

The background is a collage of three images: a close-up of a golden wheat stalk in the top left, a close-up of a yellow corn cob in the bottom left, and a green sorghum stalk in the bottom right. These images are separated by white diagonal lines.

SAGRA's involvement in supporting emerging black grain producers

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Who are we?

01.1 | About Us

- South African Grain Farmers Association (SAGRA) is a Non-Profit organisation that is incorporated under South African legislation.
- SAGRA was founded by black grain farmers from various grain producing regions of South Africa.
- SAGRA is a voluntary commodity membership-based organisation that represents the interests of black developing and commercial grain farmers in the South African grain and oilseeds industries.
- SAGRA is registered as a directly affected group in line with the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, 47 of 1996 as amended.



01.2 | Our Vision & Mission

Vision

- To build a resilient system for sustainable black integrated farming enterprises

Mission

- Transform small scale farmers into commercial farmers.
- Contribute towards access to food security
- Promote capacitated (skilled and capable) quality farmers through development initiatives.
- Lobby for rural economic development and improve infrastructure.

01.3 | Our Objectives

SAGRA's strategic objectives are to:

- Serve as a mouthpiece for grain and oilseed producers in South Africa.
- Organise the subsistence, communal, smallholder and commercial producers
- Promote, drive and deliver effective and impactful development to all grain and oilseed producers in South Africa.
- Transform small black farmers into commercial farmers.
- Raise awareness about sustainable farming practices to minimise environmental impact and preserve natural resources.
- Work towards influencing agricultural policies to create an enabling environment for sustainable agriculture and prioritise the welfare of small-scale farmers and rural communities.

01.4 | Our Key Focus commodities

SAGRA has established its presence across all provinces of South Africa, placing emphasis on essential grain commodities.



Maize



Sunflower



Wheat



Grain Sorghum



Soybeans



Dry Beans



Oats



Canola



Barley



Small White Beans



Indigenous grains

A close-up photograph of several yellow rice grains, likely a variety of fragrant rice, showing their elongated shape and light yellow color. The grains are clustered together, with some showing the characteristic white stripe. The background is a soft, out-of-focus yellow.

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A close-up photograph of green rice leaves, showing their long, narrow shape and vibrant green color. The leaves are slightly curved and have a visible vein pattern. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

Our Programmes

02.1 | Our Programmes



Commercialisation and enterprise development: Develop and commercialize black farmers.



Training and capacity building: Empower black farmers with knowledge and technology to improve their farming operations and businesses.



Agroprocessing: Promote the participation of black farmers in integrated value chains.



Agro-logistics and mechanisation solutions: Provide agro-logistics and mechanisation solutions for farmers.



Syndicates groups: The main objective of the syndicates groups is to provide timeous information to our grain farmers

02.2 | Commercialisation and Enterprise Development

SAGRA provides comprehensive support to farmers throughout various stages of production, which encompasses facilitating and coordinating off-take agreements with potential buyers.



