



MORRELL AGRO INDUSTRIES, PLC

Sowing Hope and Prosperity

A stylized illustration of a person running across a landscape with birds in the sky.



Morrell Agro Industries Awarded

The Oromiya government awarded MAI a certificate and cup for an Outstanding Achievement in Technology Transfer in the drought prone areas of Ethiopia. This first class award is given to few investors. It shows commitment and a company bold enough to take risk in business. It is hoped that this will be repeated in the future by the federal government.

The Oromiya regional government arranged the award ceremony in the presence of their vice president. while Oromiya Investment was the Master of Ceremonies.

Mulugeta is the Oromiya Business Directory Producer, and he introduced our company at this ceremony.

Congratulations to MAI staff for receiving a Certificate of Recognition and Special Investment Award for Unique Technology Transformation in 2011!

MAI's Efforts Publicized

Girma Griebel, Human Resource Director

On Saturday morning, August 13, Worknesh was interviewed, and a brief story about MAI was featured, on the headlines of Sheger FM 102.1. This is a famous radio station in Ethiopia and among Ethiopians living abroad, so I believe this news is widely heard. It is like publicizing MAI's effort and hopefully it draws many people's attention.

This media attraction gives the impression that MAI's practical efforts have started speaking for themselves.

Congratulations!



Ethiopian Dignitaries Toured Utah Farms and Dairies

Morrell Agro Industries sponsored several dignitaries from Ethiopia on a visit to the United States from August 11-20. While in the States, MAI staff took the Ethiopians, a group of doctors and scientists, on several tours of grain farms, dairies, cheese making plants, and meat processing facilities located throughout northern Utah and southern Idaho. The ideas and methods that they observed on these tours will be taken back to Ethiopia to hopefully benefit the people there, who are in desperate need of new ways to feed and take care of their families.

The Ethiopian visitors included:

- Dr. Tesfaye Belay Reda - Tigray Agricultural Research Institute
- Dr. Gebremichael Negusse Kahasay - Tigray Agricultural Research Institute
- Mr. Tafa Jobie Bedanie - Sinana Agricultural Research Center, Oromiya Agricultural Research Institute
- Dr. Fentahun Mengestu Tiruneh - Director General , Amahara Regional Agricultural Research Institute
- Dr. Yigzaw Dessalegn Bekele - Crop Research Director, Amahara Regional Agricultural Research Institute
- Dr. Adefris Teklewold Chere - Director of Crop Research Process , Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research
- Tsehay Redda Gebresilasie - Director of Livestock Business Management and Farm Operations, MAI
- Mr. Samuel Tegene Degife

Dr. Daniel Itenfisu, an Ethiopian USU graduate student and currently working in Canada as a Draugh Modeler Irrigation Engineer, also joined the group for one day of the tour.

While in the States, the group from Ethiopia was able to visit the following places: Wheatland Milling, Wheatland Seed, Bailey Farms, Elberta Valley Ag, Deseret Meats, McMurdie Farms, USU Blue Creek Research Farm, University of Idaho Research Farm and Test Plots, LDS Church Farm in Pocatello, USU Western Dairy Center, and Welfare Square. They were also able to visit the Cache County Fair, see their first rodeo, and visit Tony's Grove and Bear Lake.





Beltu Seed Farm

Anthony Richards, Agronomist

Fall Harvest and Next Planting

Staff at the MAI farm in Beltu started harvesting on August 10th. There are now about 300-400 hectares left to harvest, but it has been delayed due to the heavy rains received since the beginning of August. The yield has again been disappointing, averaging between 3-4 quintals per hectare. This is due to disease issues compounded by the 60-year drought being experienced in the area.

Planting was started on August 29th, and there are currently about 500 hectares planted so far.

Rains

The farm has received 13.5 inches of rain since April. For the month of August, the area received 3.5 inches of rain (93 mm) and had a total of 22 days of rain. From just one rain storm, the farm received over 1 inch of rain in less than an hour. The rate of rain this month has averaged around 1 inch per hour, and the maximum rate of rainfall has been 5.01 inches per hour. This is very heavy rain. In Utah, a rate of rain greater than 2 inches in 24 hours is considered a 25-year storm.

**Scientists Visit the Farm**

Last month the farm was visited by scientists from the Agricultural Research Center, and they were able to give a verification of the types of root diseases that have been effecting the crops. They, along with a second group of scientists performing an Environmental Impact Assessment, had many good suggestions for improving the farm.

Additionally, the farm was visited by the Robe State Farm's Managers and their chief agronomist to look over the modern equipment and to discuss about how this modern equipment is used for more efficient farming.

Silo Construction

Two silos are now fully functional, as of a week ago, and part of the current harvest is now stored in one of them. The remaining two silos are nearing completion, with the floor needing to be completed along with sealing and finishing work.

