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NERICA Research and Promotion in Kenya

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Brief History of Rice Cultivation in Kenya

- introduced in the Country in 1907
- Total national rice production is 12,000 MT
- Consumption is about 285,000 MT
- The deficit imported (170,000) MT
- Rice demand increase in consumption

History contd.

- Production fluctuates 65,000 - 80,000 MT
- Requirement > 285,000 MT
- Importation range 100,000 - 205,921 MT

	Yield per ha	Potential (ha)	Current (ha)
Raw Rice	1.5 - 3.5 t/ha	100,000ha	15,000ha
Milled Rice	3.8 - 6.5 t/ha	650,000ha	12,000ha

GOAL

- To environmentally, socially and economically improve and revitalize the livelihoods and welfare of the Kenyan communities through increased NERICA production.

Project Support

- JICA Kenya Mar 2003 – Mar 2005 Phase I
- AICAD Mar 2005 – July 2007 Phase II
- AICAD July 2007 – Dec 2009? Phase III

Rice imports, production and consumption in Kenya

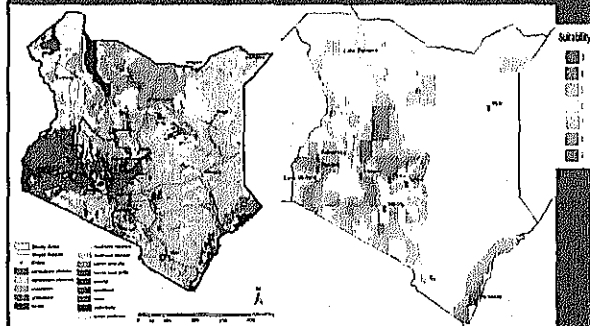
Year	Metric Tons			Consumption increase (%)
	Production	Importation (Pakistan)		
2003/04	854,011	225,951	0	8.8
2004/05	800,000	218,000	459,000	10.2
2005/06	900,000	191,272	1,592,200	15.2
2006/07	650,000	228,000	1,416,000	19.3

Source: Commodity Balance Information in Kenya (CBIK) and United Nations/FAO

NERICA Adaptability Trials and Current Status

- NERICA's Introduced to Kenya in 2002
- ICASA support of Trials at KARI Kibisi 2003
- Preliminary Results Presented at ICA Conference Nairobi (Feb 2004) (AICAD)
- Impressive Performance of NERICA noted
- NERICA Committee Constituted after Conference
- ICASA funded cycle to AICAD - March 2004
- NERICAs are Superior to local varieties
 - Drought Tolerant
 - High Yielding
 - Good Grain
 - Drought and Water Tolerant (Preliminary Results)
 - High Grain to Straw Ratio
 - Fast Growth, Vigor and Maturity

NERICAs tried in varied AFZs of different land-use systems in Kenya



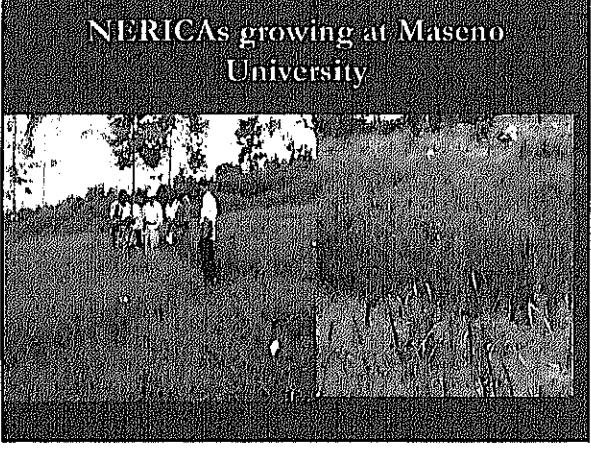
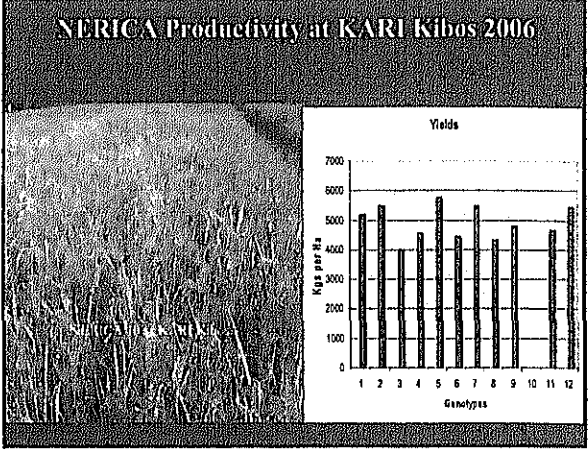
Participating Institutions and Scientists

Sites for NERICA Trials in Kenya

Year	Sites	Remarks
2003	KARI Kibisi	Long Range Medium Range
2004	KARI Kibisi, Maseno, LBDA, SACRED Africa, Marakwet, Uasin Gishu, Kericho, JKUAT, MIAD, CDA, TARDI	Long Range Medium Range
2005	KARI Kibisi, LBDA, SACRED Africa and MIAD	Short Range Near Dry
2006	KARI Kibisi, Maseno, LBDA, SACRED Africa, Arusi & Tait, Marakwet, JKUAT, MIAD, KARI Malindi, CDA's Msambweni & Kari Farm, farmers' fields	Long Range Medium Range
2007	KARI Kibisi, Maseno, LBDA, SACRED Africa, JKUAT, MIAD, KARI Malindi, KARI Malindi, CDA and farmers' fields	Long Range Medium Range

