

# Grain storage and handling in South Africa

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# Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow

- 1907 - A clear need to establish an official mouthpiece for the grain farmer
- 1909 - Several agricultural cooperatives established in the Transvaal
- 1935 - Union Grain Cooperative Company Limited established
- 1938 - Marketing Act
- 1956 - Union Grain entirely out of business; acting only as a mouthpiece for the cooperatives
- 1996 - Deregulation, dissolution of marketing councils and changes to marketing legislation
- 1997 - Union Grain's organizational form as a central co-operative was reconsidered and Grain Silo Industry (Pty) Limited (GSI) was established

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- 2014 - Grain Silo Industry (Pty) Ltd (GSI) is established as a new fully-fledged and dedicated desk, named Agbiz Grain, of the Agricultural Business Chamber or AGBIZ
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  - Legislation and regulatory aspects
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- 2017 – Regional focus, participate in SAGNET

# Introducing Agbiz Grain

## Focused support to create a better business environment for industry

- Support and promote interests of members through representation & liaison with major role players in agriculture e.g. formal grain industry bodies, government, semi-government, other role players in the grain value chain & related service providers
- Actively engage in developments around grain handling & storage and in initiatives undertaken by regulatory bodies
- Disseminate relevant industry information & updates on legislative developments
- Active in matters of importance to the wider grain and oilseed value chain, the agricultural industry forums & their technical committees and government structures
- Develop accredited industry-specific training and education programmes for all employees in the grain storage and handling industry
- Host symposiums, seminars, workshops and informal networking opportunities

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## Focus areas

- Contribute in a direct and indirect manner to promote and enhance the interests of members
- Focus areas include infrastructure, agro-logistics, crop estimates, supply and demand estimates, grading regulations for whole grains and oilseeds, genetically modified organisms (GMO) legislation, developing training curriculums, facilitating industry training sessions and workshops, the latest legislation impacting on the grain storage and handling industry, reporting the latest grain industry statistics and international trends
- International liaison and opportunities

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## Membership requirements

### THE MEMBER MUST:

- utilise the grain silo(s) for the handling and storage of grains and oilseeds on a commercial basis
- have a minimum storage capacity of 15 000 tons (maize basis)
- have a minimum out loading capacity of 500 ton (maize basis) per 9 hour working day
- have trained personnel
- must endorse and apply Agbiz Grain's code of conduct.

### THE GRAIN SILO(S) MUST:

- comply with the food safety & food hygiene requirements of the Department of Agriculture
- use of accepted and calibrated grading and mass measuring equipment
- must be able to receive & dispatch under all reasonable weather conditions.



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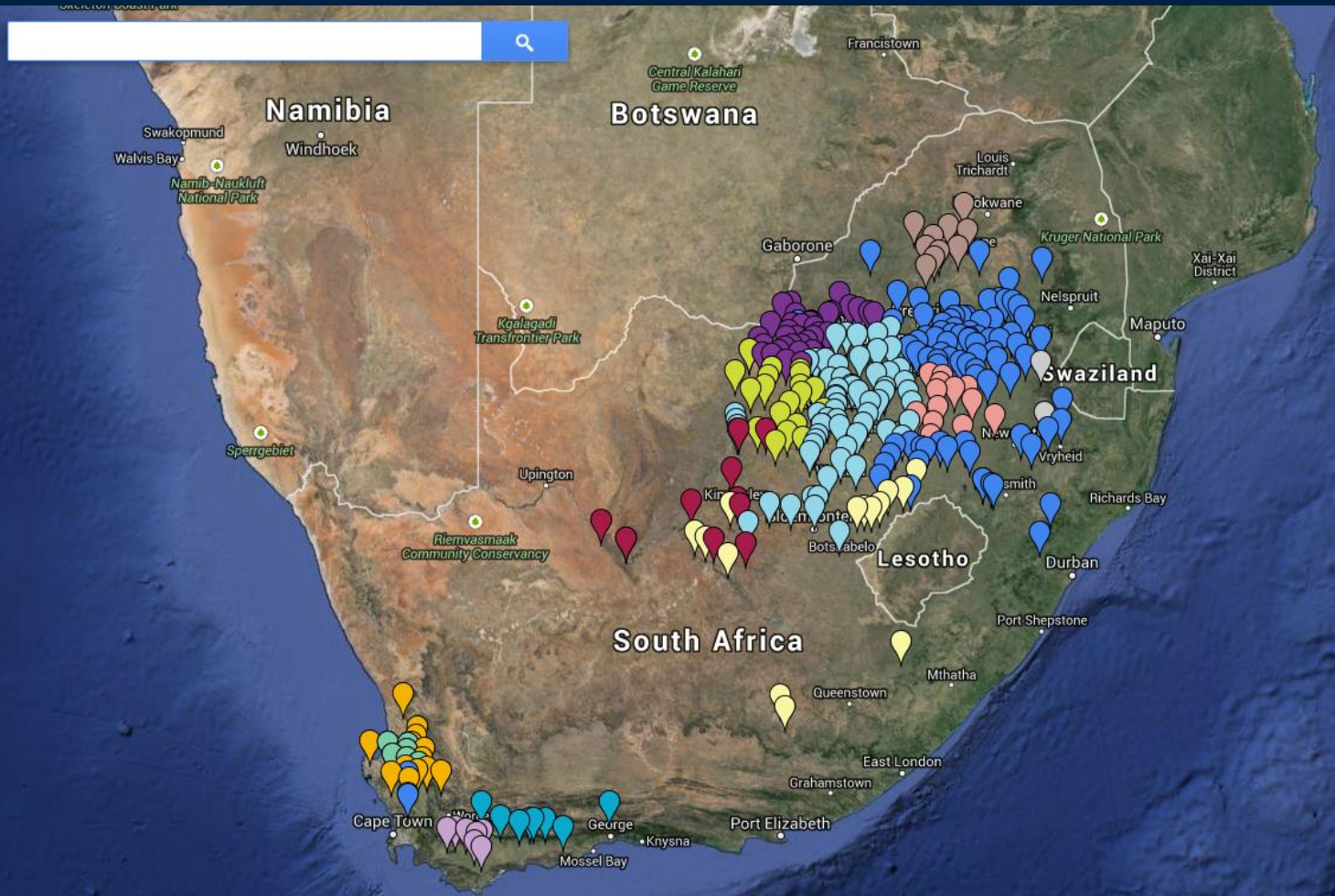
- Important links
  - ❖ Map of silo distribution

Grain Silo Industry - Map of Members

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- Afgri
- SENWES
- NWK
- SUIDWES LANDBOU
- OVK
- KAAP AGRI
- OVERBERG AGRI/MKB
- VKB
- GWK
- NTK
- SSK
- MKB
- TWK





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Food Safety and food hygiene

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Developing farmers

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## FOR YOUTH

How does a grain silo operate

Schools programme

## CONTACT US

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- Important links

- Map of silo distribution
- Map of crop quality regions
- Guidelines to importing maize from SA
- Monthly Report of Climate and Vegetation

- Useful links

- Marketing / Trade
- Industry bodies
- Industry Trusts
- Government departments
- Semi-government bodies
- Grading equipment
- Laboratories
- Fumigation suppliers
- Specialised services

# Thank you

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