

RICE PRODUCTION

Rice is one agro food that could clearly be referred to as a staple food in Nigeria with an import of over One billion naira daily. This is about 2.3 million metric tons of rice annually. This reflects the fact that rice is well established as a basic staple food and the price of imported parboiled rice competes effectively with local alternatives, popularly known as Ekpoma rice, Ozigholo rice, Osomegbe rice, Agbede rice etc. that is short in supply.

In Edo State about six local government areas has high comparative advantage in rice production. Our agency has put efforts to increase production to match and meet local demands. This is further supported through the partnership agreement signed with transformation Agri-tech limited (T4M) by the Edo state government, to provide farmers with high breed rice with a gestation period of only ninety (90) days. This could be produced thrice a year on the take off in the next planting season. With this program in place, we look forward to becoming a major producer of rice in south- south Nigeria shortly and in the future of the nation at large

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