



GRAIN SA

'FARMER DEVELOPMENT' FINAL REPORT TO THE MAIZE TRUST

**1 OCTOBER 2011 TO 31 AUGUST 2012
FINANCIALS TILL 31 JULY 2012**

PRESENTED ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2012

SUMMARY

This has been an exciting and rewarding year in this Farmer Development Programme of Grain SA which is funded so generously by the Maize Trust. We are seeing the fruit of years of investment in people.

The study groups continue to play an important role in the process of farmer development. During this year we have worked with 108 groups comprising 4115 members. We managed to plant 35 trial sites where the farmers could see the impact of correct production practices using modern and appropriate technology (the farmers bought more than 2000 knap sack sprayers through the assistance of the programme after having seen the results of chemical weed control!) . To date, 48 famers days have been hosted by the team , attended by 3409 farmers (this number excludes the other days when our coordinators are involved in the days with the departments of agriculture. Good and lasting relationships exist with many other role players in the grain production field. We have successfully completed the three levels of the Farmer of the Year competition, and supported 104 advanced farmers (including the 'recapped' farmers in the Free State). We have presented 137courses which have been attended by 2389 farmers, and distributed over 240 000 Pula / Imvula's.

We have been supported well by the other divisions within Grain SA who assist with personnel and financial management, as well as the overall leadership and guidance of the programme. This year we bid farewell to Mrs Jenny Mathews who has been the Chairperson of the Grain SA Farmer Development Programme for a number of years and been a great strength to the team. We thank her for the unselfish contribution she made to our programme. At the same time, we welcome the first 'developing farmer' chairman of the working group – Mr Victor Mongoato who is a farmer from the Ongeluksnek in the Eastern Cape (near Matatiele). We look forward to working with him over the coming years.

Once again we thank the Maize Trust for the funding for this programme and we believe that with your support we are contributing to Unity in Agriculture and Transformation in the Grain Sector.

MAIZE TRUST ACTUALS	Budget	Used till	Budget
	Total	31 July 2012	Remaining
EXPENSES			
Study group incl management fee	R 2 420 094	R 1 913 675	R 506 419
Demonstration trials incl management fee	R 366 246	R 363 676	R 2 570
Farmers days incl management fee	R 705 459	R 539 437	R 166 022
Demonstration trials direct costs incl management fee	R 42 147	R 9 403	R 32 744
Partnerships incl management fee	R 160 382	R 173 759	-R 13 377
Farmer of the Year Incl Management fee	R 287 251	R 208 636	R 78 615
Advanced farmers incl management fee	R 2 992 203	R 2 275 328	R 716 875
Training material incl management fee	R 429 781	R 394 688	R 35 093
Training courses incl management fee	R 3 661 879	R 3 041 994	R 619 885
Radio broadcasts incl management fee	R 975 034	R 148 035	R 827 000
Pula Imvula incl management fee	R 1 707 141	R 1 442 376	R 264 765
TOTAL COST Including Management Fee	R 13 747 617	R 10 511 007	R 3 236 610

CREATION OF AND SERVICE TO STUDY GROUPS.

PROJECT NUMBER

Study Groups : Project A1 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Creation of and service to the study groups.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

The developing producers need training and support in order to become commercial farmers. Many are producing maize only for household food security and need to improve their production methods, management and marketing skills. There is world-wide concern about food security – not so much from the perspective of a food shortage, but rather from the affordability point of view. It is important that we assist all producers of maize to improve their production practices.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To encourage developing farmers, who have access to land, to form study groups which meet regularly to access training and information relating to the maize industry. The Ladybrand, Zeerust, Bronkhorstspuit and Vryheid personnel will service 10 study groups each, and the Nelspruit, Mthatha and Kokstad offices will service 20 study groups as the general level of the production practices in these regions is lower than the other regions. Included in this application is a move towards having more advanced farmers in the more commercial areas, and 10 advanced farmers in the three less-advanced areas – this is a development which we see as the influence of the study groups. Farmers start at the study group level and then progress from there. We are finding also that as farmers graduate from the programme, they become very valuable members of the study groups as they can pass on first-hand experience to the other farmers.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 2 420 094
Used to date:	R 1 913 675
Remaining:	R 506 419

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Establish and service 10 functional study groups for each of 4 regional officers (based in Bronkhorstspuit, Zeerust, Ladybrand and Vryheid) Total of 40 study groups.

2. Establish and service 20 functional study groups for each of 3 regions (based at Mthatha, Nelspruit and Kokstad). Total of 60 study groups.
3. Hold monthly meetings with all the groups in the months from February to August (7 meetings in total).
4. Take the members of the study group through a training programme planned for the year.
5. Include the Departmental Agricultural extension officer in the study group meetings, where possible.
6. Maintain a data base of study groups and members.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

During the study group meetings that have been held this year, the following topics have received attention:

- Land use
- Soil acidity , soil fertility and soil sampling
- Food security – agriculture is the key
- What makes food expensive – we should not blame the farmer
- Weed control – chemical and mechanical weed control; why are weeds the enemy, pre and post emergence herbicides, spray programme
- Soil and climate – soil composition, organic matter, texture, structure, colour, temperature, production potential, proper tillage, primary and secondary tillage
- Soil conservation and soil moisture conservation, land care, contouring and water ways
- Calibration of sprayers – from knapsack to large boom sprayers
- Record keeping and budgeting
- Plant nutrient requirements - nutrient deficiencies, fertilizer with planting and top dressing
- Pest control – stalk borer
- Diseases of maize
- Harvesting and storage of maize
- Maize seed and planting – GM seeds vs others, cultivar selection, seed sizes, planting dates, planting depth, row width, crop rotations
- Mechanization – care of implements and tractors, maintenance, repairs
- Farm management and planning
- Procurement – buying together in bulk

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The following study groups have been established.

Study Groups	No of Groups	Total Members
Johan Kriel	10	389
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
Bothaville	Bothaville	37
Theunissen	Theunissen	17
Mphatlalatsane	Wesselsbron	26
Welkom	Welkom/Hennenman and Allanridge	95
Itumeleng	Paul Roux	39
Imperani	Ficksburg/ Marquard and Clocolan	35
Dishweshwe Tsa Dikorong	Fouriesburg	54
Senekal	Senekal	10
Kommissiepoort	Ladybrand/ Tweespruit and Thaba Phatswa	44

Edenville	Edenville/Heilbron and Petrus Steyn	32
		389
Jurie Mentz	14	327
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
Bergville Agriculture	Bergville	25
Dukuza	Bergville	22
Dundee	Dundee	9
Emangweni	Winterton	19
Emmaus	Winterton	31
Kestell	Kestell	20
Mhlungwini	Estcourt	22
Mtshezi	Estcourt	25
Ndumo	Jozini	10
Nquthu	Nquthu	24
Sulphur Springs	Sulphur Springs	23
Uphuzane	Paul Pietersburg	16
Vryheid	Vryheid	49
Zwelisha	Bergville	32
Ian Househam	19	1252
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
Black diamond maize project	Matatiele	29
Gqagqhala massive food project	Maclear	30
Intsingizi maize project	Bizana	173
Khanyayo study group	Holy Cross - Bizana	100
Lunyaweni study group	Maclear	20
Mabandla maize project	Lusikisiki	71
Mount ayliff study group	Mount Ayliff	86
Ndunge study group	Bizana	72
Njijini co-operative study group	Mount Frere	48
Ntlozelo study group	Bizana	185
Nanyiso study group	Between Mounty Frere and Mount Fletcher	50
Ongeluksnek study group	Ongeluksnek	36
Paballong study group	Paballong	151
Pakkies study group	Pakkies	19
Pontseng study group	Maluti	49
Sidakeni study group	Between Mounty Frere and Mount Fletcher	32
Siyaphambili maize project	Ixopo	30
Taung maize project	Maclear	38
Upper Tsitsana	Maclear	33
Jerry Mthobothi	25	979
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
Barberton Farmers	Barberton	28
Bettysgoed Farmers	Ermelo	28
Intsengu Gutjwa Farmers	White river	58
Intamakuphila F/Assoc	Ermelo	43

