

# **World Wide Grain Production**

	1961		2003
	Tons / Hectre		
USA:	4.5	<	10
ASIA:	2	<	4.5
AFRICA:	1	-	1
ZIMBABWE:	1.5	>	0.5

\*Kofi Annan – World Economic Forum on Africa, February 2008



# What makes one nation produce more and another produce less?



# Africa is Blessed Natural Resources

- Energy
  - 40% of the worlds hydro electric potential
  - 7% of world's proven oil reserves (more than North America, Russia, Europe and Asia-Pacific combined)
  - 7% of natural gas
  - 6% of coal
  - Sahara Desert covers solar energy field of 9,065,000 km
  - Wind

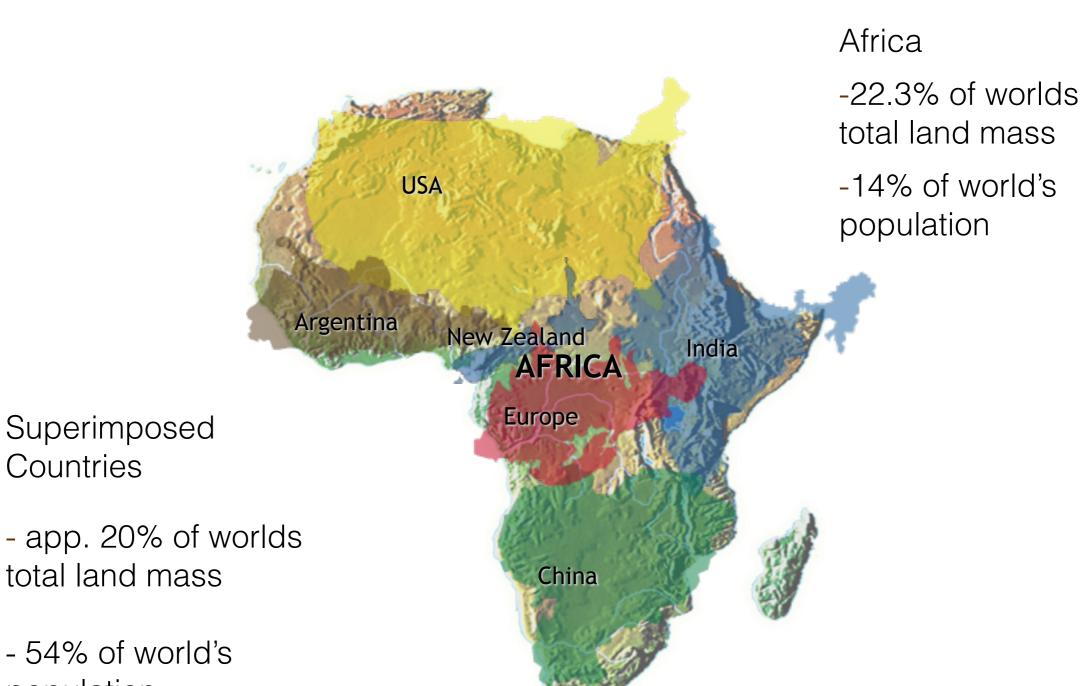
Source: Against all Hope: Hope for Africa - Darrow L. Miller and African Working Group



# The Potential of Africa

Countries

population





# African Agriculture Commercial plantations Intensive subsistence Irrigated crops Livestock farming Nomadic herding Oases: Date cultivation Forest with rudimentary farms Mediterranean agriculture Non-agricultural Business Books International Oil Palm Cocoa **Peanuts** Coffee Rubber Corn Sisal Cotton Tobacco Dates Vineyards Fruit Wheat Rice

# **African Agriculture**



#### AFRICA'S RIVERS AND LAKES Dra Senegal Gambia Lake Tchad Lake Tana Lonkour Kaouna Chari Volta Shebele Lake Benue Abaya sanay Congo (Zaire) Lake Lake Ogoue Albert Rudolf INDIAN Tana Edward **OCEAN** Lake Lake Lake Victoria Rukwa **Largest Rivers** ake Tanganyika Auaha Puti Nile - 4,160 miles (6,695 km) Zaire (Congo) 2,900 miles (4667 km) Niger 2,504 miles (4,030 km) Lake Zambezi 1,646 miles (2,649 km) Mweru Lake Orange 1,155 miles (1,858 km) Malawi Zambe **Largest Natural Lakes** Victoria - 26,564 sq. miles (68,024 sq. km) Save Tanganyika - 12,702 sq. m (32,898 sq. km) mpopo Tohad - 10,039 sq. miles (26,001 sg. km) Malawi - 8,683 sq. miles (22,489 sq. km) ATLANTIC Albert - 2,474 sq. miles (6,407 sq. km) Vaal OCEAN Mweru - 1,900 sq. miles ((4,921 sq. km) Orange Rudolf - 1,640 sq. miles (4,248 sq. km) Tana - 1,418 sq. miles (3,672 sq. km) Orange Kivu - 1042 sq. miles (2,698 sq. km) Edward - 965 sq. miles (2,499 sq. km)