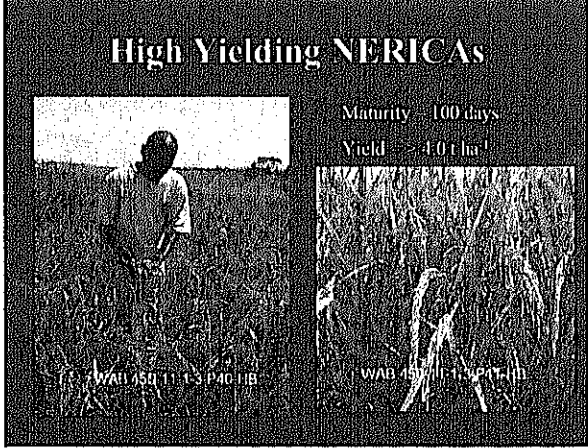
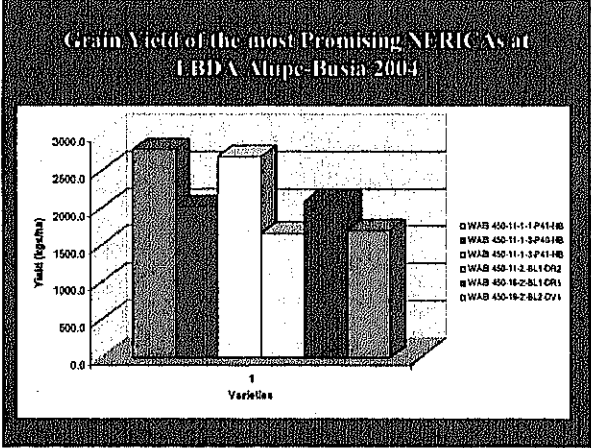
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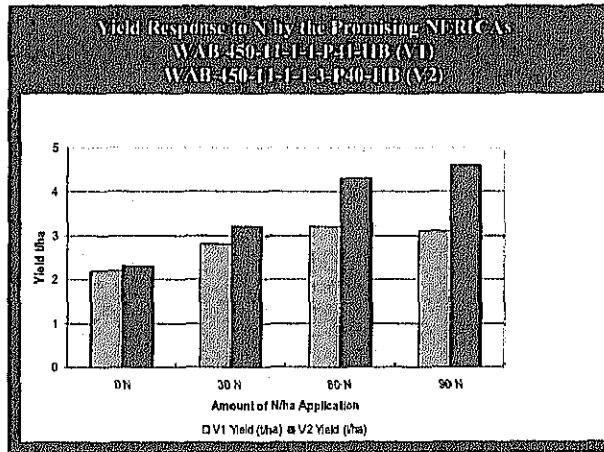
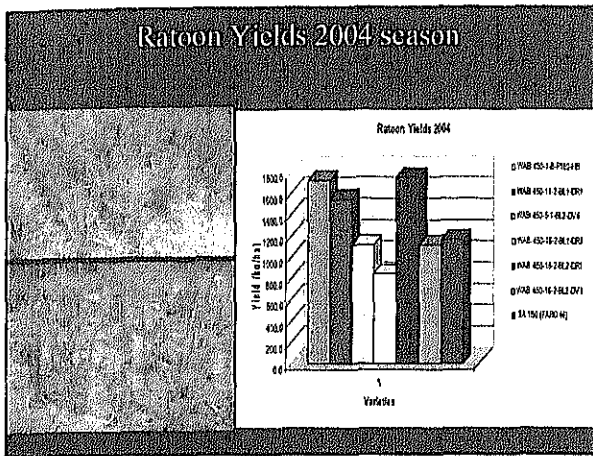
1	WAB 450-1-B-P38-HB	(NERICA 1)
2	WAB 450-11-1-P31-1-HB	(NERICA 2)
3	WAB 450-16-2-BL2-DR1	
4	WAB 450-11-2-BL1-DV3	
5	WAB 450-1-B-P91-HB	(NERICA 4)
6	WAB 450-11-1-1-P31-HB	(NERICA 5)
7	WAB 450-11-1-3-P40-HB	
8	WAB 450-11-1-3-P41-HB	
9	DOURADO PRECOCE	(Local Check)
10	WAB 224-16-HB	(Check 1)
11	WAB 450-11-1-1-P41-HB	(NERICA 10)
12	WAB 450-16-2-BL2-DV1	(NERICA 11)



NERICAs - Maseno University Greenhouse & Field 2005

Field Trials		
Cultivar	1000 grain Wt	Yield Kg/ha
WAB 450-16-2-8L2-DV1	25.9	2620
WAB 450-11-2-8L1-DR2	24.9	2464
WAB 450-16-2BL2-DR1	30.9	2235
KR-4	23.2	2575
WAB 450-11-1-3-P40-HB	22.9	1437
WAB 11-2-8L1-DV3	27.2	2355





