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## Summary of findings for the year 2021

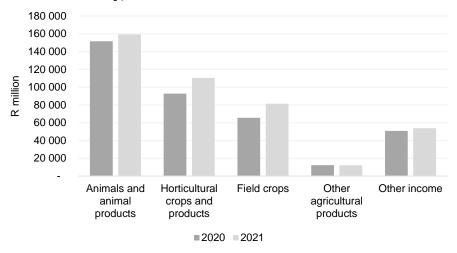
### Income by type of product

Total income earned in the agriculture and related services industry was R417,1 billion in 2021 compared with R372,8 billion in 2020. This reflects an increase of 11,9% between 2020 and 2021 (Figure 1 and Table 1, page 8).

In 2021, 'animals and animal products' generated the largest sales (R159,3 billion), followed by 'horticultural crops and products' (R110,4 billion) and 'field crops' (R81,4 billion).

The highest percentage increases were recorded for income earned from the sale of 'field crops' (24,2%) and 'horticultural crops and products' (19,0%).

Figure 1 – Income by type of product in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021



#### Concentration ratios for total income

In 2021, the 100 largest enterprises (in terms of total income) in the agriculture and related services industry contributed 23,4% of total income. Between 2020 and 2021 the concentration ratios decreased in the 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 categories.

Table A – Concentration ratios for total income in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

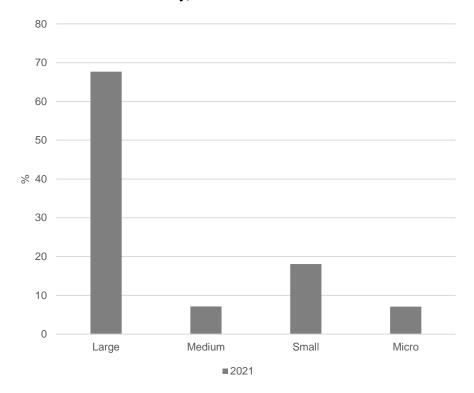
Concentration ratio	2020	2021			
Concentration ratio	%				
CR5	7,8	6,9			
CR10	12,0	10,7			
CR20	16,3	14,5			
CR50	21,3	18,9			
CR100	26,4	23,4			

**Note:** The information was collected from enterprises for their financial year which ended on any date between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021. The majority of enterprises have a financial year ending February 2021.

## Income by enterprise size in the agriculture and related services industry, 2021

Large enterprises contributed 67,7% or R282,3 billion of the total income in 2021, followed by small enterprises with a contribution of 18,1% or R75,4 billion. Medium and micro enterprises each contributed 7,1% (Figure 2 and Table 3, page 10).

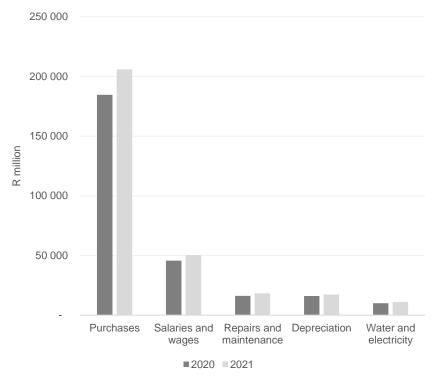
Figure 2 – Income by enterprise size (% contribution) in the agriculture and related services industry, 2021



### **Expenditure**

Total expenditure incurred by the farming sector in 2021 was R389,3 billion compared with R353,4 billion in 2020 (an increase of 10,2%). The highest contributor to total expenditure was 'purchases' (52,9% of the total), followed by 'salaries and wages' (12,9%), 'repairs and maintenance' (4,7%) and 'depreciation' (4,4%) (Figure 3 and Table 6, page 13).

