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THE STRATEGIC FOOD RESERVE AND THE NATIONAL CEREALS AND PRODUCE BOARD REFORMS

- WHO:** Hon. Peter Munya, MGH, Cabinet Secretary.
- WHAT:** The Strategic Food Reserve and The National Cereals and Produce Board Reforms
- WHEN:** Wednesday May 20, 2020 **11.00 am**
- WHERE:** **NCPB, Head Office. Machakos Road, Industrial Area**

The Ministry of Agriculture has initiated sector reforms that are anchored on the Agricultural Sector Transformation and Growth Strategy (ASTGS) 2019-2029, which aims to inform and bring to life the food security pillar of the President's Big Four Agenda. The reforms will boost production, trade and consumption of staples beyond maize, and therefore boost incomes and benefits. One of the key changes is to weaken the hold of government on production and marketing of maize which, though well-meant, has often ended up being abused and crowding out the private sector.

It is for this reason that the government has pronounced itself that it is no longer in the business of buying and selling maize and fertilizer, whether locally or imported. Going forward the government will focus on its key role, that of creating an enabling environment for producers and

traders to make and execute commercial decisions, while ensuring that commercial interest, especially on imports do not disadvantage local producers and consumers.

Journalists are welcome to engage the Cabinet secretary on this issue and in line to the Ministry's ongoing efforts to ensure a food secure Kenya.

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