Jeppe's reef F/A	Malelane	29
Glenmore Farmers	Ermelo	20
Langelooop Farmers	Malelane	24
Lijahasisu F/A	Ermelo	49
Luphisi F/A	Nelspruit	17
Luzamo F/A	Caroline	79
Sibuyela Emasimini	Ermelo	24
Mgobodi Maize Farmers	Malelane	14
Ngoanesi Trust	Nelspruit	14
Phambili Phakane Farmers	White river	57
Schoemansdal Beneficiary Trust	Malelane	21
Sikula F/A	White river	29
Siyaphambili F/A	Ermelo	62
Skoshi Gumedede Study Group	White river	46
Steenbok F/Assoc A	Malelane	45
Steenbok F/Assoc B	Malelane	51
Schuezendal F/Assoc	Malelane	87
Thuthukani F/Assoc	Ermelo	23
Tiyavuka Tingwenyama	Hazyview	25
Vulihlatsi F/Assoc	Malelane	54
Mjejane F/Assoc	White river	52
Lawrence Luthango	24	621
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
Ezicubeni Maize Co-op	Cofimvaba	37
Gunjana Food Security	Mthatha	10
Inqaba Ka Ngudle	Cofimvaba	18
Kofa Association	Dutywa	27
Lima Nkomfa	Cofimvaba	25
Mayipase	Middledrift	17
Mbozisa F/A & Ncedolwethu	Mthatha	18
Machibi Massive Food	Peddie	22
Mkhwezo	Mthatha	10
Njezweni Agricultural Primary Co-operative	Ngqeleni	17
Phikweni Ngudle Co-operative	Cofimvaba	25
Siphakamile	Elliotdale	15
Simanyene- Sophumelela	Tsomo	51
Stemela Sofika	Tsomo	54
Siceluncedo komkhulu	Cofimvaba	27
Vukuyibambe	Tsomo	53
Vezintlutha	Libode	27
Zamintlutha Maize Project	Libode	20
Zabalaza Co-operative	Ida	20
Nkondlo Maize Growers	Ngcobo	49
Ithemba Farmers Co-operative	Elliotdale	25
Sikhulule Primary Agricultural Co-op	Mthatha	14
Siyakhula Gxididi Maize Project	Mthatha	25

Masinedane	Centane	15
Naas Gouws	5	156
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
Delmas	Delmas	28
Sheepmoor	Sheepmoor	39
Nigel	Nigel	19
Donkerhoek	Donkerhoek	22
Pixley Ka Seme (Daggakraal)	Daggakraal	48
Danie vd Berg	4	92
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
Jacobsdal	Jacobsdal	21
Bultfontein	Bultfontein	29
Bloemfontein/Sannaspos	Sannaspos	20
Thaba Nchu	Thaba Nchu	22
John Mathews	2	140
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
Mooifontein Study Group	Mooifontein	100
Mafikeng Study Group	Mafikeng	40
Jan Pretorius	2	102
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
Delareyville	Delareyville	86
Sannieshof	Sannieshof	16
Raymond Boardman	3	57
Study Group Name:	Town	No Members
GSA Ventersdorp	Ventersdorp	40
GSA Potch	Potchefstroom	10
GSA Derby	Derby	7
TOTAL STUDY GROUPS	108	4115

With the assistance of the development coordinators, more than 2000 members of the study groups managed to buy knap sack sprayers which has enabled them to apply chemical weed control for the first time. In the Eastern Cape, KZN and Mpumalanga, we also assisted the farmers to plan and execute bulk buying of the inputs so as to reduce the costs and ensure that the farmers were able to use the correct inputs.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

No problems.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

Funding is adequate

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

On going

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS' DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Trial plots: Project B1 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Demonstrations trials.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

In the less commercialized areas, it is necessary to have the demonstration trials so that the developing farmers are able to see the results of good production practices – correct soil preparation, correct application of lime, if applicable, correct fertilization (resulting from the soil sampling), correct plant population and cultivar selection, proper weed and pest control etc. The farmers are able to experience the practices and then do the same on their own land.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To establish and manage trial plots where farmers can be exposed to the benefits of correct soil preparation, fertilization, cultivar selection, weed and pest control and harvesting. The personnel in the programme will coordinate the establishment of these trials with other role players in the industry – the contractor, the seed companies, the fertilizer companies and the agro-chemical companies so that the farmers are exposed to the best possible production information and techniques.

In the less commercialized areas, serviced by the Nelspruit, Mthatha and Kokstad offices, 10 trials will be established. We have found that in the communal areas, the farmers are less well travelled and the trials need to be closer together, other wise the farmers cannot monitor the progress of the crop and learn the correct production practices.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 366 246
Used to date:	R 363 676
Remaining:	R 2 570

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To establish 10 trial plots in each of 3 regions (based at Nelspruit, Mthatha and Kokstad) where the farmers are not well commercialized and are not able to travel long distances to see the trial plots. (30 in total for the less commercialized areas).

2. To get input supplier companies to participate in the trials.
3. To demonstrate poor practice against good practice.
4. To manage the trials properly so as to expose farmers to best practice.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

Trials are a wonderful way of showing the farmers the right thing to do. The development coordinators in the various regions make contact with the input supply companies and involve them in the trials. Every effort is made to plant and manage the trials in a way that is both progressive and technologically advanced, while at the same time within the reach of the farmers.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The following trials have been planted:

	Jerry Mthomboti
1	Barbeton
1	Sudwala
1	Mashushu
1	Numbi
1	Glemore
1	Intabomvu
1	Jerusalem
1	Siligane
1	Phakane
1	Jeppe's reef
10	
	Jurie Mentz
1	Emangweni
1	Bergville - Bethany
1	Emondlo
1	Emmaus
1	Ndumo
5	
	Ian Househam
1	Ndunge - Bizana
1	Khanyayo
1	Ongeluksnek
1	Mt Ayliff
1	Ntlozelo
1	Mabandla
1	Taung
1	Gqagqhala
1	Lunyaweni
1	Paballong
10	
	Lawrence Luthango
1	Mbozisa Farmers Association
1	Njezweni Agricultural Primary Co-operative
1	Ngqamakhwe

1	Gunjana Food Security
1	Zamintlutha Maize Project
1	Mthatha
1	Dutywa
1	Peddie
1	Middledrift
1	Zabalaza
10	
35	Total

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

No problems

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

Funding was adequate

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Ongoing

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS' DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Trial plots : Project B2 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Contracting and inputs for the establishment of the trial plots.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

In the less commercialized areas, it is necessary to have the demonstration trials so that the developing farmers are able to see the results of good production practices – correct soil preparation, correct application of lime, if applicable, correct fertilization (resulting from the soil sampling), correct plant population and cultivar selection, proper weed and pest control etc. The farmers are able to experience the practices and then do the same on their own land.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To establish and manage trial plots where farmers can be exposed to the benefits of correct soil preparation, fertilization, cultivar selection, weed and pest control and harvesting. The personnel in the programme will coordinate the establishment of these trials with other role players in the industry – the contractor, the seed companies, the fertilizer companies and the agro-chemical companies so that the farmers are exposed to the best possible production information and techniques. In the less commercialized areas, serviced by the Nelspruit, Mthatha and Kokstad offices, 10 trials will be established. We have found that in the communal areas, the farmers are less well travelled and the trials need to be closer together, other wise the farmers cannot monitor the progress of the crop and learn the correct production practices.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 42 147
Used to date:	R 9403
Remaining:	R 32744

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To contract agricultural contractors to work the soil and plant the demonstration trials.
2. Procure, where necessary, the inputs for the trials.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

All the trials were planted as per the report above. The provincial coordinators were very fortunate to get sponsors for all the inputs required. Hence the little use of the budget.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

As above

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

Although we have to make provision to purchase all inputs, we managed to have almost all the inputs donated by the various input suppliers – hence the surplus budget.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Ongoing.

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Farmers Days: Project B3 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Farmers days.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

In order to assist the farmers in their development towards commercial production, they need to be exposed to demonstrations where they can become familiar with the practical aspects of crop production.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

Once the sites for the demonstrations trails have been established, it is very important that the developing farmers in that region be exposed to all the aspects of planting and tending to the crops that are to be planted on those sites. The farmers days offer an opportunity for the farmers to get together with other farmers, input supply companies and all other role players in the industry who are invited to be part of these days – the farmers gain much information and exposure during these occasions.