Procurement & Delivery of inputs



Land Preparation



Planting



Spraying



Harvesting & Marketing



Harvesting



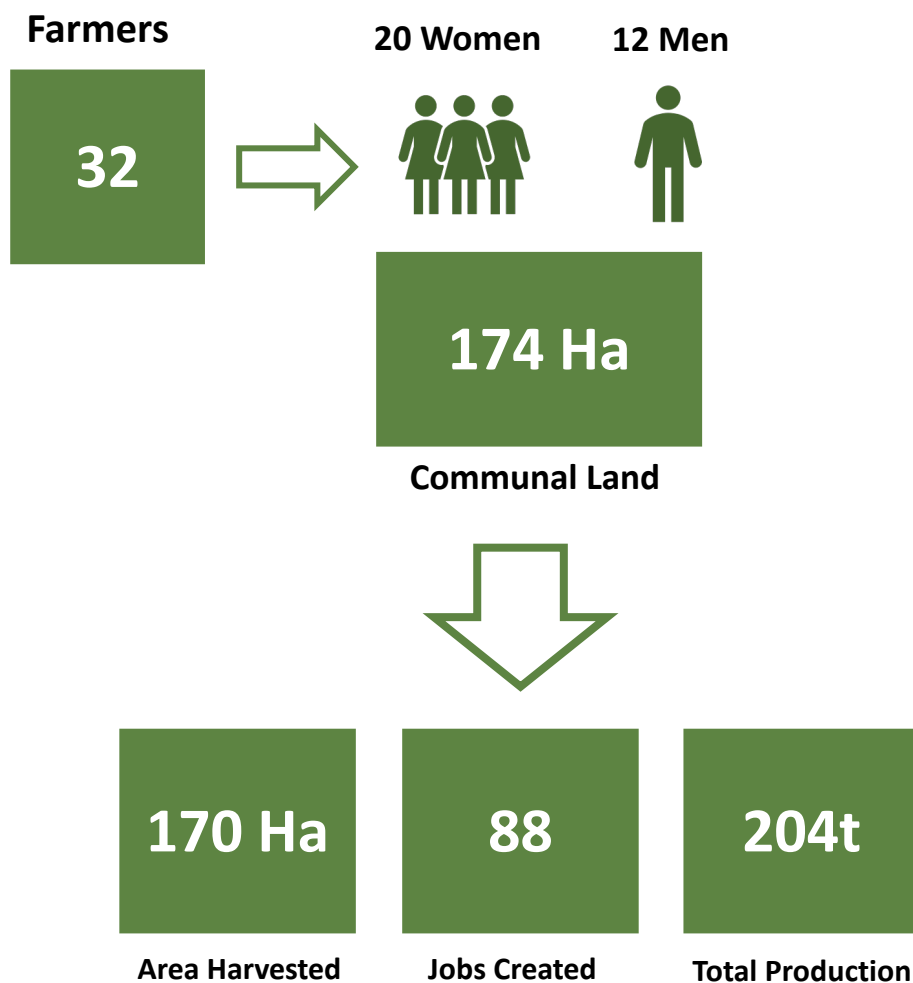
Technical Support



Continuous monitoring

02.3 | Commercialisation and Enterprise Development

As part of the FPSU programme, SAGRA Implemented a project in Jozini, Umkhanyakude district of the KwaZulu Natal.



Photos taken during site visit

02.4 | Training and Capacity building

Training and capacity building are integral components of promoting sustainable agricultural enterprises.

SAGRA's training and mentorship empower farmers with the knowledge and skills needed to increase productivity, profitability and contribute to food security.

SAGRA presently provides farmers with various training programs, including crop production and farm management.



SAGRA's Syndicate meeting with farmers



SAGRA's Provincial coordinator engaging with a farmer during a site visit



SAGRA's Agronomist and Mentor engaging with farmers

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Reflection on the LDS Programme

03.1 | Reflection of the LDS Programme

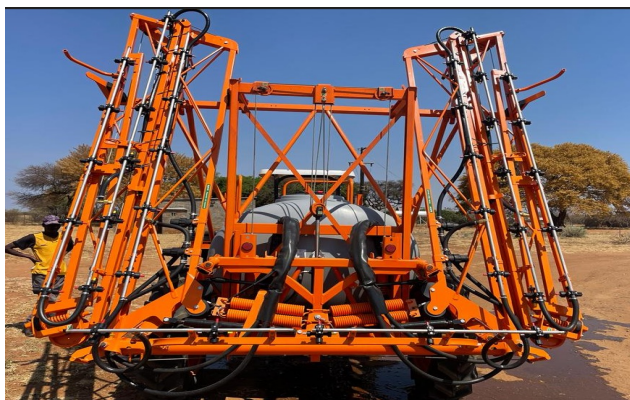
SAGRA has been assigned the task of implementing operations on 72 LDS grain farms.

Projects		Beneficiaries Profile			Farm Information			Jobs created				
Province	Total number of projects	Total Number of beneficiaries in the entities	Number of Beneficiaries (Males)	Number of Beneficiaries (Females)	Farm Extend hectares	Arable land (Ha)	Grazing Land (Ha)	Permanent Jobs before LDS intervention	Temporary Jobs before LDS	Permanent jobs added during LDS	Temporary jobs added During LDS	Total Jobs created to date
Eastern Cape	3	7	6	1	4847,85	863	3984,85	1	5	0	26	32
Free State	26	44	29	15	13882,76	6301	7336,88	0	0	11	13	24
Gauteng	11	11	10	1	8486,83	3168	5318,83	22	42	29	39	132
KwaZulu Natal	2	4	3	1	1920,93	334	1586,93	13	35			48
Limpopo	6	10	8	2	3028,60	1780,61	1242,96	14	48	6	112	180
Mpumalanga	10	10	10	0	7953,00	2603	5350,00	16	65	19	73	173
North West	14	18	14	4	10285,65	4 836,64	4945,21	202	56	47	138	443
Total	72	104	80	24	50405,62	18105,64	29765,66	268	251	112	401	1032

- The implementation is for a period of 5 years as per the agreement.
- SAGRA will continue to support these farmers beyond 5 years period to ensure they continue to produce.

