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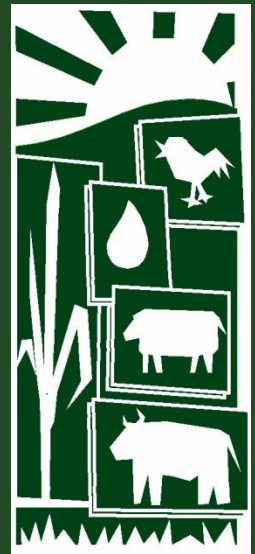
The Role of Provincial Unions

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About Kwanalu

- Established in 1890
- Amalgamated in 1997
- Single, autonomous, fully representative, gender sensitive
- A political
- Non-profit, voluntary membership



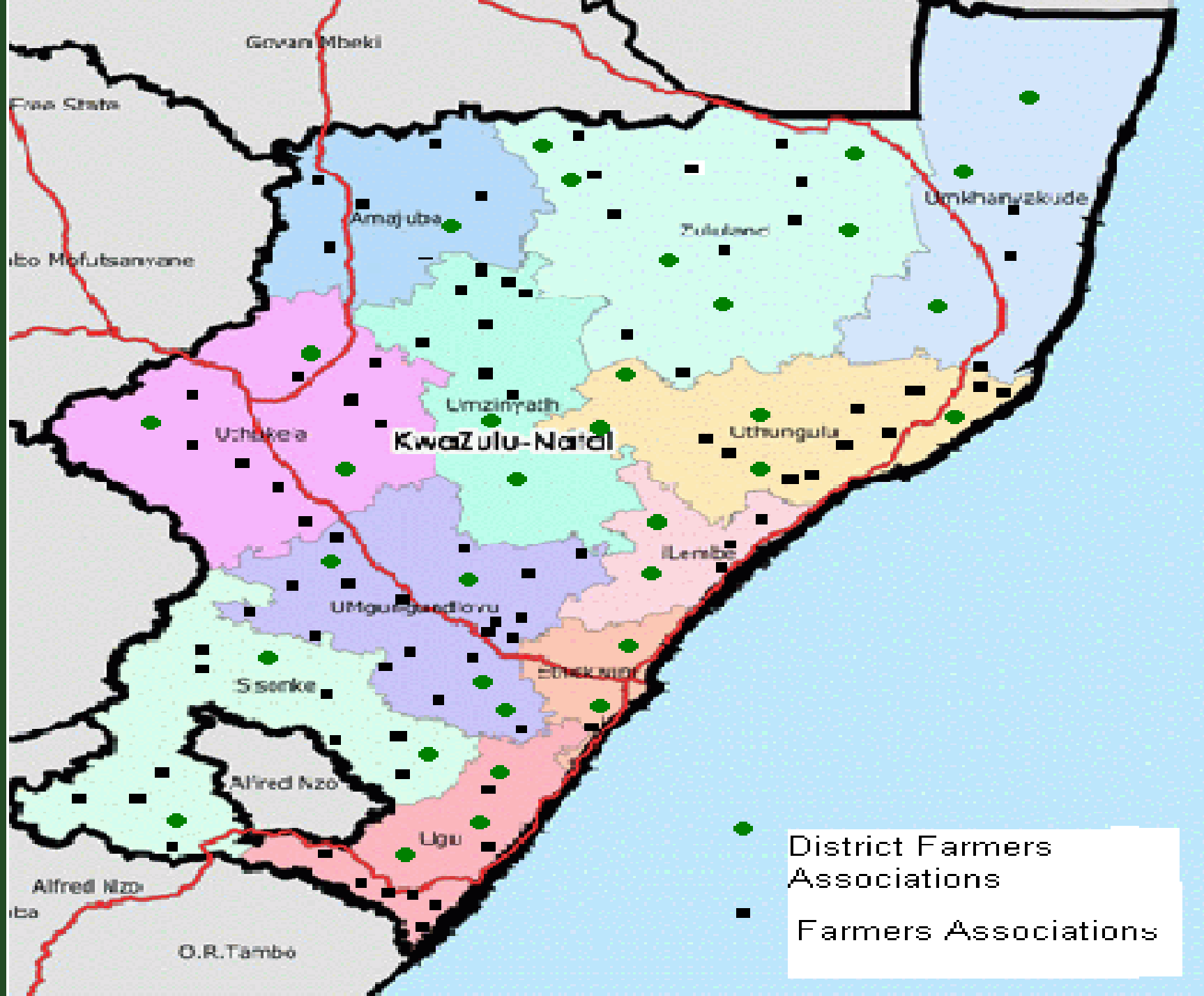
Kwanalu



1st black provincial president:
Kwanalu President
Walter Ntuli

Structure of Kwanalu

- Congress – policy
- Board of Governors – carry our instructions, direction and rules
 - Office Bearers – 3
 - MANCO – 3+4
- District Agricultural Council
 - representative structure to ensure inclusive Farmers Association participation within district council demarcated areas 2 per DC = 20
 - FA's exercise all their rights through DAC
- FA's
 - FA's affiliated (82+32)
 - Members of such FA's are affiliated to union
 - Represented within a DAC
- Other affiliated organisations & FWI – 11



Affiliates :

Commodities / Agri Business / Other

- BKB Limited
- Coastal Farmers Co-op
- Federation of Womens Institutes
- Forestry SA
- Graan SA
- KZN Pork Producers
- Kwazulu-Natal Poultry Institute
- KZN Redmeat Producers Organisation
- Milk Producers of Natal
- Mutual & Federal Agri
- Natal & EG Woolgrowers Association
- NCT Forestry Co-op Ltd
- Pineapple Growers Association
- The Royal Agricultural Society of Natal
- S A Cane Growers Association
- South African Cotton Producers' Org.
- S A Sugar Millers Association
- Umfolozi Co-op Sugar Planters
- Umzimkulu Planter's Co-op
- Union Co-op Limited
- University of KwaZulu-Natal

Identified priorities

- representation at grassroots, primary, provincial and national levels;
- to create structures to address the institutional disadvantage of the previously disadvantaged smaller farmer members in order to participate in the representative and policy forming structures in a meaningful way;
