

MEMO

TO: SASOL BOARD 18/6/93

FROM: SASOL KITUI - S.M. MUTISO

RE: SIM-SIM PRODUCE BUYING

Figures of sim-sim produced in Kitui after threshing has been completed in all the locations giving a total yield of 10 tons. A very large proportion of the crop has been lost due to late harvesting and faulty post harvest procedures. Also part of the produce has been consumed.

To buy the crop from the growers a sum of Ksh. 80,000 is required with an additional Ksh. 10,000 to 20,000 incidental cost. This requires a total cash outlay of Ksh. 100,000.

It would be highly damaging to the farming community to fail to buy out the crop from the growers, both to SASOL programmes and to adaption of sim-sim as a viable crop in Kitui. There are advantages however in putting back this produce as part as food supplement in Kitui as there is already a food deficit.

Advantages to SASOL would be:

1. Sustainability of the introduced crop through consumption;
2. Credibility by keeping the promise to buy;
3. Concern of people through enhancing their food supply.

In the case of increased production SASOL maybe in future be in a position to buyout additional crop, arrange for buyers or institute local processing.

However, the current small amount of produce could be distributed through local schools for consumption. To minimise costs, all sim-sim produced in one location should be distributed in the same location.