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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

New 2024 season compliments to all seed producers and the reader. We remain indebted to immeasurable support you render to this publication and we shall continue to be appreciative of your continued sponsorship.

In this regard, we would like to dedicate this first edition of the year 2024 to the following companies: Seed Co Malawi, Bayer Malawi Limited, Pyxus Agriculture, Multiseeds Company (MUSECO), Pindulani Seed Company as well as FURAHA Seed. We really appreciate your support.

You and many other STAM member organizations have been with us from the onset and you've never wavered in helping advance the goals and objectives of this publication, which zero on promoting the seed industry and assisting farmers to make a right choice when it comes to quality seed suitable for improved, increased and profitable crop production.

We believe you will continue supporting the publication for foreseeable future and please do not hesitate to provide guidance or suggest improvements for the magazine.

As you are all aware, we recently featured some of you in a radio programme, "*Ulimi wa phindu*" that promoted your seed products. We want to pledge that the programme has come to stay and we are also pondering on introducing a television programme of the same kind and believe it will serve you well.

Enjoy leading and heart-felt compliments to all for the new 2024 season!

Joseph Mizimbe

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FOREWORD



Seed Trade Association of Malawi (STAM) has observed the need to intensify the reach-out to farmers with information regarding quality seed- the processes involved and their attributes. Several studies conducted within and outside the country show that not enough is being done to address inadequate or lack of information about the merits of planting certified seed as well as knowledge regarding modern farming technologies, pest control and post-harvest management that can help achieve maximized crop production.

STAM recently had active role in the review of the Seed Act 1996 and now we thank government and all stakeholder for the 2022 Seed Law. The Seed Policy 2018 and the 2022 Seed Act form a blueprint that respectively guides seed producers and farmers towards producing and purchasing appropriate planting materials.

The Seed Law enacted in 2022, seeks to improve seed certification service delivery by Government with emphasis on strengthening the seed production value chain to ensure farmers access high quality seed. The Law is aligned to both SADC and COMESA Harmonized Seed Regulations and designed to smoke out producers of substandard or illegally multiplied seed.

STAM has also played an integral part in lobbying for an innovation to curb counterfeit seed, the Scratch Seed Label. This technology enables farmers to verify the authenticity of the seed.

Meanwhile, with the available resources and through field days; radio programs; information, education and communication (IEC materials), STAM continues its efforts to raise awareness on the importance and performance of actively traded certified seeds varieties.

As the seed producers' body, we are still of the view that a lot need to be done to ensure farmers across the country are reached with information about the importance of planting certified seed to ensure increased uptake which is currently lagging at about 30 percent.

In this edition we highlight the seed production process to appreciate what it take to achieve high quality seed. We have also highlighted cotton production, particularly probing the problems that farmers are facing.

Compliments for the new 2024 season...enjoy the reading!

Chibondi Datitso Ng'ombe

STAM Chairperson



Cotton industry for improved farmers' livelihoods- COFA

*The economy of Malawi largely depends on agriculture with cotton which is grown in Shire Valley and lakeshore areas among the cash crops and a source of forex. Cotton farming also provides income and employment to farmers and the Malawi populace. In this interview with The Messenger Media journalist, **Joseph Mizimbe** - Cotton Farmers Association (COFA) Programme Officer, Blessings Kasolekani brings to light some of the pressing issues affecting cotton farmers and how the association is addressing them.*



Kasolekani: COFA's Programme Officer

Q: Brief background of Cotton Farmers Association of Malawi

A: The Cotton Farmers Association (COFA) is a farmer organization registered under the Trustees Incorporation Act under the statutes of Malawi. It was established in 2009

It is an umbrella body of all cotton growers in Malawi and was formed with the aim of strengthening the capacity of its members and affiliates through improving their access to production services, lobbying for efficiencies in marketing, and representing them in all policy forums.

The association operates in more than 15 cotton growing district across Malawi with primary producer associations in all cotton growing districts of the country including medium and large cotton growers.

Q: Give us a candid assessment of the country's cotton industry as whole on a farmer's perspective?

A: Cotton farmers in Malawi take cotton industry as their main Source of income to improve their overall livelihoods and poverty reduction and Source of employment throughout the whole value chain from production in fields to textile companies. Cotton also brings forex to assist the country in its economic development.

