#### **Expectations for 2025**





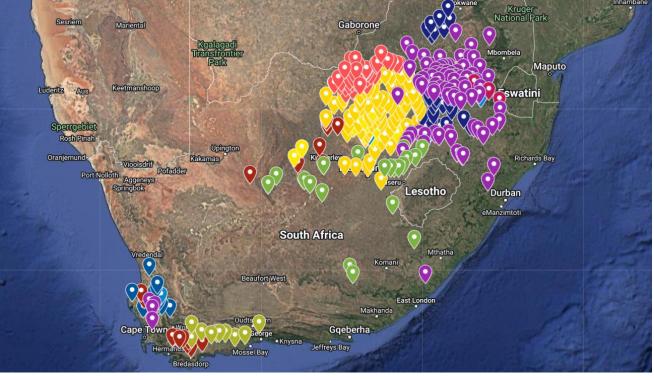
2024/12/06 Agbiz Grain Members

# AGBIZ GRAIN: WHO WE ARE https://agbizgrain.co.za/

Major role player in ensuring the safe storage of staple foods and supporting an efficient free market

Collectively owns 98% of JSE sites Store 70% of all grain produced





### JSE AMD: TRADERS SHOULD TAKE NOTE OF BOOKING SLOTS IN 2025

- JSE: Physical deliveries amid tight stock levels
- The JSE, as a licensed exchange, is obligated to ensure a fair, efficient, and transparent market in futures contracts listed and traded on its commodity derivatives market. An integral aspect of maintaining this market's integrity in physically settled commodity futures contracts is market participants' compliance with their delivery and other obligations as recorded in the JSE Rules and Contract Specifications.
- The 2023/24 summer grains and oilseeds crop has had a difficult season due to dry weather, resulting in a lower harvest than the previous season. In these circumstances, and as a result of the transition from one season to the next with lower stock levels compared to the previous year, there may be concerns regarding the availability of commodities in certain regions.
- Market participants are urged to manage their outloading booking slots promptly and are reminded
  of the 25% booking slots designated for JSE receipts on the main hedging months. The booking
  slots capability was developed by the JSE and Agbiz Grain members.
- Furthermore, clients are urged to utilise the JSE Stock of Grain Report to identify where the majority of JSE stock levels per silo are stored and to consult the Silo Unavailability Report.
- For more information on the booking slots and its importance contact Vuyo Mpumza at the JSE vuyom@jse.co.za

# AGBIZ GRAIN FAST TRACK THE DEVELOPMENT OF GRAIN SILO DEPOT MANAGERS IN 2025

- Getting a grain silo manager professionally ready through exposure or work experience takes between eight and twelve years and as a result this profession has been listed by AgriSeta as a critical and rare skill. Agbiz Grain took the initiative and developed a qualification for the training of grain silo managers. The Professional Certificate: Grain Depot Manager was accredited by the QCTO in 2023.
- Agbiz Grain members in the grain silo industry in South Africa now, in collaboration with Peritum College, offer matriculants and young people under the age of 25 the chance for a career in grain storage!
- The Vocational Certificate: Grain Storage Manager, is a practice-oriented study that is completed over a two-year period and prepares the student for a career in grain storage management. In 2025, a guaranteed internship will be offered to 70 young South Africans who enroll in this field of study at the Peritum Agri Institute.
- For more info contact Odette Shepperson, marketing manager at Peritum Agri marketing@peritumagri.com

# FUMIGATION AND GRADING SKILLS PROGRAMMES TO BE FINALISED IN 2025

- The curriculum of the Fumigation Skills Program is finalised and will be shared in January 2025 to be submitted in January to the QCTO.
- As soon as the QCTO process is finalised the QCTO accredited skills programs can be presented by accredited Fumigation Skills Training Service Providers.
- Agbiz Grain alreay initiated a Skills Programme: Sampling and Grading that will be finalised in 2025 for eight different grain and oilseed commodities.
- This was a urgent intervention after the legacy unit standards lapsed by the end of June 2024
- The development of the Sampling and Grading Skills Programme for 2024/25 will include maize, wheat, soya beans, and sunflower seeds and for 2025/26, canola, malting barley, sorghum, and groundnuts. A total of eight skills programmes will be developed. Students will earn credits for the Quality Council for Trade and Occupations (QCTO) accredited Grain Depot Manager and Grain Grader Qualification developed by Agbiz Grain.
- For more information contact Lizelle Jacobs at Mind Alive. The contact details can be accessed from annelien@agbizgrain.co.za

### AGBIZ GRAIN STARTS DEVELOPING A SHEQ AUDIT IN 2025

- As the grain storage industry is unique and has unique risk and mitigation applications for those risks, the need for audit criteria focussed solely on the grain storage sector has been raised. The idea is to develop an audit process that covers all the aspects that grain storage facilities should comply with. This document will be drafted by a drafting committee from the sector lead by Jaco Joubert (Overberg Agri) with the help of external parties who will be part of the audit process.
- At the Agbiz Grain SHEQ seminar on 7 November this year we have discussed the advantages and disadvantages of such an audit process, participation and how this will add value to the work SHEQ teams perform in the industry, what some of the basics are that we would like to see in such an audit document and audit process?
- For more information contact Jaco Joubert at Overberg Agri or Gerard Ramage at VKB. The contact details can be accessed from annelien@agbizgrain.co.za

#### Thank you!

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