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LATEST AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONDITIONS

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONDITIONS - As on 20 May 2015 North West Limpopo Producers have completed ±70% of sunflower harvesting, with Crops vary a lot in the Settlers district, from good crops to failed crops indications of a better than expected sunflower yield - yields are Producers have harvested ±50% of maize and sorghum crops In general, below average yields are being achieved average Most producers have completed the harvesting of soya beans -Commercial maize and soya beans under irrigation: The majority of both maize and soya beans have been harvested below average yields were achieved Producers should start harvesting dryland maize towards end Average to above-average yields are being harvested. May/beginning June - maize is ranging in appearance from very poor to good, but below average yields are still expected in general. North West Free State Eastern Free State Mpumalanga Producers have mostly completed the Sunflower and sova beans Producers are ±97% completed with soya bean harvesting sunflower harvesting - generally better harvesting are largely Soya bean yields varied from average to below average in than expected yields were achieved completed Producers are 90-95% finished with sova Producers started last week and maize harvesting are in full Producers have started bean harvesting with yields varying from harvesting maize here and swing extremely poor to good there, but the maize is still Maize yields vary with yields ranging from bad to good. Maize harvesting should start in earnest somewhat moist Estimates indicate ±25% lower than average yield. towards the end of May - below average In general, below average to yields are expected in general. average yields are expected. KwaZulu-Natal Producers have completed soya bean harvesting Soya bean yields vary from very poor to good - on average Southern Cape / Rüens producers have mostly finished planting better than expected yields were achieved but yields Rain occured sporadically but conditions are generally very dry remain below average Early Canola is looking good Producers are ±35% completed with maize harvesting · Follow-up rain is urgently needed in areas where germination is On average the maize yields thus far are better than taking place expected, but remain below average. · Swartland producers are ± 80% finished planting · No growth due to absence of rain Eastern Cape · Decline in Canola hectares due to dry planting season Producers have started harvesting in some areas but crops are Rain is urgently needed largely still moist Average yields are expected in general.

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NAMPO 2015 A HUGE SUCCESS

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» Grain SA's NAMPO Harvest Day was again a huge success. It was amazing to experience the positive attitude amongst our members given the difficult season. The attendance at the members' venue was a record and we thank every member who joined us at this venue.

We always try to ensure a positive experience for our members at our venue and we will welcome all comments or feedback regarding the members' venue.

We thank each member for their patience with the implementation of the new electronic ticketing system and we trust that you felt at home at NAMPO this year!

We also wish you good luck with the harvesting that is in process and we pray with our farmers in the Cape that the rain will bring relief so that we can soon see the green fields!



Grain SA members in the Member's Hall



Players from the Toyota Cheetahs rugby team also visited the Member's Hall during NAMPO



The coffee bar in the Member's Hall was very popular

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"An industry that feeds you, is an industry worth fighting for"

~ Tierra Kessler

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