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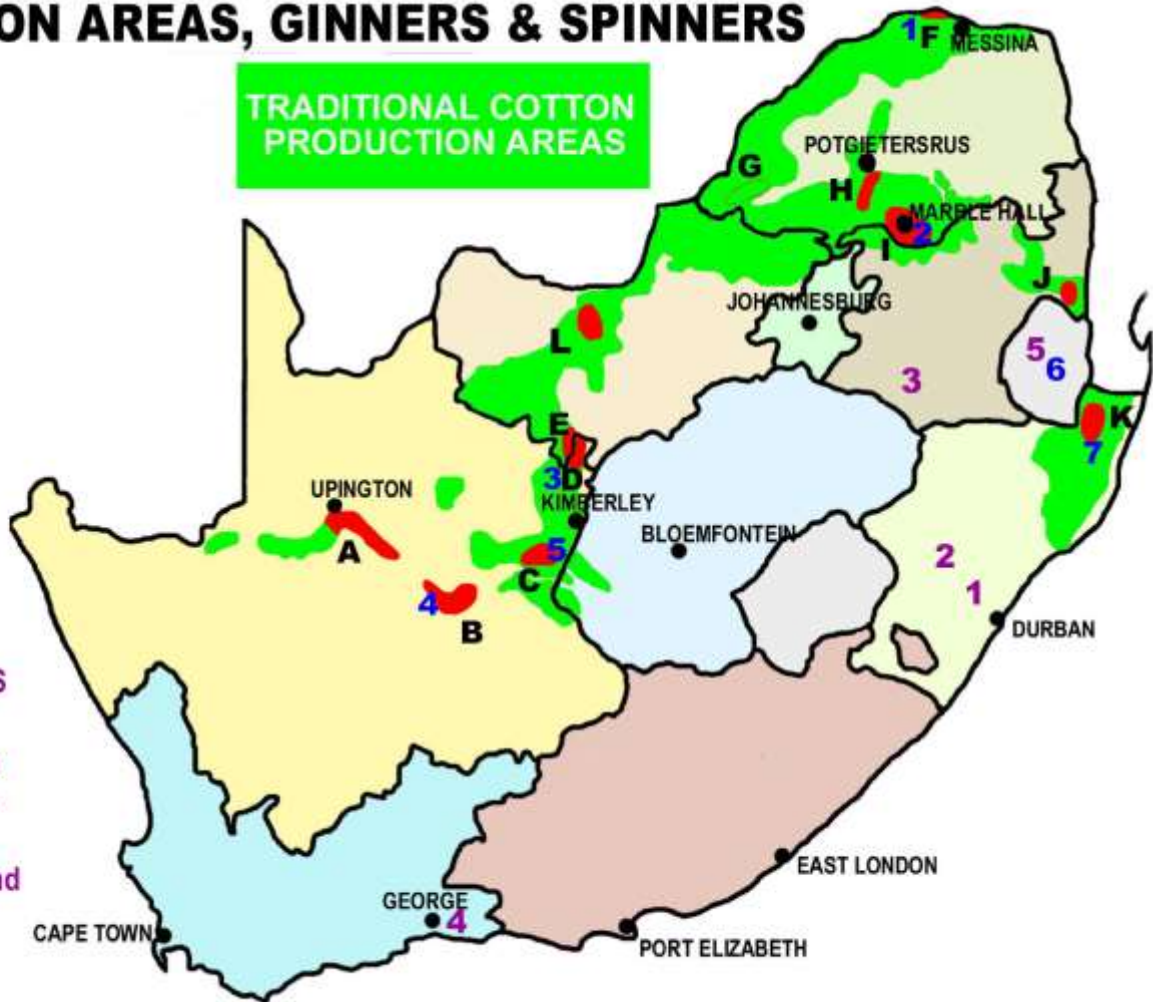
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COTTON PRODUCTION AREAS, GINNERS & SPINNERS

2017/18 COTTON PRODUCTION AREAS

- A Lower Orange River
- B Marydale/Prieska
- C Hopetown/Douglas
- D Vaalharts
- E Taung
- F Weipe
- G Thabazimbi/Dwaalboom
- H North & South Springbok Flats
- I Loskop
- J Tonga/Nkomazi
- K Makhathini
- L Stella/Setlagoli

