

Stats SA signed an MoU with the Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries (DAFF) in April 2018, according to which



1 Stats SA is to conduct a Census of Commercial Agriculture for 2017 (CoCA 2017) and publish results at **municipal** level



2 DAFF is to develop a Farmers' Register, with special focus on small-holder farmers



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OBJECTIVES THE CENSUS OF COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURE

The general objective of the 2017 Census of Commercial Agriculture is to collect basic quantitative information on South Africa's commercial agriculture that is essential for planning, policy formulation, food security, etc.

To generate information on the size, structure & nature of commercial agriculture at industry and municipal level



To provide data to use as benchmarks for and reconciliation of current agricultural statistics



To improve frames (lists of farms) to be used for conducting commercial agriculture sample surveys



REFERENCE PERIOD



The questionnaires were completed for the financial year ended on any date between 1 March 2017 and 28 February 2018, according to the usual reporting schedule of the enterprise, with the following exceptions:



Animals on farms as at 30 September 2018



Employment as at 30 June 2018



Land use as at 30 September 2018



Number of farms



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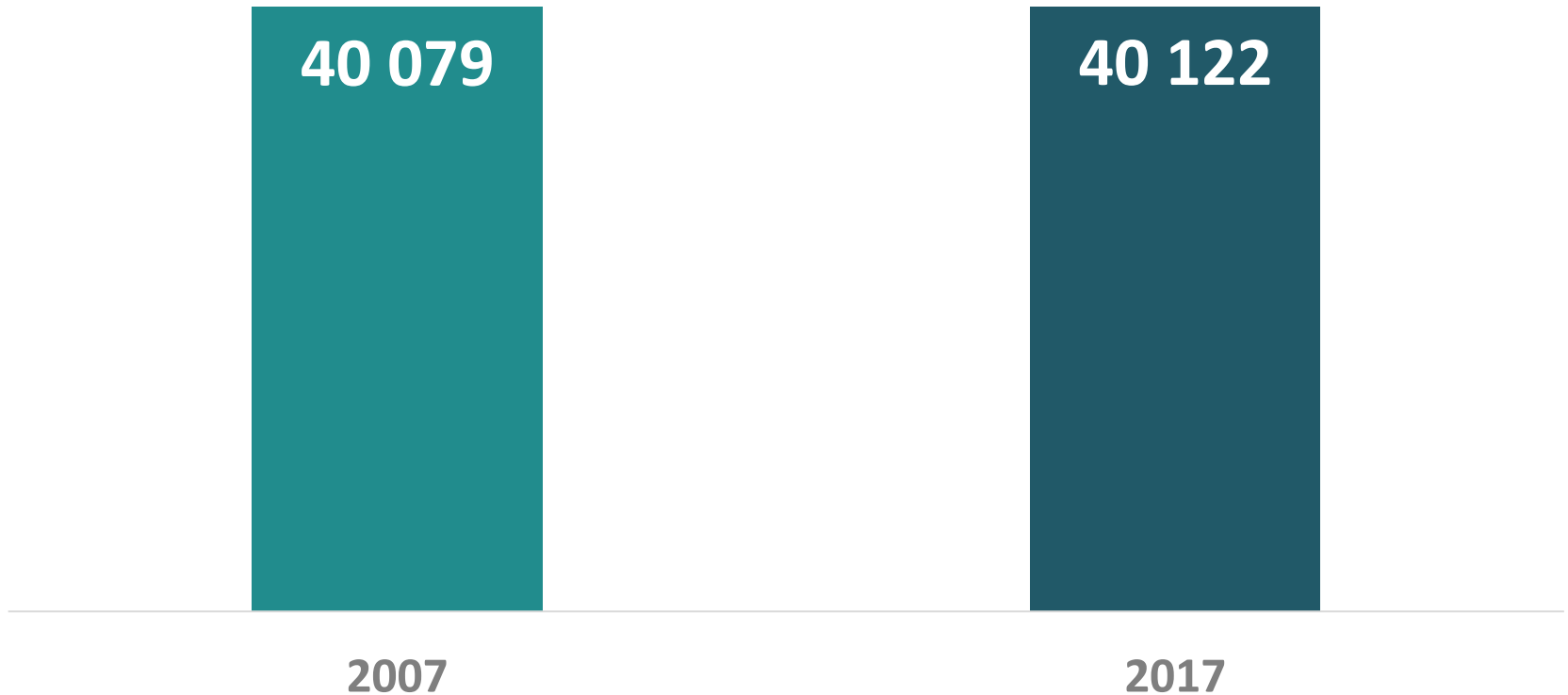
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The total number of farms/ farming units involved in the commercial agriculture industry in 2017 was 40 122

