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Nigeria National Potato Strategy

A Year in Review

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Background: Potato Sector Analysis



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Challenges:

- Very low yield below 6 t/ha
- No reliable sources of quality seed. Importation is unsustainable
- Farmers lack the required knowledge on good agronomic practices
- Limited attention given to potato sector

Recommendations:

- Investments a functioning seed potato system including quality assurance.
- Training of producers in appropriate farming practices.
- Organization of potato sector players
- Improve focus on potato through national potato sector policy



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Potato Sector Development in Nigeria

Recommendations for policy and action



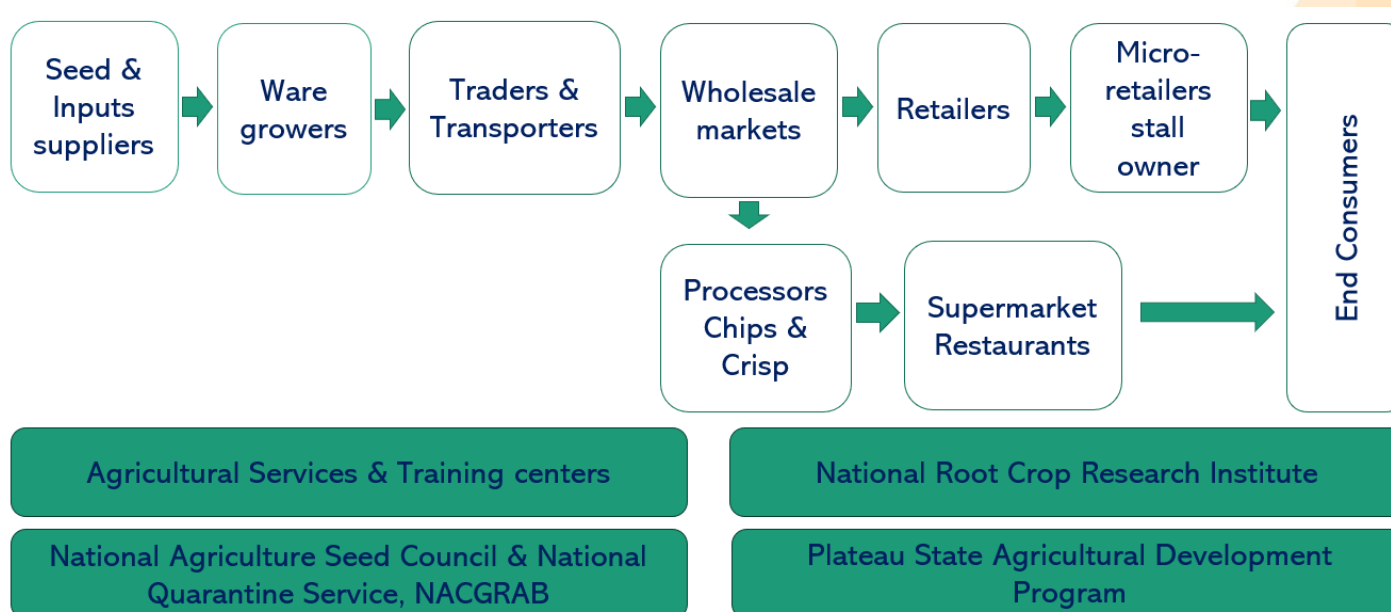
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Need for the National Potato Strategy

- Potato plays significant role in food security and income generation for farmers
- Important crop both nationally and globally ranking 3rd among most imported food crops globally.
- Nigeria has one of the largest potato production areas in Africa estimated at 300,000 hectare.
- Production is concentrated in Plateau State, but the value chain extends across the entire country.

Three essential triggers for change

- ✓ Deliberate initiatives by the government (Federal and States)
- ✓ Support from development partners
- ✓ Conducive business environment for private sector investment.