TRADITIONAL COTTON PRODUCTION AREAS



COTTON GINS

- 1 Weipe
- 2 Loskop
- 3 Vaalharts
- 4 Noord-Kaap
- 5 GWK
- 6 Swaziland Gin
- 7 Makhathini

COTTON SPINNERS

- 1 Prilla Mills
- 2 Tai Yuen Textiles
- 3 Standerton Mills
- 4 Tradelink
- 5 Spintex Swaziland

COTTON LINT BALES (200kg
bales)

PRODUCTION SEASON	REALISTIC	OPTIMISTIC	PESSIMISTIC
2019/20	250 000	300 000	200 000
2020/21	275 000	400 000	175 000
2021/22	300 000	500 000	150 000
2022/23	330 000	600 000	125 000
2023/24	350 000	620 000	100 000

3rd estimate

Cotton production

2018/19 year: 4th estimate:

RSA:

☐ **Irrigation:** 23 324 ha Yield Seed cotton/ha: 4694 kg

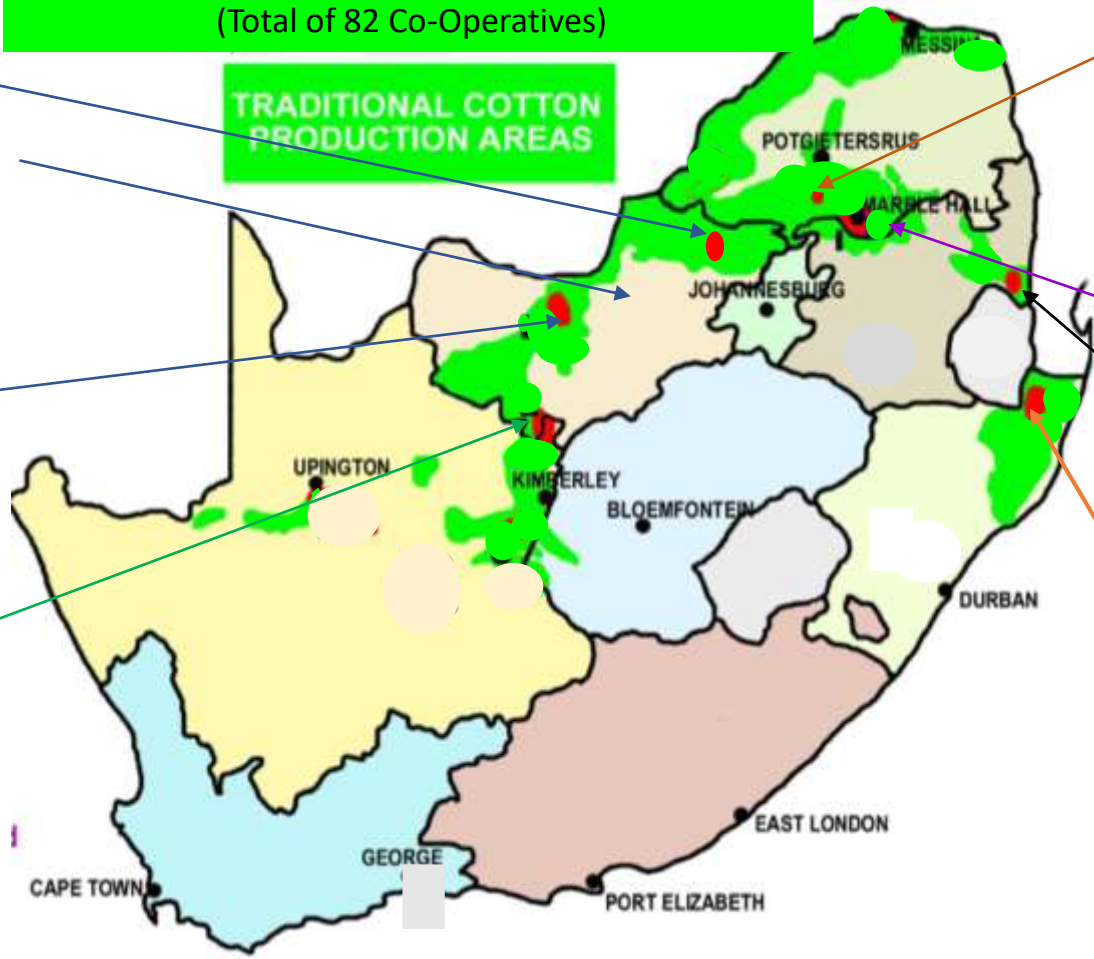
☐ **Dryland:** 19 064 ha Yield: 989 kg/ha