# Africa's Rivers & Lakes



#### **African minerals** TUNISIA MOROCCO ALGERIA LIBYA WESTERN **EGYPT** SAHARA CAPE VERDE MAURITANIA MALI SENEGAL NIGER CHAD ERITREA THE GAMBIA **BURKINA FASO GUINEA NIGERIA** SUDAN DJIBOUTE GUINEA BISSAU BENIN GHANA TOGO CENTRAL SOMALIA **ETHIOPIA** AFRICAN REPUBLIC SIERRA LEONE D'IVOIRE LIBERIA CAMEROON **UGANDA EQUATORIAL GUINEA** SÃO TOMÉ & PRÍNCIPE GABON CONGO **KENYA** RWANDA DEM. REP. OF CONGO BURUNDI TANZANIA ATLANTIC OCEAN SEYCHELLES COMOROS MALAWI ANGOLA ZAMBIA Asbestos Iron Bauxite Lead-Zinc MADAGASCAR Lithium Coal Copper Manganese ZIMBABWE **MAURITIUS** NAMIBIA Copper Cobalt Petroleum Chrome **Phosphates** BOTSWANA MOZAMBIQUE Diamonds Tantalite Gold Uranium Graphite SWAZILAND Natural Gas LESOTHO Priority zones for mineral development INDIAN OCEAN SOUTH AFRICA

# African Minerals



# Internal and External Development



# External Development:

Foreign Aid Adding Material Wealth



Internal Development:

Personal Growth and Maturity



FFF Developed 4 basic principles to teach, promote and demonstrate personal growth.

On Time
At Standard
Without Waste
With Joy



Making a Profit is Key.

Profitability and Health of Eco System = Sustainability



- Feed your family
- Sell surplus to help buy next year's inputs
- Sell and make a profit and pay for other living expenses
- Give to others

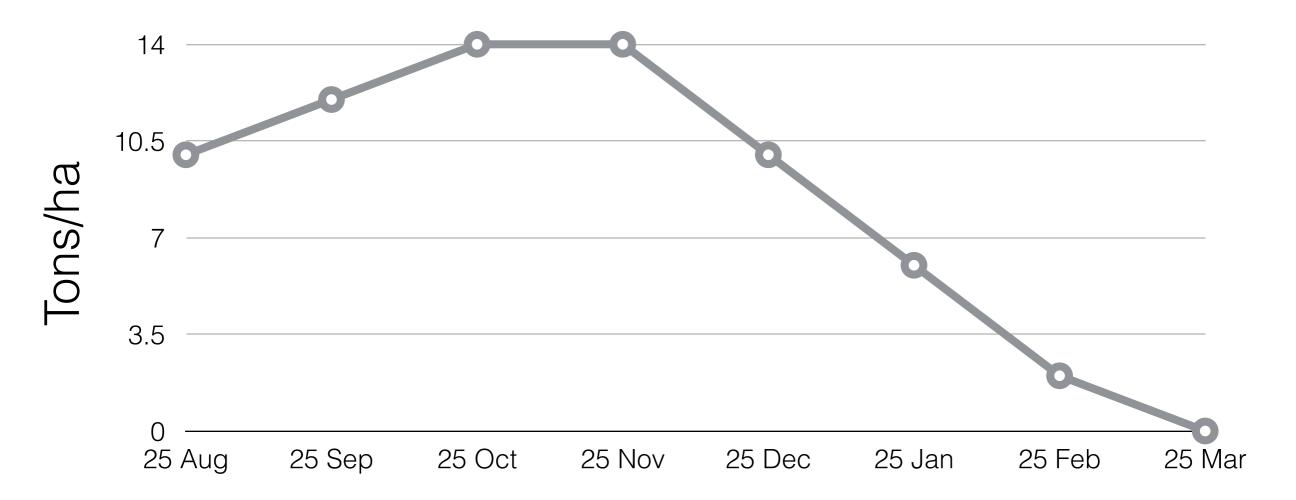


# On Time:

- Many cultures around the world follow and track the moon.
- The summer solstice is the longest day (June 20-22)
- Planting at the right time can drastically improve your profit with out costing you any more capital.