Maturity Date & Yield at Sacred Africa 2005

Variety	Maturity Date	Yield (t/ha)
NERICA 4		
WAB 450-11-1-1-P41-HB	116	1470
WAB 450-11-1-3-P41-HB	123	900
WAB 450-11-1-3-P41-DV1	110	806
WAB 450-16-2-BL1-DV1	123	804
WAB 450-11-2-BL1-DV1	132	421
WAB 450-11-2-BL1-DV2	118	2520
WAB 450-11-2-BL1-DV3	123	1366
WAB 450-16-2-BL2-DV1	123	853
WAB 450-16-2-BL1-DV1	132	1140
WAB 450-16-2-BL2-DV1	118	1286
WAB 450-16-2-BL2-DV1	118	973
STA 150 (FARO 46) (TX 502-41-1-1) CHECK	116	1872
WAB 224-18-HB (CHECK)	116	1612

WAB450-16-2-BL2-DV1 Bungoma 2004

- Gave the highest yield at the Site (3.49 t/ha)
- During a very dry year
- Named NERICA 11

Yield and Yield Components of NERICA Cultivars at SACRED Africa (Bungoma) (2004)

Variety	Planting Date	Harvest Date	1000 Grains (g)	Grain Yield (t/ha)	Stalk Yield (t/ha)	Total Yield (t/ha)	Yield (t/ha)	
WAB 450-11-1-1-P41-HB(1)	11/01/04	11/01/04	35.02	66.87	101.88	37.17	22.65	
WAB 450-11-1-1-P41-HB(2)	11/01/04	11/01/04	38.07	51.58	69.51	25.17	28.14	
WAB 450-11-1-1-P41-DV1(1)	11/01/04	11/01/04	22.57	51.10	73.65	30.70	21.91	
WAB 450-11-1-1-P41-DV1(2)	11/01/04	11/01/04	28.51	53.20	78.71	32.40	23.58	
WAB 450-11-2-BL1-DV1	11/01/04	11/01/04	31.87	51.73	83.66	39.98	33.03	
WAB 450-11-2-BL1-DV2	11/01/04	11/01/04	36.95	74.70	95.71	22.05	22.71	
WAB 450-11-2-BL1-DV3	11/01/04	11/01/04	37.18	59.57	87.05	32.33	25.03	
WAB 450-16-2-BL2-DV1	11/01/04	11/01/04	32.76	102.80	135.57	18.12	25.90	
WAB 450-16-2-BL1-DV1	11/01/04	11/01/04	16.99	47.60	64.59	27.20	31.89	
WAB 450-16-2-BL2-DV1	11/01/04	11/01/04	31.25	30.33	42.48	35.77	24.25	
WAB 450-16-2-BL2-DV2	11/01/04	11/01/04	32.63	54.58	87.21	33.81	28.16	
STA 150 (FARO 46) (TX 502-41-1-1) CHECK	11/01/04	11/01/04	45.95	41.73	57.69	27.99	31.17	
WAB 224-18-HB (CHECK)	11/01/04	11/01/04	47.21	74.53	115.09	41.00	28.27	
CV (%)			16.47	36.65	52.43	44.43	37.58	31.04
LSD (0.05)			13.78	05	05	17.07	12.24	1.33
LSD (0.01)			05	18.67	05	23.94	16.59	1.57

Maturity days and Yield Components at NIB Mwca

Variety	1000 Grain Wt	Yield (t/ha)	Maturity
WAB 450-11-1-1-P41-HB(1)	24	2631	116
WAB 450-11-1-1-P41-HB(2)	21	3490	113
WAB 450-11-1-3-P41-HB(3)	23	3638	113
WAB 450-11-1-3-P41-DV1(4)	22	3202	122
WAB 450-11-2-BL1-DV1(5)	23	2887	131
WAB 450-11-2-BL1-DV1(CHECK 1)	24	3329	123
WAB 450-16-2-BL1-DV1(CHECK 2)	31	2287	121
SE	1	826	102
5% LSD	2**	2596	7**

Yield and Growth parameters at KARI Matuga (2005)

Variety	Maturity Date	Yields (t/ha)	Grain/pasture	Panicle Length
Hybrids				
NERICA 2	113	5.92	111	25.8
WAB 450-11-1-4-P41-HB	116	3.31	126	24.15
WAB 450-11-2-8L3-DH	116	3.76	126	23.3
WAB 450-11-1-3-841-HB	118	3.78	121	18.8
WAB 450-11-2-8L3-DH	111	3.25	118	21.45
NERICA 4	119	2.22	110	23.15
WAB 450-11-1-P41-HB	118	3.77	111	23.35
ITA 150 (FASO 46)	112	3.14	127	21.6

Farmer perspective on the NERICAs

- FARMERS AMAZED BY NERICA AS AN UPLAND CROP
- FARMERS WANT THESE VARIETIES YESTERDAY
- HIGH POTENTIAL FOR YIELD IMPROVEMENT IN FARMERS' FIELDS



On Farm Varietal Trials in Western Kenya



NERICAs the greatest promise to Farmers in Kenya (Bungoma)



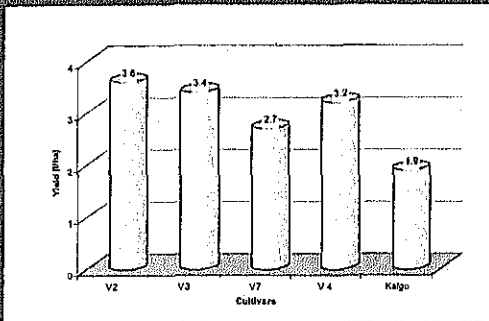
NERICA growing in Farmers' Field in Bungoma



