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This report contains the results of information obtained on commercial farming units, excluding those in the former TBVC states and self-governing territories, in respect of 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Of crucial importance read, amongst other things that 64.7 million hectares or 78,7% of the available farming area belonged to farmers according to the 1996 agricultural survey. Farmers also rented or leased 16.8 million hectares (20.4%) and 0.7 million hectares were farmed on shares. More than 900 000 people were employed in the commercial agricultural sector. Also, a total of R4 601 million was paid out by the commercial agricultural sector in the form of salaries and wages for the financial year which ended between 1 March 1995 and 29 February 1996.

The report gives a breakdown of principal agricultural statistics. Topical issues that are covered include:

- The total number of farming units,
- Employment,
- Salaries and wages,
- Total gross income,
- Expenditure and debt according to the nine provinces.

This report is highly resourceful and it provides information that is crucial for planning in general and agricultural development planning in particular, at both provincial and national levels.

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