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## Malanje: Over 800 hectares of maize planted on Pungo Andongo farm

Malanje - A total of 882 hectares of the Pungo Andongo Farm in Cacuso municipality, northern Malanje province, have been prepared to produce maize under the second phase of the 2014/2015 agricultural season.

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The information was released over the weekend by the farm's manager Abel Martins de Sousa, during the visit of the secretary of State for Agriculture, José Amaro Tati.

Abel Martins de Sousa said as compared with the previous season, there has been a substantial drop in maize production, due to the shortage of farming equipment.

The source spoke of the need for more investment, taking into account that the farm has another 4,5 hectares of arable land lying idle.

He said in the next farming season the farm will seek to diversify its production, with beans, soya and other crops.

According to him, the plants of the Pungo Andongo farm is going full swing, with the maize flour line having a production capacity of 3,3 tons per hour, whereas that of animal ration produces 6,5 tons per hour.

Pungo Andongo, under the Capanda Agro-Industrial Growth Point, employs 86 workers, six foreigners.

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