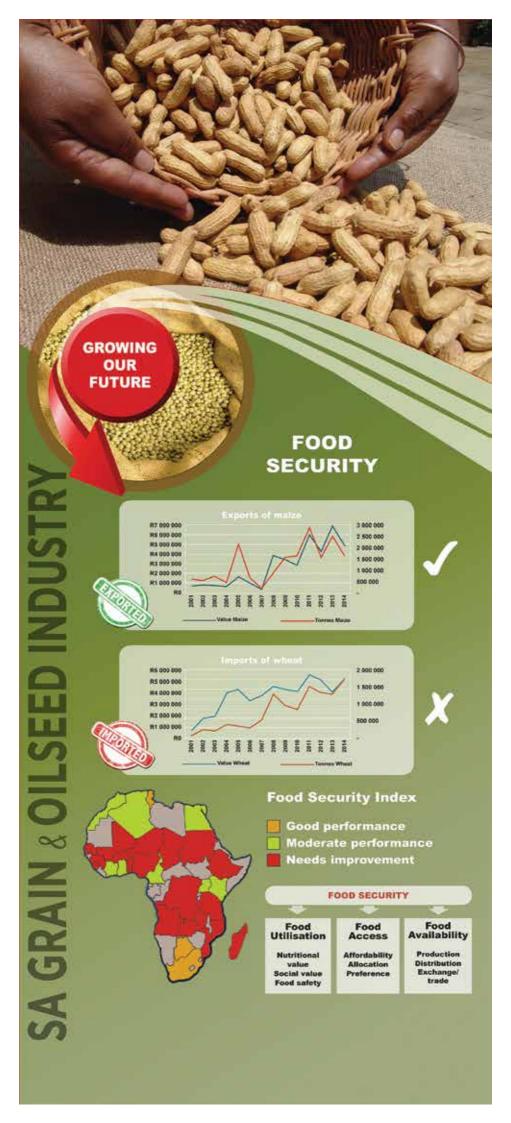
WHEAT FOCUS

OILSEEDS FOCUS

GUIDE

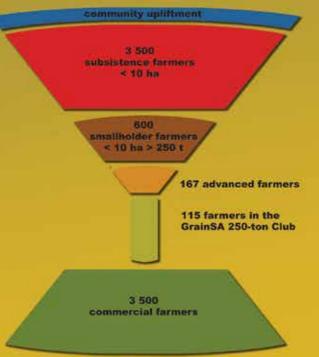
GUIDELINES: PRODUCTION OF SMALL GRAINS

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## TRANSFORMATION

Transformation goals of the Trusts are achieved by guiding new era farmers in commercialisation and facilitating whole farm development



Training / Communication / Mentorship Trial plots / Study groups / Farmers' days / Publications in 7 indigenous languages

# USES OF GRAIN & OILSEEDS

# Did you know?

# Grain and oilseeds are everywhere!

• Gas and oil • Biodiesel •
• Drywall boards • Adhesives •
Cosmetics • Wax paper •
Biomedical products
Medicine   Soap
Varnish • Toothpaste •
• Matches • Tyres •
• Diapers • Paper •
Charcoal • Candles •
Lubricants Ink
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### Abbreviations

AFMA	Animal Feed Manufacturers Association
AGBIZ	Agricultural Business Chamber
ARC	The Agricultural Research Council
CEC	Crop Estimates Committee
GFADA	Grain Farmer Development Association
JSE	Johannesburg Stock Exchange
NAMC	National Agricultural Marketing Council
NCM	National Chamber of Milling
SACB	South Afrian Chamber of Baking
SACOTA	South African Cereals and Oilseeds Trade Association
SAGIS	SA Grain Information Service
SAGL	Southern African Grain Laboratory
SANCU	South African National Consumer Union
SANSOR	South African National Seed Organisation
SAOPA	SA Oil Processors Association
SAPA	South African Poultry Association
SASDEC	SA Supply & Demand Estimates Committee
GRAIN SA	Grain SA

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