In the more commercialized areas, trials are planted by the various input supply companies and ARC affiliates where farmers' days can be held, specifically for the developing farmers. Farmers' days are also held on the farms of commercial farmers as well as other suitable venues. These days expose farmers to information and enable them to establish a support system which exists in their area of farming. We need to prepare farmers for the day that they will not longer be part of a development programme – they need to have their own systems of support.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 705 459
Used to date:	R R 539 437
Remaining:	R R 166 022

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. Each of the 7 offices is to host 10 Farmers Days during the year.
2. To invite members of the study groups close to the site to attend the farmer's day.
3. To invite the local departmental extension officers to attend the farmers days.

4. To invite input supplier companies to attend the farmer's days and give a lecture on their aspect of the production.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

Farmer's days have been held as follows:

	Johan Kriel	9
1	Wolhuterskop	91
1	Riverside plot	48
1	Fouriesburg	70
1	Cocolan	62
1	Bethlehem	58
1	Welkom	98
1	Marseilles	41
1	Ficksburg	108
1	Theunissen	90
9		666
	Jurie Mentz	10
1	Bergville	64
1	Emmaus	51
1	Emangweni	59
1	Zwelisha	48
1	Dundee	53
1	Vryheid	111
1	Ndumo	49
1	Winterton	121
1	Estcourt	24
1	Bergville	42
10		622
	Ian Househam	4
1	Khanyayo	70
1	Pabalong	350
1	Ntlozelo - Bizana	120
1	Ongeluksnek	80
4		620
	Jerry Mthombothi	11
1	Barbeton	84
1	Numbi	76
1	Jerusalem	82
1	Glenmore	84
1	Mashushu	103
1	Intababovu	72
1	Jeppe's reef	41

1	Ngoanesi	68
1	Siligane	109
1	Kromdraai	68
1	Fernie	54
11		841
	Lawrence Luthango	10
1	Mthatha - Mbozisa	53
1	Ngqeleni	53
1	Ngqamakhwe	50
1	Dutywa	51
1	Libode	32
1	Mthatha -	55
1	Peddie	43
1	Mthatha	45
1	Middledrift	35
1	Zabalaza	70
10		487
	Danie vd Berg	4
1	Thaba 'Nchu	52
1	Bultfontein	46
1	Sannaspos	35
1	Jacobsdal	40
4		173
48	TOTAL FARMERS DAYS/ATTENDEES	3409

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

Some of the speakers that were included and the topics they presented are as follows:

- ARC and its role in the Agricultural Sector - Rodney Mashamba
- Grain South Africa and the Farmer Development Programme - All GSA Development Coordinators
- Starke Ayres and the importance of good seed - Peter Taylor
- DAFF and support to developing farmers - J Sebakamotse
- Department of Social Development and their help to subsistence farmers - A Nemaorani
- Standard Bank and loan financing - Biko Mogotsi
- Department of Labour - Inspector Mosala
- Fertilization - Jaco Breytenbach
- Weed and Pest control - Johan Bibbey
- Cultivar Selection - Charles Kotze
- Plant population - Albert Parsons
- Northmec Bethlehem - Danie Ferreira
- Formation and Functioning of Agriculture co-operatives - Me Lesego Matheatsie
- Agricola and crop insurance - Me Elize Bruwer
- Small Grain Centre (ARC) - Mr. Willem Killian
- SASOL Fertilizer: Mr. Lucas Serage
- Voermol and livestock feeding - Mr. David Whitfield
- OMNIA and fertilization - Donald Brink
- Wenkem and the use of agricultural chemicals - Louw and Marlouw
- Landbank and loan financing - Me Delia Phooko
- Agricol and seed selection - Henk Crafford and Lawrence Watch

- Pioneer and seed selection - Laurie Prinsloo
- Commercial farming - Antonie van den Berg: A commercial farmer from the Marseilles District
- Farmer Associations and Organized agriculture - Jan van Niekerk (commercial farmer Ficksburg)
- Co-operatives: Masawell Mamphiswana
- Disaster management: Johan Wessels
- Role of Mentoring - Bruce Andrews
- Maize varieties - Shadrack Mabuza Monsanto
- Pest Control - Israel Mashile Bayer
- Fertilization of maize - Kenneth Mokoena Sasol Nitro
- Production Loans - Phillip Khoza MEGA
- Production Loans - Sunnyboy Nkala Landbank
- PLAS and land redistribution - David Gininda DRDLR
- Groundnut Production - Vilane and Cherian Mathews (DARDLA)
- Production loans - Sunnyboy Nkala from the Land Bank
- Production loans – Uvimba finance corporation
- Pannar - Mr. Reggie Mchunu
- Sasol Fertilizer - Mr. Pius Radebe
- Capstone seeds - Mr. Marius Du Randt
- Future farmers - Mr. Mrs. Judy Stuart
- Cedara Soil Laboratory - Mr. Bright Mashiyana
- UAP - Bethwell Hadebe
- Profert - Mr. Muzi Hlongwane
- Monsanto - Mr. Shadrack Mabuza

We believe that it is important to assist the developing farmers to develop a network of support. This network will be especially important once the farmers have 'graduated' from our programme and functioning on their own.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

There are a few farmers days that are still to be conducted before the end of this financial year.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Ongoing

B. DEMONSTRATIONS AND FARMERS' DAYS

PROJECT NUMBER

Partnerships : Project B 4 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Partnerships with other institutions.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There are many important role players in the maize industry and it is important that there be a good working relationship between all. The field of agricultural development is very wide and it is important to access information and support on all aspects – no-one group can take ownership of the development process.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To involve all the various role players in the agricultural industry in the development of farmers – there is a role to be played by each one in terms of their own speciality. Co-ordination is essential if there is to be constant and sustained progress. In the interests of long term sustainability, the farmers have to be assisted to get to know all the various role players in their field of farming – they must have a network of support that will continue once they reach commercial status.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 160 382
Used to date:	R 173 759
Overspent :	R -R 13 377

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To access information on the maize industry from the ARC and its affiliates which can be passed on to the farmers through the various channels of communication.
2. To assist farmers wherever possible to access money for production, and to liaise with input supplier companies so as to negotiate support for the developing farmers.
3. To maintain contact with other developmental organisations who are in the farmer development field so as to maximise the impact of all the various programmes.
4. To maintain close contact with the provincial departments of agriculture so as to be able to support their extension staff and increase their capacity for delivery on the ground.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The personnel in the programme have on-going contact with all the role players in the field of grain production – all the input supplier companies, agribusinesses, financial institutions, ARC, and other developmental organizations. These are also the people who are often involved in the Farmers Days. They are important in this field as they will be left supporting the farmers after they have left our programme.

Another very important partnership that we have forged this year has been with the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform through their Recapitalization programme. Through this programme, we have managed to access R36 million rand for the recap of 16 farmers in the Free State. This initial pilot was a great success and we are currently expanding the number of farmers in the Free State, and also adding farmers in Mpumalanga (3) and the North West (14).