03.2 | Reflection of the LDS Programme

The programme has taken significant strides in empowering farmers by providing them with cutting-edge agricultural equipment.



03.3 | Reflection on the LDS Programme

Photos taken during the monitoring of the 2022/23 Season's harvesting activities.



*Maize Harvesting – LDS Farm, **Free State***



*Sunflower Harvesting – LDS Farm, **Limpopo***



*Soyabean Harvesting – LDS Farm, **North West***



*Maize Harvesting - LDS Farm, **Gauteng***

03.4 | Reflection of the LDS Programme

Photos taken during the monitoring of the 2022/23 Season's harvesting activities.



Maize Harvesting – LDS Farm, **Eastern Cape**



Maize Harvesting – LDS Farm, **Gauteng**



Maize Harvesting – LDS Farm, **North West**



Maize Harvesting - LDS Farm, **Eastern Cape**



How do we deliver on our
mandate?

04.1 | Our Team

Our work is made possible by the collective effort of a vibrant and dedicated team of professionals include Agronomists, Mentors, Agric Economists et.c



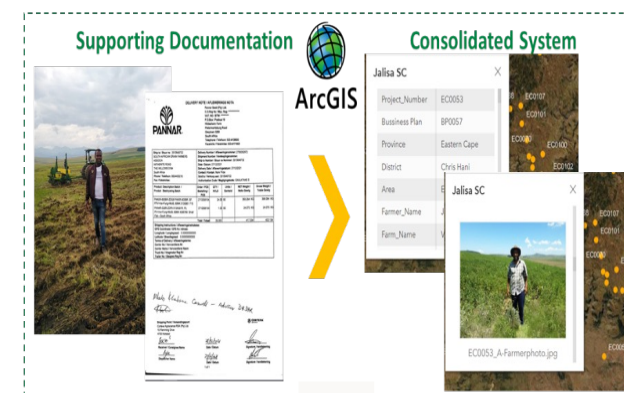
04.2 | Partnerships & Collaborations

- We recognise the importance of collaboration and actively seek partnerships with **government, private sector entities, academic institutions, NGOs, commodity organisations, and farmers' associations**. By forging alliances, we leverage collective expertise, resources, and networks to drive sustainable agricultural development and create lasting impact.
- SAGRA have signed **10 years Service Level Agreement (SLA)** with **Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD)** in 2018.
- SAGRA have also participated in the development and signed **Agriculture and Agro Processing Master Plan (AAMP)**.

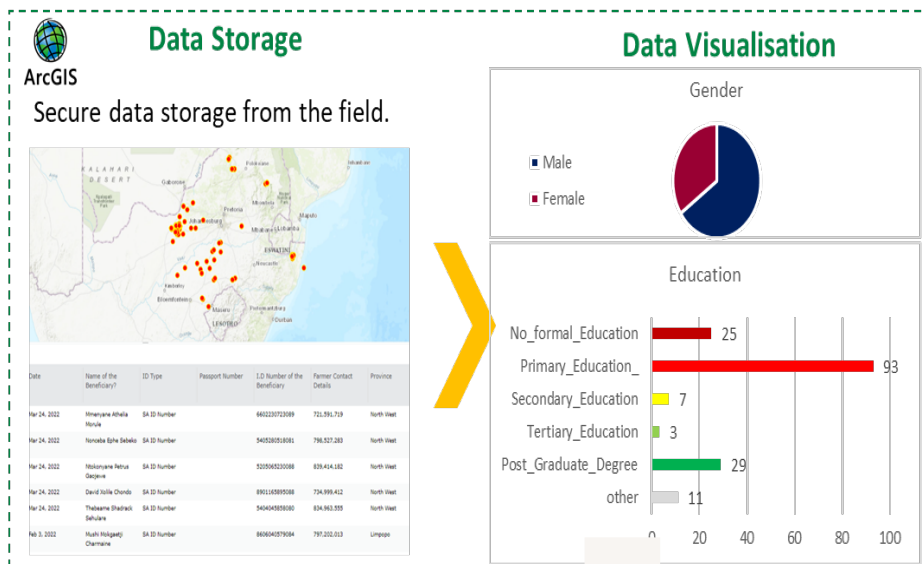


04.3 | Technology

Technology is a crucial component that empowers SAGRA to gather accurate and up-to-date information, facilitating better decision-making and more efficient agricultural management. By utilising a range of tools, SAGRA can achieve real-time monitoring and tracking of farm production and activities.



