

# Combine Harvesters and Fleet Management

## Efficient Harvesting

The combine harvester is a modern agricultural machinery designed to perform multiple harvesting operations as threshing, gathering, and winnowing, all in a single process. Available in various sizes, its suitable for crops like wheat, maize, rice, soybean, barley, sunflower, and more.



Combine harvester operating in Sudan

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This technology is [TAAT1 validated](#). 8•8 Scaling readiness: idea maturity 8/9; level of use 8/9

Gender assessment 8 4

Climate impact 8 6 1 1

### Problem

- Traditional manual harvesting is time-consuming and demands significant labor.
- Conventional threshing methods are slow and risk potential grain loss.
- Manual separation of grain from chaff is inefficient, leading to impurities.
- Older methods may have limited capacity, resulting in slower operations.

### Solution

- Combine harvesters automates the harvesting process, reducing the need for manual labor.
- Its offers threshing mechanisms, minimizing grain loss during harvesting.
- Its incorporate separation technologies, ensuring effective grain separation and reducing impurities.
- Help to increases harvesting capacity.

### Key points to design your project

Combine harvesters and fleet management offer transformative solutions to challenges in traditional grain harvesting by minimizing yield losses. Integrating this technology involves:

- Evaluating unit sizes and costs, considering sources.
- Training, communication support, and
- Collaboration with agricultural institutes.

Technology originally documented by **ProPAS**

Commodities  
Maize, Rice, Wheat, Soybean

Sustainable Development Goals

Categories  
Harvest, Equipment, Mechanized farming

Tested/adopted in  
  
■ Tested & adopted  
■ Adopted  
■ Tested

Where it can be used  
 This technology can be used in the colored agro-ecological zones.

Target groups  
Farmers

<p>Cost: \$\$\$ <b>12,000—500,000</b></p> <p>USD</p> <p>Unit of combine harvesters</p>	<p><b>35 %</b></p> <p>Reduced harvest losses</p>
<p><b>56—63</b> USD</p> <p>harvesting unit cost per Ha</p>	<p><span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">IP</span></p> <p>Open source / open access</p>

