

# ADDRESSING CROP PROTECTION NEEDS OF OUR FUTURE FARMERS.

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## INTRODUCTION.

In the whole world life without farmers will come to a stand still. But in many instances Farmers and farm workers do not get the recognition and respect they deserve.

# CLASSES OF FARMERS.

1.Subsistence Farmers.

2.Semi-subsistence Farmers.

3.Commercial Farmers.

## LOCALITY.

1. Subsistence Farmers are dominantly operating in the former homelands(rural areas). These group operate on average 1ha and less. Mainly for household consumption.
2. Semi-subsistence Farmers are found in the semi-urban areas. These farmers are not very far from Urban areas. The group operates on more than 1ha for household usage and selling.
3. Commercial Farmers are operating on large areas. This group is well organised and is real bussiness.

- AIMS OF FARMING.
- The main AIM of farming is to produce commodities that can be used as raw, for processing or both at the same time, eg. oranges, juice, jam etc.
- The produce must be of high quality and high yield.
- For commercial producers the main aim to maximize profit and this comes at a cost. (cost of inputs).

- CHALLENGES FACED BY FARMERS.
- They differ from one group or class to another.
- Lack of support.(government, agents, and other input suppliers).
- Lack of information.
- Lack of training. No follow up training or monitoring.

FAILURES.

Political caused by Land Claims.

Group farming caused by corporatives.

Mentors are not hands on and in many cases they inflate purchase prices. There is no transparency.

Friction between the Municipality, DAFF and Social Welfare.  
No consultation.

Level of education and language.

- CONCLUSION.
- WHAT THE FARMER NEEDS IS EDUCATION AND TRAINING.
  
- EATEN TODAY THANK THE FARMER.
- DRANK TODAY THANK THE FARMER.
- WEARING CLOTHES TODAY THANK THE FARMER.
- IN GOOD HEALTH TODAY THANK THE FARMER.
  
- THANK YOU.