The National Potato Strategy is therefore necessary to identify the needs, guide decision, direct interventions and investments to build a sustainable potato value chain for the benefits of all actors and stakeholders

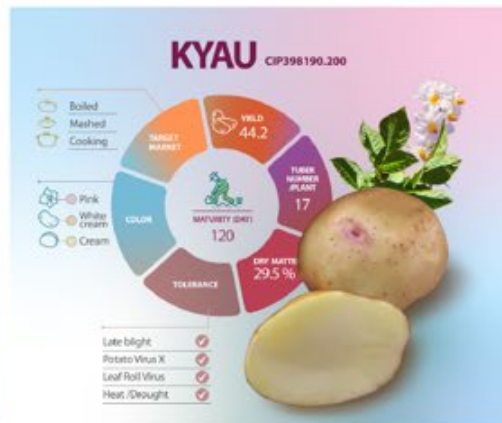
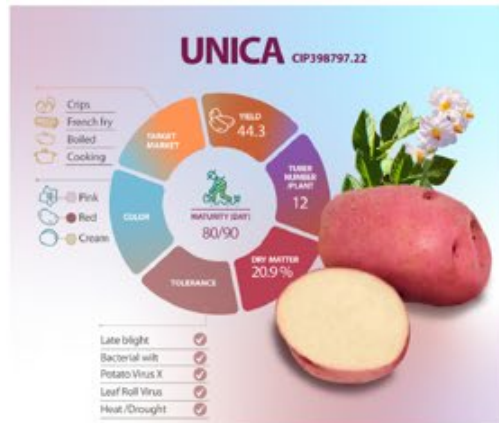


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Strategic direction for potato value chain

Vision: A vibrant, innovative and commercially oriented potato industry

Mission: Transform potato industry in Nigeria from subsistence production to viable commercial and competitive enterprise that ensures sustainable food and nutrition security and increasing income among all value chain actors



Strategic objectives

Strategic Objectives	Outcomes
1. Strengthen institutional, legal, and regulatory framework	Strong and effective institutions anchored on a solid regulatory and legal framework
2. Promote development of potato varieties , introduction, and availability 3. Improve quality seed potato production and distribution in Nigeria	Improved access to high-quality seed potato of preferred variety at the right time, place and affordable price
4. Enhance research in the potato industry 5. Increase potato production, value addition and marketing 6. Enhance import, export and trade of potato and its value-added products	Improved industry profitability through increases in farmers' yields and value of the product sold on the domestic and international market
7. Promote public-private partnerships in the potato industry development 8. Improve funding to the potato industry. 9. Strengthen linkages, alignment, and collaboration among actors along the potato value chain	Well-coordinated potato sector results in a sustainable industry that can adapt to highly dynamic markets

A Year in Review – Discussion Questions

Federal Department of Agriculture (FDA)

- ❖ Over the past year, how have the strategies aimed at strengthening institutions like NRCRI, NASC, and NACGRAB progressed? Could you share specific achievements or challenges encountered in empowering these institutions to facilitate the strategy's implementation?
- ❖ Reflecting on the past year, how effectively has funding been allocated to the identified priority areas? Can you provide examples of areas where the investment has yielded significant progress or where adjustments may be needed?

National Root Crops Research Institute (NRCRI)

- ❖ With a year since the strategy's launch, how has NRCRI positioned itself in leading research and development for the potato crop? What specific advancements or milestones have been achieved?
- ❖ What notable research outcomes have been translated into practical applications within the potato industry? Could you share examples of how these have impacted the sector and any ongoing challenges?



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A Year in Review – Panel Discussion Questions

National Potato Multi-stakeholders and Investors Platform

- ❖ Over the past year, how has the platform succeeded in mobilizing and uniting stakeholders to elevate the profile of the potato sector? Are there any significant changes or initiatives that highlight the progress made?
- ❖ What specific collaborations between the public and private sectors have been established or enhanced? Can you provide details on how these collaborations have driven progress, including any incentives or mechanisms that have been particularly effective?

GIZ

- ❖ Reflecting on the past year, what contributions has GIZ made in enhancing capacity development within the potato industry? Are there any measurable outcomes in production, value addition, or marketing as a result?
- ❖ Looking forward, what new initiatives or ongoing programs does GIZ planned to sustain and build upon the support provided in the past year?



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