Figure 3 – Expenditure according to major contributors in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021



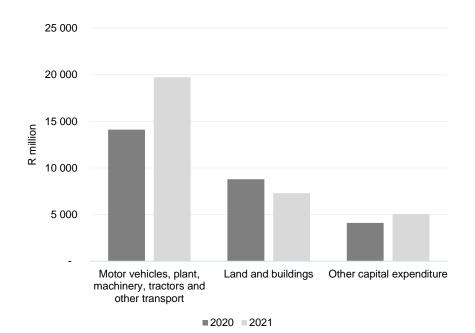
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## Capital expenditure on new assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

The total capital expenditure on new assets in the agriculture and related services industry in 2021 amounted to R32,1 billion compared with R27,0 billion in 2020, an increase of 18,8% (Figure 4 and Table 7, page 14).

'Motor vehicles, plant, machinery, tractors and other transport' reported the largest increase, namely R5,6 billion (from R14,1 billion to R19,7 billion).

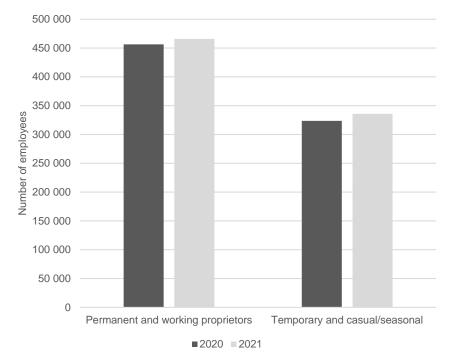
Figure 4 – Distribution of capital expenditure by type of asset in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021



#### **Employment**

The total number of persons employed in the agriculture and related services industry as at the end of June 2021 was 801 503 compared with 780 057 in June 2020, an increase of 2,7% (Figure 5 and Table 11, page 16).

Figure 5 – Employment in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021



#### **Provincial estimates**

Table B - Key statistics in the agriculture and related services by province, 2021

Province	Sales of goods and services (R'000)	% contribution	Salaries and wages (R'000)	% contribution	Total employees (Number)	% contribution
Western Cape	74 931 914	19,5	12 858 664	25,6	186 659	23,2
Eastern Cape	31 964 542	8,3	4 403 846	8,8	74 163	9,3
Northern Cape	17 879 199	4,6	2 880 615	5,7	66 314	8,3
Free State	51 089 492	13,2	4 065 751	8,1	73 972	9,2
KwaZulu-Natal	40 404 395	10,5	6 104 887	12,1	105 076	13,1
North West	45 660 760	11,8	4 221 290	8,4	63 115	7,9
Gauteng	46 393 832	12,0	5 046 480	10,0	53 703	6,7
Mpumalanga	43 938 541	11,4	5 027 396	10,0	80 596	10,1
Limpopo	33 596 554	8,7	5 695 447	11,3	97 905	12,2
Total	385 859 229	100,0	50 304 376	100,0	801 503	100,0

The province with the largest income from sales of goods and services in the agriculture and related services industry in 2021 was Western Cape with R74,9 billion (or 19,5% of the industry total), followed by Free State (R51,1 billion or 13,2%), Gauteng (R46,4 billion or 12,0%) and North West (R45,7 billion or 11,8%).

The largest contributor to salaries and wages was Western Cape with R12,9 billion (or 25,6% of the industry total), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (R6,1 billion or 12,1%) and Limpopo (R5,7 billion or 11,3%).

In terms of employment, Western Cape was the largest contributor with 186 659 employees (or 23,2% of the industry total), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (105 076 or 13,1%), Limpopo (97 905 or 12,2%) and Mpumalanga (80 596 or 10,1%).

Table C - Key statistics in the agriculture and related services by province, 2020 and 2021

