



THE GRAIN NEWS



Making Maize Markets work: A panel comprising The Grain Council of Uganda Vice Chairperson Ms. Annet Twebaze (extreme left), Mr. Kenneth Kaunda, Lead Agribusiness Mastercard Foundation (addressing participants), Mr. Zackey Kalega - Commissioner Internal Trade Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (in Brown Suit) and Ms., Patricia Ejalu- Deputy Executive Director- Standards (right) presenting at the Meet The Buyer Symposium organized by the The Grain Council of Uganda, with support from the International Finance Corporation at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel on July 30, 2025.



EDITORIAL SUMMARY

In this edition, we spotlight key developments shaping Uganda's grain sector in Quarter 3 of 2025—from emerging market trends and innovative practices to new opportunities driving growth. Highlights include elaborate findings in a new study on contract farming models in Uganda, the push towards elimination of nontrade barriers to spur regional trade growth, insights from the UK-Uganda Agro-Industrialisation Forum, and the rising demand for high-quality grain across the value chain.

We invite you to explore these timely updates and hope you find the content both informative and inspiring.

We welcome your contributions and insights for future issues.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



On behalf of The Grain Council of Uganda, I extend my sincere appreciation to the editorial team of our newsletter. Your tireless dedication and consistent efforts in putting together this informative publication are commendable, and we thank you for the excellent work.

I also take this opportunity to warmly welcome all new members who have recently joined the Council. We are delighted to have you on board. Your presence adds great value to our shared mission of strengthening the grain sector.

I urge all our members to read each edition of the newsletter, reflect on the topical issues presented, and share your feedback, observations, and recommendations. Your insights are vital in shaping our collective discussions and guiding meaningful interventions in the sector.

To all our esteemed readers; we encourage you to actively contribute to this publication through articles, research, or practical experiences that could benefit the wider grain industry. Your voice can make a meaningful impact.

Additionally, we are currently working on plans to facilitate advertisement opportunities within the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support, and I wish you all pleasant reading.

Mwanje Robert

UGANDA-KENYA JOINT MISSION TARGETS TRADE BARRIERS TO BOOST REGIONAL INTEGRATION



Traffic at Busia: Cargo Trucks- in and outgoing, line up the road

In a landmark effort to deepen regional integration and facilitate smoother cross-border commerce, Uganda and Kenya conducted a joint fact-finding mission August 18-22, 2025 at Mbale to address persistent Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) affecting trade between the two nations.

The initiative was launched following directives from Presidents Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and William Ruto during their bilateral meeting in July 2025. Leading the mission were Uganda's Minister of Trade, Hon. Gen. Wilson Mbasu Mbadi, and Kenya's Minister of Trade, Hon. Lee Kinyanjui. The ministers convened in Mbale to oversee technical assessments at four strategic border points: Suam, Busia, Malaba, and Lwakhakha.

The joint teams uncovered a range of operational challenges at the One Stop Border Points (OSBPs). These included severe congestion caused by inadequate parking facilities, delays in approvals from the Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS), poor infrastructure, unreliable network connectivity, and frequent electricity outages. The absence of scanning equipment and deteriorating road conditions were also noted, contributing to cargo damage and heightened risks of smuggling. Additionally, minimal activity at certain border posts was observed, further impeding efficient trade flows.

To address these issues, the mission recommended several remedial measures. These included joint cargo verification by the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) and the Kenya Revenue Authority (KRA), infrastructure upgrades and road rehabilitation, streamlined approval processes, and the installation of scanning equipment. The team also called for the elimination of discriminatory practices targeting Uganda-registered trucks.

A follow-up ministerial visit held on August 29–30 reaffirmed both governments' commitment to dismantling tariff and non-tariff barriers. Key resolutions included the full implementation of East African Community (EAC) trade protocols, recognition of intra-regional products as transfers rather than imports, and the removal of levies such as Uganda's 10% charge on maize bran, wheat bran, and cotton cake. The ministers also agreed to establish a permanent joint technical committee to ensure continuous oversight and round-the-clock border operations.

This collaborative mission marks a significant step toward seamless trade, strengthened regional unity, and accelerated economic development across East Africa.