As a result of the success of the Recap with the DRDLR, the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) in the North West has also contracted Grain SA for Recap for a further 109 farmers. Although this partnership has increased the work load of the team immensely, we believe that at last we will be able to show the results of years of investment in the development farmers of South Africa – many of them have learned the right things to do, but the lack of finance has prevented them from implementing good practice.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

Over this period, we have developed good relationships with the following institutions:

Afgri - Goosen Lombard	Agribusiness
Mthiza Farmers Co-op – Mr. Fadana	Agribusiness
NWK - Arno van Vuuren	Agribusiness
OVK - Deon van der Ross	Agribusiness
Senwes - Johan du Toit	Agribusiness
TWK - Gert Maree	Agribusiness
TWK– Hennie Bosman	Agribusiness
TWK Matatiele - Peter Neave	Agribusiness
Cedara - Bright Mashiyana	Agricultural College
Bayer - Dirk Uys	Agro Chemicals
Bayer - Israel Mashile	Agro Chemicals
Wenkem - Louw and Marlow	Agro Chemicals
ARC - Eric Morajele	ARC
ARC - Rodney Mashamba	ARC
Small Grain Centre (ARC) - Mr. Willem Killian	ARC
Agricola - Me Elize Bruwer	Crop Insurance
Santam – Owen Davis	Crop Insurance
Cedara Soil Laboratory - Mr. Bright Mashiyana	DAFF
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in all provinces	DAFF
Asgisa – Luvo Qongqo	Development
Eastern Cape Rural Finance Corporation – Mr Galada	Development
Eastern Cape Rural Finance Corporation – Mr Makhubalo	Development
ECDC – Mr. J Shenxane	Development
Farmers Agri-care – Philip Lindsay	Development
Future farmers - Mr. Mrs. Judy Stuart	Development
Future Farmers - Mrs Judy Stuart	Development

Job Creation Trust - Phindiwe Ncekana	Development
Department of Labour - Inspector Mosala	DOL
Department of Rural Development and Land Reform in all provinces	DRDLR
Omnia - Aaron Kole	Fertilizer
Omnia and fertilization - Donald Brink	Fertilizer
Profert - Jan du Preez	Fertilizer
Profert - Mr. Muzi Hlongwane	Fertilizer
Sasol Fertilizer - Pius Radebe	Fertilizer
Sasol Fertilizers – T Timla	Fertilizer
Sasol Nitro - Kenneth Mokoena	Fertilizer
UAP - Bethwell Hadebe	Fertilizer
UAP - Rijk Neethling	Fertilizer
ABSA	Financial institutions
Landbank and loan financing - Me Delia Phooko	Financial institutions
Production Loans - Sunnyboy Nkala Landbank	Financial institutions
Production loans – Uvimba finance corporation	Financial institutions
Standard bank Biko Mogotsi	Financial institutions
Standard bank Diale Mokgojwa	Financial institutions
Cacadu District Municipality – Wendy Fisher	Local Government
Local Government and traditional affairs	Local Government
Mafuta Milling and Rustfontein Mechanization – Leon van Rensburg	Maize Buyers
Northmec Bethlehem - Danie Ferreira	SALMA
Agricol - Dustin Beckerling	Seed
Agricol - Peter Glasgow	Seed
Agricol and seed selection - Henk Crafford and Lawrence Watch	Seed
Border seeds and Profert – Richard Viedge	Seed
Capstone - Marius du Randt	Seed
Capstone seed – Cedarville - Steve Woolley-Kufal and Matt Bester	Seed
Monsanto - Dudu Mashile	Seed
Monsanto - Johannes Simelane	Seed
Monsanto - Shadrack Mabuza	Seed
Pannar Seed – Reggie Mchunu	Seed
Pannar Seed – Vusi Ngesi	Seed
Pioneer - Laurie Prinsloo	Seed
Starke Ayres- Peter Taylor	Seed
University of Fort Hare Traction Center – Mr Armstrong	University

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

We regret, and offer our apologies to the Trust for having overspent slightly on this budget.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Ongoing

C. DEVELOPING GRAIN FARMER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION.

PROJECT NUMBER

Farmer of the Year : Project C / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Developing Grain farmer of the Year competition.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There is a huge amount of development work that is being done to support black farmers. There is also a perception that there are no black commercial farmers who are performing well. The purpose of this competition is to give the maize farming industry exposure and publicity that is positive, and create role models for other people considering a career in agriculture. .

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To recognise excellence in the maize farming industry amongst the developing farmers and provide role models for others who are entering the industry. Possible candidates for the competition are supported. Regular visits to their farms play a part in improving their production practices, as well as preparing them for the competition.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 287 251
Used to date:	R 208 636
Remaining:	R 78 615

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To hold a regional competition for the best small farmer in the Nelspruit, Mthatha and Kokstad regions (where the farmers are less commercialized).
2. To hold a National competition for the more commercial areas.
3. Assess the relevance of the criteria for the two competitions (small scale and commercial) and adapt the judging criteria, where necessary.
4. To introduce the competition to the members of the study groups.
5. Identify and support candidates for the competition.
6. Prepare documentation (portfolios) for the nominees for the competition.
7. Arrange and conduct the tours during which the nominees are assessed.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The development coordinators and the members of the study groups nominated people who could participate in the competition. We prepared 'portfolios' for the farmers and arranged for panels of judges to visit the farmers.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The category 'subsistence' refers to the farmers who are producing maize on less than 10 ha. The first three names were the winners in the order as listed:

"Subsistence" Category: -

1. Joconia Mthethwa
2. Benedict Gxiva
3. Emmanuel Hadebe
4. Albert Mazibuko
5. Wilson Tyelaphantsi
6. Tiki Pitso

The category 'small holder' refers to those grain farmers who are producing grain on more than 10 ha, but not yet reached the 250 ton mark. The first three names were the winners in the order as listed:

"Small Holder" Category: -

1. Pieter Chabalala
2. Bongani Sibanyoni
3. Elliot Tshabu
4. Vincent Mdluli

The category 'commercial' are those farmers who are producing 250 tons or more. The order below is not necessarily a reflection on the ranking as the winners will only be announced at the function in Johannesburg on 12 October 2012.

"Commercial" Category

- Khaya Nkuhlu
- Israel Motlhabane
- John Motsoeneng

We decided to exclude the 16 Recapped farmers in the Free State from entering the competition as we felt that it is impossible to compare someone who has received a 'gift' worth millions to someone who has struggled on his / her own. This was a difficult decision at the time as the recap farmers were successful this year and should continue to do better than those who are not assisted financially.

During the 250 ton club function which was held in Bloemfontein on 23 August 2012, we celebrated the winners of the smaller competition, as well as those who have joined the 250 ton club, or moved up a category within the club. It is really heartening to report that this year we have made a new "platinum" category for those producing more than 1500 tons. The updated list of 250 ton club members follows:

250 ton Bronze members (over 250 tons)		36
Abduul	Isaac	Gauteng
Bankies	Orapeleng	North West
Boozene	Solomzi	North West

Chabalala	Peter	Free State
Coka	Buti	Mpumalanga
Jenkins	Arnold	Free State
Kokoma	Jack	Free State
Lentoro	Mponeng	Free State
Letlojane	George	Gauteng
Letuka	Maseli	Free State
Macholo	Thabo	Free State
Mahlangu	George	Mpumalanga
Maleleka	David	Free State
Malo	David	North West
Masombuka	Josias	Mpumalanga
Mawila	Simon	Mpumalanga
Mazwi	Simon	North West
Mbebe	Thulani	KZN
Melken	Klerk	North West
Mocwiri	Daniel	North West
Mokhethi	Lucas	North West
Mokoka	Jonas	Gauteng
Mokoto	Jonas	North West
Monnane	Petrus	Free State
Motsima	Simon	Free State
Moyo	Them bani	Mpumalanga
Msengana	Nolundi	Gauteng
Mthimkhulu	Koos	Free State
Nkosi	Fana	Mpumalanga
Nkuhlu	Tembalekhaya	Free State
Nyambose	Samuel	Free State
Pholo	R E	North West
Ramohapi	Frank	Free State
Raphoto	Rykie	North West
Setshwaro	Johannes	North West
Zilimbola	Abednigo	North West
250 ton Silver members (over 500 tons)		18
Bantseke	MA	North West
Congwane	Themba	Mpumalanga
Dikobe	Pogiso	North West
Dipali	John	Senekal
Khuto	Isaa	Free State
Komako	Jacob	Free State
Machuisa	Levey	North West
Mafuleka	Gift	Mpumalanga
Makubo	Malefaan	Free State
Malo	Lungile	North West
Maphira	Reuben	Free State

Metswamere	Job	North West
Mothusi	Lasarus	North West
Motsweni	Paul	Mpumalanga
Ntebele-Mutlwane	Deliwe	North West
Ramoholi	Michael	Free State
Setshego	Johannes	Free State
Xaba	Phillip	Free State
250 ton Gold members (over 1000 tons)		10
Lolwane	Thando	North West
Macaphasa	Lepati	Free State
Malo	Moss	North West
Manoto	Labious	North West
Matasane	William	Free State
Mokoena	Boy	Mpumalanga
Moloi	Samuel	Free State
Morule	Paul	North West
Ntsimane	Basie	North West
Peele	Karabo	North West
250 ton Platinum members (over 1500 tons)		1
Motlhabane	Israel	Free State
TOTAL		65

