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## Farm Operations Updates.



Seed maize planting operation is close to an end. With the use of precision planters, successful results can be seen and they are very encouraging. The uniformity of crop emergence can now be seen. This will contribute positively by increasing the efficiency of upcoming critical operations like detasseling.



As we wait for the detasseling operation to resume, we have people in the field continuing with removal of off-types, volunteer maize, weeds as well as crop inspection. This operation is done to ensure that the fields are cleared of any unwanted plants. This allows for a more productive field and a better yield. Crop inspection is done to ensure that the plants are healthy and that any potential diseases are caught early.



The same is happening to our other crops. Since this is our first time producing potato seeds, we are trying to learn as much as possible from the process. Our supervisors monitor the growth and health of the potatoes very closely. We are trying to optimize our yields and get the best out of our crop.



We also have a good number of people working in our potato fields. From working daily in the potato fields, the community is also getting a good knowledge of growing potatoes. For many years Ilula has been known for producing tomatoes, sunflowers, garlic and maize, but the community is now seeing the opportunity in potato farming



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