Some of the Mission team members at Suam OSBP



Lwakhakha border point is the least congested

UK-UGANDA AGRO-INDUSTRIALISATION FORUM SPARKS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION



Left to right: Hon. Mbasu Mbadi-Minister of State for Trade, MTIC H.E. Lisa Chesney, British High Commissioner to Uganda and Gen. Kasura-Kyomukama-Permanent Secretary MAAIF at the event.

The British High Commission in Kampala, in collaboration with Uganda's Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives, convened the inaugural UK-Uganda Agro-Industrialisation Forum on August 27, 2025 at the Sheraton Kampala Hotel.

The landmark event brought together prominent stakeholders from both countries to explore avenues through which UK agricultural technologies and trade frameworks could accelerate Uganda's agro-industrial transformation.

The forum served as a platform to highlight UK innovations capable of enhancing productivity within Uganda's agricultural sector. It also aimed to strengthen agribusiness partnerships between the two nations, particularly by leveraging the UK's Developing Countries Trading Scheme and Uganda Airlines' direct flight routes to expand export opportunities. In addition, participants engaged in dialogue on overcoming trade barriers and addressing climate-related challenges, with a focus on media engagement and policy reform.

Her Excellency Lisa Chesney, British High Commissioner to Uganda, presided over the event alongside Maj. Gen. (Rtd.) David Kasura-Kyomukama, Permanent Secretary of MAAIF, and Hon. Col. Wilson Mbadi Mbasu, Minister of State for Trade. Delivering the keynote address, Col. Mbadi underscored the forum's significance in unlocking Uganda's agricultural potential through strategic collaboration with the United Kingdom.

The UK's commitment to Uganda's agro-industrial development is exemplified by the £39 million Climate Smart Jobs Programme (2021–2026), which supports climate-resilient agribusiness initiatives in Northern Uganda. British companies such as Nexus Green have also partnered with Ugandan ministries to implement nationwide irrigation schemes, further reinforcing the UK's role in fostering sustainable agricultural growth.

With Uganda's leading exports to the UK—including coffee, tea, spices, vegetables, fish, dairy, and flowers—The Grain Council of Uganda (TGPU) has been encouraged to pursue continued engagement with the British High Commission.



A cross-section of attendees during the Forum

BOOMING FEED SECTOR SPARKS RUSH FOR QUALITY GRAIN



A section of the De Heus Facility at Njeru

Demand for premium-grade grain in Uganda is surging, driven by rapid growth in Feed processing and aquaculture development. A major milestone in this trajectory is the commissioning of a new fish feed manufacturing facility by De Heus Animal Nutrition, a Netherlands-based leader in animal nutrition solutions.

Located in Njeru, near Jinja—a strategic aquaculture hub—the facility is designed to produce up to 100,000 metric tonnes of fish feed annually at full capacity. This investment marks a significant step in De Heus's commitment to strengthening Africa's food systems and agricultural resilience.

"We see tremendous potential in Uganda's aquaculture sector, and this investment is a testament to our long-term vision for the region," said Mr. Co de Heus, Chairman of the Board.

"The new facility will not only streamline the fish feed supply chain but also create market linkages for local crop producers by sourcing maize, cassava, and soybeans."

The plant is expected to catalyze employment and rural development, supporting up to 10,000 jobs in fish farming and engaging approximately 15,000 smallholder farmers as crop suppliers. By converting locally grown crops into high-quality feed, De Heus aims to reduce Uganda's dependence on imported inputs and promote value-added production aligned with national development goals.

In addition to the fish feed facility, De Heus Uganda plans to establish a livestock feed plant in Luwero. Once operational, the plant will require substantial volumes of maize and soybean grain, along with rice and wheat byproducts—further amplifying demand for quality grain across the country.

