

## **Mwea rice farmers to receive training boost**

**HARVEST:** Kenya's annual rice supply is expected to increase by 60,000 tonnes, which is double the current supply, following plans to rehabilitate Mwea irrigation scheme and its water irrigation management system. The Mwea Irrigation Scheme is Kenya's biggest rice-producing scheme, whose production was adversely affected last year by prolonged drought that led to shortage of water at the scheme. To this effect, the Kenya Agriculture and Livestock Research Organisation in partnership with the Japan International Cooperation Agency have initiated a training programme for rice farmers at the Mwea Irrigation Scheme. The training is on water saving rice culture which will see a farmer harvest 25 to 30 bags of rice from the normal average of 13 to 19 bags an acre through water saving techniques which increase yields.

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