

# Agriculture Newsletter - December 2022

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*On developments, events, reports and more*

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tips or trade requests.



Dear reader,

The end of 2022 is coming in sight, and what a year it has been! We hosted business delegations and events, went on company field visits, attended conferences, participated in exhibitions and had many interactions with our partners and key stakeholders. The team also welcomed a new Agricultural Counsellor and a new Agricultural Officer this year.

In this newsletter, you could say we are getting in a festive mood, with potato, chicken and digitalization on the Kenyan menu. We commemorated more than ten years of cooperation between Kenya and the Netherlands in supporting the potato sector in Kenya and facilitated knowledge exchange during a Seminar on poultry health for sustainable production. We also celebrated the launch of the electronic phytosanitary certification to improve trade efficiency. Meanwhile, FeedTechKenya provided a Dutch menu, by organizing a successful feed millers capacity building and technology transfer mission in the Netherlands. We hope you'll enjoy reading this newsletter! *With kind regards, Bart Pauwels (Agricultural Counsellor), Elizabeth Kiamba (Agricultural Advisor) and Angela Swinkels (Agricultural Officer).*

## About Us

### Making the agriculture sector in Kenya and Tanzania more robust

The agriculture sector in Kenya and Tanzania faces enormous challenges. On the one hand climate change, on the other rapid population growth. "The need to organise the sector more efficiently is growing by the day," says Bart Pauwels, the new Agricultural Counsellor at the Dutch embassy in Nairobi.

The war in Ukraine, the global economic crisis, rising energy prices and climate change; it all affects the food systems. "Prolonged drought combined with population growth is putting food security in East Africa at risk. The big challenge is to make regional food systems more robust and resilient. It can and must be more sustainable, efficient and smart."

Read more [here](#).



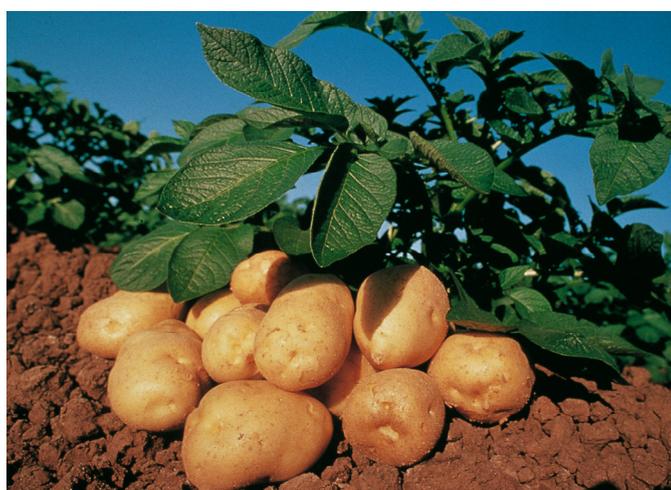
# LATEST DEVELOPMENTS / EVENTS



## From plant to plate – ten years of cooperation between Kenya and the Netherlands in supporting the potato sector in Kenya

Kenya and the Netherlands have a long history of collaboration towards sustainable trade and investment in agriculture, and the partnership in the potato sector is no exception. Right from the onset in 2012, the role of the private sector became pivotal in strengthening the potato industry. Not only have the Dutch and Kenyan companies invested in the seed potato subsector but also in potato storage solutions, mechanisation, the processing industry and capacity building.

While the Kenya-Netherlands cooperation started by jointly improving the seed potato subsector at a time that certified seed potatoes were hardly available, we now see investments and growth opportunities across the entire potato value chain: seed supply, seed distribution, storage solutions, potato production, processing, and sector development. *Read more [here](#).*



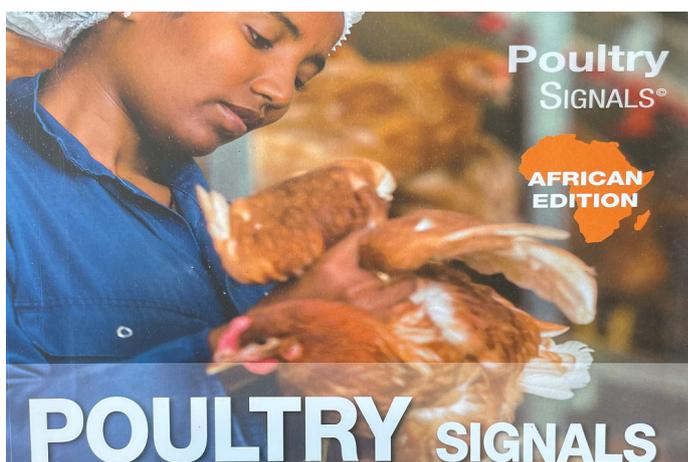
## Poultry Health for Sustainable Production

Poultry farming in Kenya is playing an important role in the total economy and fulfilling the nutrition demand in Kenya. That coupled with the fact that there are a lot of smallholders keeping poultry was one of the reasons that animal health is a topic under the Kenya Netherlands Agriculture working group.

As a result of this a poultry health seminar themed Poultry health for sustainable production was organized in cooperation between both Kenya and the Netherlands. The seminar was facilitated by expert from the Royal GD an organization working on animal health and production.

The participants included poultry farmers, the sector association namely Kenya Poultry Farmers Association (KEPOFA), non-governmental organizations amongst others.

*Read more [here](#).*



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## A new dawn for Kenya and The Kingdom of The Netherlands: adoption of electronic phytosanitary certification (ePhyto) to improve trade efficiency

The launch of electronic phytosanitary certification, a timely solution for safe trade facilitation in plants, plant products and regulated articles, is yet another milestone between the Kenyan government and The Kingdom of the Netherlands, which follows a long history of collaboration in several sectors, with agriculture and trade, being in the lead.

The close relations continue to be the bedrock of development, which is key to creating equitable and sustainable growth.

Read more [here](#).



## FeedTechKenya: Top feed industry leaders from Kenya visit Netherlands for an extensive training program

Fourteen Kenyan feed industry professionals were invited to attend this training program by the Public Private Partnership FeedTechKenya. This particular feed mill training program in the Netherlands was organized to improve the knowledge and skillsets of the key industry professionals to stimulate sustainable feed sector development, guarantee feed quality and increase the uptake of alternative feed ingredients.

Key training topics were: Feed mill set-up and processes, Quality systems and assurance, Grinding, Dosing, Raw materials, Technology, Formulation and Insects as a protein.

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# INFORMATION



## Traveling to the Netherlands?

Be mindful that visa applications are submitted at VFS Global. Check on [VFS Global | vfsglobal](https://www.vfsglobal.com) or call them on +254(0)205147913.

Due to the easing of Covid travel restrictions worldwide, you may experience longer waiting times for appointments and the processing time may take longer than 15 days.

Companies who are a member of the [Orange Carpet service](#) can make an arrangement with VFS and will be treated with priority.



## Financial instruments

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) has updated their website on financial instruments that are available.

You can find the full overview of instruments applicable for Kenya by selecting the country under country. Click [HERE](#) for the updated website.

To assist you in finding financial instruments that suit your needs, click [HERE](#) for an overview for agribusinesses in Kenya.

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