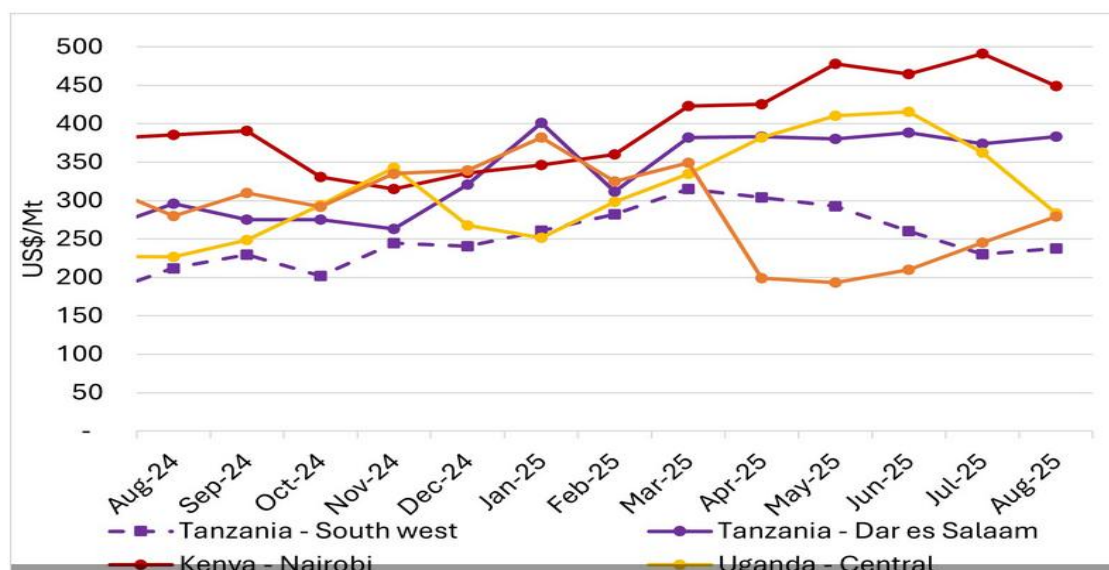
De Heus joins a growing cohort of feed processors driving this demand, including Uzima Chicken, Kuku Chic, and Maganjo Grain Millers—all active members of The Grain Council of Uganda.

Latest Maize developments in East and Southern Africa region

- Kenya prices moderated somewhat to US\$450/Mt in Nairobi influenced by Zambia lifting its export ban, falling prices in Uganda and low prices in producing areas in Tanzania
- After declining for four consecutive months, prices in south-west Tanzania increased in August to US\$238/Mt, although Dar es Salaam prices at US\$383/Mt are 60% higher, much more than justified by transport costs, and suggest substantial margins on bulk trade within Tanzania as well as in cross-border markets.
- Ongoing harvest led to a steep decline in Uganda prices to around US\$280/Mt, from over US\$400/Mt in June, converging towards prices in south-west Tanzania and Zambia
- Zambia prices increased 30% over two months to US\$280/Mt in August, meaning good profits for those who held onto stock after the harvest.
- At the parallel exchange rate prices in Malawi are about US\$280/Mt, in line with prices reported in Uganda and Zambia

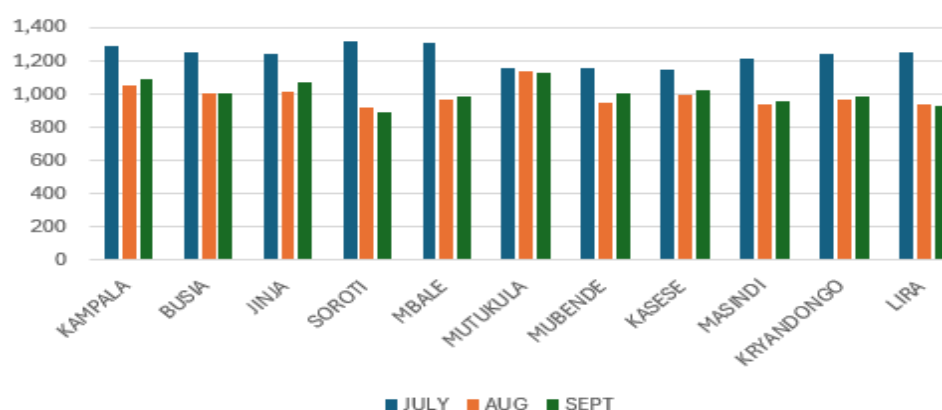
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LATEST MAIZE DEVELOPMENTS IN EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA REGION (GRAPHICAL PRESENTATION)



Source: African Market Observatory

Maize price developments in Uganda



In July, average price stood at UgxUgx 1,235 per kilogram, with Soroti and Mbale recording the highest rates at Ugx 1,320 and Ugx 1,310 respectively, while Kasese had the lowest at Ugx 1,150. By August, prices declined sharply to an average of Ugx 985 due to the influx of Season A harvest and drop in demand. Soroti registered the lowest average at Ugx 920, followed by Masindi at Ugx 935, whereas Kampala maintained the highest price at Ugx 1,050. In September, prices showed a modest recovery, averaging Ugx 1,005, with Kampala again leading at Ugx 1,090 and Soroti trailing at Ugx 895. Overall, the combination of low export demand, competition from other staple foods, and high domestic supply volumes kept

maize prices relatively suppressed throughout the quarter.