Lastly cotton is a source of food security among farmers as recognized by Malawi Government in the key cotton growing areas of Malawi, particularly in the Shire Valley and along the lakeshore areas.

It is worth noting that in those areas, the rainfall pattern is not conducive for the production of the staple food crop such as maize. Hence by supporting cotton production, smallholder farmers are able to raise sufficient income to purchase maize, thereby becoming food secure.

It is with this narrative that farmers seek government support in cotton farming by including cotton seed on Affordable Input Program (AIP).

Q: What is your association doing to ensure cotton farmers access the seed which is certified and within walking distance?

A: The association safeguards the interest of the cotton farmers so that they get the quality seed and also making the seed available in hard-to-reach areas using local grassroots governance structures and networks which COFA has set up in all the cotton growing districts.

To achieve this COFA is working closely with Cotton Council of Malawi which is the regulator of cotton sector and cotton ginners who supply seed to farmers through loans and cash.



We make sure that farmers are properly sensitized, registered and linked to different ginners to get certified seed suitable to their ecological zones. We Support and promote the marketing of both hybrid and OPV seed varieties to give the farmers wide choice. One of our strategic goals of increasing cotton production and productivity can only be achieved if cotton farmers embrace and adopt the use of certified seed hence COFA is in forefront advocating the certified seed availability and adoption.

Q: Farmers have been lamenting about high cost of cotton seed, as an association what are you doing to address this problem?

A: Cotton Certified Seed is very expensive up to MK34,000 per kg, because it being imported from India and also there is sole supplier of cotton seed in Malawi, therefore COFA is advocating, supporting and participating in efforts aimed at starting the multiplication of hybrid seed within Malawi under project called Solidaridad to assist in reducing the price of seed and making it affordable to many farmers.

There is also another seed company which has completed its seed trails waiting release of its Hybrid seed varieties. The coming in of this company will help in inducing competition good for fair prices and farmers will have range of choices of seed varieties to choose from.

COFA is also supporting reintroduction of affordable OPV certified cotton seed this season which will

enable a lot of farmers participate in cotton farming and it can also be recycled for two growing seasons thereby reducing the burden of need of buying seed every year.

Q: How do you describe last year's cotton selling prices and what was the farmers' reaction?

A: Last season's seed cotton prices were not bad, the government farm gate price was MK580 per Kg as the season was opening in May this year and the Ginners (Buyers) raised the prices to Mk600 per Kg. It should be noted that this was an improvement from last year (2022) where government minimum price was MK400.00/kg but ginners finished buying at K500.00/kg

The two seasons' price increases have been very good and motivated many farmers even though they wished that the closing price would go up to Mk650 and above.

It should also be taken note that COFA and CCM inspect all the cotton markets to make sure that farmers are strictly selling at minimum prices and above and make sure that there are no vendors within the system. This safeguards the prices and ensure that farmers get what they deserve.

Q: For this growing season, any good news for farmers in terms of good markets and buying prices, as well as availability of inputs on loan?

A: Cotton Farmers Association is supporting and promoting contract farming system among cotton farmers hence farmers have readily available market for their seed cotton when they are growing. COFA is also making strides to make sure that cotton farmers get more returns with cotton farming and increase national tonnage production by lobbying and representing farmers in price negotiation for the farmers to get best seed cotton prices.

COFA is also participating in promoting cotton sector to attract more ginners to come into the sector. This season the number of ginners has increased from three to five giving farmers wider choice of buyers and enhancing competition.

COFA will also help farmers to access certified seed on loan and assist in protecting ginners investments by reinforcing loan recovery from farmers up to 100 percent. COFA is also engaging different microfinance institutions and banks to make farm input loans available for cotton farmers.

COFA has strived to go into partnership with ADMARC to capitalize on the availability of its ginning facilities across the country to allow cotton farmers to toll-gin their seed cotton and sell cotton lint and seed, COFA

believes involvement of farmers in value addition will enable them to earn export parity prices which will increase their incomes and improve their livelihood and contribute to economic development.

Q: Malawi's textile industry is on the decline. And when you ask them they blame shortage of cotton supplies as among major factors that are threatening the sector, as an association what is your response to the situation and can suggest remedies?