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

It is becoming more and more difficult to compare farmers with each other. The resources available to each farmer are very different from the next and we would like to change this from a 'competition' to an 'award ceremony' during which one could recognise different categories of excellence. This would also be a way in which we could 'de-racialize' the competition.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

Funding was adequate

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Ongoing

D. SUPPORT TO ADVANCED AND BLACK COMMERCIAL FARMERS

PROJECT NUMBER

Advanced farmer support : Project D 1 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Support to "Advanced" farmers.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There is still a considerable gap between the more advanced developing farmers and the commercial farmers. All the developing farmers cannot be supported at the same basic level. Through the study groups, the starter farmers are supported with information and training – this to get them into production and to cultivate a basic understanding of the maize industry. However, there are farmers who are now beyond the type of support that they get through the study group structures. These farmers are already farming on a semi-commercial scale, but they are not in a position to be left entirely to their own devices in the commercial world.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To support the outstanding candidates who have emerged from the study group system. These farmers need one on one support in terms of production planning, management, support in terms of financial applications and reporting etc. The identified farmers will have one year of intensive support. Each year a new group of farmers will be identified and supported and thereafter they should be able to continue on their own with some telephonic support by the regional officers. When the farmer is producing in excess of 250 tonnes per year, and has met the 'commercial standards' of production, he/she will be handed over to the Commercial producers in that region – this is to fast track the integration of the black farmers into the commercial sector.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 2 992 203
Used to date:	R 2 275 328
Remaining:	R 716 875

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

1. To identify approximately 20 farmers in each of the 4 regions who need support at a more intensive and specialised level (serviced from Zeerust, Bronkhorstspuit, Ladybrand and Vryheid).

2. To identify approximately 10 farmers in each of the 3 regions who need support at a more intensive and specialised level (serviced from Mthatha, Nelspruit and Kokstad)
3. Give these identified farmer intensive training and support.
4. To access all the relevant information on these farmers so as to assist them with applications for funding, and to draw up a 'Farmer Portfolio' for each farmer.
5. Place the portfolios on the web site and get all the role players to keep the portfolio updated.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The following farmers have been identified to participate in this programme for this year:

	Advanced Farmers	No of Farmers		Area
	Johan Kriel	16		
1	Dipali	John	Senekal	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Ramoholi	Michael	Theunissen	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Ralekhetla	Joel	Welkom	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Taso	Jafta	Senekal	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Maphira	Reuben	Theunissen	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Monnane	Petrus	Theunissen	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Setshego	Johannes	Welkom	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Modukanele	Willem	Welkom	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Nyambose	Samuel	Senekal	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Thakamakhoa	Abel	Hennenman	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Matasane	William	Senekal	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Mthimkhulu	Koos	Senekal	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Kokoma	Jack	Bothaville	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Khosimore	Jan	Wesselsbron	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Tsokodibane	Job	Welkom	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
1	Lentoro	Mponeng	Bloemfontein	Recapitalization 2011 / 2012 / 2013
16				
	Jurie Mentz	22		
	Surname	First name		
1	Nkuhlu	Themba	Vrede	
1	Mbele	TM Thulane	Harrismith	
1	Chabalala	Pieter	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Mokoena	Joseph	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Makhalemele	Amos	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Makubo	Malefaan	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Matlokoa	Jan	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Semela	Piet	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Mokoena	Josef	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Macholo	Thabo	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Motaung	Amos	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Maleleka	David	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Makoele	Johannes	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Motaung	Petrus	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Mahlinza	Victor	Estcourt	
1	Letuka	Maseli	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Mbele	Shadrack	Kestell / Witsieshoek	

1	Tsotetsi	Thomas	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Mbele	Simon	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Motsoeneng	John	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
1	Mnculwane	Eliphaz	Winterton	
1	Zim	Jan	Kestell / Witsieshoek	
22				
	Ian Househam	12		
	Surname	First name		
1	Mohapi	Elijah	Matatiele	
1	Boki	Mr	Cedarville	
1	Pauleni	Bafo	Matatiele	
1	Khitleli	Lobohang	Matatiele	
1	Radebe	Piko	Matatiele	
1	Gidi	Mthandeki	Matatiele	
1	Mongoato	Teboho	Ongeluksnek	
1	Ganyile	Kilimbile	Bizana	
1	Sabasaba	Tholong	Matatiele	
1	Ndzunga	Lucas	Matatiele	
1	Tobo	Hopewell	Bizana	
1	Lehlela	Edwin	Cedarville	
12				
	Jerry Mthomboti	2		
	Surname	First name		
1	Mdluli	Vincent	Nelspruit	
1	Sibanyoni	Bongani	Barbeton	
2				
	Lawrence Luthango	12		
	Surname	First name		
1	Tshabu	SE	Mthatha	
1	Ndaleneni	SN	Mthatha	
1	Tyelaphantsi	W	Ida	
1	Timakhwe	SC	Mthatha	
1	Mwanda	HM	Ida	
1	Mkhiva	T	Libode	
1	Gxiva	M	Ngqamakhwe	
1	Bhaza	K	Ida	
1	Gova	SH	Ugie	
1	Sangovana	FM	Mthatha	
1	Bhobhotyana	T	Elliot	
1	Mbele	SA	Queenstown	
12				
	Naas Gouws	14		
	Surname	First name		
1	Motsweni	David	Nigel	
1	Mafuleka	Gift	Bronkhorstspuit	
1	Coka	BJ	Witbank	
1	Moya	Themhani	Witbank	

1	Nkosi	Andries	Nigel	
1	Mawila	Simon	Middelburg	
1	Masangu	Solomon	Carolina	
1	Masombuka	Solomon	Bronkhorstspuit	
1	Mtsweni	TM	Nigel	
1	Mahlangu	George	Bronkhorstspuit	
1	Masombuka	Josias	Bronkhorstspuit	
1	Mokoena	Boy	Bronkhorstspuit	
1	Nkuna	Solomon	Delmas	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Twala	Muzi	Delmas	Recapitalization 2012/2013
14				
	Danie vd Berg	12		
	Surname	First name		
1	Motlhabane	Johannes	Hertzogville	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Maklaar	Emelda	Bloemfontein	
1	Jacobs	Mimie	Bloemfontein	
1	Veli	Elliot	Bultfontein	
1	Bityi	Ishmael	Bultfontein	
1	Shuping	Piet	Bultfontein	
1	Moalosi	Ramarumo	Soutpan	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Mahlatsi	Edwin	Bothaville	
1	Mothlabane	Reuben	Wesselsbron	
1	Tsoai	Johannes	Welkom	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Xaba	Philip	Bothaville	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Lebeko	Andries	Odendaalsrus	
12				
	John Mathews	5		
	Surname	First name		
1	Malo	David	Geysdorp	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Metswamere	Job	Delareyville	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Mbaba	Joseph	Sannieshof	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Mothusi	Lazarus	Weltevrede	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Ratshikana	Anna	Lichtenburg	Recapitalization 2012/2013
5				
	Jan Pretorius	5		
	Surname	First name		
1	Batuka Farming		Sannieshof	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Ntebele-Mutlwane	Deliwe	Delareyville	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Dwaalkraal		Sannieshof	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Booizene	Solomzi	Delareyville	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Manoto	Elias	Mooifontein	Recapitalization 2012/2013
5				
	Raymond Boardman	3		
	Surname	First name		
1	Chapman	Mbanga	Ventersdorp	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Taje	Itumemeng	Ventersdorp	Recapitalization 2012/2013
1	Makhutle	Simon	Ventersdorp	Recapitalization 2012/2013

3				
	Hennie Ingwersen	1		
	Surname	First name		
1	Motswenyane	Sylphanus	Ventersdorp	Recapitalization 2012/2013
104	TOTAL ADV FARMERS	104		

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

The development coordinators in the various regions have worked with the farmers as listed above. They help the farmers with all the aspects of practical farming – from soil sampling to harvesting the crop. Some of these farmers were fortunate to be ‘recapped’ this year through the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform. The recap process is very intensive and we contracted an additional 5 mentors to support these farmers.

