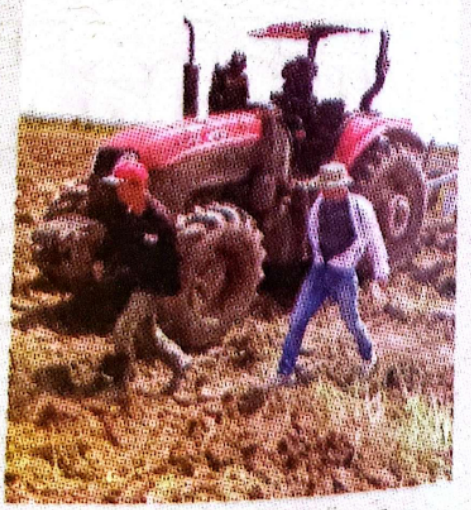
Govt commended on agriculture

Favourable policies have enabled the agriculture sector to increase its contribution to the country's economy.

"Owing to this, the sector contributes about 25 per cent of GDP. The sector has continued to employ more than 70 per cent despite faster growth of the services and industry sectors," said the minister for Agriculture Vincent Ssempijja in an interview with *Daily Monitor*.

It is critical in provision of employment, food security, export earnings and supply of raw materials for industry. As such, there is increased government investments in specific areas: Research, commercialisation, finance and insurance, value addition and post-harvest management, pest and disease control, mechanisation.



Mechanisation is the way forward. FILE PHOTO

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