A: The critical challenge affecting the cotton sector in the recent years is low seed cotton production. Declining cotton production from as much as 100,000 MT in 2012 to as low as 10,000 MT in 2022/2023 season. As a result of low cotton production, gineries currently with a total ginning capacity of 450,000 MT have been operating at a capacity lower than 20 percent and many ginners shutting down, making it hard for textile industry to run. Opportunities are still there in cotton sector and COFA and other stakeholders, such as Cotton Council of Malawi as regulator are striving to improve the situation.

COFA as farmers' umbrella body has plans to mobilize and organize many farmers into clubs, associations and cooperatives and build their capacities to access and grow high yielding hybrid cotton varieties to improve production and productivity

With increased government support in the sector, increased cotton volumes can easily be achieved. For example, in the 2011/12 growing season, government provided Input Fund worth MK 1.6 billion (\$10 million USD at 2011 prices) to support cotton production and 100, 000 MT of seed cotton was produced in the following year. In this regard cotton farmers are lobbying government to consider providing similar support to boost the cotton sector.

Increased cotton volumes will lead to increased availability cotton by products that will feed into textile industry for it to strive again.

Q: Anything you would like to add?

A: COFA is participating and promoting production of cotton in non-cotton producing areas and districts such as Mchinji, Kasungu, Mzimba and Rumphu.

Cotton demonstration plots were mounted in previous seasons which has shown that cotton can be produced in these areas and from this season we are registering and organizing farmers in these districts which are ready to grow the crop and we will make sure that they are fully supported with production inputs, extension and marketing services.

Certified seed helps in farmers – Seed Co

Seed Co Malawi, a Pan African Seed Company, believes that seed certification, a legally sanctioned system for quality control of seed multiplication and production, has significantly had a lasting positive impact on Malawi agricultural sector, as farmers are constantly accessing high quality improved seed and propagating materials that has led to improved crop yields.

By Joseph Mizimbe



The company which boasts of 83 years of experience in the production and distribution of certified high yielding seed varieties bred in Africa for African climatic and geographic conditions, has given this testimony as they begin another cycle of providing improved seed to farmer in the wake of the pending farming season.

Speaking in an interview with The Messenger Media, the official publishers of The Seed Magazine, Seed Co's Sales and Marketing Manager, Denis Mdzalimbo explains that increased production of crops depends not only on production of improved high yielding varieties but also on the efficacy of the systems that ensure that high quality seed are made available to farmers in time.

"It is also important that farmers access the right seed at the right time and at affordable prices. In our case, we strategically distribute our most preferred seed varieties, bearing in mind the farming calendar, at a very competitive price," he claims.

Mdzalimbo says Seed Co seed varieties always stay true to the entity's identity that is associated with high in purity, high germination capacity and resistant to pests and diseases.

"The radical belief at Seed Co is that seed quality is most important in crop production, because there is a tried and tested fact which cunningly and repeatedly prove that only a high quality seed is essential for high crop yields," he says.



Mdzalimbo: Sales & Marketing Manager

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To maintain their renowned admirable seed quality, Mdzalimbo explains that Seed Co's seed production is subjected to uncompromised rigorous seed certification and quality control process which begins

Increase crop yield for

with the registration of seed growers, constant inspection of seed fields, seed sampling, laboratory seed testing, as well as pre- and post-seed plots control.