# Southern Hemisphere Crop Yields Based on Sowing Data



After Nov 25th a farmer loses 120kg/ha per day.

\*Chart referenced from FFF Zimbabwe



# At Standard:

- Do everything with precision and excellence
- This allows us to maximize a specific plant's potential
- It allows us to record data
- Recorded data will allow is to grow, adjust and develop



# With Joy:

- Every where in the world a farmer is always pessimistic
- Apathy is one of the most powerful hindrances of development in every culture.
- Apathy blocks creativity
- Joy is encouraging, contagious and shares hope.



### Without Waste:

- The world is full of resources!
- The earth does not waste (The Water Cycle and Decomposition)
- Allowing wastage can develop a bad habit that will eventually become detrimental to ones development.



# Things We Waste:

- Natural Resources
- Time
- Energy/Labor
- Opportunities
- Reputation
- Money
- Seeds



# "Not Wasting" looks like....

- Composting (local free materials)
- Weeding regularly (water and labor)
- Mulching (water and labor)
- Measuring amendments and inputs (capital)



# **Thermal Compost:**

- Green Material 40%
- Dry Material 40%
- Nitrogen Source +/-20%
- Water
- Metal wire or rod
- Shovel





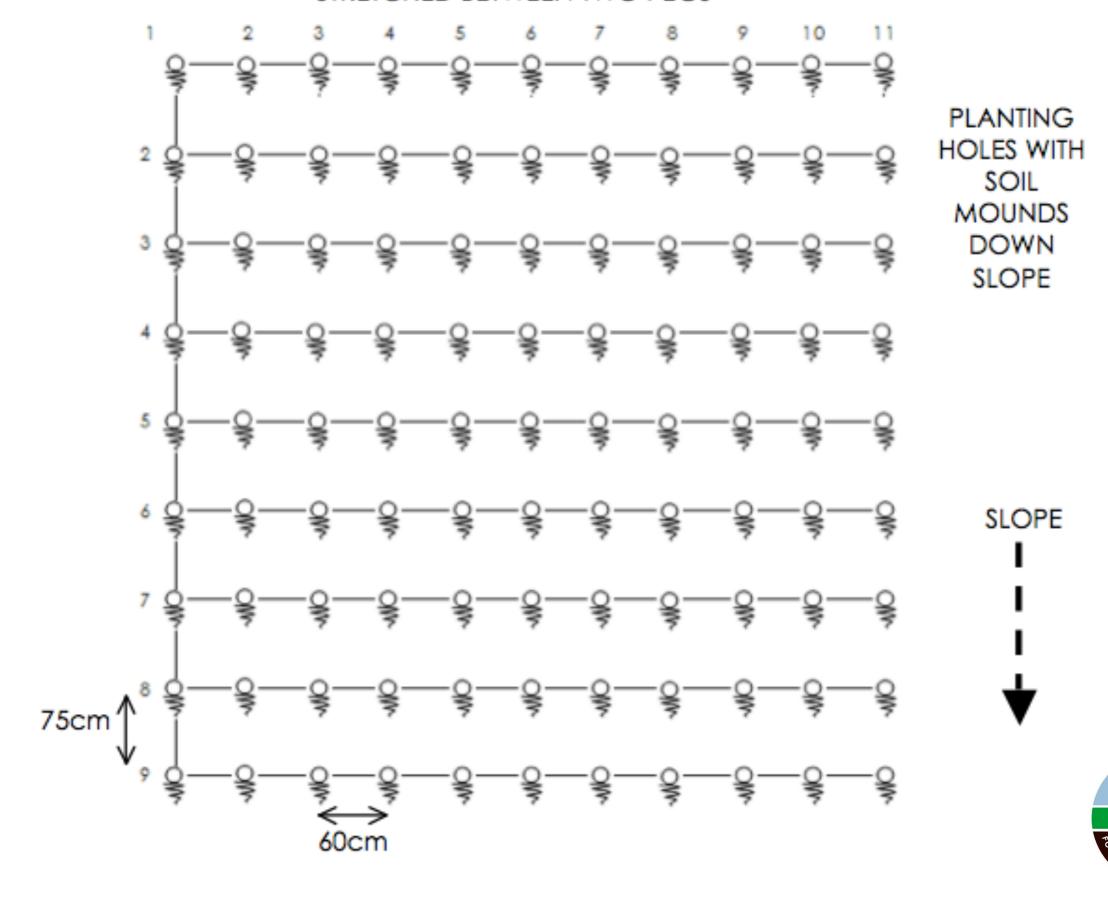




# How FFF Models the 4 Principles:

- Measures and Marks out a piece of land (sq)
- Places permanent stakes at the four corners
- Cover land in mulch
- Makes a measuring stick of 75cm
- Makes a measuring rope with bottle caps placed every 60cm.
- Stretches the string across the field at the top of the slop and digs a pit everywhere there is a bottle cap
- Moves the string down hill the length of the measuring stick
- This method will allow farmers to plant the following crop in the same pits used before without disturbing the soil and utilizing any remaining amendments left in the ground.