		f goods ervices		Salaries and wages			Total employees		
Province	2020	2021	% change	2020	2021	% change	2020	2021	% change
	R'(	000		R'	000		Num	ber	
Western Cape	65 095 293	74 931 914	15,1	11 761 437	12 858 664	9,3	186 553	186 659	0,1
Eastern Cape	29 521 562	31 964 542	8,3	3 895 254	4 403 846	13,1	70 554	74 163	5,1
Northern Cape	16 820 242	17 879 199	6,3	2 577 223	2 880 615	11,8	61 910	66 314	7,1
Free State	42 738 748	51 089 492	19,5	3 201 079	4 065 751	27,0	67 996	73 972	8,8
KwaZulu-Natal	37 184 941	40 404 395	8,7	5 525 008	6 104 887	10,5	97 263	105 076	8,0
North West	40 387 774	45 660 760	13,1	4 402 826	4 221 290	-4,1	66 628	63 115	-5,3
Gauteng	43 820 565	46 393 832	5,9	4 381 468	5 046 480	15,2	50 955	53 703	5,4
Mpumalanga	36 805 241	43 938 541	19,4	4 515 453	5 027 396	11,3	72 046	80 596	11,9
Limpopo	29 268 921	33 596 554	14,8	5 428 709	5 695 447	4,9	106 152	97 905	-7,8
Total	341 643 287	385 859 229	12,9	45 688 457	50 304 376	10,1	780 057	801 503	2,7

Income from sales of goods and services in the agriculture and related services industry increased from R341,6 billion in 2020 to R385,9 billion in 2021, a growth of 12,9%. Free State province reported the largest increase of 19,5%, followed by Mpumalanga (19,4%) and Western Cape (15,1%).

Expenditure on salaries and wages increased from R45,7 billion in 2020 to R50,3 billion in 2021 (growth of R4,6 billion). Large increases were reported for Western Cape (+R1,1 billion), Free State (+R0,9 billion) and Gauteng (+R0,7 billion).

Employment increased from 780 057 to 801 503 (a gain of 21 446 jobs). Mpumalanga had the largest gain in employment (+8 550 jobs), followed by KwaZulu-Natal (+7 813 jobs) and Free State (+5 976 jobs). There were decreases in employment in Limpopo (-8 247 jobs) and North West (-3 513 jobs).

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## **Detailed results**

Table 1 – Principal statistics in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021, at current prices

Item	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021 <sup>2</sup>	% change	
	R'0	R'000		
Total income	372 838 956	417 084 515	11,9	
Field crops	65 498 828	81 361 326	24,2	
Horticultural crops and products	92 754 377	110 398 661	19,0	
Animals and animal products	151 586 760	159 335 534	5,1	
Other agricultural products	12 194 412	12 056 279	-1,1	
Other income	50 804 579	53 932 715	6,2	
Total expenditure	353 361 947	389 310 990	10,2	
Purchases	184 657 973	205 913 456	11,5	
Salaries and wages	45 688 457	50 304 376	10,1	
Other current expenditure	123 015 517	133 093 158	8,2	
Capital expenditure	27 020 853	32 093 742	18,8	
Land and book value of assets	221 195 676	240 815 084	8,9	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised figures. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

Table 2 – Total income and expenditure by type of activity in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

		Total income	Current expenditure			
Activity	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021 <sup>2</sup>	0/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/ 1/	2020 <sup>1</sup>	2021 <sup>2</sup>	
	R'000		% change	R	% change	
Growing of crops; market gardening; horticulture	155 409 058	184 289 674	18,6	144 292 924	168 182 540	16,6
Farming of animals	144 359 856	154 629 020	7,1	138 708 660	149 236 515	7,6
Growing of crops combined with farming of animals (mixed farming)	59 360 449	62 552 690	5,4	57 396 809	57 685 937	0,5
Agricultural and animal husbandry services, except veterinary activities	10 382 628	13 404 011	29,1	8 990 499	11 509 801	28,0
Hunting, trapping and game propagation including related services	3 326 965	2 209 120	-33,6	3 973 055	2 696 197	-32,1
Total	372 838 956	417 084 515	11,9	353 361 947	389 310 990	10,2

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Table 3 – Total income by type of activity and size group in the agriculture and related services industry, 2021<sup>2</sup>