The process of development is a lengthy process which includes elements of land tenure, production inputs, tractors and machinery, labour, markets and management. It is often difficult to continue to support farmers who have potential to become commercial but who lack tractors, implements and production finance. The skills development, although a crucial part of the process, is only part and the other aspects must also be in place for the farmers to develop fully.

In this coming season, we believe that we will be dealing with a total of 148 farmers who are receiving funding for recap – this should change the lives of these farmers significantly. These are farmers who have been part of our programme for many years, but for whom production finance has not been available.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

Funding has been adequate

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Ongoing

E. TRAINING

PROJECT NUMBER

Training material development : Project E 1 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Training material development, translation and duplication.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

Over the past number of years, we have developed a number of courses – Introduction to Maize Production, Advanced Maize production and Marketing, Course for Agricultural contractors, Tractor and Farm Implement Maintenance, Basic engine repair, Skills development course, Resource assessment and farm planning, Farming for Profits, Practical on-farm maintenance etc. All of these manuals served, and still serve a particular purpose. We have come to realize the value of DVD's in terms of practical training – to show the various implements, under which conditions you would use them, what the effect of that operation is on the soil, how to set the implement etc. We hope that by the development of this material, we will be able to fast-track the practical training.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

Dr Willie Kotze, our training manager will take the video clips of all the various operations as described, and using this material, we will develop the DVDs which will be used during training courses as well as study group meetings.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust and the AgriSETA (this year the AgriSETA has promised R500 000 for training of farmers and farm workers and although at the time of writing this report, the money has not been received, we believe that any shortfall in this budget will be made good by the funding from the SETA)

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 429 781
Used to date:	R 394 688
Remaining:	R 35 093

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To develop DVD's about relevant aspects of the maize production and marketing cycle
- Duplicate the manuals for the training courses.

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

- Course manuals available: There are currently 26 training courses each with its own manual some available in different languages. Feedback has proven that providing study material in a farmer’s own language plays a major role in the understanding and full comprehension of certain terms and concepts.
- Training courses and manuals currently available:

1. Basic Maize Production
2. Introduction to Maize Production
3. Advanced Maize Production
4. Introduction to Irrigation of Maize
5. Workshop Skills Development Course: Workshop Tools
6. Technical Competence Course: Calibration
7. Basic Principles for Tractor Repair
8. Maintenance: Tractors and Farm Implements
9. On-Farm Maintenance and Support: Tractors and Implements
10. Maintenance Course on High Application Tractors
11. Mechanisation Management
12. Farm Evaluation, Planning and Management
13. Farm Management for Profits
14. Business Ethics and Farm Management
15. Contractors Course

- 2 Training DVD’s have been developed which was received well by all trainers and farmers. These video clips have added tremendous value to the insight and understanding of the practical elements of the courses. It also gave the Farmers more exposure and allow comprehension of certain actions or procedures which logistics, finances or a lack of equipment generally restricts them to experience. Various scenarios, problems and ideals can be communicated to farmers more effectively, which in turn fast-tracks learning and comprehension and ultimately accelerates market access.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

Training manuals:

Year	Manuals Provided
2011/2012	2389

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding will be adequate with the contributions of the AgriSETA

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Ongoing

E. TRAINING

PROJECT NUMBER

Training courses : Project E 2 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Training courses.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

There is a very marked lack of knowledge and practical skills relating to advanced maize production, marketing and agri-business development and if there is to be real development in this sector, the people need to be trained appropriately. The departmental agricultural extension officers are also lacking knowledge, skills and most especially practical know-how relating to maize production. Through these well designed and appropriate training courses we plan to add capacity to the farmers, the contractors as well as the extension officers.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To offer training courses as listed in Annex H

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – the AgriSETA has committed R500 000 towards training courses and material for this year and although we have not received the money yet, we believe that this promise will be realized in this year.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved: R 3 661 879

Used to date: R 3 041 994

Remaining: R 619 885

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

Trainers that have been contracted to conduct the training courses:

Trainer	Area	Language
Derek Nqana	Mpumalanga	Zulu
Remo Bartles	KZN	Zulu
Johan vd Merwe	Free State	Sotho
Richard Gilson	Eastern Cape	Xhosa
Peter McGregor	Eastern Cape/KZN	Xhosa
Eduard Foord	Free State	Sotho
Stefaans Ferreira	KZN	Zulu

Attie Louw	Free State	Sotho/English/Afr
Israel Mokoto	Free State	Sotho
Sarel Pretorius	Eastern Cape	Xhosa
Arthur Clayton	North-West	Sotho
Naas Gouws	Mpumalanga	Zulu

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

	Courses presented	Farmers trained
2011/2012	137	2389

DETAIL OF COURSES THAT HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO DATE

Advanced Maize Production and Marketing					
1	20-24 Feb 2012	Emangweni	Naas Gouws	Advanced Maize Production and Marketing	14
1	26-30 Mar 2012	Barberton	Naas Gouws	Advanced Maize Production and Marketing	20
1	23-26 Apr 2012	Sizanani	Naas Gouws	Advanced Maize Production and Marketing	19
1	23-26 Apr 2012	Matatiele	Mike Bode	Advanced Maize Production and Marketing	10
1	21-25 May 2012	Mhlungwini	Attie Louw	Advanced Maize Production and Marketing	28
5					91
Business Ethics Course					
1	25-29 Jun 2012	Welkom	Attie Louw	Business Ethics Course	25
1	23-27 Jul 2012	Qwa-Qwa	Attie Louw	Business Ethics Course	19
2					44
Basic Engine Repair					
1	21-25 May 2012	Emondlo	Israel Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	15
1	28-1 Jun 2012	Assisi	Israel Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	9
1	3-7 Sept 2012	Ngcobo	Israel Mokoto	Basic Engine Repair	11
3					35
Centre Pivot Maintenance					
1	30-3 Aug 2012	Killarney	Attie Louw	Centre Pivot Maintenance	18
1					18
Contractors Course					
1	11-15 Jun 2012	Bettysgoed	Naas Gouws	Contractors Course	22
1	18-22 Jun 2012	Dutywa	Mike Bode & Remo Bartels	Contractors Course	27
2					49
Introduction to Maize Production					
1	10-14 Oct 2011	Steenbok	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	10-14 Oct 2011	Bashula	Mike Bode	Introduction to Maize Production	22
1	17-21 Oct 2011	Schoemansdaal	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	26
1	31-4 Nov 2011	Paballong	Mike Bode	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	6-10 Feb 2012	Schoemansdaal	Naas Gouws	Introduction to Maize Production	20
1	20-24 Feb 2012	Mthatha	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	29
1	27-02 Mar 2012	Steenbok	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	27-02 Mar 2012	Elliot	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	22

