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[Strengthening Staple Food Markets in Eastern and Southern Africa: Toward an Integrated Approach for CAADP Investment Plans](#). T.S. Jayne, Antony Chapoto, and Jordan Chamberlin. Number 89. September 2011.

The authors highlight the need for a holistic approach to strengthening staple food markets in the region. Many of the current impediments to a more vibrant commodity trading system stem from low farm productivity and inadequate access to productive resources, which prevent a large segment of Africa's farmers from producing a surplus to sell. Strategies are elaborated to help CAADP Investment Plans address how to effectively reach the least productive half of the smallholder population.

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- [Smallholder Heterogeneity and Maize Market Participation in Southern and Eastern Africa: Implications for Investment Strategies to Increase Marketed Food Staple Supply](#). David Mather, Duncan Boughton, and T.S. Jayne. International Development Working Paper No. 113. Michigan State University. October 2011.
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