- Handpicked: 1% KwaZulu Natal & Mpumalanga
- Mostly machine picked

Expected no. of hectares to increase to 100 000 ha over time

SMALL-SCALE FARMER PRODUCTION AREAS
(Total of 82 Co-Operatives)

TRADITIONAL COTTON PRODUCTION AREAS



North-West:
Batshweneng
(Irrigation 106
ha – 6 farmers)

Matlerekeng
(Dryland 60ha,
Irrigation 10 ha
– 3 farmers)

North-West:
Taung
(Irrigation 230
ha – 23 farmers)

Limpopo:
Dichoeng
(Dryland 10 ha,
Irrigation, 100ha
– 11 farmers)

Mpumalanga:
Nokaneng
(Dryland,
610ha – 188
farmers)

Mpumalanga:
Nkomazi (410 ha
– 151 farmers)

KwaZulu-Natal:
Makhathini
(Dryland 2200ha,
Irrigation 200 ha
– 1247 farmers)

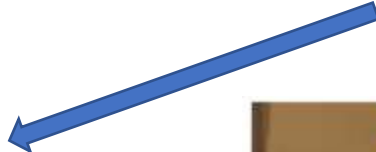
Seedcotton (kg/ha)
800-1200kg/ha,
Rainfed /dryland)

Small-Scale farmer production

(T. Schoeman, Cotton SA)