Persistent low export demand, competition from alternative staples, and high domestic supply volumes from Season A harvest collectively exerted downward pressure on maize grain prices throughout the quarter.

GOVERNMENT UNVEILS ABCD PORTAL TO DRIVE COMMODITY INTELLIGENCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



L-R Ms. Julian. Rweju, Commissioner e-government services NITA-U, Dr. P Mwambu Commissioner Crop Inspection and Certification- MAAIF, Hon. Raphael Magyezi Minister Local Government, Ms. Dianah. Nannono Head Private Sector Development Unit- MOFPED, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe Vice Chancellor Makerere University and Mr. Moses Kaggwa Director Economic Affairs- MOFPED.

Government officially launched the Area Based Commodity Development (ABCD) Portal; a transformative digital platform designed to track and visualize commodity value chains across the country. This initiative marks a major step toward data-driven development, aligning with Uganda's Tenfold Growth Strategy—a bold plan to expand the nation's GDP tenfold by 2040 through Agro-Industrialization, Tourism, Mineral-Based Industries (including oil and gas), and Science, Technology & Innovation.

The ABCD Portal provides a centralized dashboard and Geographical Information System (GIS) mapping system that delivers near real-time, validated data on key commodities, beginning with Coffee, Maize, and Tea. By consolidating this information, the portal enables government agencies, private sector stakeholders, and researchers to make faster, evidence-based decisions that improve planning, budgeting, and accountability.

Built to support local action, the portal's area-based analytics help districts and sub-regions

identify productivity gaps, target infrastructure investments, and unlock private sector opportunities. It also reinforces Uganda's national development goals by offering deeper insights into commodity performance and regional disparities.

The portal covers 14 sub-regions, including Acholi, Ankole, Bukedi, Bunyoro, Busoga, Buganda North, Buganda South, Elgon, Karamoja, Kigezi, Lango, Teso, Tooro, and West Nile. Data is collected by field and desk officers from mandated government agencies and private sector partners, validated by a Technical Working Group, and published by the Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic Development (MoFPED).

At its core, the ABCD Portal features four key modules: analytics and insights across production, processing, and markets; geolocation mapping of facilities such as farmland, warehouses, and processing plants; performance comparisons that benchmark sub-regions; and downloadable reports tailored for policymakers and investors.

The portal's significance spans multiple sectors. For government, it offers a powerful tool to target subsidies, align Parish Development Model (PDM) investments, plan infrastructure, and monitor performance. For the private sector, it provides critical intelligence to guide siting decisions, quantify market opportunities, and streamline sourcing and contracting. Researchers and media professionals benefit from consistent, validated sub-regional data that enhances analysis and reporting.

Ultimately, the ABCD Portal promises faster decision-making, improved coordination, stronger investor confidence, and more transparent tracking of Uganda's progress toward its 2040 vision. It's a leap forward in turning data into development—and guesswork into growth.

MEET-THE-BUYER SYMPOSIUMS

STRUCTURING, ACTUALISING AND MAKING GRAIN MARKETS WORK

Markets have been and still are a challenge in Uganda and the region. Organising, structuring and actualising these markets has not been simple though possible. Uganda through its Ministry of Trade industry and Cooperatives in collaboration with other key stakeholders developed and institutionalised trade facilitation policies and laws including though not limited to the Grain Policy, plan and Implementation Strategy.



A cross-section of participants at this year's Meet-The-Buyer Symposium held at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel on July 30, 2025.