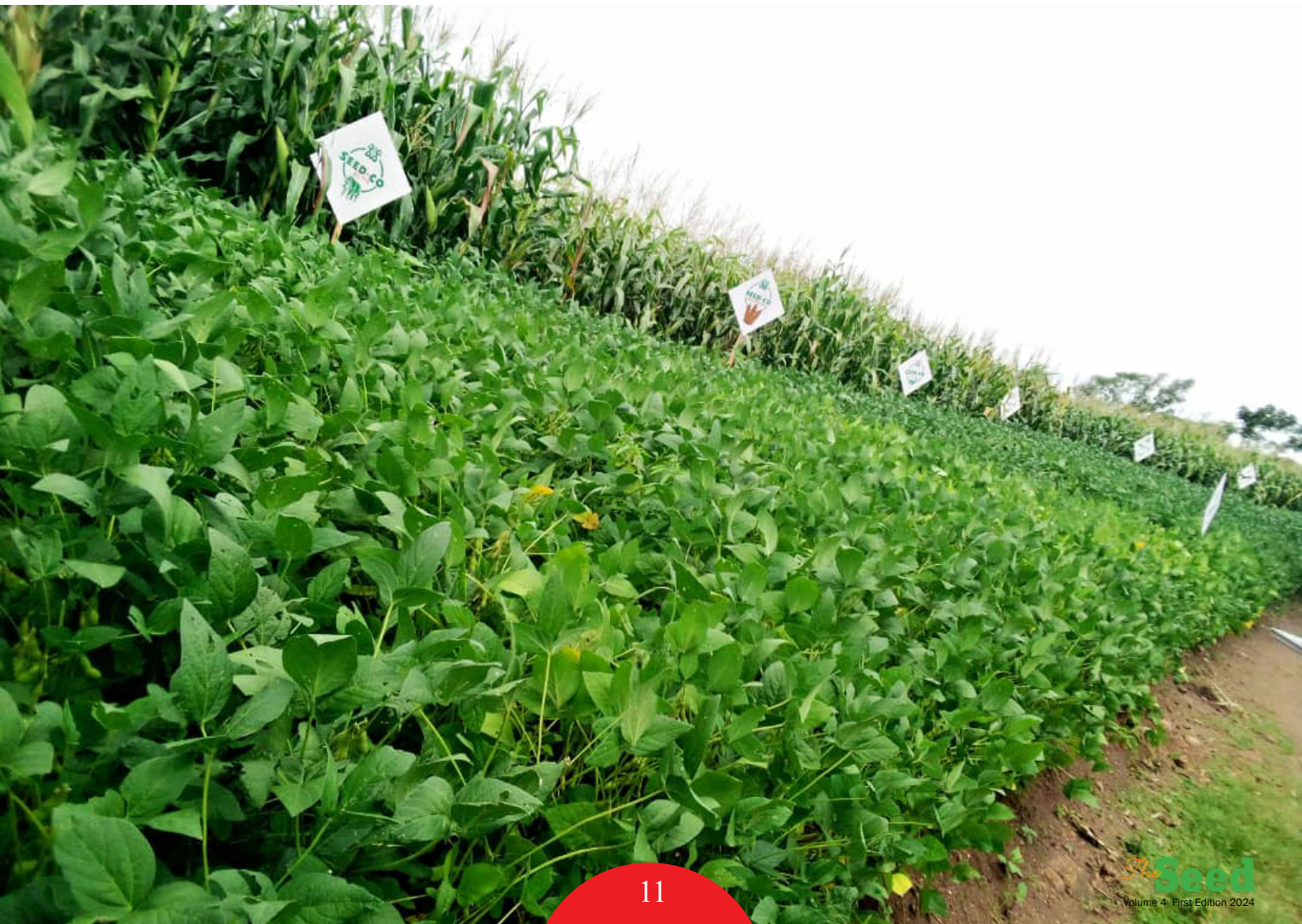
“The uniqueness of our seed lies in a fact that they are adaptable to most ecologies they grow well and requires less efforts starting from planting, pest and disease control to storage. Our seeds are bio-fortified, pest and disease tolerant and affordable. The other most important thing with our seeds is that they are available to farmers because we widely distribute our seed products across the country, including in hard to reach areas. This has made Seed Co a household name in Malawi when it comes to seed,” he says.

Seed Co products include certified hybrid maize varieties such as Kalulu (SC301 and 303), Kanyani (SC419 and 423), Mbidzi (SC529 and 555), Mkango

(649 and 653) and Njobvu (SC719 and 729). The entity also produces and distributes legume seed for soya beans, groundnuts and sugar beans, let alone vegetables and rice seeds.

According to Mdzalimbo, all Seed Co seeds are subject to genetic purity, maximum standard for moisture content is 12.5 percent and germination speed’s minimum is 90 percent. The size of the cob is excellent and maturity period is between 80 and 158 days depending on seed varieties,” he alludes.

Meanwhile, the company assures that it was geared for the 2023/24 growing season disclosing that they have already distributed their seeds almost everywhere countrywide, as well as conducted training to seed distributors and agro-dealers on seed management as well as conducted meetings with farmers, sensitizing them on good farming practices.