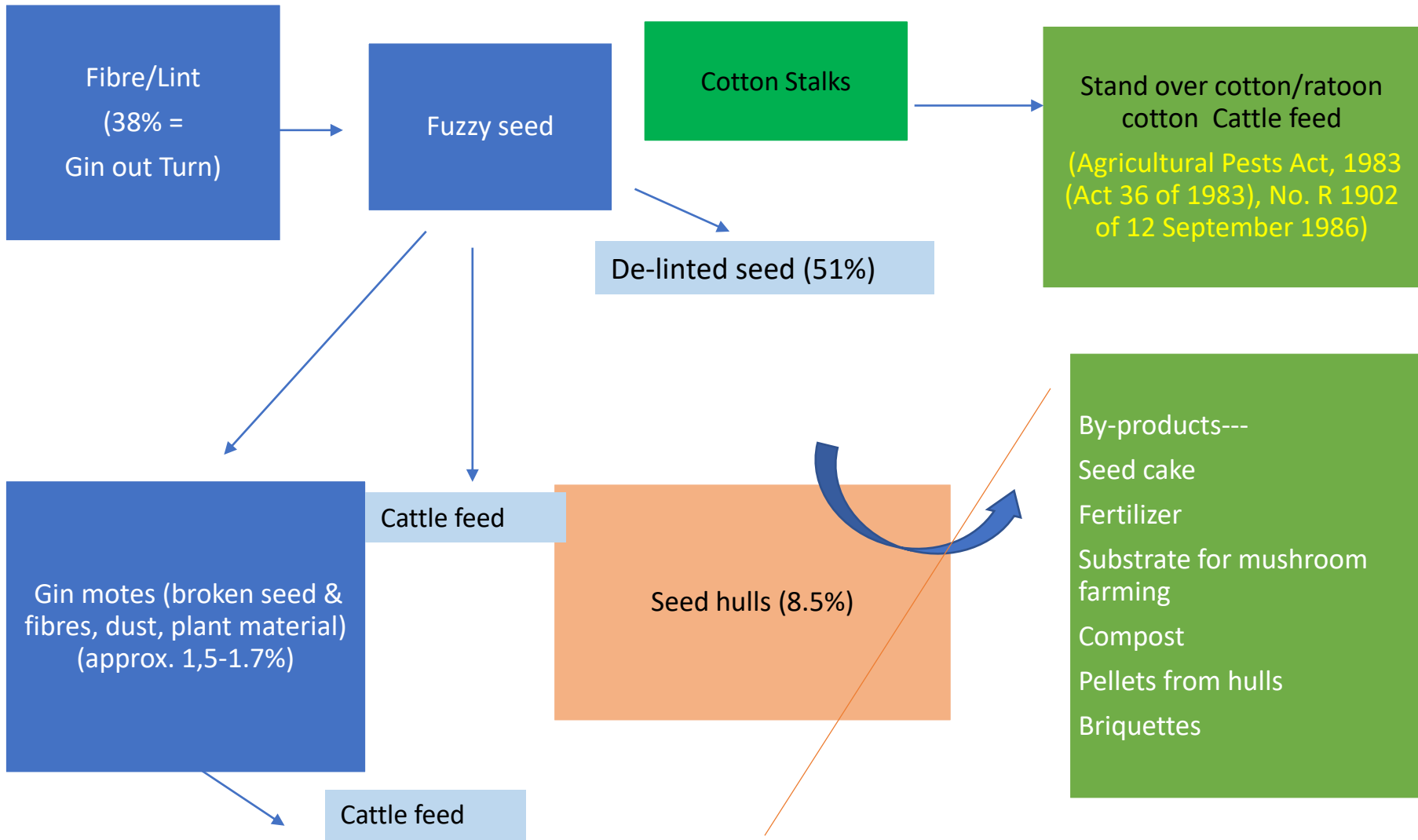
Smallholder Cotton Production in Limpopo, North West, Mpumalanga and KZN 2018-2019						
Province / Co-op	Smallholder Cotton Farmers	Hectares Dryland-Current	Hectares Dryland-Potential	Hectares Irrigation-Current	Hectares Irrigation-Potential	Estimated Lint bales- 200 Kg
Mpumalanga - Nkomazi (22 Co-op)	151	410 + 1000 (not part of Project)	10 000	0	1250	710
Mpumalanga - Matlerekeng (1 Co-op)	3	60	2000	10	200	140
Mpumalanga - Nokaneng (17 Co-op)	188	610	3000	0	100	690
Limpopo - Dichoeng (2 Co-op)	11	10	600	100	600	1120
North West - Taung (1 Co-op)	23	0	400	230	500	2185
North West - Batshweneng (1 JV)	6	0	900	106	146	1007
KZN - Makhathini (38 Co-op)	1247	2200	4000	200	2000	3450
TOTAL	1629	2880	20 900	646	4796	9302

Cotton Gin producing Cattle feed



Motes & Hulls - Cattle feed

Loskop Cotton Ginners



Potential projects... The way forward.

Cotton Oil

- Commercial production

*Previously Neden Oils / (Afgri Operations, 2005) (Polokwane – Mokopane/Potgietersrus– 1990's) – at present sunflower and soya oils

Cost of production? Determine niche market.

- ### Cotton motes/fuzzy seed/hulls: Cattle feed
- (Sold to local buyers-Bester Feed & Grain – (Northern Cape), possibly Meadow Feeds, Astral includes cotton material?)

- ### Medical uses of cotton
- (short staple/high micronaire):
(all cotton in SA – Bt-Cotton – GMO cotton)

*SA has **BCI cotton** – Better Cotton Initiative - Possibility of looking into using BCI cotton? Find retailers/local markets interested in BCI.

Potential projects... The way forward.