The Grain Council of Uganda in Partnership with the International Finance Corporation (IFC)-World Bank under the Uganda Quality project, launched the MEET THE BUYER Symposium as a platform bringing together Buyers (Off takers) and sellers (Suppliers) of grain in Uganda and the region. The Objective of this Symposium is to facilitate a business-to-business linkage tailored towards structuring markets of Grain in Uganda. The Outcome of which would be the Increase in the quantity (Volume) of Quality and certified grain in the country, and the region.

From this year's symposium, many companies including Maganjo Grain Millers, Koudijs Feeds Limited, Tunga Feeds, Ugachick Ug Limited, Askar Gen. Merchandize, PRO Industries and other grain council members like Afro Kai Limited and Biryia United Agencies from Mbarara, Star Agri expressed interest to sign off-taker contracts with certified / Quality maize

suppliers from Mubende and surrounding areas. In total, the expression of interest to procure this quality maize was over 255,000MT of Grain in 12 months.

The negotiations are now on the frequency of supply, points of pickup, quantities per supply, terms of payment and indicative pricing. This event will be an annual event on the TGPU calendar.



Ugachick Director Aga Sekalala Jr and Maize Suppliers engage in a discussion during the Symposium.

The Government however through the Ministry of Trade Industry and Cooperatives, particularly Uganda National Bureau of Standards (UNBS), the directorate of SMEs and Marketing but also the Directorate of Internal Trade committed to work with TGPU as an industry Apex organisation to foster structured markets and organised trade internally and the region.

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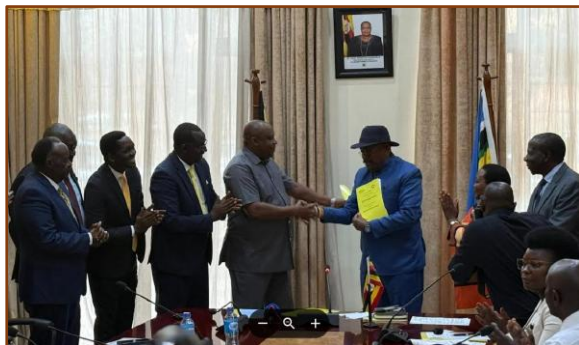
UPCOMING EVENT

The Grain Council of Uganda Annual Members Dinner

"Where Membership Meets Meaning—Elegance, Connection, and Celebration"

Friday December 5, 2025

GOVERNMENT APPROVES \$180M FERTILIZER PLANT TO BOOST AGRICULTURAL SECTOR



Burundian agro-industrial firm, Itracom Fertilizers received government approval to construct a large-scale organic fertilizer facility in Kampiringisa, Mpigi District. With an investment of \$180 million, the project aims to strengthen Uganda's agricultural input supply and promote sustainable farming practices nationwide. Set on a 54-hectare site, the facility is expected to be completed within 18 months and will produce approximately 250,000 metric tons of organic fertilizer annually. The production process will primarily utilize cattle manure sourced from Ugandan livestock farmers, supplemented with essential minerals. According to Jeanluc Bigirimana, Itracom Fertilizers Uganda's representative, the company will prioritize partnerships with local farmers to ensure a sustainable supply chain and inclusive economic benefits.

"This approach not only guarantees consistent raw material supply but also empowers livestock farmers by integrating them directly into the production ecosystem," Bigirimana noted.

Uganda currently ranks among sub-Saharan Africa's lowest fertilizer users, a factor contributing to limited agricultural productivity. Data from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reveals that in 2022, Uganda applied just 2.6 kilograms of fertilizer per hectare—well below the regional average of 18.2 kg and the 50 kg per hectare target set under the 2006 Abuja Declaration on Fertilizers.

The International Fertilizer Development Center (IFDC) further reports that Uganda's average annual fertilizer consumption between 2019 and 2023 stood at 77,000 metric tons, insufficient to support high-yield cultivation of staple crops such as maize, beans, rice, and coffee.

Prime Minister Robinah Nabbanja welcomed the initiative, describing it as a landmark for sustainable agriculture. "This partnership reflects a mutual interest in promoting sustainable agricultural growth, ensuring food security, and creating economic opportunities for Ugandan farmers. Itracom's fertilizer plant is poised to become a cornerstone of Uganda's

NEW TGCU MEMBERS

TGCU Fraternity welcomes seven new members that joined us during Quarter 3 (July-September) 2025

Gold Category

Namaliri Mixed Farmers Ltd

Silver Category

Biverty Group Ltd

ATWAL Group Ltd

Kuku Chic Ltd

Ugachick Poultry Breeders Ltd

AWAU Farms Ltd

Wanale Combined Traders Ltd

agricultural transformation," she stated.

