Michigan State University's Food Security Group is pleased to share with you recent papers and presentation which we hope might help inform deliberations at the forthcoming (June 11-12) 2010 US-Africa Forum on Farming: A Business: Strengthening Linkages and Skills to Transform Africa’s Food System, being presented by The Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, the Joaquim Chissano Foundation, and the John A. Kufuor Foundation.

**Agriculture, Structural Transformation, Ag Productivity Drivers and Pathways Out of Poverty:**

**Agribusiness Development:**

**Value Chain Development:**
- [Value Chain Investments and Improved Food Security Outcomes: Natural Partners or Arranged Marriage?](#) Duncan Boughton. USAID Value Chain Learning Event. Washington, DC. February 7 – 8, 2012. ([Recording of this presentation](#))

**Specific Value Chains:**
**Horticulture:**

**Cotton:**
- [Contract Farming in Sub-Saharan Africa: Lessons from cotton on what works and under](#)

- **Pathways to Improved Profitability and Sustainability of Cotton Cultivation at Farm Level in Africa: an Approach to Addressing Critical Knowledge Gaps.** IDWP 112. Valerie Kelly, Duncan Boughton, and Benjamin Magen. February 2011.

**Maize:**


**Cassava:**

- **Emerging Insights from Regional Cassava Value Chains.** Steven Haggblade. Presentation to Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation by Michigan State University’s Food Security Group: August 10-11, 2010

**Improving Performance of Food Markets:**


**Land Access Issues:**


**Capacity Building Issues:**

- **Capacity Development for Modernizing African Food Systems (MAFS) Summary.** April 2012