

Farmers urged to go large scale

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Sentongo shows students and lecturers around

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THE business community and farmers should embark on large scale farming to improve the agricultural sector, the chairman of the Makerere University Business School (MUBS) council, has said.

"We can only do that by consolidating small plots into large ones," Colin Sentongo said recently.

He was speaking to students and lecturers from Drake University in the US, who had visited his farm on Entebbe road recently.

The 28 students and three lecturers are on a month-long exchange programme with MUBS.

Sentongo appealed to farmers to form co-operative societies so they can pool resources like land, so modern agriculture equipment such as tractors and harvesters could be used for quick production.

He also urged people to plant trees on their farms and around homes to protect the environment and fight global warming. The students lamented on the methods of farming and farm tools used by most farmers.

"We were surprised to see farmers using hoes for digging which takes a lot of time and yields little harvests," a student observed.

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