Activity	Large	Medium	Small	Micro	Total	
	R'000					
Growing of crops; market gardening; horticulture	130 641 686	12 915 431	29 660 855	11 071 701	184 289 673	
Farming of animals	126 343 423	6 503 854	15 078 457	6 703 286	154 629 020	
Growing of crops combined with farming of animals (mixed farming)	17 169 993	9 691 581	26 127 474	9 563 642	62 552 690	
Agricultural and animal husbandry services, except veterinary activities	7 522 709	568 956	3 655 981	1 656 365	13 404 011	
Hunting, trapping and game propagation including related services	670 662	107 353	853 611	577 495	2 209 121	
Total	282 348 473	29 787 175	75 376 378	29 572 489	417 084 515	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

Table 4 – Details of income in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

Type of income	202	O <sup>1</sup>	20	% ohango	
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% change
Income from sales of goods	330 898 187	88,7	372 884 115	89,4	12,7
Income received from services rendered	10 745 100	2,9	12 975 114	3,1	20,8
Rental income	3 519 314	0,9	3 421 632	0,8	-2,8
Interest received	4 340 458	1,2	4 069 305	1,0	-6,2
Profit on financial and other assets, other liabilities and foreign exchange	7 033 636	1,9	8 439 849	2,0	20,0
Other income	16 302 261	4,4	15 294 500	3,7	-6,2
Total income	372 838 956	100,0	417 084 515	100,0	11,9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised figures. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

Table 5 – Income from sales of goods by type of product in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

Type of product	2020 <sup>1</sup>		2	% change	
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% change
Field crops	65 498 828	19,8	81 361 326	21,8	24,2
Horticulture crops	88 414 750	26,7	106 096 189	28,4	20,0
Animals	79 276 216	24,0	84 853 852	22,8	7,0
Animal products	72 310 544	21,9	74 481 682	20,0	3,0
Horticulture products	4 339 627	1,3	4 302 472	1,2	-0,9
Other agricultural products	12 194 412	3,7	12 056 279	3,2	-1,1
Other sales of goods	8 863 810	2,6	9 732 315	2,6	9,8
Total	330 898 187	100,0	372 884 115	100,0	12,7

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Table 6 – Details of expenditure in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

	2020 <sup>1</sup>		20	0/ -1	
Expenditure items	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% change
Purchases	184 657 973	52,2	205 913 456	52,9	11,5
Salaries and wages	45 688 457	12,9	50 304 376	12,9	10,1
Repairs and maintenance	16 131 998	4,6	18 294 677	4,7	13,4
Depreciation	15 957 669	4,5	17 259 302	4,4	8,2
Interest	11 969 526	3,4	10 522 606	2,7	-12,1
Railage and transport out	7 689 460	2,2	8 512 981	2,2	10,7
Water and electricity	9 990 561	2,8	11 003 273	2,8	10,1
Rental of land, buildings and other structures under operating lease	7 966 926	2,3	9 219 414	2,4	15,7
Insurance	5 019 186	1,4	5 701 222	1,5	13,6
Share farming expenses	3 873 890	1,1	3 813 037	1,0	-1,6
Other expenditure	44 416 301	12,6	48 766 646	12,5	9,8
Total current expenditure	353 361 947	100,0	389 310 990	100,0	10,2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised figures.
<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

Table 7 – Capital expenditure on new assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

Type of capital expenditure	2020	I	20		
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% change
Land and buildings	8 792 310	32,5	7 299 223	22,7	-17,0
Motor vehicles, plant, machinery, tractors and other transport	14 122 339	52,3	19 741 181	61,6	39,8
Other capital expenditure	4 106 204	15,2	5 053 338	15,7	23,1
Total capital expenditure	27 020 853	100,0	32 093 742	100,0	18,8

Table 8 - Book value of assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

Type of asset	20201		20	0/ abanas	
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% change
Land and buildings	139 925 494	63,3	142 888 035	59,3	2,1
Motor vehicles, plant, machinery, tractors and other transport	58 614 362	26,5	72 671 190	30,2	24,0
Other assets	22 655 820	10,2	25 255 859	10,5	11,5
Total book value of assets	221 195 676	100,0	240 815 084	100,0	8,9

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Table 9 – Fair value of biological assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

