

2.7 South Africa Milling Assessment

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The maize milling industry employs approximately 5,300 workers. The average milling capacity utilisation is 3.7 million tonnes or 79.5% of the available capacity. The potential capacity is in the order of 5 million tonnes. 22 companies generate 85% of all maize milled within the country. The top 4 players are Pioneer, Premier Foods, Pride Milling and Tiger Brands. Large and very large millers mill over 4 Metric Tons (MT) per hour, whilst Medium-scale millers mill 1 to 4 MT per hour and Small-scale mills are involved in village level processing of 100kg to 1 MT per hour. To be successful small scale millers must overcome the following constraints in addition to high transport costs, the availability of maize and access to storage facilities.

Three products are produced by the milling industry: super maize-meal for human consumption, Special maize meal and maize for animal feed. Vertical Integration is high in the industry.

The grain milling sector plays a vital role in food security as its products are the primary ingredients of South Africa's staple foods, and the sector is a major determinant of the price of maize meal and bread. Pest infestation, droughts and other effects of climate change pose a threat to grain production and in the 2018/19 production season, most summer crop harvests fell due to dry weather conditions at the start of the season.

The cost of food manufacturing is influenced by the price of raw commodities and by non-food inputs such as electricity, labour, packaging material and fuel. Transport and logistics can account for almost 35% of the final cost of maize products, and almost all freight in South Africa is transported by road, which is 30% more costly than rail.

For more information on milling company contact details, please see the following link: [4.6 Storage and Milling Companies Contact List](#).

Pride Milling Company

Company Name and Address	Contact Names and Email	Telephone and Fax
Pride Milling Stasie Street, Leslie, Leandra Mpumalanga, South Africa, 2265		Tel: 017 683 0050 Fax:
Summary of Role and Services		

Other Equipment or Machinery Installed	
Type of Equipment	Available
Fortification Feeder	Yes
Bag Cleaning Plant	Yes
Moisture Tester	Yes
De-stoning Plant	Yes
Metal Extractor	Yes

Access			
Distance from Main Town (km)	101		
Travel Time if not Located in Town (hours)	1		
Road Condition to Mill	Good		
Road Limitations (if any)	Maximum Width and Max. Tonnage		
Rail Connections	Yes / No		
On the Railway From	-	To	-
Other Comments	-		

Milling Capacity		
Commodities	Daily Capacity (MT)	Monthly Activity (MT)
Wheat	132	2640
Maize	132	2640

Storage Capacity		
Storage in Metric Tons	Wheat – Covered (MT)	Flour – Covered (MT)
Within the Compound	1200	1200
Outside the Compound		

Loading & Discharge Rates
34 MT per hour