- to dismantle any racial prejudice at all levels of representation by promoting the full integration of existing representative structures such as farmers' associations, co-operatives etc;
- to promote agriculture as an important vehicle for rural development and social reform;
- to seek interim funding for the process of transition while at the same time striving to create an organisation which will in the medium to long term, become financially independent and to promote a culture of financial commitment by members to the new representative organisation.



Achievements

- Funding secured
 - Dept of Agric. R2.5million
 - USAID
 - DFID
 - EU
- Training and capacity building
 - Across all districts conducted
- Project identification
 - Various projects facilitated



- Institutional strength
 - Representation
 - Tangible benefits
 - Communication

Principals

- Support for the developing sector
- Support should not be limited to certain sectors at the expense of others
- Entrepreneurs should be supported
- Maintain the productivity of existing commercial land
- Allow farmers to inform policies and projects
- New innovative financing methods

Role of the provincial union today

- Institutional structure
- Collective bargaining power
- Social facilitation
- Mentorship and coaching
- Facilitating access to resources, stakeholders, government etc.
- Participation in legislative, strategic and policy environment



- General Affairs
- Issue Management
 - Disaster Management
 - Municipal Property Rates
 - Land issues
- Communication
 - SMS
 - Radio
 - post / fax
 - Web site



- Establishment of a Development Desk with DAFF, WARD, YARD, NAFUKZN
- Implementation Agent for the SPV – ADA (Agricultural Development Agency)