Once operational, the facility is expected to be one of the largest organic fertilizer plants in East Africa, reducing Uganda's reliance on imports and providing farmers with locally produced, environmentally friendly solutions.

CONTRACT FARMING IN UGANDA: UNLOCKING INCLUSIVE AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION

By Private Sector Foundation Uganda in partnership with AGRA

Agriculture remains the cornerstone of Uganda's economy, employing nearly 70 percent of the workforce and contributing approximately 24 percent to the national GDP. Its significance extends beyond food security—it fuels exports, generates rural employment, and plays a vital role in poverty alleviation. Despite its dominance, the sector is predominantly informal, with smallholder farmers cultivating two hectares or less making up nearly 67 percent of the farming population. These farmers face persistent challenges, including price volatility, limited access to credit, inadequate infrastructure, and weak market linkages, all of which hinder productivity and competitiveness.

Contract farming presents a strategic solution to these issues. By formalizing relationships between farmers and agribusinesses, it offers structured market access, stabilizes incomes, and reduces transaction risks. The Contract Farming Bill 2023, currently under parliamentary review, presents a historic opportunity to institutionalize and scale this model across the country.

A 2025 study conducted by PSFU with support from the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) concludes that contract farming is among Uganda's most effective tools for inclusive agricultural commercialization—provided it is supported by a robust legal and institutional framework.

Today, Contract farming encompasses a wide range of commodities including maize, rice, beans, coffee, oilseeds, tobacco, poultry, dairy, and piggery. Companies like Mukwano Industries, Nile Breweries, Pearl Dairy, Biyinzika Poultry, and Yokuku! have developed contract-based value chains that connect thousands of farmers to both national and export markets.

The study estimates that more than 150,000 farmers are currently engaged in contract

farming, most of whom are smallholders. Medium- and large-scale farmers represent a smaller share. Aggregators dominate buyer relationships, followed by processors and exporters.

Nonetheless, challenges remain; breaches of contract and side-selling are common, delayed payments, weak enforcement, price volatility and lack of training on contract laws, leaving farmers vulnerable to exploitation.

The Contract Farming Bill 2023 could be a turning point, for it introduces legal recognition of contracts, ensures fair pricing and guaranteed markets, and establishes mechanisms for mediation and arbitration. It also promotes block farming to address land fragmentation and mandates youth and women quotas in contract schemes, with simplified contracts available in local languages.

If enacted, contract farming is projected to increase access to credit and services, boost yields, and grow sectoral output. Up to 100,000 smallholders could transition into commercial farming, raising agriculture's GDP contribution by 3 to 5 percent. Value addition could expand by 25 percent, while enforceable penalties could reduce side-selling losses.

Failure to pass the Bill risks perpetuating farmer exploitation, limiting market access, stalling productivity, and missing critical investment opportunities.

The PSFU-AGRA study outlines strategic recommendations for policymakers including fast-tracking the enactment and enforcement of the Contract Farming Bill, scaling farmer awareness and legal literacy. Others include stabilizing prices through minimum guarantees and transparent formulas, ensuring timely payments backed by a Farmer Support Fund, strengthening cooperatives, investing in infrastructure through public-private partnerships, and institutionalizing monitoring and evaluation using digital contract registries.

The Bill offers the opportunity to modernize Uganda's agriculture, unlock export competitiveness, and fulfill Vision 2040's aspiration of a prosperous, inclusive economy.

AGRICULTURAL SECTOR TO BRACE FOR BELOW-AVERAGE RAINFALL DURING SOND SEASON

Uganda is forecast to experience a predominantly dry September to December (SOND) season this year, with below-average rainfall expected across most regions. The Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA) in its latest seasonal forecast, urges communities and stakeholders to brace for reduced precipitation and its potential impact on agriculture, water resources, and disaster risk management.