Cotton seed oil cake (AFMA)

Full fat cotton cake: 2018/2019 PROJECTED LOCAL PRODUCTION: 60 000 T

- Investigated at present

Raw material usage by Animal Feed Manufacturing Association members:

- Cotton Seed oil cake: 0.07% (4 307 T)
- Full fat cotton seed: 0.15% (9 921 T)

The way forward

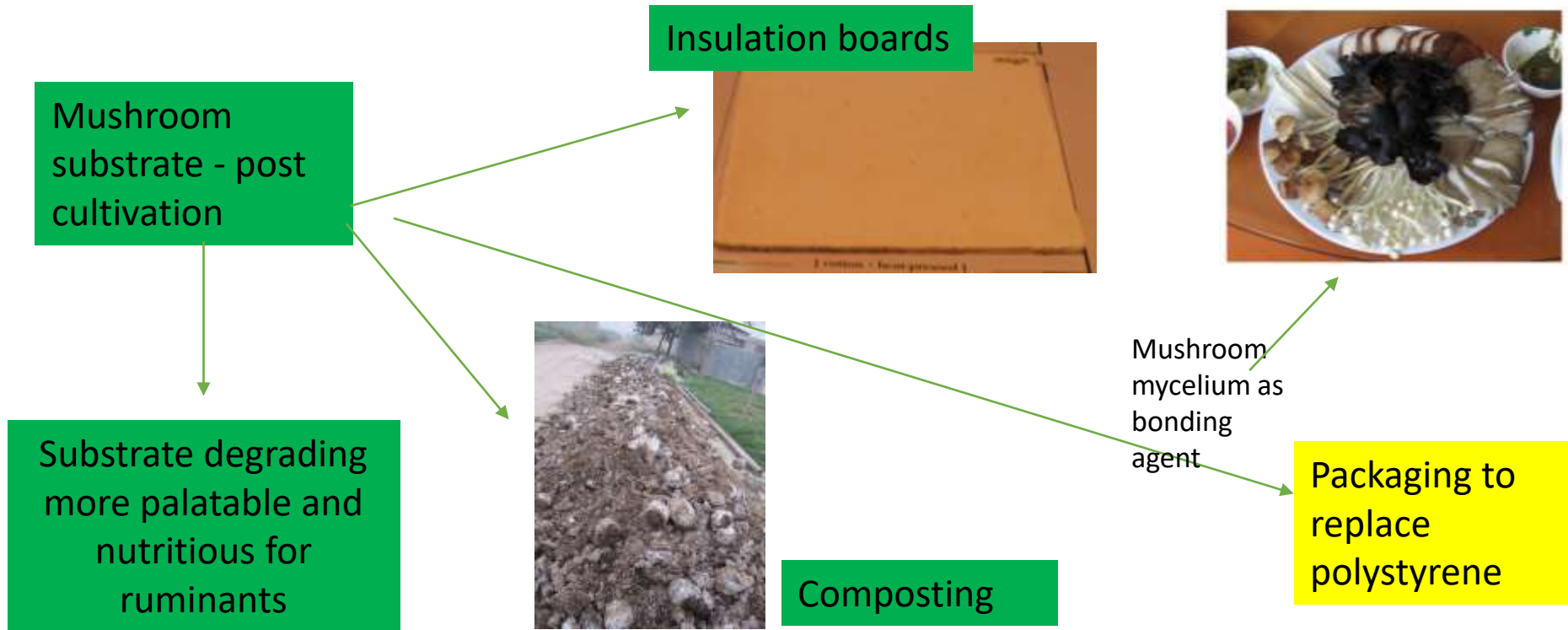
☐: Cotton Stalks

- **Briquettes:** Funding to do a feasibility study
 - Small-scale farmers- Ratoon cotton & Current legislation – feasible?
Hectarages low, to include commercial plantings
 - **Determine interests** from farmers/ginneries/farmer associations e.g. Nkomazi area near Komatipoort
 - Mill/**shredder** on farm for stalks, for briquettes and other uses
 - **Determine biomass** (no. of plants/ha needed in relation to biomass produced per variety, e.g DP1541 vigorous growing variety)
- **Composting**
- **Mushroom farming** – connect to local markets – South African Mushroom Growers Association – connect to producers/gins

Potential projects – cotton stalks and hulls

Mushroom production for human consumption: Interested party: Agricultural Research Council (Plant Protection Research Institute – Dr. Susan Koch)

Possibilities for manufacturing of industrial structural products: Packaging, Insulation boards,





Thank you