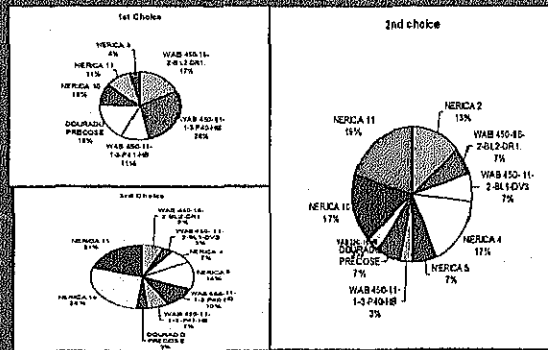
Three NERICA Lines in a Farmer's Field Teso



Grain Yield of NERICAs in Teso Farmer's Field



Farmers' Choice of NERICA Rice at KARI Kibos

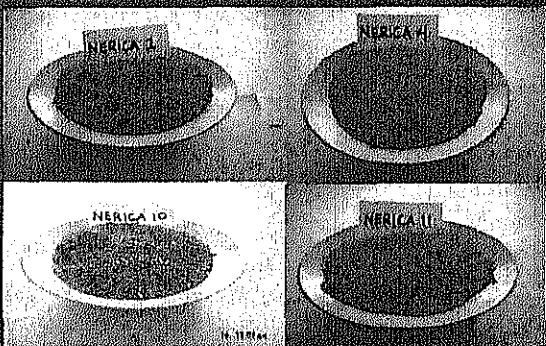


NERICA 4 at Kagio and Alupe Busia



NERICA 4 in Farmer's Field at Kagio, Kibonye

Quality NERICA Seeds



Comparative Annual Grain Yields at KARI Kibos

Cultivar	2003	2004	2005	2006
NERICA 1	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.7
NERICA 2	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.0
NERICA 4	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.3
NERICA 10	2.7	3.0	3.3	3.6
NERICA 11	3.0	3.3	3.6	3.9
NERICA 12	3.3	3.6	3.9	4.2
NERICA 13	3.6	3.9	4.2	4.5
NERICA 14	3.9	4.2	4.5	4.8
NERICA 15	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.1
NERICA 16	4.5	4.8	5.1	5.4
NERICA 17	4.8	5.1	5.4	5.7
NERICA 18	5.1	5.4	5.7	6.0
NERICA 19	5.4	5.7	6.0	6.3
NERICA 20	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.6
NERICA 21	6.0	6.3	6.6	6.9
NERICA 22	6.3	6.6	6.9	7.2
NERICA 23	6.6	6.9	7.2	7.5
NERICA 24	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.8
NERICA 25	7.2	7.5	7.8	8.1
NERICA 26	7.5	7.8	8.1	8.4
NERICA 27	7.8	8.1	8.4	8.7
NERICA 28	8.1	8.4	8.7	9.0
NERICA 29	8.4	8.7	9.0	9.3
NERICA 30	8.7	9.0	9.3	9.6
NERICA 31	9.0	9.3	9.6	9.9
NERICA 32	9.3	9.6	9.9	10.2
NERICA 33	9.6	9.9	10.2	10.5
NERICA 34	9.9	10.2	10.5	10.8
NERICA 35	10.2	10.5	10.8	11.1
NERICA 36	10.5	10.8	11.1	11.4
NERICA 37	10.8	11.1	11.4	11.7
NERICA 38	11.1	11.4	11.7	12.0
NERICA 39	11.4	11.7	12.0	12.3
NERICA 40	11.7	12.0	12.3	12.6
NERICA 41	12.0	12.3	12.6	12.9
NERICA 42	12.3	12.6	12.9	13.2
NERICA 43	12.6	12.9	13.2	13.5
NERICA 44	12.9	13.2	13.5	13.8
NERICA 45	13.2	13.5	13.8	14.1
NERICA 46	13.5	13.8	14.1	14.4
NERICA 47	13.8	14.1	14.4	14.7
NERICA 48	14.1	14.4	14.7	15.0
NERICA 49	14.4	14.7	15.0	15.3
NERICA 50	14.7	15.0	15.3	15.6
NERICA 51	15.0	15.3	15.6	15.9
NERICA 52	15.3	15.6	15.9	16.2
NERICA 53	15.6	15.9	16.2	16.5
NERICA 54	15.9	16.2	16.5	16.8
NERICA 55	16.2	16.5	16.8	17.1
NERICA 56	16.5	16.8	17.1	17.4
NERICA 57	16.8	17.1	17.4	17.7
NERICA 58	17.1	17.4	17.7	18.0
NERICA 59	17.4	17.7	18.0	18.3
NERICA 60	17.7	18.0	18.3	18.6
NERICA 61	18.0	18.3	18.6	18.9
NERICA 62	18.3	18.6	18.9	19.2
NERICA 63	18.6	18.9	19.2	19.5
NERICA 64	18.9	19.2	19.5	19.8
NERICA 65	19.2	19.5	19.8	20.1
NERICA 66	19.5	19.8	20.1	20.4
NERICA 67	19.8	20.1	20.4	20.7
NERICA 68	20.1	20.4	20.7	21.0
NERICA 69	20.4	20.7	21.0	21.3
NERICA 70	20.7	21.0	21.3	21.6
NERICA 71	21.0	21.3	21.6	21.9
NERICA 72	21.3	21.6	21.9	22.2
NERICA 73	21.6	21.9	22.2	22.5
NERICA 74	21.9	22.2	22.5	22.8
NERICA 75	22.2	22.5	22.8	23.1
NERICA 76	22.5	22.8	23.1	23.4
NERICA 77	22.8	23.1	23.4	23.7
NERICA 78	23.1	23.4	23.7	24.0
NERICA 79	23.4	23.7	24.0	24.3
NERICA 80	23.7	24.0	24.3	24.6
NERICA 81	24.0	24.3	24.6	24.9
NERICA 82	24.3	24.6	24.9	25.2
NERICA 83	24.6	24.9	25.2	25.5
NERICA 84	24.9	25.2	25.5	25.8
NERICA 85	25.2	25.5	25.8	26.1
NERICA 86	25.5	25.8	26.1	26.4
NERICA 87	25.8	26.1	26.4	26.7
NERICA 88	26.1	26.4	26.7	27.0
NERICA 89	26.4	26.7	27.0	27.3
NERICA 90	26.7	27.0	27.3	27.6
NERICA 91	27.0	27.3	27.6	27.9
NERICA 92	27.3	27.6	27.9	28.2
NERICA 93	27.6	27.9	28.2	28.5
NERICA 94	27.9	28.2	28.5	28.8
NERICA 95	28.2	28.5	28.8	29.1
NERICA 96	28.5	28.8	29.1	29.4
NERICA 97	28.8	29.1	29.4	29.7
NERICA 98	29.1	29.4	29.7	30.0
NERICA 99	29.4	29.7	30.0	30.3
NERICA 100	29.7	30.0	30.3	30.6