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Sector specific focus.**

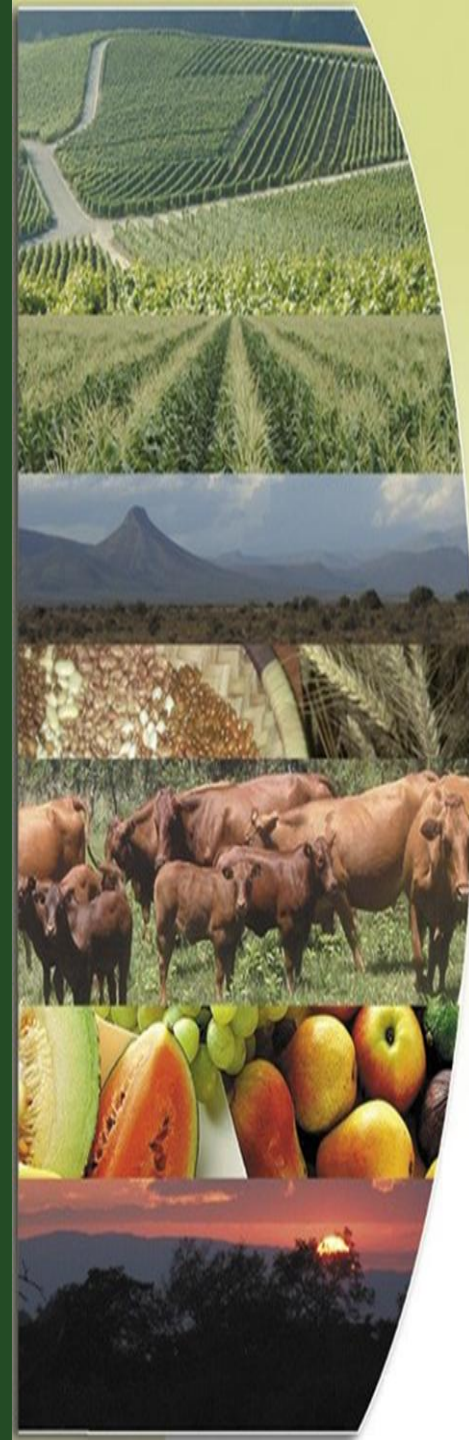
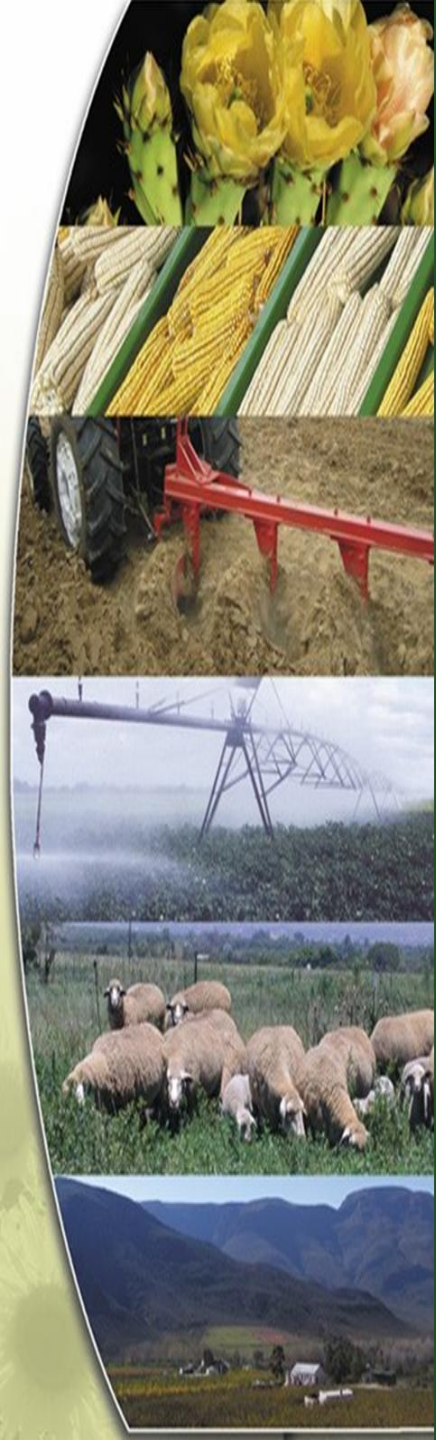
Survey

QUESTIONS	YES	NO
Do you listen to the agricultural program on Radio Ukhozi?	99%	1%
Do you believe your interests are being served by Kwanalu?	76%	24%
Do you get any information from your DFA?	77%	23%
Do you believe all farmers should belong to Kwanalu?	94%	6%

What should the role
of a provincial union
be?



The role of the Provincial Union is to provide a sector specific focus.



Strategic Plan for SA Agriculture Vision

*A united and prosperous
agricultural sector.*



Kwanalu fully representative board.