MUSECO:

High quality certified seeds

By Joseph Mizimbe



Improved agricultural productivity and well-functioning structured markets can help transform the country's economy, uplifting farmers' livelihoods, address food insecurity and stimulate demand in other sectors. To achieve all this, farmers need to access quality farm inputs, starting with seeds.

Multi-Seeds Company (MUSECO) Limited is one of the local companies involved in production of high quality certified seeds that farmers can rely on to achieve high yield.

Established in 2014, MUSECO produces, distributes and markets high quality basic and certified seed varieties that include: maize, soya beans, groundnuts (shelled and unshelled), vegetables, beans, pigeon peas, cow peas, sesame, sunflower, chick peas, rice, sorghum and millet.

Not only seeds, the company also produces and distributes certified roots and tubers (cassava cuttings and sweet potato vines).

MUSECO's Marketing Manager Julekha Issat discloses to The Messenger Media, official publishers of The Seed Magazine that recently, they have started producing unshelled groundnut seed for the market.

"This is a differentiated product currently being offered in Malawi by our company only and the product responds to the problem of poor groundnut seed germination the country has been facing," she explains.



Issat: We have a number of seed varieties

According to the Marketing Manager, all seeds that the company produces meet customers' and nation's needs - high yielding and disease tolerant.

For instance, Manthu (MH36) is high yielding maize seed with yielding potential of 10 metric tons per hectare, early to medium maturity (100-120 days), drought tolerant, flint grains that make it to have high poundability and storability. It is also suitable for low and mid-altitude areas, tolerant to grey leaf spot, rust and leaf blight.

MUSECO also produces Mtondo (MH35) which is as flint as local maize varieties. This variety is drought tolerant, suitable in low laying areas as well as medium altitude areas, poundable and tastes sweet when green. This maize variety has a closed tip as a result it doesn't easily get weeviled.

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Manthu (MH36)

Another of MUSECO’s maize seeds is Thanzi (MH44A) - orange in colour due to the availability of an element called Beta Carotene, making it rich in Vitamin A. The early maturing 90-100 days, drought tolerant variety has the potential of producing seven metric tons from one hectare. Thanzi is suitable for feed production, gruel preparation (thobwa) and servicing malnutrition problems.

MUSECO also produces pigeon peas seed namely: Mwayiwathu Alimi, Chitedze Pigeon pea 1 and Chitedze Pigeon pea 2, which are medium altitude varieties suitable for dhal making. Additionally, the company has two types of Cowpeas seeds - IT82E-16 and Sudan 1 which are drought tolerant and best remedy to maize Witch weed, they are also nutritious.

In 2021, MUSECO released four Sesame varieties - Kanjiwa, Yankho, Mfulu and Tonde which are all high yielding, disease and drought tolerant, highly nutritious and suitable for the international market. The company’s Sunflower varieties are Chitute, Msamilo and Chiunda .These varieties are high yielding and have a high oil content.

Issat says the company is quite set for the 2023/24

Thanzi (MH44A)

growing season, with all of their seeds already available on the market.

“Those who want to access our seeds can visit our sales office in Lilongwe along likuni road opposite bwemba police and countryside in various agrodealer shops such as Lingamasa General Dealers, SS Agrodealers, Zakudimba, Novahiwa, AB Mwale, Chikwendeni, Saju among others,” she says.

MUSECO is also in partnership with Sygenta in distributing various vegetable seeds such as Tomato, Cabbage and Kale.

The company works with both commercial farmers (medium, large sale) and smallholder farmers (Community Seed Multiplier Groups) in the production of its seed, in order to empower local farmers through provision of a stable markets and technical support.

“We provide them with agronomic information that help them produce seeds according to set standards and quality. We also offer training to farmers on production, harvesting and post-harvesting management,” the MUSECO Marketing Manager asserts.

Pindulani seeds, the right choice for farmers



By Mishek Silat Phiri



A call from Pindulani Seed Company to farmers this 2023/24 farming season is that they should go for the company's high quality hybrid seeds in order to achieve bumper yield.

Speaking to The Messenger Media, official publisher of The Seed magazine the Company's Production Manager, Patrick Samson, says choices farmers make on the type of hybrid seeds to plant determine the yield potential during harvest.