Achievements:

- Training and Harmonization of adaptability trials researchers
- Four NERICAs Advanced to NIPIS:
 - NERICA 1
 - NERICA 2
 - NERICA 10
 - NERICA 11
- Four highly Promising cultivars identified:
 - ✓ WAB 450-11-1-3P40-11B
 - ✓ WAB 450-11-1-3P41-11B
 - ✓ WAB 450-11-2-B1-1-DR1
 - ✓ WAB 450-16-2-B1-1-DR1
- Seed banking of the cultivars conducted in order to avoid multiplication
- Registration process for selected cultivars initiated through the NERICA Technical Committee

Implementation Constraints

- Land Preparation
- Suitable Varieties
- Weed Control among others *Striga hermonthica*
- Soil Fertility
- Water Management
- Segregation Prominent in esp. NERICA 10
- Budget Limitations

Site Specific Problems

- Poor Cold Tolerance (Kabete, JKUAF, Mweni) Testing IOTHA
- Nutritional Deficiency (Kilifi, Matuga, Marakwet Aror and Tot) Foliar Feed
- Drought and Poor rainfall Distribution (most sites) - Proper timing
- Flooding Kwale at Msambweni - Proper Drainage
- Weeds Especially Striga in Teso and Nyando

Striga infestation at Apokor WG, Teso



Way Forward

- Varietal selection and seed multiplication of NERICA
- NERICA Registration with KEPHIS
- NERICA on Farm Verification Trials
- Production and maintenance of basic NERICA seed
- Integrated weed management
- Evaluation of farm mechanization and implements
- Evaluation of chemical pesticides
- Planting Methods and Spacing of NERICAs
- NERICA Production Manual
- NERICA Dissemination

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- KEPHIS

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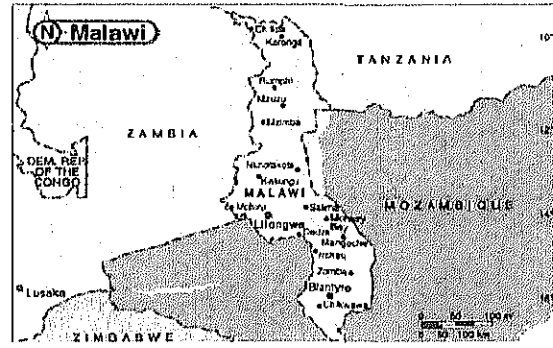
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NEW RICE FOR AFRICA (NERICA) RESEARCH IN MALAWI.

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Introduction

Map of Malawi



Constraints of upland rice production

1. Lack of suitable varieties
2. Lack of production technologies.
3. Insect pests (stem borers)
4. Diseases (blast and brown spot)
5. Termites
6. Drought
7. Rats
8. Iron toxicity
9. Heavy weed infestations

Nerica Research in 2005/2006

- Three trials were conducted
 1. Varietal trial on Nerica in different areas of Malawi.
Objective: To determine the performance of Nerica in different areas of Malawi.
 2. Effect of N application on Nerica 1.
Objective: To know the appropriate N level for Nerica
 3. Effect of different plant spacing on Nerica 1.
Objective: To determine the optimum spacing for Nerica.