Data collection

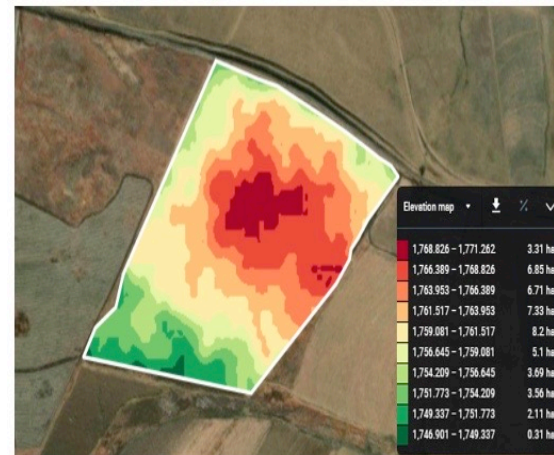


04.4 | Agronomic and Technical services

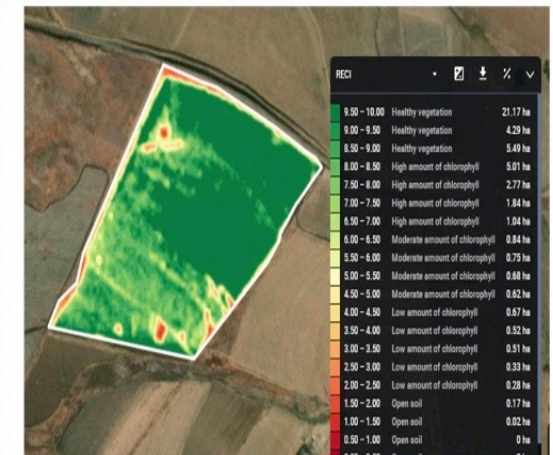
By offering Agronomic and Technical services, SAGRA intends to improve the quality of on-farm monitoring by applying Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Monitoring using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) plays a crucial role in modern farming practices such as; Crop Health Monitoring, Yield Prediction and Management, Disaster Response and Management, Climate Resilience and Adaptation

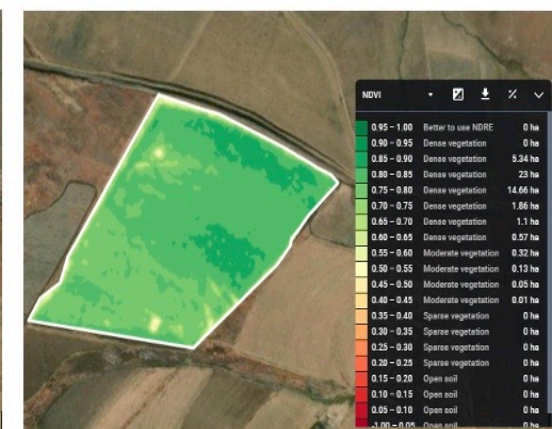
Elevation and Slope



Red-edge Chlorophyll Index (RECI)



NDMI (Normalized Difference Moisture Index)



NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index)

04.5 | Sustainability & Funding

SAGRA relies on a combination of funding sources, including grants, corporate sponsorships, individual donations, and revenue-generating activities. We are committed to financial transparency, accountability, and long-term sustainability to ensure the continuity of our programs and activities.





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Conclusion

05.1 | Conclusion

SAGRA is driven by a clear vision and a desire to make a difference in the Agriculture Industry.

With our nationwide presence, we are well-positioned to make a significant contribution to the growth and sustainability of the grain industry across all nine provinces of our country.

Through collaboration, innovation, and a deep commitment to our mission, we strive to empower black farmers, promote agricultural excellence, and secure a prosperous future for the grain industry and the communities it serves.





Thank You!