1	12-16 Mar 2012	Ixopo	Hendrik van Zyl	Introduction to Maize Production	20
1	12-16 Mar 2012	Mount Frere	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	26
1	26-30 Mar 2012	Kromdraai	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	23
1	2-5 Apr 2012	Esandleni	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	24
1	2-5 Apr 2012	Bergville	Mike Bode	Introduction to Maize Production	26
1	10-13 Apr 2012	Libode	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	23
1	16-20 Apr 2012	Ngoanesi	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	22
1	28-01 Jun 2012	Nampo Park	Attie Louw	Introduction to Maize Production	14
1	28-01 Jun 2012	Steenbok	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	28-01 Jun 2012	Mthatha	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	27
1	18-22 Jun 2012	Steenbok B	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	26
1	25-29 Jun 2012	Schoemansdaal	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	26
1	9-13 Jul 2012	Ngcobo	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	22
1	16-20 Jul 2012	Delmas	Naas Gouws	Introduction to Maize Production	19
1	6-10 Aug 2012	Mkhwezo	Richard Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	21
1	13-17 Aug 2012	Middledrift	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	20-24 Aug 2012	Schuzendal	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	26
1	20-24 Aug 2012	Ngcobo	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	33
1	27-31 Aug 2012	Lunyaweni	Peter McGregor & Sarel Pretorius	Introduction to Maize Production	22
1	3-7 Sept 2012	Mgobodzi	Derrick Nqana	Introduction to Maize Production	25
1	10-14 Sept 2012	Vastfontein	Johan vd Merwe	Introduction to Maize Production	15
1	3-7 Sept 2012	Pakkies	Richard Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	22
1	3-7 Sept 2012	Edenville	Johan vd Merwe	Introduction to Maize Production	22
1	10-14 Sept 2012	Upper Tsitsana	Sarel Pretorius	Introduction to Maize Production	23
1	10-14 Sept 2012	Mount Ayliff	Richard Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	10
33					761
Mechanization Management					
1	13-17 Feb 2012	Bergville	Hendrik van Zyl	Mechanization Management	25
1	10-13 Apr 2012	Tsomo	Richard Viedge	Mechanization Management	25
1	2-4 May 2012	Cofimvaba	Richard Viedge	Mechanization Management	25
1	2-4 May 2012	Diepdale	Derrick Nqana	Mechanization Management	24
1	21-25 May 2012	Kromdraai	Naas Gouws	Mechanization Management	26
1	6-8 Jun 2012	Nquthu	Mike Bode	Mechanization Management	10
1	6-10 Aug 2012	Phakane	Derrick Nqana	Mechanization Management	25
7					160
Maintenance of Training Equipment					
1	18-20 Apr 2012	Nampo Park	Eduard Foord	Maintenance of Training Equipment	0
1					0
On Farm Maintenance Support					
1	10-14 Oct 2011	KZN	Hendrik van Zyl	On Farm Maintenance Support	21
1	6-10 Feb 2012	Senekal	Israel Mokoto	On Farm Maintenance Support	11
1	13-17 Feb 2012	Senekal	Israel Mokoto	On Farm Maintenance Support	6
1	20-24 Feb 2012	Senekal	Israel Mokoto	On Farm Maintenance Support	7
1	20-24 Feb 2012	Hennenman	Eduard Foord	On Farm Maintenance Support	6
1	27-03 Mar 2012	Bloemfontein	Attie Louw	On Farm Maintenance Support	8
1	27-03 Mar 2012	Senekal	Israel Mokoto	On Farm Maintenance Support	7
1	5-9 Mar 2012	Theunissen	Israel Mokoto	On Farm Maintenance Support	3
1	5-9 Mar 2012	Bultfontein	Eduard Foord	On Farm Maintenance Support	4
1	12-16 Mar 2012	Theunissen	Israel Mokoto	On Farm Maintenance Support	8
1	19-23 Mar 2012	Senekal	Israel Mokoto	On Farm Maintenance Support	7
1	26-30 Mar 2012	Welkom	Israel Mokoto	On Farm Maintenance Support	8
1	2-5 Apr 2012	Welkom	Israel Mokoto	On Farm Maintenance Support	3
1	2-5 Apr 2012	Free State	Johan vd Merwe	On Farm Maintenance Support	0
1	18-20 Apr 2012	Free State	Johan vd Merwe	On Farm Maintenance Support	0
1	2-4 May 2012	Free State	Johan vd Merwe	On Farm Maintenance Support	3

16					102
Resource Assessment Farm Planning					
1	2-6 July 2012	Pabalong	Remo Bartels	Resource Assessment Farm Planning	18
1	23-27 Jul 2012	Welkom	Johan vd Merwe	Resource Assessment Farm Planning	18
2					36
Setting of Implements					
1	11-15 Jun 2012	Ixopo	Peter McGregor	Setting of Implements	15
1	18-22 Jun 2012	Ixopo	Peter McGregor	Setting of Implements	15
1	16-20 Jul 2012	Loskop	Johan vd Merwe	Setting of Implements	10
1	3-7 Sept 2012	Potchefstroom	Eduard Foord	Setting of Implements	18
4					58
Skills Development					
1	30-3 Aug 2012	Elliot	Peter McGregor & Sarel Pretorius	Skills Development	20
1	27-31 Aug 2012	Ixopo	Richard Gilson	Skills Development	22
1	10-14 Sept 2012	Ida	Peter McGregor	Skills Development	16
3					58
Tractor Drivers Course					
1	6-10 Feb 2012	Nampo Park	Attie Louw	Tractor Drivers Course	3
1					3
Tractor Maintenance					
1	4-6 Oct 2011	Nakaneng	Israel Mokoto	Tractor Maintenance	33
1	30-3 Feb 2012	Barberton	Hendrik van Zyl	Tractor Maintenance	22
1	27-3 Mar 2012	Emondlo	Hendrik van Zyl	Tractor Maintenance	29
1	2-5 Apr 2012	Ida	Peter McGregor	Tractor Maintenance	27
1	10-13 Apr 2012	Zwelisha	Israel Mokoto	Tractor Maintenance	30
1	16-20 Apr 2012	Ixopo	Peter McGregor	Tractor Maintenance	22
1	16-20 Apr 2012	Schoemansdaal	Israel Mokoto	Tractor Maintenance	25
1	23-26 Apr 2012	Elliot	Peter McGregor	Tractor Maintenance	28
1	7-11 May 2012	Delmas	Israel Mokoto	Tractor Maintenance	13
1	21-25 May 2012	Cofimvaba	Peter McGregor	Tractor Maintenance	26
1	25-29 Jun 2012	Ngcobo	Peter McGregor	Tractor Maintenance	26
1	2-6 Jul 2012	Hereford	Israel Mokoto	Tractor Maintenance	25
1	16-20 Jul 2012	Cedara	Hendrik van Zyl & Remo Bartels	Tractor Maintenance	23
1	16-20 Jul 2012	Nquthu	Eduard Foord Snr	Tractor Maintenance	29
1	23-27 Jul 2012	Droogfontein	Eduard Foord	Tractor Maintenance	22
1	23-27 Jul 2012	Ngqeleni	Pieter McGregor & Richard Gilson	Tractor Maintenance	28
1	30-03 Aug 2012	Dundee	Remo Bartels & Graeme Engelbrecht	Tractor Maintenance	23
1	30-03 Aug 2012	Cedara	Hendrik van Zyl & Richard Gilson	Tractor Maintenance	18
1	13-17 Aug 2012	Dundee	Remo Bartels	Tractor Maintenance	25
1	13-17 Aug 2012	Cedara	Hendrik van Zyl	Tractor Maintenance	18
1	20-24 Aug 2012	Dundee	Remo Bartels	Tractor Maintenance	26
1	20-24 Aug 2012	Cedara	Hendrik van Zyl	Tractor Maintenance	25
1	20-24 Aug 2012	Potchefstroom	Eduard Foord	Tractor Maintenance	19
1	27-31 Aug 2012	Dundee	Remo Bartels	Tractor Maintenance	23
1	27-31 Aug 2012	Cedara	Hendrik van Zyl	Tractor Maintenance	12
1	3-7 Sept 2012	Dundee	Remo Bartels	Tractor Maintenance	18
4	10-14 Sept 2012	North West	Israel Mokoto, Danie vd Berg, Eduard Foord, Attie Louw	Tractor Maintenance & Setting of Implements	150
30					722
Tractor Maintenance for Farm workers					

1	12-16 Mar 2012	Nampo Park	Eduard Foord	Tractor Maintenance for Farm workers	15
1	23-26 Apr 2012	Assisi	Eduard Foord	Tractor Maintenance for Farm workers	15
1	21-25 May 2012	Clocolan	Eduard Foord	Tractor Maintenance for Farm workers	27
1	28-01 Jun 2012	Senekal	Eduard Foord	Tractor Maintenance for Farm workers	23
1	18-22 Jun 2012	Edenville	Eduard Foord	Tractor Maintenance for Farm workers	26
1	9-13 Jul 2012	Kroonstad	Eduard Foord	Tractor Maintenance for Farm workers	15
1	13-17 Aug 2012	Winterton	Eduard Foord & Stefaans	Tractor Maintenance for Farm workers	16
1	27-31 Aug 2012	Viljoenskroon	Eduard Foord	Tractor Maintenance for Farm workers	27
1	10-14 Sept 2012	Amsterdam	Stefaans Ferreira	Tractor Maintenance for Farm Workers	25
9					189
Workshop Skills and Management					
1	10-14 Oct 2011	Nampo Park	Israel Mokoto	Workshop Skills and Management	6
1	30-3 Feb 2012	Nampo Park	Israel Mokoto	Workshop Skills and Management	6
1	26-30 Mar 2012	Nampo Park	Attie Louw	Workshop Skills and Management	11
1	10-13 Apr 2012	Nampo Park	Eduard Foord	Workshop Skills and Management	4
1	18-22 Jun 2012	Nampo Park	Israel Mokoto & John van Niekerk	Workshop Skills and Management	8
1	2-6 Jul 2012	Nampo Park	Eduard Foord	Workshop Skills and Management	7
1	9-13 Jul 2012	Nampo Park	John van Niekerk	Workshop Skills and Management	8
1	16-20 Jul 2012	Nampo Park	Eduard Foord Jnr	Workshop Skills and Management	5
1	30-3 Aug 2012	Nampo Park	John van Niekerk	Workshop Skills and Management	8
9					63