"Pindulani seeds varieties are the best hybrids one can get in the country whose attributes include drought tolerant, climatic condition resilient, soil type and typography compatible," boasts Samson.

The company produces and distributes hybrid maize, Soy beans and groundnuts seeds that are of high quality.

Samson says the company has maize varieties such as ZM623, ZM309 and ZM325 and the product is available across the country at the nearest agro-dealer shop and in Mangochi at their main depot.

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He assured farmers to anticipate increased harvest if they grow the Pindulani hybrids like MZ623, which possess early maturing, disease and drought tolerant attributes.

"We also have Soy bean and groundnuts seed readily available at the market and farmers, as well as agro-dealers can easily access them at an affordable price," he says.

Pindulani Production Manager then encourage farmers to grow soy beans because the demand for the commodity is just high on both local and international markets.

"Soy bean is less costly to grow as it requires no fertilizer or less inoculant compared to other crops and the commodity is sold without a farce with good retain unlike the other grains," he claims.

Samson also says there are many benefits farmers can get at the end of their farming season when the engage in groundnuts production.

He says Pindulani's SG7 and SG9 groundnuts varieties are of high quality and yields more, giving advantage to farmers to benefit through selling on the readily available markets.

Pindulani says the company highly value its farmers and they constantly engage them through face to face meeting, social media chats, leaflets messages, through which they advise farmers to follow good farming practices.

The company has demonstration plots where farmers see all stages of production, assisting them

to remain informed and make informed decision.

To further reach-out to many farmers, the company also participates in different trade fairs as well as other agricultural activities.

Pindulani Seed Company is currently operating in Mangochi but has outlets of its products through agrodealers in north, central and south of the country.

The company plans to open a main shop for its products in Lilongwe which will act as distribution point to farmers in elsewhere.



PINDULANI SEED INVESTMENTS

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High yielding 'Dekalb' tolerant to drought and adaptive to climate change

By Joseph Mizimbe



Bayer Malawi has urged farmers across the country to opt for Dekalb hybrids seed, which includes varieties like DKC90-89, DK777, DKC80-23, if they are to smile at the end of the season because these varieties are drought tolerant, adaptive to climate change, and more importantly, high yielding.

Bayer Malawi Country Head, Chikondi Ng'ombe says it's all about farmers making a good choice when it comes to picking maize seed they want to plant, which will give them desirable results during harvest.

Ng'ombe further urges farmers too consider the rainfall forecast predicted by the Meteorological Department as it provides vital information on what seed varieties to grow.



Ng'ombe: We want farmers to always emerge winners

She says Dekalb seed varieties are bred to be adaptive to different environmental conditions and soil types, climate or regions and farmers need to know about the weather pattern so that they make informed decision in terms of the type of seed they want to plant.

“We at Bayer, want farmers to always emerge winners. So we encourage them to gather all important information about whatever might affect their crops and make decisions that will bring them desired result in terms crop harvest. All we urge farmers is that they should follow good agricultural practices if they want to achieve optimum yields, assuming all factors are constant,” says Ng’ombe when she granted an exclusive interview to *The Messenger Media* (TMM), official publishers of *The Seed Magazine*.

“ *We at Bayer, want farmers to always emerge winners. So we encourage them to gather all important information about whatever might affect their crops and make decisions that will bring them desired result in terms crop harvest. All we urge farmers is that they should follow good agricultural practices if they want to achieve optimum yields, assuming all factors are constant*

Ng’ombe says her company is well prepared for the season and all agro-dealers who distribute Bayer products have received stocks in time to serve farmers and farmers have been provided with awareness messages through radio stations and agricultural events about Dekalb hybrid seeds, so that come harvest, every farmer who made a right choice should be all smiles.

Bayer’s Country Head says as an all-rounder agricultural solution provider that cares much for farmers, the company took it upon itself to respond to the weather department’s weather pattern prediction for this growing season by preparing its seed products earlier, placing it in all strategic outlets across the country, so that farmers have no difficulties accessing it.

“As we are talking, our Dekalb seed varieties are in all the regions through our authorized Agro-dealers, and we have also stock them in all chain stores such as Chipiku, SANA, Rab Processors (Kulima Gold), Farmers Organisation Limited, Farmers World and Agora,” she articulates.

