

Harare Agricultural Show 24-29 August 2015 Report

The show was a great mile in marketing the use of two wheel tractors to the peasant and small scale farmers who are in a position of not being able to afford the large tractors and at the same time cannot achieve the maximum production and utility of their land using animal power.

The small tractor drew a lot of attention as it is a relatively new technology to a lot of people, more so coupled with conservation agriculture, it proved to be the way to go in line with the change in climate, as well as a way of saving on operational costs. Also its versatility in use proved it to be a great asset to have on the farm as it can be used for different operations ranging from planting to transport, pumping water, harvesting, chemical application, threshing amongst other things. It becomes a means for generating income as well.

An average of 100 people per day, ranging from school children, farmers, agro dealers were enthusiastic to know about the technology.

There is need to make the planters available on the local market as this was a major setback observed .local manufacturers need to be informed that the market is ready and prepared to procure the planters .

Questions asked by farmers

What are the advantages of CA?

How practical is CA?

Where do we get the two wheel tractor and the planters?

What are the prices of the equipment?

Is there back up service for the equipment?

Durability of the equipment?

Ease of use of the equipment?

Names of participants who showed interest and left numbers to be followed up

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