Courses to do till end of September 12					
	17-21 Sept 2012	Dundee	Remo Bartels	Tractor Maintenance	
	17-21 Sept 2012	Cedara	Hendrik van Zyl	Tractor Maintenance	
	17-21 Sept 2012	Ntlozelo	Richard Gilson	Introduction to Maize Production	
	17-21 Sept 2012	Cofimvaba	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	
	17-21 Sept 2012	Lichtenburg	Danie vd Berg	Tractor Maintenance & Setting of Implements	
	17-21 Sept 2012	Kopela	Johan vd Merwe	Tractor Maintenance & Setting of Implements	
	17-21 Sept 2012	Springbokpan	Israel Mokoto	Tractor Maintenance & Setting of Implements	
	24-28 Sept 2012	Cofimvaba	Peter McGregor	Introduction to Maize Production	
	24-28 Sept 2012	Ntlozelo	Richard Gilson	Skills Development	
	24-28 Sept 2012	North West	Israel Mokoto	Tractor Maintenance & Setting of Implements	
	24-28 Sept 2012	North West	Danie vd Berg	Tractor Maintenance & Setting of Implements	

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding will be complemented by the funding from the AgriSETA.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Ongoing

F. COMMUNICATION

PROJECT NUMBER

Radio programme : Project F 1 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Radio programmes.

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

The radio is a very powerful medium for the farmers in the development sector. The weekly programmes are very well supported and good industry information can be passed on to the farmers in this way.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To make use of weekly radio broadcasts on 6 radio stations to pass on industry information to a very wide listener base. We have increased the number of stations within a reduced budget to try to reach a larger area.

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 975 034
Used to date:	R 148 035
Remaining:	R 827 000

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To broadcast weekly on 6 programmes

- Radio Mafikeng (Tswana from North West)
- Radio Setsoto(Sesotho from Free State)
- Radio Qwa-Qwa Radio
- Ligwalagwala (Zulu / Swazi from Mpumalanga)
- Radio Alfred Nzo (Xhosa from Eastern Cape)
- Radio Zululand (Zulu from KZN)

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

Some of the development coordinators still broadcast on the stations when invited to do so. Radio Alfred Nzo, Radio Zululand and Radio Umhlobo Wenene are helpful and request broadcasts from time to time.

Topics that have been discussed include the following:

- Soil compaction and soil erosion
- Soil preparation and selection of seed
- Soil erosion and soil compaction (care of soil)
- Mechanical weed control
- Planting of hybrid seed
- Plant population during dry periods.
- Alternatives of crops to be planted
- Crop rotation
- Top dressing and stalk borer control
- Weed control
- Symptoms for deficiency in maize crop
- Hybrid seed application and advantages
- Maize diseases and control measures
- Grading of maize and storage of maize
- Maize marketing and maize processing
- Fire belts and prevention of veldt fires.
- Dangerous of fire in maize crop production
- Mafisa loans
- How crop estimates are done and grading of maize.
- Strategies for marketing agricultural products.
- Cultivar Choices.
- Fertilizing and pricing.
- Land prep and the increase of fertilizer prices.
- Land prep.
- Rising input costs.
- Plant population and determining plant spacing.
- Calibration of planters.
- Plant population, seed and seed spacing and costs of inputs.
- Waiting for rain.
- Plan of action: Now that the rain has arrived.
- Plant spacing, planting depth and seed bed preparation.
- Cut-off time for planting and Spray programme.
- Second spray program.
- 2nd spray and benefits of split topdressing.
- Weed control.
- Importance of topdressing.
- Maintenance of tractors.
- Spray program for grey leaf spot, rust and cut-worm.
- Top grub.
- Marketing.
- Report back from Congress.
- Maize yield assessment.
- Preparing storage areas for upcoming harvesting.
- Planning for the coming season.
- Time Management
- 12 steps to being successful.
- Importance of proper management.
- Soil acidity and liming.
- Functional gauges can save in the long run.

- Nutrition of soil N P & K.
- Yield estimation
- Marketing of maize
- Soil Sampling
- Harvesting of seed.
- Moisture content of maize.
- Recap program.
- Using "spray rig" for chemical control.
- Using contractors.
- Daily maintenance of tractors.
- Improve production management.
- Mineral nutrients.
- Seed varieties.
- Breeding systems.
- Genetic modification.
- Cultivars by Reggie Mchunu (Pannar).
- Cutworm.
- Guide the use of herbicides.
- Stalk borer.
- Kraal manure as fertilizer.
- Soil acidity.
- General tractor maintenance.
- Daily tractor maintenance.
- Tips for successful crop spraying.
- The use of agricultural lime.
- Diplodia.
- Importance and economic value of plants.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

As mentioned in the interim report, we have had to cease commercial broadcasts as the cost became prohibitive. It is indeed a pity as this is a medium that reaches vast numbers of people at the time that the information is relevant.

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

With the knowledge of the Trust, we only broadcast when invited which means that we are only broadcasting on two stations, when invited.

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

Funding will be given back to the trust as we have not used it all. The only costs that have been allocated to this budget is an allocation of time for the coordinators who broadcast.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

This project will not continue.

F. COMMUNICATIONS

PROJECT NUMBER

Newsletters Pula / Imvula : Project H 2 / 11-12

PROJECT TITLE

Monthly newsletters (Pula / Imvula)

TRUST DEED OBJECTIVES

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).

CATEGORY UNDER WHICH APPLICATION IS MADE

Production

REASONS WHY IT IS DEEMED THAT THE PROJECT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE ABOVE OBJECTIVE.

It is absolutely necessary for all those involved in the industry to have access to updated and appropriate industry information.

MAIN AIM OF THE PROJECT.

To disseminate industry information to all interested and involved parties in the developing agricultural sector through the monthly newsletters distributed in 7 languages (viz. English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi, IsiZulu and IsiXhosa).

PROJECT DURATION

1 October 11 to 30 September 12

SECTORS IN THE MAIZE INDUSTRY THAT COULD OR SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROJECT

All developing maize producers, millers, all related industries and ultimately the whole maize industry.

NAMES OF OTHER CONTRIBUTORS TO THE PROJECT AND THE EXTENT OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS

Maize trust – total budget.

SUMMARY OF THE TOTAL BUDGET RELATING TO THE PROJECT.

Budget approved:	R 1 707 141
Used to date:	R 1 442 376
Remaining:	R 264 765

DETAILS OF SIMILAR PROJECTS THAT WERE FUNDED BY OTHER ENTITIES BEFORE.

This project is the continuation of the programme that was funded previously by the Maize Trust .

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

To prepare , duplicate and distribute the monthly newsletter in 7 languages viz. English, Afrikaans, Sesotho, Setswana, Sepedi, IsiXhosa and IsiZulu. (8 pages full colour with photos).

ACTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE WITH REGARD TO THE PROJECT

The monthly Pula continues to be prepared, translated, printed and distributed to over 20 000 readers in 7 languages.

THE RESULTS THAT HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED

A CD is attached to this report which contains the Pula for October 2011 to September 2012 in all the languages. The development coordinators continue to use the pula during study group meetings and discuss the articles with the farmers.

PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE PROJECT

None

MILESTONES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN ACHIEVED AND THE REASONS FOR THAT.

None

AN ASSESSMENT OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FUNDING TO COMPLETE THE EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT

The funding is adequate.

THE ESTIMATED DURATION OF THE PROJECT UNTIL COMPLETION

Ongoing