In the southwestern districts of Kabale, Kisoro, and Ntungamo, rainfall is projected to fall below normal levels, which could hinder crop performance and limit pasture growth. The central region, including Kampala, Mukono, and Luwero, is also expected to receive less rainfall than usual—posing challenges for urban water supply and farming activities. Eastern Uganda, particularly Mbale, Soroti, and Tororo, will likely experience erratic and below-average rains, potentially disrupting planting cycles and food production.

Northern Uganda may see near-normal rainfall, but localized dry spells could still affect agricultural productivity. In the West Nile region, districts like Arua and Nebbi are forecasted to receive rainfall close to the seasonal average, offering some stability for farmers. However, the Karamoja region remains a concern, with minimal rainfall anticipated and growing fears over food security and water access. The Lake Victoria Basin is expected to receive below-average and irregular rainfall, which could impact fishing, transport, and other water-dependent livelihoods.

UNMA attributes the suppressed rainfall to several climate drivers. A weakening El Niño phase is influencing global weather patterns and is often associated with drier conditions in parts of East Africa. The Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is currently neutral to slightly negative, reducing moisture inflow from the Indian Ocean and limiting rainfall formation over Uganda. Tropical cyclone activity in the Indian Ocean may also

divert moisture away from East Africa, further suppressing rainfall. Additionally, the Urban Heat Island Effect—caused by heat-retaining surfaces and greenhouse emissions in urban centers—is intensifying local temperatures and compounding dry conditions.

In response to the forecast, UNMA advises farmers to adopt drought-resilient crops and adjust planting schedules accordingly. Livestock keepers are encouraged to prepare for limited pasture and water sources, while irrigation planning is recommended where feasible to mitigate the impact of dry spells.

Obituary

During the quarter, death robbed the TGPU fraternity of the people below. We grieve with the families and pray that the souls of the deceased rest in peace:



Mr. Garuga Musinguzi, proprietor of Kamwenge Community Development Project Ltd.



Mzee William Kyeyamwa, father to Dr. Herbert Kyeyamwa and Mr. Richard Ibengo of Agroways Ltd

TGCU ADVANCES MARKET ACCESS AND COOPERATIVE CAPACITY IN EASTERN UGANDA



Participants after the market linkage meeting in Kapchorwa – 18th July 2025, Naoh's Ark Hotel

During the past quarter, The Grain Council of Uganda (TGCU), in collaboration with implementing partners—Kilimo Trust, Prince Willis, Private Sector Foundation Uganda, and Stanbic Bank—undertook a series of strategic activities aimed at enhancing agricultural market access and strengthening cooperative capacity across Eastern Uganda.

These efforts are part of the Enhancing Access to Markets for an Inclusive Agricultural Transformation in Eastern Uganda (EAMIAT) project, a three-year initiative supported by Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and running from October 2024 to September 2027. The project is being implemented across three subregions—Busoga, Bugisu, and Sebei—covering three districts in each.

TGCU's core focus under EAMIAT is to promote structured markets through targeted market linkage initiatives and price stabilization mechanisms. The Council aims to connect over 100,000 farmers engaged in maize, rice, and beans value chains to formal markets by strengthening and operationalizing more than 100 cooperatives.

Between June and September 2025, TGCU reached 740 farmers from 10 cooperatives. These farmers received training on cooperative principles and collective marketing, equipping them with the knowledge to recognize and resist exploitation in informal and unstructured trade environments.

A key highlight of the quarter was a market linkage meeting held on 18th July 2025 in Kapchorwa, Sebei region. The event brought together 40 participants, including cooperative leaders, agro-input dealers, aggregators from Bugisu and Sebei, and representatives from the Mbale Industrial Area Millers Association. The

meeting culminated in the creation of a digital platform that enables value chain actors to share real-time information on market prices and the availability of quality inputs—ultimately benefiting farmers across the region.

TGCU remains committed to fostering inclusive agricultural transformation by empowering cooperatives and enhancing access to structured markets for smallholder farmers.



TGCU's Richard Kayingo and Muyembe Kazana Cooperative members (Bulambuli District) discussing the way members are cheated through selling individually to small produce buyers (side selling)



Iganga farmers attending a training session on Cooperatives principles, values and benefits



Farmers under Budetu Cooperative after training in Cooperative Principles, Values and benefits at Bunanghaka Church of Uganda, Bulambuli district