Bayer seeds are treated with gaucho, a treatment



that produces high quality and yield seed, with a germination rate of above 99 percent.

With 10kgs of the minimum yielding variety of Dekalb seed variety, a farmer can harvest at least 70 bags of 50kgs per acre.

The company has early maturing varieties that are adaptive to the low altitude areas and medium maturing varieties that are meant for medium altitude areas.

Ng’ombe asserts that Dekalb hybrid maize seed, generally, has higher yield potential compared to other hybrids on the market, and this attribute is shared by both early segment and medium segments varieties.

“The varieties also produce suitable grain for both household and industrial use, and is often preferred by food processors and end consumers, especially our medium segment varieties that are poundable. Most smallholder farmers also prefer such varieties, because they are assured of high yield, an attribute that will enables them feed their families as well as make profit after selling,” says Ng’ombe.

Beside seed, Bayer Malawi, a renowned manufactures of a range of agro-chemicals also provides to farmers herbicides, pesticides, fungicides and others chemicals that protect crops from weeds, pests and diseases, effectively helping farmers minimise crop production risks and maximise yields.

The company has crop protection products namely: Roundup, Harness, Auxo, Belt, Decis-forte, Liberator, Tihan, Folicur among others, that can be used to protect maize, tobacco, cotton, legumes, vegetables, plants, among many other crops.

Quality Furaha seeds assist famers to attain food security

By Mishek Silat Phiri



Furaha Seed Plus says is committed to providing quality, trusted and right seeds to farmers as a way of helping the country attain food security status and achieve sustainable economic growth.

Established in 2012, the company that is currently operating from Salima says they are specialized producers and suppliers of Open Pollinated Varieties (OPV) for both cereal and legumes.

Founder and Managing Director Lucy Kanyowile claims that as the fast growing local seed producer, Furaha has agro-dealers all over central region in districts like Nkhotakota, Dowa and Lilongwe that are distributing as well as selling their seed products.

Furaha products include certified maize, soya beans and groundnuts seed varieties that have a largely proven record of high yield, disease tolerance, climate resilience and grain durability.

“ *But to achieve bumper yield, a farmer needs to put in an effort of taking care of the crops and follow all necessary steps involved in the growing of maize, like application of required fertilizer or manure on the soil that is suitable for the variety*

The Managing Director says the company produces ZM623 maize variety that matures between 90 to 100 days and yields 150 bags per hectare.

"But to achieve bumper yield, a farmer needs to put in an effort of taking care of the crops and follow all necessary steps involved in the growing of maize, like application of required fertilizer or manure on the soil that is suitable for the variety," she indicates.

Kanyowile says the company has legumes seed such as CG9 variety of groundnuts as well as Tikolore and Makwacha varieties of soya beans that are certified and can be easily accessed on the market.

"All of these legume varieties mature early and resist

diseases such as Rosette among others. They also do well in all parts of Malawi," she says.

Kanyowile touts OPV against hybrids, urging farmers to go for open pollinated varieties because they produce hard poundable (chokonoka) grains suitable for maize flour and they can be re-used as seed for two to three consecutive years.



To ensure that farmers achieve what they yearn after planting Furaha seeds, Kanyowile explains that the company offers free extension services to farmers advising them on how they can take care of their crops to achieve more harvest.

She also says, they always peg their seed products at affordable prices to ensure that all farmers can manage to access and buy without hiccups.

Furaha Seed Plus operates from Salima District with its main office situated opposite Lakeshore Bakery.



OPV MAIZE SEED ZM 623

- Grows in all three regions
- High yielding
- Medium maturing

GROUNDNUTS CG 9

- Grows in all three regions
- High yielding

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MANTHU (MH 36)

- Its poundable
- Yields 10/ha
- Drought tolerant
- Tolerant to grey leaf spot , rust & leaf blight



MTONDO (MH 35)

- Drought tolerant
- Yields 10/ha
- It is poundable
- It is flint
- Tolerant to grey leaf spot, rust & leaf blight



THANZI (MH 44A)

- Rich in vitamin A
- Yield up to 10tons/ha
- Very sweet fresh maize
- Early maturing takes 60-90 days to mature
- Resistant to drought
- Its poundable
- Resistant to grey leaf spot, rust & lead blight



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