International Journal of Development and Sustainability
ISSN: 2186-8662 – www.isdsnet.com/ijds
Volume 3 Number 10 (2014): Pages 2049-2058
ISDS Article ID: IJDS13020602

Crop management decision making processes by small-scale farmers of Lower Gweru Communal area, Zimbabwe

Tirivashe Phillip Masere *

Agricultural Extension and Rural Resource Management, School of Agricultural, Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Abstract

Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. Abstract comes here. It must be not less between 150 and 200 words. A study was conducted with 30 representative farmers in Lower Gweru Communal area to determine how small-scale farmers were making their crop management and climatic decisions. Data was gathered through focus group discussions, resource allocation mapping and semi-structured interviews. The farmers perceived the climate of their area to be changing to an extent that their usually trusted local indicators to forecast the nature of the next season were no longer reliable to guide farm decisions. They noted that they were stuck with these local indicators due to lack of tested and proven alternatives to aid the decision making process.

Keywords: Decision making; Local indicators; Seasonal climate forecast; Small-scale farmers

Published by ISDS LLC, Japan | Copyright © 2014 by the Author(s) | This is an open access article distributed under the Creative Commons Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.

Cite this article as: Masere, T.P. (2014), "Crop management decision making processes by small-scale farmers of Lower Gweru Communal area, Zimbabwe", *International Journal of Development and Sustainability*, Vol. 3 No. 10, pp. 2049-2058.

* Corresponding author. *E-mail address:* tpmasere@yahoo.com