

SUPPORTING EMERGENT FARMERS AND PROVIDING POST- SETTLEMENT SUPPORT: *WHAT HAVE WE LEARNT?*

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EMERGING AGRICULTURE: THE ROLE OF THE FACULTY OF NATURAL AND AGRICULTURE SCIENCES

- Background: deregulation, trade-liberalisation, government, post-settlement support, land-reform, production - profitability, welfare, market access, post-settlement support
- Extension: community services, training, partnerships (15/29 /140)
- Research: push & pull, coordination, multi-disciplinary
- Output: applicability, *So what ?!*

Are we taking science further or are we taking society further?



EXTENSION SERVICES: LENGAU EXPERIMENTAL FARM

- Support: 3 experimental farms, incubator for prospective farmers, mentorship, support system “learning by doing”
- Synergy: faculty ↔ farmers
- Lengau Agricultural Development Centre: 2005, location, (hostel), upgrading, tunnels, auction facilities, grazing – communal land, pig unit, lecture room, milking parlour, broiler production / processing, calf production, food garden, compost
- Cooperation: UFS, Mangaung Local Municipality, FSDOA, NAFU
productivity, profitability → newly-settled, emerging, urban



EXTENSION SERVICES: LENGAU EXPERIMENTAL FARM

- *The Farmer Apprenticeship Programme:* beef, milk, mutton, pig, egg, broiler, horticulture.
 - 6-12 months, 40-50 trainees
 - Micro-finance: own business
 - Land reform beneficiaries, Mangaung residents, unemployed
- *Skills Training:* agricultural know-how and skills
 - NCF, short learning programmes, mobile training, educational tours, artisanal skills
- *Support to emergent farmers / entrepreneurs:* weekly livestock auctions, market linkages, post-settlement, lobbying capacity, LRAD application, awareness



What have we learnt?



POST-SETTLEMENT SUPPORT: COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CASP)

- Background: CASP post settlement support , 78 Million Rand in 2004 in FS, no comprehensive formal assessment to date
- Six areas, namely: information and knowledge management, technical assistance, financing mechanisms, training and capacity building, marketing and business development, and provision of on- and off-farm infrastructure.



POST-SETTLEMENT SUPPORT: COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CASP)

- Aim: to determine the welfare impact of CASP on its beneficiaries and the province, the current status of projects, the reasons for project failures and to identify critical success factors.
- Questionnaires: 109 projects, 10 communal, 2 questionnaires: project chairperson, 3 beneficiaries.
- Current status: agricultural and socio-economic status



POST-SETTLEMENT SUPPORT: COMPREHENSIVE AGRICULTURAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CASP)

- Impact: financial situation (63%), quality of life (+2%), multiplier effects (direct labour: +, production: ROI)
- Rate of success

Category	Label	% of projects
1	Successful and sustainable	21.2
2	Marginally successful and support needed to ensure long term sustainability	26.3
3	Not successful and extensive support needed to ensure survival	37.4
4	Failure	15.1

- Key success factors: a comprehensive financial administration, more livestock, regular meetings, an intensive production system, commercial farmers and stakeholder involvement, a higher number of chicken.
30 factors → 10 significant



What have we learnt?



PANEL DISCUSSION: EMERGENT FARMERS



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