



The journey that maize grain makes from the farmer's field to the silo, then to the mill and finally to the supermarket is called the 'maize value chain'.

WHO OWNS?  
OUR MAIZE

In South Africa, the maize value chain is controlled by only a few very powerful companies:

-  **Monsanto** and **Pioneer Hi-Bred** (both from the USA) control the **maize seed** market.
-  Three former co-operatives that functioned in the agriculture sector under apartheid, - **Afgri**, **Senwes** and **NWK** - own **74% of the silos** that store maize grain in very large quantities.
-  Two multinational companies that transport grain around the world - **Cargill** and **Louis Dreyfus** - control **70% of the maize traded** on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.
-  **Tiger Brands**, **Premier Foods** and **Pioneer Foods**, who control the **maize meal** market, also control the **milling of 60% of all white maize** produced in South Africa.
-  **Shoprite/Checkers**, **Pick n Pay**, **Spar**, **Woolworths** and **Massmart**, own **60% of the food bought and sold** in South Africa.

It is shocking that in South Africa a handful of very powerful corporations control how and what we eat!

**We have no power. It is time to take it back - to take back our food systems!!**



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