

DETAILS

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| PROJECT NUMBER | M181/10 |
| PROJECT TITLE | Maize Information Guide |
| PROJECT MANAGER | SM James |
| PROJECT STATUS | Extension |
| DURATION | 01/04/2011 to 31/03/2015 (request for project to be extended for five more years, until 2020) |

EXTENSION MOTIVATION

Maize is the major crop grown in South Africa in terms of both area of production as well as being the staple food of people and fodder to livestock. It has high nutritional value and forms the main source of carbohydrates in livestock feeds. The MIG is a critical vehicle for technology transfer within South Africa. It is, however, difficult to quantify the impact of the MIG on the maize industry. The MIG provides farmers with updated and relevant objective information, keeping them enlightened to make the most informed decisions that suit their circumstances. Using the MIG information correctly helps farmers to increase maize yields and income as well as to minimise risks. A viable maize industry helps to create jobs and sustain food security and thereby improves the economy of the country at large.

Going forward we are also planning to have a simplified format in African languages.

PROGRESS REPORT

The feedback from the maize industry has always been positive and confirms the MIG to be an effective working document for commercial as well as emerging farmers. Commercial maize producers use the publication as a guideline for planning the following production season in terms of purchasing of inputs such as seed, fertiliser and crop-protection chemicals.

The MIG 2014 is in its 21st edition with its origin in 1994.

PUBLICATIONS

None.

RADIO TALKS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.