#### PLANTING STRING WITH MARKERS EVERY 60cm STRETCHED BETWEEN TWO PEGS



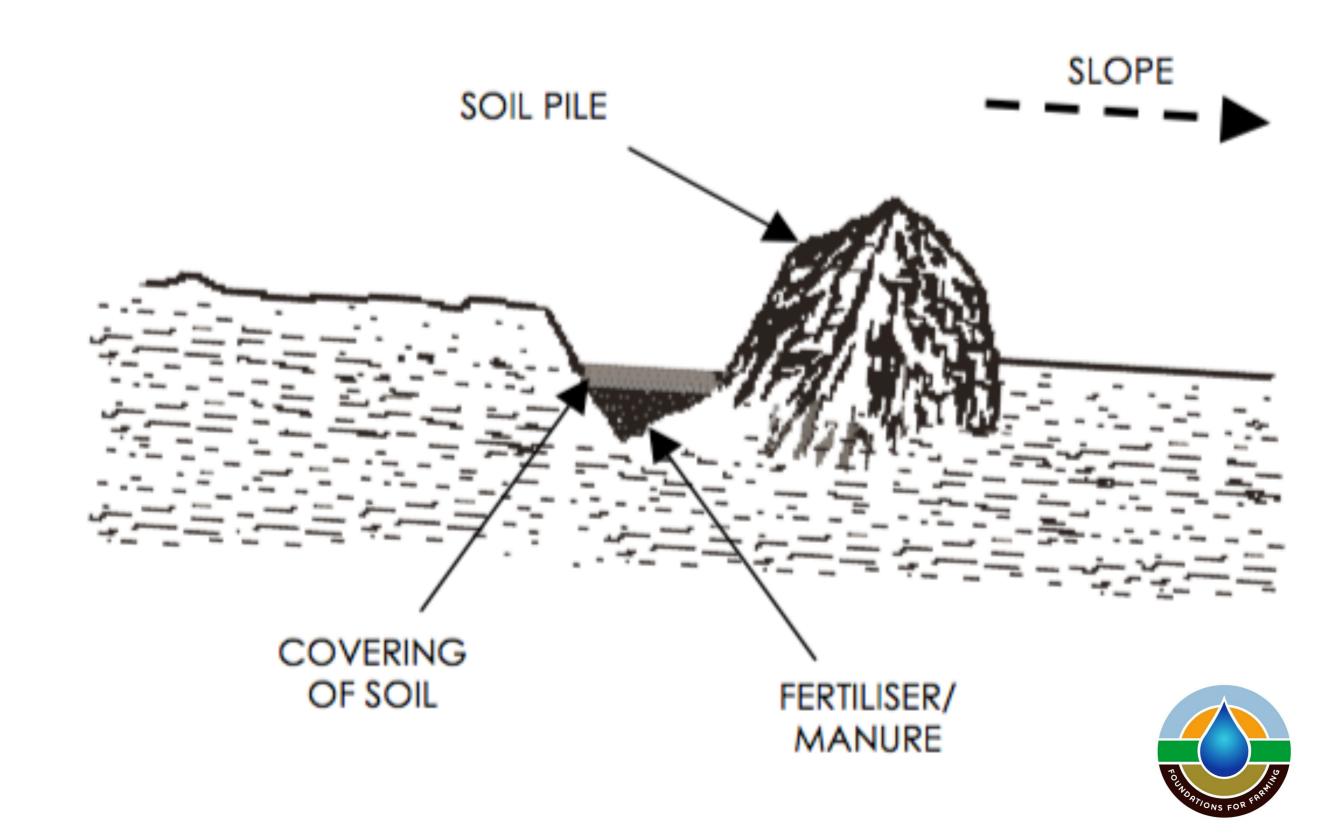


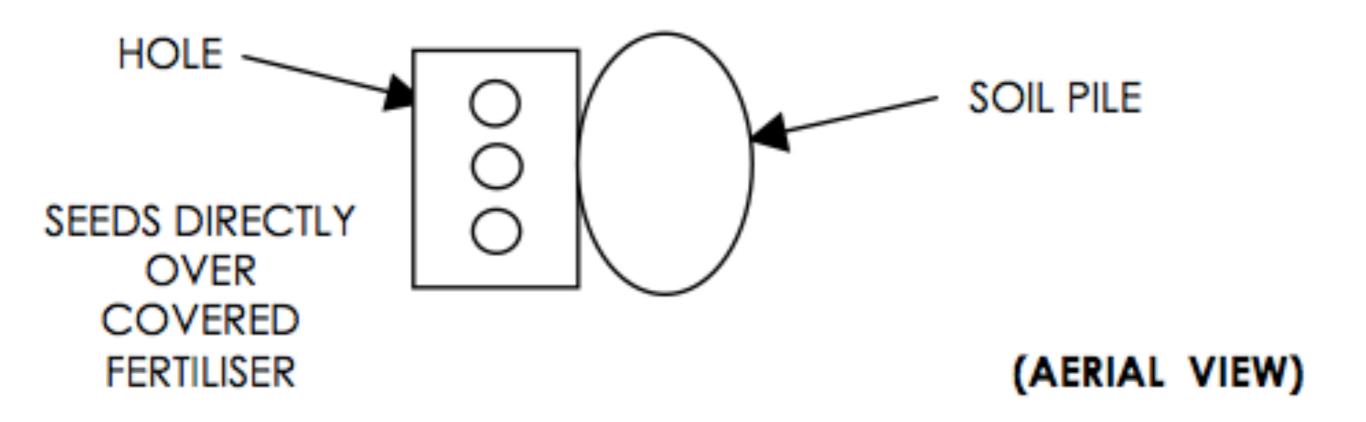
# How FFF Models the 4 Principles:

- Places amendments in the pit and covers with soil and then waits for the right time.
- With the time is right (sun and rainfall), the farmer then plants the seed and covers with soil.
- The farmer will need to weed on a regular basis in order to cut weeks when they are small, weak and with out seeds
- Thin the crop 2 weeks after the plant emerges
- Top dressing 3 weeks after the plant emerges or split into two top dressings at 2-3weeks and 7-8 weeks
- Continue weeding
- Harvest, leaving stalks and husk in the field as the next crops mulch
- Step on stalks to lay them down and kill stalk bore



# PLACEMENT OF FERTILISER





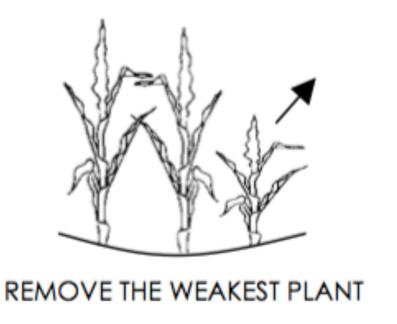




IF ONLY ONE PLANT HAS EMERGED IN ONE STATION LEAVE THREE ON ONE SIDE TWO ON THE OTHER.



IF NO PLANT HAS EMERGED IN A STATION, LEAVE THREE PLANTS ON BOTH SIDES.











# Ploughed vs. Unploughed Soil

CEDARA Research Station, South Africa ...with 63mm of simulated rain on 4%slope over 30 min

-ploughed: 10% water infiltration, 28.5 t/ha soil ran off

-unpoughed: 94% water infiltration, 1 t/ha soil ran off



# Ploughed vs. Unploughed Soil with Mulch

- Water evaporates from the surface
- Low water table
- Roots grow proportionally larger than plant above the solid
- Soil structure is lost and organisms killed creating a soil very grainy (Sand)

- Mulch allows natural organisms to thrive
- Soil moisture is maintained
- Soil structure is maintained and acts like a sponge
- High water table



# **Well Watered Garden**

- 6m x 6m demonstration plot
- its small to make management easy
- often times watered







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