

Cereal Farming Systems in Kenya

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KENYA

History

- Brief history of Kenya over the last 100 years

Geographic

- Brief description of Kenya's Geography

Population

- Current population

Political

- Politics since Independence

GENERAL FARMING

- Brief overview of current Kenyan farming systems

MADRUGADA LTD. AND OL DONYO LTD

- Short look at Jonti's farm, Madrugada Ltd; and Bryn's farm, Ol Donyo Ltd.

FARMING RESTRAINTS

Marketing

- Marketing problems

Security

- Security issues

Labour

- Increased mechanization due to Labour demands

Dumping

- Problems associated with the dumping of 'Aid' wheat/flour

Politics

- Overhanging threat of current policies

Banks

- High Bank rates

Research

- No research assistance

State Monopolies

- Demands arising from crops with only a single market

Weather Forecasts

- Lack of any reliable forecasting

Fertilisers

- Poor quality of products

Land Prices

- High purchase and rental prices

FARMING ADVANTAGES

Local Demand

- Import 60% of our wheat

Labour

- Quality, quantity and wage levels of employees

FARMING CHALLENGES

- How to get into Zero till linked in with Controlled Traffic Farming