

## **MUVAMI FIELD DAY (DEMONSTRATION) 27/08/2015**

<b>HOST FARMER</b>	CARKSON MUTERO
<b>PRESENT</b>	MECHANISATION (Province/ District)
	FACASI
	AGRITEX
	DA
	EMMA
	SYNGENTA
	FACASI SERVICE PROVIDERS
	ZFU
	FARMERS
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	450

The Makonde District Mechanisation Department organised a field day where an array of technologies was on show.

The showcased technology came in two distinct categories which are:

Post Harvest Technology

Farm Power

After all speeches were delivered and all protocols observed people were shown technologies under the Post Harvest Technology branch, these included the **3.2** tonne, improved granary and the tin silos. Farmers were given explanations and advantages of these technologies, well enunciated with the technical staff entertaining and responding to all raised questions.

The next section to be showcased was technologies under the Farm Power section. The technology on show was FACASI machinery that is leaned towards Conservation Agriculture with the small holder farmers in mind.

The two wheeled tractor was shown to farmers and all operations of the said technology was given. Farmers were also told of the multiple uses that can be used by this technology and its various attachments. The attachments that were explained include, among others the double row planter, the boom sprayer and the trailer. Farmers were also taught on the need to adopt the technologies with special emphasis on the benefits that farmers stand to

gain by using the FACASI machinery. Cost benefit analysis of conservation agriculture vis a vis conventional farming were also articulated to the farmers.

A portable sheller was also put on show and a demonstration of its operation carried out to the awe of those watching.

Farmers were given opportunity to ask all questions pertaining the technologies they were shown and lectured upon.

### **Overview**

The response of the people towards adoption of these technologies was overwhelming; however some farmers raised concerns over pricing of double row planter and durability of the said technologies. Their concerns and fears were allayed as they were told that local manufacturers were given patent to locally produce these technologies hence a reduction in price is expected in the long run.

### **Pictures**



**Picture 1: Farmers paying attention to explanations of the various technologies being showcased at the field day**



**Picture 2: The multitude that attended the field day**