

# Kenya

## Maize Profile



<http://www.worldbank.org/en/country/kenya>  
(Kang'ethe, 2011)  
(UNECA, 2015)

Total cultivable area

**27.4 M ha**

Total area under maize cultivation

**2.1 M ha**



Average smallholder farmer yield

**1.7 t/ha**

Total annual national maize production

**3.5M tons**  
Dry maize

**0.23M tons**  
Green maize in 2014



(FAO, 2016)  
(MOALF, 2015)  
(Schroeder et al, 2013); (USAID- KAVES, 2015); (Ouma et al, 2014); (FAOSTAT, 2010)  
(MOALF, 2015)



**78%**

Maize area under improved varieties

**36.1%**

Female headed households in 2015

**3.5**  
MILLION

Total number of smallholder farmers



Households growing maize

**98%**

of smallholder farmers

(Kariuki, 2015)  
(World Bank 2009)  
(Kariuki, 2015); (UNDP, 2012); (USAID- KAVES, 2015); (FAO 2014)  
Kariuki, 2015 KNBS, 2007; Hoffmann et al, 2013



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Drought Tolerant Maize  
for Africa Seed Scaling

## DTMASS Project highlights

**6**

Number of seed production partners



**12**

DT varieties being scaled under DTMASS



**700**

Tons of DT maize produced under DTMASS in 2016 (certified seed)



**40**

Tons of DT early generation seed supported by DTMASS in 2016 (basic and breeder seed)



**38,356**

Number of farmers reached through DTMASS in 2016



**Key traits of maize varieties**



Tolerance to:

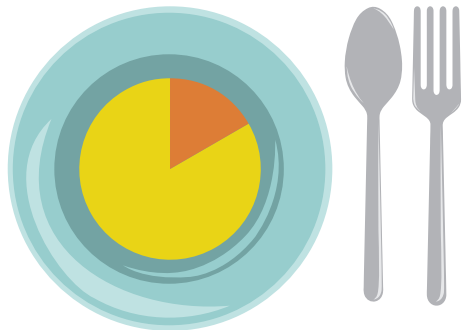
**Drought** (all varieties)  
**Maize Lethal Necrosis (MLN)** (select varieties)  
**Striga** (select varieties)

Resistance to:

**Rust** (select varieties)  
**Taro Leaf Blight (TLB)** (most varieties)  
**Gray Leaf Spot (GLS)** (most varieties)

## National maize consumption

**4.1 MILLION**  
tons



**36%** Contribution of maize in total national calorie intake as of 2004/5 national survey

(Kariuki, 2015) (FAO, 2014)  
(USAID- KAVES, 2015), (FAO, 2014)

## Smallholder farmer information

**88%**

mobile phone penetration



**39%**

of farmers have internet enabled phones

**13%**

of all farmers with phones use their phones to access the internet

## Top 5 maize varieties used by smallholders

**H6213**

**DK8031**

**H614**

**WH507**

**Duma43**

**Pioneer3253**



(CCK, 2013; Baumuller, 2016; Boyera, 2012; World Bank 2012)  
(Mercy Corps, 2015)  
(One Acre Fund, 2016)



Annual maize imports

**800,000**  
tons in 2014



Annual maize exports

**1,236** tons  
in 2014

(World Bank 2009) (Famine Early Warning System Network, 2015)  
(FAO, 2014)

## Annual precipitation



**630**  
mm

## Major cropping systems used



Intercropping,  
monocropping,  
crop rotation,  
mixed cropping,  
sequential cropping,  
terracing

(FAO, 2016)  
(Ogutu et al, 2012; Vanlauwea et al, 2014; One acre fund 2014)

## Top maize producers



Kenya Seed Company  
Pannar/Pioneer  
SeedCo or Agri-Seed  
Company Ltd.  
Monsanto  
Western Seed

(TASAI, 2015); (Funk and Wamache, 2012) (World Bank, 2016)

## About CIMMYT

**CIMMYT - The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center** - is the global leader in publicly-funded maize and wheat research and related farming systems. Headquartered near Mexico City, CIMMYT works with hundreds of partners throughout the developing world to sustainably increase the productivity of maize and wheat cropping systems, thus improving global food security and reducing poverty. CIMMYT is a member of the CGIAR System Organization and leads the CGIAR Research Programs on Maize and Wheat. The Center receives support from national governments, foundations, development banks and other public and private agencies.

**About DTMASS** - The Drought Tolerant Maize for Africa Seed Scaling (DTMASS) project develops and disseminates evidence-based content to external stakeholders, including seed companies and farmers, to inform production and purchase decisions regarding drought tolerant maize varieties. This involves, in part, assembling key seed sector data collected from years of research by CIMMYT and its partners, and various other trusted sources, in an accessible and easy-to-use format.

DTMASS works in six countries in eastern and southern Africa to produce and deploy affordable drought tolerant, stress resilient, and high-yielding maize varieties for smallholder farmers. To promote these improved varieties, DTMASS combines traditional print material and mobile-based applications to share agronomy and other agricultural information directly with farmers.

Led by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), and funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), DTMASS is implemented through strategic partnerships with national agricultural research systems, as well as public and private seed producers.



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