Materials and Methods

Treatments (varietal trial)

- NERICA 1
- NERICA 2
- NERICA 3
- NERICA 4
- NERICA 5
- NERICA 6
- NERICA 7
- NARIC 1
- NARIC 2
- LOCAL VARIETY

Materials and Methods

• Treatments (Nitrogen trial)

Treatment	22 DASE	40 DASE	Pl stage
T1: Control (no fertilizers)	0	0	0
T2: 0-20-20 (PK)	0-20-20	0	0
T3: 30-20-20 (NPK)	10-20-20	10-0-0	10-0-0
T4: 60-20-20 (NPK)	20-20-20	20-0-0	20-0-0
T5: 90-20-20 (NPK)	30-20-20	30-0-0	30-0-0
T6: 120-20-20 (NPK)	40-20-20	40-0-0	40-0-0

Materials and Methods

- Treatments (Spacing trial)
- T-1: Dibble 25 x 12.5 cm (32 hills/m²), 7 seeds/hill (60 kg/ha)
- T-2: Dibble 30 x 12.5 cm (26.7 hills/m², 7 seeds/hill (50 kg/ha)
- T-3: Dibble 30 x 15 cm (22.2 hills/m²), 7 seeds/hill (42 kg/ha)
- T-4: Drill 30 x 1.5 cm (222.2 hills/m², 1 seed/hill (60 kg/ha)
- T-5: Drill 30 x 1.8 cm (185 hills/m²), 1 seed/hill (50 kg/ha)
- T-6: Drill 30 x 2.1 cm (159 hills/m²), 1 seed/hill (43 kg/ha)

Results and discussion

Table 1: Evaluation of performance of upland rice varieties (NERICA) at Lifuwu in 2005/2006

Variety	Grain yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	Pan m ⁻²	Spk/pan	Ripening ratio (%)	1000 gmwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Pan length (cm)	Shattering	Milling yield (%)	Head rice (%)
NERICA 1	4660.3	190	99	60.3	26.5	76.1	23.7	Medium	75.3	40
NERICA 2	4476.9	187	105	50.9	28.4	76	23.0	Medium	74.7	53
NERICA 3	1766.0	81	91	81	26	33.1	19.5	Medium	75.2	26.1
NERICA 4	3954.1	179	101	77.9	27.7	70.2	22.7	Medium	74.2	47.3
NERICA 5	3554.0	218	61	60.5	25.4	76	22.2	Medium	75.1	43.6
NERICA 6	1001.0	75	89	58.4	27	65	19.9	Medium	73.3	49.5
NERICA 7	1019.6	79	66	65.3	29.7	54.1	18.7	Slightly strong	76.2	37.2
NERIC 1	3633.2	113	65	74.6	31.1	59.4	19.1	Slightly strong	74	40.2
NERIC 2	1928.3	126	77	69.4	30.5	52.5	24.3	Medium	76.2	40.6
Local	3752.5	226	72	63	35.6	73.2	21.5	Medium	66.4	24.2
Mean	2672.6	147	86	73.1	29	63.2	21.5		74.06	41.07
Significance	*	*	Ns	*	*	Ns	Ns			
S.E. ±	712.9	24.8	8.4	4.1	0.9	12.6	2.6			
CV%	33.7	23.8	13.8	7.8	4.2	20	16.9			

* Significant at 5%, Ns not significant

Fig 1: 5 days rainfall distribution at Lifuwu in 2005/2006.

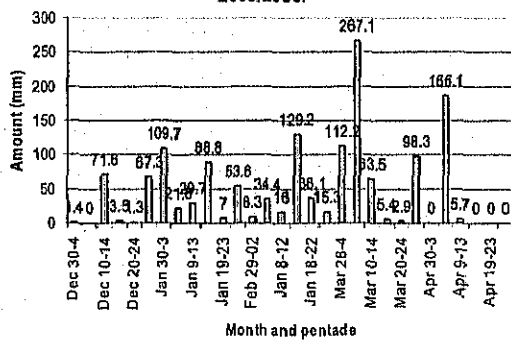


Table 2: Evaluation of performance of upland rice varieties (NERICA) at Chitedze in 2006/2006.

Variety	Grain yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	Pan m ⁻²	Spk/pan	Ripening ratio (%)	1000 gmwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Pan length (cm)	Shattering
NERICA 1	1556.3	222	63	45.1	25.1	70.8	19	Medium
NERICA 2	1703.5	222	71	49.8	22.4	73.4	20.1	Medium
NERICA 3	1747	210	68	50.2	25.0	74.3	18	Slightly strong
NERICA 4	2739.9	179	66	71.2	25.1	75.6	18.9	Slightly strong
NERICA 5	1195.2	129	77	52.9	25.4	67.0	18	Slightly strong
NERICA 6	645.1	124	67	32.6	23.7	69.6	18.5	Medium
NERICA 7	1649.9	162	58	54.3	29.0	79.9	18.9	Medium
NERIC 1	1668.3	178	49	64.2	30.0	72.1	17.8	Medium
NERIC 2	1880.8	187	56	64.5	28.8	74.1	18	Medium
Mean	1644.1	181	65	53.7	26.0	73	18.5	
Significance	Ns	Ns	Ns	*	*	Ns	Ns	
S.E. ±	312.4	23.9	10.4	5.4	1.0	2.9	0.6	
CV%	26.9	18.7	22.4	14.1	5.2	5.6	4.5	

* Significant at 5% level, Ns not significant

Fig. 3: 5 days rainfall distribution at Chitedze in 2005/2006.

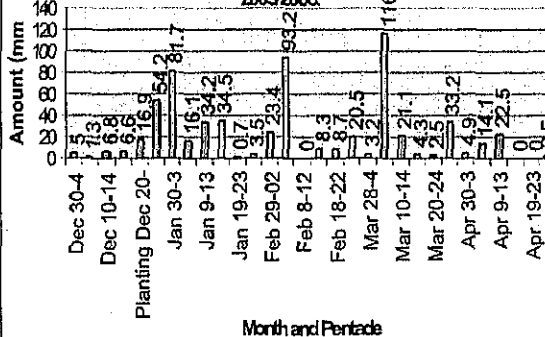


Table 3: Evaluation of performance of upland rice varieties (NERICA) at Mero in 2006/2006.