Type of asset	20201		20	% change	
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% Change
Animals	24 367 231	60,8	25 067 226	56,8	2,9
Plantations (forestry, vineyards and orchards)	15 686 247	39,2	19 044 457	43,2	21,4
Total	40 053 478	100,0	44 111 683	100,0	10,1

Table 10 - Additions to biological assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

Type of asset	2020¹		20	% change	
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	70 Onlange
Animals	27 705 517	88,9	27 625 278	87,4	-0,3
Plantations (forestry, vineyards and orchards)	3 452 904	11,1	3 980 833	12,6	15,3
Total	31 158 421	100,0	31 606 111	100,0	1,4

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Table 11 - Employment for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

	Female		Male			Total					
Type of employment	2020¹	2021 <sup>2</sup>		2020¹	2021²		2020¹	2021 <sup>2</sup>			
	Nun	nber	% change		Number		Number		Number		% change
Permanent and working proprietors	155 950	163 302	4,7	300 488	302 363	0,6	456 438	465 665	2,0		
Temporary and casual/seasonal	152 085	161 602	6,3	171 534	174 236	1,6	323 619	335 838	3,8		
Total	308 035	324 904	5,5	472 022	476 599	1,0	780 057	801 503	2,7		

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Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

Type of field crop	2020 <sup>1</sup>		20	% change	
Type of field crop	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	70 Change
Maize	36 035 884	55,1	42 728 406	52,6	18,6
Wheat	6 043 263	9,2	8 488 269	10,4	40,5
Sugar cane	7 168 780	10,9	9 032 822	11,1	26,0
Other field crops	16 250 901	24,8	21 111 829	25,9	29,9
Total	65 498 828	100,0	81 361 326	100,0	24,2

Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021 (continued)

Type of horticulture	2020 <sup>1</sup>		20	% change	
Type of norticulture	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	70 Change
Vegetables	21 938 392	24,8	23 713 425	22,4	8,1
Fruits excluding grapes	41 295 053	46,7	50 353 610	47,4	21,9
Grapes	12 026 509	13,6	16 414 102	15,5	36,5
Seeds	6 198 124	7,0	7 129 995	6,7	15,0
Other horticultural crops	6 956 672	7,9	8 485 057	8,0	22,0
Total	88 414 750	100,0	106 096 189	100,0	20,0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised figures. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

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Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021 (continued)

Type of animal	2020 <sup>1</sup>		20	)21 <sup>2</sup>	% change
Type of animal	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	70 Change
Cattle	47 188 497	59,5	50 212 120	59,2	6,4
Sheep	7 891 568	10,0	9 869 006	11,6	25,1
Pigs	4 134 514	5,2	4 651 116	5,5	12,5
Chickens: live	15 759 812	19,9	17 320 628	20,4	9,9
Other animals	4 301 825	5,4	2 800 982	3,3	-34,9
Total	79 276 216	100,0	84 853 852	100,0	7,0

Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021 (continued)

Type of animal product	2020 <sup>1</sup>		20	% change	
Type of animal product	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	70 Change
Eggs	12 749 919	17,6	14 856 157	19,9	16,5
Fresh milk and cream	14 133 457	19,5	15 069 985	20,2	6,6
Beef	5 022 749	6,9	4 537 374	6,1	-9,7
Chicken meat: fresh, chilled or frozen	31 759 091	43,9	33 063 407	44,4	4,1
Wool	2 487 932	3,4	2 448 713	3,3	-1,6
Dairy products	1 090 453	1,5	1 177 507	1,6	8,0
Other animal products	5 066 943	7,0	3 328 539	4,5	-34,3
Total	72 310 544	100,0	74 481 682	100,0	3,0

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Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021 (continued)

Type of horticulture product	2020	ı	20	21 <sup>2</sup>	% change
Type of norticulture product	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% change
Sparkling wine	406 141	9,4	442 570	10,3	9,0
Red wine	1 559 705	35,8	1 398 663	32,5	-10,3
White wine	549 595	12,7	575 735	13,4	4,8
Rosé wine	111 595	2,6	124 778	2,9	11,8
Fruit juice	524 908	12,1	461 683	10,7	-12,0
Dried fruit	852 876	19,7	973 906	22,6	14,2
Other horticultural products	334 807	7,7	325 137	7,6	-2,9
Total	4 339 627	100,0	4 302 472	100,0	-0,9

Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021 (concluded)

Type of product	2020 <sup>1</sup>		20	% change	
Type of product	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	70 Change
Forestry	929 607	7,6	606 869	5,0	-34,7
Animal feed	9 259 311	75,9	8 861 510	73,6	-4,3
Organic fertilisers	582 736	4,8	595 443	4,9	2,2
Other agricultural products	1 422 758	11,7	1 992 457	16,5	40,0
Total	12 194 412	100,0	12 056 279	100,0	-1,1

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Table 13 – Details of purchases in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

	2020¹		20	21 <sup>2</sup>	
Item	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% change
Feed and supplements for livestock, poultry and aquaculture	47 759 545	25,8	49 099 086	23,7	2,8
Fertilisers, both manure and inorganic fertilisers, and lime	19 769 859	10,7	23 712 134	11,5	19,9
Remedies for combating diseases and pests in livestock and poultry	3 839 203	2,1	4 256 494	2,1	10,9
Remedies for forage, field and horticultural crops	8 148 261	4,4	9 790 508	4,8	20,2
Seed, seedling and other plant material	12 214 222	6,6	15 117 189	7,3	23,8
Fuel, lubricants and grease	11 857 392	6,4	12 494 784	6,1	5,4
Containers, pallets and other packing materials	12 280 284	6,7	14 912 967	7,2	21,4
Field crops	10 681 460	5,8	12 701 102	6,2	18,9
Horticultural products	4 279 987	2,3	4 642 464	2,3	8,5
Animals	36 793 204	19,9	39 889 340	19,4	8,4
Animal products	2 864 726	1,6	3 122 109	1,5	9,0
Other purchases	14 169 830	7,7	16 175 279	7,9	14,2
Total	184 657 973	100,0	205 913 456	100,0	11,5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised figures. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

Table 14 – Income from sales and services by province in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

	2020¹		20	21 <sup>2</sup>	
Province	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% change
Western Cape	65 095 293	19,1	74 931 914	19,5	15,1
Eastern Cape	29 521 562	8,6	31 964 542	8,3	8,3
Northern Cape	16 820 242	4,9	17 879 199	4,6	6,3
Free State	42 738 748	12,5	51 089 492	13,2	19,5
KwaZulu-Natal	37 184 941	10,9	40 404 395	10,5	8,7
North West	40 387 774	11,8	45 660 760	11,8	13,1
Gauteng	43 820 565	12,8	46 393 832	12,0	5,9
Mpumalanga	36 805 241	10,8	43 938 541	11,4	19,4
Limpopo	29 268 921	8,6	33 596 554	8,7	14,8
Total	341 643 287	100,0	385 859 229	100,0	12,9

Revised figures.Preliminary figures.

Table 15 – Salaries and wages by province in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

	2020¹		20	21 <sup>2</sup>	0/ 1
Province	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	% change
Western Cape	11 761 437	25,8	12 858 664	25,6	9,3
Eastern Cape	3 895 254	8,5	4 403 846	8,8	13,1
Northern Cape	2 577 223	5,6	2 880 615	5,7	11,8
Free State	3 201 079	7,0	4 065 751	8,1	27,0
KwaZulu-Natal	5 525 008	12,1	6 104 887	12,1	10,5
North West	4 402 826	9,6	4 221 290	8,4	-4,1
Gauteng	4 381 468	9,6	5 046 480	10,0	15,2
Mpumalanga	4 515 453	9,9	5 027 396	10,0	11,3
Limpopo	5 428 709	11,9	5 695 447	11,3	4,9
Total	45 688 457	100,0	50 304 376	100,0	10,1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised figures. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

Table 16 – Employment for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June by province in the agriculture and related services industry, 2020 and 2021