**Land Clearing**

No land clearing has been done this month. Land clearing is on hold until issues facing the crops have been completely resolved and until there are management strategies in place to address each situation.

Kokosa Dairy Farm

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Abera Chala, Kokosa Project Director

Over the last several weeks, corn, clover, Luceanea, Jefferson wheat, and vetch have all been sown on the MAI farm in Kokosa. Treatments have also been given to newly purchased calves, which have been sick. Harvested grass was sold for a total of 800.00 burr.

Additional progress made in Kokosa:

- Fodder beets were transplanted from seed beds to the land.
- One kg each of Ryegrass, Meadow Bromegrass, Sainfoin, Orchard grass, Wheatgrass, and Bird's Foot Trefoil were sown on the farm. These varieties came from the USA for trial.
- Weeds in the alfalfa fields were removed by hand, to keep them from overpowering the crop.
- Six daily laborers were hired to cultivate Napier grass.
- Land next to the quest house on the farm was prepared for the transplanting of cabbage seedlings.
- Weeds were removed from pasture land on the farm. It will be burnt once it is dry.
- The electrical line between Kokosa and Hurufa was fixed.



Plowing third plot of Jefferson.



Oats for hay making.



Mike visiting Kokosa livestock.



Oats land progress.



Vetch land.

School Farm & FTC

Mekonen Geteneh, Shashamene Project Director

The FTC and School Farm potato plants are at the harvesting stage. The 2.25 hectares on the school farm were planted and 0.5 hectares on the FTC were planted. Staff working the farms estimate a yield of 200 quintals per hectare.

**Mojo and Shashamene Project**

Mekonen Geteneh, Shashamene Project Director

For the Mojo/Shashamene project, the farm fields have been planted. A field demonstration day will be held in the Alemetena Woreda between September 25 and October 5. So far, this year our seed fared better than last year, when at the germination stage.



Visibility Corner**Quicklist**

1. Create a passenger profile.
2. Always know when your Traveler's passport expires.
3. Keep your Traveler's profile updated.
4. Keep records of the names and addresses for all international offices.

Don't wait until the last minute...

Rotation Calendar

We have a working rotation calendar. Please inform Nohamit of your planned travel dates. If these dates change for any reason please keep her updated. We use this calendar for many things and it helps when it is current

Name	Jan - Feb	Feb - Mar	Mar - April	April - May	May - June	June - Jul	Jul - Aug	Aug - Sept	Sept - Oct	Oct - Nov	Nov - Dec	Dec - Jan
Paul												
Joe												
Wally												
Marty												
Kimball												
Dennies												
Antony												
Perry												
Jason												
Nathan												
Loyed												
Clair												
Max												
Mark												
Bracken												
jim												
Trevor												
Alan												

Come To ETHIOPIA
Postponement
Back to USA

In-and-out Processing

In an effort to smooth out the details of moving in and out of Ethiopia, Nohamit and Menen have implemented a new In & Out Processing Procedure. It allows us to better serve employee needs.

- When we receive your Itinerary you will receive, by e-mail, a Processing form.
- Please fill out the form and return it.
- This information will be used to plan for your arrival and stay in Ethiopia.
- When you arrive please meet with Nohamit and/or Menen and they will:
 - Review the dates and details of immigration documents, rotation schedules, and master calendar inputs.
 - Arrange meetings with Shimelis for communication needs, Akawak for per diem, Alebachew for transportation, and Masresha for housing needs.
 - Ensure you have an MAI badge.

Work Permits and Additional Information

In order for expats to obtain a resident and work permit, the following documents are required:

- Passport
- Valid Visa
- Passport size picture
- Educational paper (ie. a diploma or degree)

Any other family members will need:

- Passport
- Valid Visa
- Passport size picture
- Marriage certificate (authenticated)
- Birth certificate (children's certificate need to be authenticated)

- When they will arrive in Ethiopia
- How long they plan to stay in the country
- When they will return to the USA

There is a format and procedure to follow, and when the expats come to Ethiopia they need to visit Nahomit in the main office to fill out the paperwork.

For the MAI master calendar:

- All staff need to tell their schedule to the EVP assistant (Nahomit Tekle).

September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Paul comes to Ethiopia 1	2	3
		Anthony and his family return to Uganda 5	6	7	8	9
4	Ethiopian New Year (ENKUTATSH) 11		12	13	14	10
		Mark and Heidi come to Ethiopia & Kimball returns to USA 19	20	Kimball and Dennis's work permit/resident ID expires & Brian Douglas returns to USA 21	22	23
				Finding of the True Cross (MESKEL) 27	28	24
25	26				29	30
						Djibouti Holiday Ethiopian Holiday