Variety	Grain yield (kg ha ⁻¹)	Pan m ⁻²	Spk/pan	Ripening ratio (%)	1000 gmwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Pan length (cm)	Plant height at 56 DASE (cm)	Tillers at 56 DASE	Shattering	Days to 50% flowering
NERICA 1	2636.2	146	78	81	29	66	19	50	6	Medium	66
NERICA 2	2599.4	150	64	74	29	69	20	40	7	Medium	62
NERICA 3	2869.3	159	60	82	26	73	18	55	7	Slightly strong	61
NERICA 4	3328.6	170	99	77	27	76	18	48	7	Slightly strong	69
NERICA 5	2422.1	154	65	72	28	67	17	43	7	weak	70
NERICA 6	1536.6	134	84	53	27	61	19	50	7	weak	94
NERICA 7	2218.7	147	63	73	32	77	17	47	7	weak	83
NERIC 1	2128.3	130	57	81	32	73	17	49	7	Medium	79
NERIC 2	2226	173	55	78	31	76	17	50	6	weak	64
Local								59	7		92
Mean	2485	150	71	74	29	73	18	46	7		
Significance	Ns	Ns	Ns	*	*	Ns	Ns	Ns			
S.E. ±	389.9	24	9	5	0.6	2.7	1.2	4	0.7		
CV%	19.6	21.2	17.3	9	2.8	5.3	9.6	12.6	14.3		
LSU (0.05)				11	1.3	5					

* Significant 5% level, Ns not significant

Fig. 2: 5 day rainfall distribution at Meru in 2005/2006.

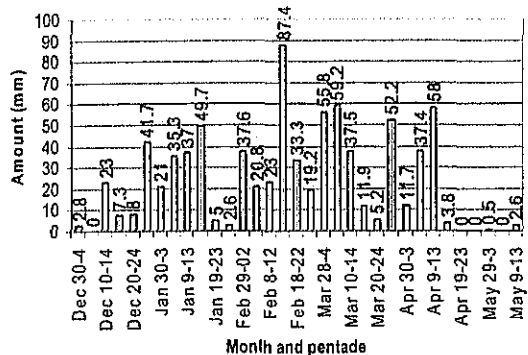


Table 4: Effect of different N rates on Nerica 1 at Lifuyu in 2005/2006.

Treatment	Grain yield (kg/ha)	Pan/m ² (#) (nos)	Spike/pan	Ripening ratio (%)	1000 gwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Panicle length (cm)
No fertilizer	4407.4	167	138	78.7	30.4	86.5	20.6
N ₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	4554.0	167	114	81.9	29.6	78.1	21.3
N ₃₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	4605.7	180	135	85.9	29.6	90.1	20.6
N ₆₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	4166.9	227	216	73.4	28.8	87.5	22.0
N ₉₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	4429.1	211	206	77.6	28.9	79.5	22.6
N ₁₂₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	4711.6	202	204	69.8	29.6	101.7	22.5
Mean	4479.1	192	169	78	29.5	87.2	21.6
Significance	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns
S.E.	722.1	15.9	20.8	4.2	0.3	5.2	0.2
CV%	22.8	11.7	17.4	7.6	1.5	8.5	1.5

Ns not significant

Table 5: Effect of different N rates on Nerica 1 at Meru in 2005/2006.

Treatment	Grain yield (kg/ha)	Pan/m ² (#) (#)	Spikelets/panicle	Ripening ratio (%)	1000 gwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Panicle length (cm)
No fertilizer	901.5	60	66	88	30	60	17
N ₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	2495.9	140	83	77	28	67	17
N ₃₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	2162.3	143	62	84	29	63	18
N ₆₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	2397.3	150	71	82	29	65	18
N ₉₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	2914.7	157	92	74	28	74	18
N ₁₂₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	2756.1	135	99	77	28	75	19
Mean	2271.3	134	79	80	29	67	18
Significance	+	+	+	Ns	Ns	Ns	+
S.E.	388.1	15	7	6	1	2	0.1
CV%	24.2	15.7	12.4	11.4	4.7	7.4	1.0

Ns not significant, + significant at 10 %

Fig. 5: Effect of N application rate on grain yield of Nerica 1

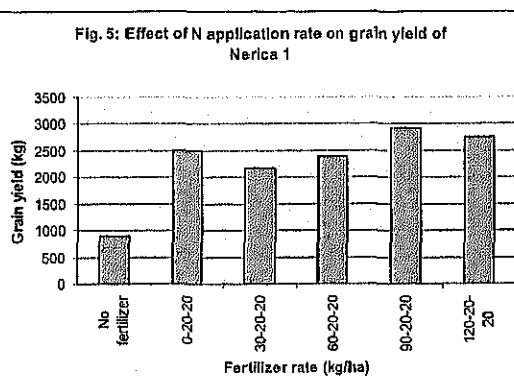


Table 6: Effect of different N rates on Nerica 1 at Chitedze in 2005/2006.