Province	2020¹		20212		0/ 1
	Number	% contribution	Number	% contribution	% change
Western Cape	186 553	24,1	186 659	23,2	0,1
Eastern Cape	70 554	9,0	74 163	9,3	5,1
Northern Cape	61 910	7,9	66 314	8,3	7,1
Free State	67 996	8,7	73 972	9,2	8,8
KwaZulu-Natal	97 263	12,5	105 076	13,1	8,0
North West	66 628	8,5	63 115	7,9	-5,3
Gauteng	50 955	6,5	53 703	6,7	5,4
Mpumalanga	72 046	9,2	80 596	10,1	11,9
Limpopo	106 152	13,6	97 905	12,2	-7,8
Total	780 057	100,0	801 503	100,0	2,7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Revised figures. <sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

## **Explanatory notes**

### **Background**

The results presented in this publication are derived from the 2021 agricultural sample survey. This is an annual survey which measures economic activity in the agriculture and related services industry of the South African economy. The survey is based on a sample of private and public enterprises operating in the agriculture and related services industry.

The sample was drawn from Stats SA's business register, based on the units registered for value-added tax (VAT).

All figures exclude value-added tax (VAT).

The last annual agricultural survey was conducted for the year 2020 (Statistical release P1101, Agricultural survey, 2020).

#### Reference period

The information was collected from enterprises for their financial year which ended on any date between 1 July 2020 and 30 June 2021. The majority of enterprises have a financial year ending February 2021.

#### Purpose of the survey

The agricultural survey covers the activities of commercial farms in South Africa which are registered for value-added tax (VAT).

Uses of the agricultural survey:

- policy advisers in government monitor the performance of the industry and its contribution to the South African economy, and evaluate the effectiveness of industry policies;
- industry associations monitor trends in their own and competing or complementary industries in order to inform their members of market changes; and
- individual businesses use the data to analyse their performance relative to their industry.

## Classification by industry

The 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC major group (3-digit) level. Each enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects its predominant activity.

#### Statistical unit

The statistical unit is an enterprise. An enterprise is a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its productions activities.

#### **Collection unit**

The collection unit is a farming unit. A farming unit consists of one or more farms, holdings or pieces of land, whether adjacent or not, operated as a single unit and situated within the same local municipality. Thus, an enterprise can have one or more farming units.

### Confidentiality

According to section 17 of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999), completed questionnaires are treated as strictly confidential by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA). Results are presented in aggregated form only.

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#### Scope and coverage

This survey covers enterprises registered in the taxation system that are mainly engaged in agriculture and related services. It includes the following major groups within its scope:

- growing of crops, market gardening, horticulture and production of organic fertiliser (SIC 111 and SIC 116);
- farming of animals (SIC 112);
- growing of crops combined with farming of animals (mixed farming) (SIC 113);
- agricultural and animal husbandry services, except veterinary activities (SIC 114); and
- hunting, trapping, and game propagation, including related services (SIC 115).

#### Including

South African-based activities of enterprises which operate in multiple countries.

#### Excluding

• activities of South African-based companies in other countries.

#### Size groups

The enterprises are divided into four size groups according to the value of turnover as recorded on Stats SA's business register (BR). Large enterprises are those with an annual recorded turnover above R30,0 million. Table D presents the size groups defined using the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) cut-off points multiplied by 6.

Table D – Size groups for the agriculture and related services industry, 2021

Size group	Annual turnover		
Large	Turnover > R30 000 000		
Medium	R18 000 000 < turnover ≤ R30 000 000		
Small	R3 000 000 < turnover ≤ R18 000 000		
Micro	Turnover ≤ R3 000 000		

### Survey methodology

The survey was conducted by email, telephone and personal visits.

#### Sampling design

A stratified simple random sampling was drawn. Enterprises were stratified using four-digit level according to the SIC, province and by size of enterprise. Business register turnover was used as a measure of size for stratification. Large enterprises were completely enumerated and other size groups were sampled.

#### Collection rate

Collection rate = ((collected enterprises + finalised investigations) / sample size)\*100. The collection rate was 77,2%.

## Turnover collection rate

Turnover collection rate = ((weighted collected enterprises BR turnover + weighted finalised investigations BR turnover) / population turnover)\*100. The turnover collection rate was 84,8%.

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## Weighting methodology

For those strata not completely enumerated, the weights to produce estimates are the inverse ratio of the sampling fraction, modified to take account of non-response in the survey. Stratum estimates are calculated and then aggregated with the completely enumerated strata to form the total estimates.

## Relative standard error

Figures presented in this publication are estimated from a sample and are, therefore, subject to sampling variability; that is, figures may differ from those that would have been produced if all enterprises in the agriculture and related services industry in South Africa had been included.

One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of enterprises was used. The relative standard error (RSE) provides an immediate indication of the percentage error likely to have occurred as a result of sampling (Table E).

Table E – Income in the agricultural industry within 95% confidence limits: agriculture and related services industry, 2021

Type of product	Lower limit	Income	Upper limit	Relative standard error
		%		
Field crops	76 557 690	81 361 326	86 164 961	3,0
Horticultural crops and products	105 235 441	110 398 661	115 561 882	2,4
Animals and animal products	153 926 223	159 335 534	164 744 844	1,7
Other income	63 179 072	65 988 994	68 798 921	2,2
Total	408 516 673	417 084 515	425 652 359	1,0

## Non-sampling errors

Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made in the collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Non-sampling errors occur in both sample surveys and censuses.

# Comparability with previously published information

The information in this publication is comparable with the information published in the agricultural survey 2020 (P1101).

## Rounding-off of figures

The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest final digit shown. There may therefore be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items and the totals shown.

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**Abbreviations** BR Business register

DTIC Department of Trade, Industry and Competition

GDP Gross domestic product

IT Income tax

Nil or less than half the final digit shown

SARS South African Revenue Service

Stats SA Statistics South Africa VAT Value-added tax

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## **Glossary**

## Fair value of biological assets

The price that a seller of an asset would expect to receive at the end of the financial year.

#### Other assets

#### Other assets include:

- construction works, roads and parking areas; computers and other IT equipment; intangible fixed assets (computer software, other);
- intangible non-produced assets (goodwill, patented entities, etc.); and
- other assets.

#### Other capital expenditure

Other capital expenditure includes:

- construction works, roads and parking areas; computers and other IT equipment; intangible fixed assets (computer software, other);
- intangible non-produced assets (goodwill, patented entities, etc.); and
- other assets.

### Other expenditure

Other expenditure includes:

Accounting and auditing costs; artificial insemination costs; consulting fees; leasing and hiring of livestock; motor vehicle running expenditure including licence fees; losses on financial and other assets: disposal of assets, realisation for cash and revaluation of assets; losses on financial and other liabilities: redemption, liquidation and revaluation of liabilities; losses on foreign exchange as a result of variations in foreign exchange rates; membership or affiliation costs; property rates paid to municipalities; research and development costs; storage costs; and other expenditure.

#### Other income

Other income includes:

Dividends; insurance; rebates; share farming income; tourism accommodation and services; water rights traded; and other income.

#### Other purchases

Other purchases include:

Coal and gas; semen and embryos; consumables (e.g. food and beverages, hand tools, cleaning materials, uniforms and protective clothing); and other purchases.

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#### **Total income**

Total income, as reported by the farmer, includes income earned from agricultural products sold and other income. In this release, agricultural products are divided into field crops, horticultural crops and products, animals and animal products, and other agricultural products, where

- field crops include cereals, oil seeds, legumes, sugar cane and fodder crops;
- horticultural crops include vegetables, fruits, aromatic crops and seeds;
- horticultural products include cellar products, dried fruit, cane fruit, sparkling wine and sherry;
- animals include livestock, poultry, game and all other animals;
- animal products include milk, eggs, hides and skins, wool and feathers; and
- other agricultural products include aquaculture products, forestry products, organic fertiliser and forage and silage.

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