Treatment	Grain yield (kg/ha)	Pan/m ² (#) (#)	Ripening ratio (%)	1000 gwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Panicle length (cm)
No fertilizer	1027.5	122	47.3	25.1	69.6	18.8
N ₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	1830.5	184	71.2	25.8	68.6	17.9
N ₃₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	1068.2	200	39.2	23.2	73.4	19.5
N ₆₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	1821.0	210	47.7	25.1	75.2	20.0
N ₉₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	2492.5	243	46.4	23.9	80	21.3
N ₁₂₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	1489.5	196	42.7	26.3	73.2	21.2
Mean	1621.5	193	49	24.9	73.3	19.6
Significance	Ns	+	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns
S.E.	531.4	13	6.1	0.8	1.7	0.9

Ns not significant, + significant at 10 % level

Table 7: Effect of different N rates on Nerica 1 at Mbawa in 2005/2006.

Treatment	Grain yield (kg/ha)	Pan/m ² (#) (#)	Spikelets/panicle	Ripening ratio (%)	1000 gwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Panicle length (cm)
No fertilizer	1258.4	126	53	67.9	37.7	57.7	22.4
N ₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	1366.4	146	50	65.0	38.5	60.3	21.6
N ₃₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	1787.8	145	74	59.6	38.1	69.3	17.9
N ₆₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	1207.1	135	65	52.7	37.3	65.9	21.4
N ₉₀ P ₂ O ₅ K ₂ O	1493.3	124	71	63.7	36.0	65.1	17
Mean	1422.6	135	63	61.8	37.5	57.7	20.1
Significance	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns
S.E.	126.8	9	7	5.7	0.7	1.9	3.9
CV%	17.8	13.5	22.4	16.5	2.7	3.4	27.5

Ns not significant

Table 8: Effect of different plant spacings on NERICA-1 at Lifuwu in 2005/2006.

Method	Spacing	Grain yield (kg/ha)	Pan/m ² (#)	Spik/pan (#)	RR (%)	1000 gwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Pan length (cm)
Dibbling	25 cm x 12.5 cm	6323.4	262	112	78	28	106	23
	30 cm x 12.5 cm	2612.9	176	102	60	26	83	23
	30 cm x 15 cm	4304.7	191	101	80	26	95	23
Drilling	30 cm x 1.5 cm	4753.7	286	80	72	30	100	22
	30 cm x 1.8 cm	3769.8	220	91	82	30	96	22
	30 cm x 2.1 cm	5976.3	227	106	78	28	93	21
Mean		4657.6	227	98	75	28	95	22
Significance		Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns
S.E.		567.2	33	12	6	1	9	1
CV%		17.2	20.4	17.5	11.9	6.3	13.8	9.4
LSD		1458.2						

* Significant at 5% level, Ns not significant, RR ripening ratio

Table 9: Effect of different plant spacings on NERICA-1 at Mbawa in 2005/2006.

Method	Spacing	Grain yield (kg/ha)	Pan/m ² (#)	Spik/pan (#)	RR (%)	1000 gwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Pan length (cm)
Dibbling	25 cm x 12.5 cm	1325.9	157	99	37.5	29.7	66.2	18.2
	30 cm x 12.5 cm	1247.5	113	93	54.3	27.5	61	17.6
	30 cm x 15 cm	923.1	104	86	48.6	28.2	65.0	18.6
Drilling	30 cm x 1.5 cm	1154.1	168	72	41.9	28.8	58.7	16.9
	30 cm x 1.8 cm	1327.9	135	77	57.8	27.8	64.2	18.2
	30 cm x 2.1 cm	1052	101	87	54.3	27.7	57.6	18.6
Mean		1168.4	129	86	49.1	28.3	62.4	18.0
Significance		Ns	0.05	Ns	*	Ns	Ns	Ns
S.E.		124.7	10.7	8	3.0	0.5	3.2	1.0
CV%		15.1	11.7	13	8.5	2.7	7.2	7.8
LSD				27		7.6		

Ns not significant, * significant at 5%

Table 10: Effect of different plant spacings on NERICA-1 at Chitedze in 2005/2006.

Method	Spacing	Grain yield (kg/ha)	Pan/m ² (#)	Spik/pan (#)	RR (%)	1000 gwt (gm)	Plant height (cm)	Pan length (cm)
Dibbling	25 cm x 12.5 cm	959	207	47	44	22.9	66.7	17.6
	30 cm x 12.5 cm	1536	175	73	56	22.9	70.9	17.9
	30 cm x 15 cm	1211	178	67	45	23.1	73.3	18.5
Drilling	30 cm x 1.5 cm	2012	212	81	48	23.4	72.7	19.0
	30 cm x 1.8 cm	2057	301	48	28	23.5	72.0	18.5
	30 cm x 2.1 cm	1717	223	61	55	23.3	68.9	17.7
Mean		1582	216	63	46.0	23.2	70.8	18.2
Significance		Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns	Ns
S.E.		391	33.9	6.8	8.1	0.7	2.1	0.5
CV%		34.9	22.2	15.4	25.2	4	4.1	4

Ns not significant

Summary and conclusion

- Varieties showed significant differences only at Lifuwu.
- Nerica 1 was the best at Lifuwu and Nerica 4 at chitedze and Meru.
- N application did not increase grain yield and yield components at Lifuwu, Chitedze and Mbawa.
- Grain yields were increased by N application at only at Meru. The best N rate was 90 kg N/ha.

Summary and conclusions

- Spacing showed variations on grain yield only at Lifuwu
- The spacing of 25 cm x 12.5 cm and 30 cm x 2.1 cm were the best.
- The method of drilling was better than dibbling.

Thank you for giving me the necessary attention.