This was only a slight increase in the number recorded in 2007

Number of farms/ farming units in the commercial agriculture industry, 2007 and 2017



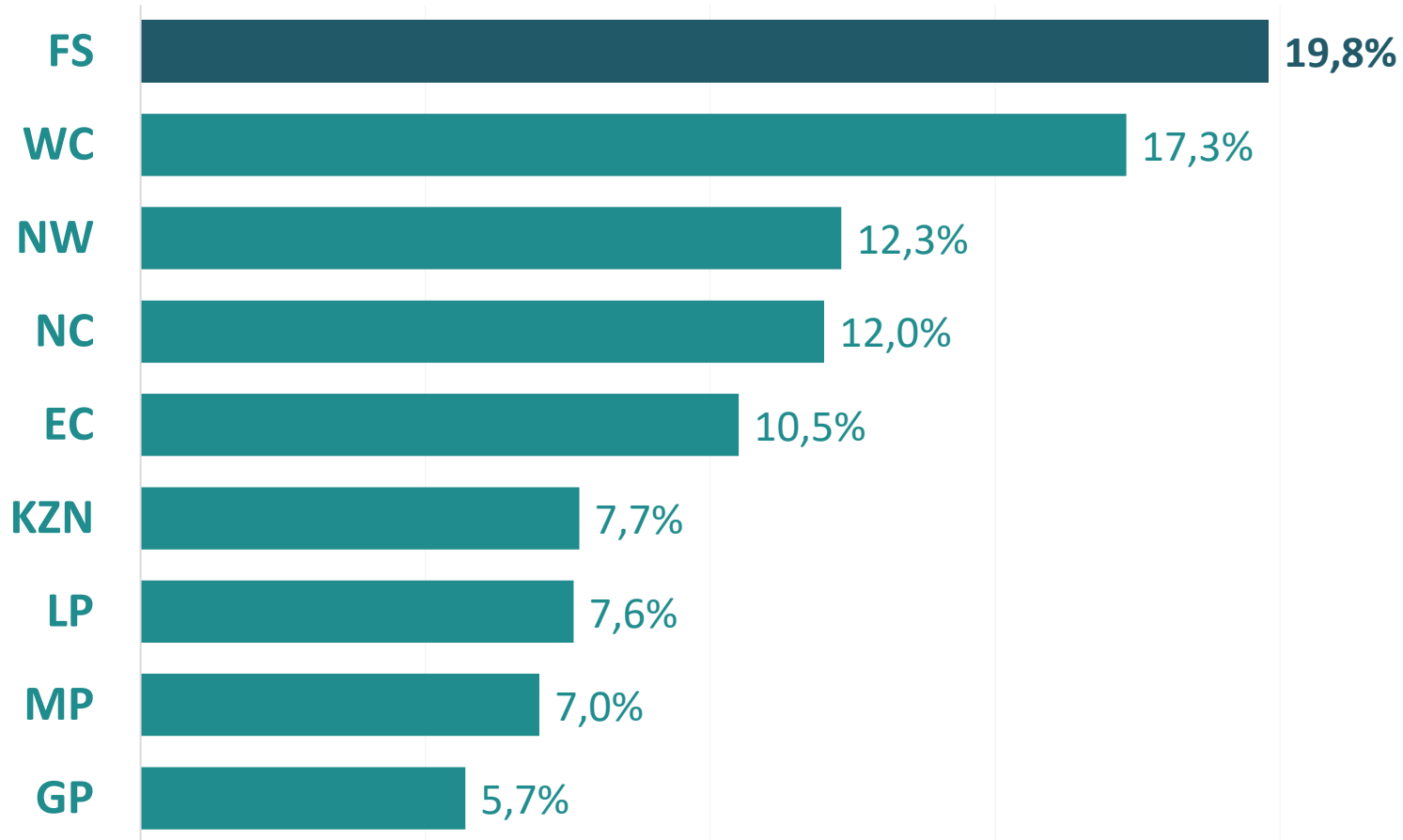
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Free State was the province with the highest number of farms in 2017 7 951 farms or 19,8% of the national total

Number of farms/ farming units in the commercial agriculture industry, by province





Agricultural activity



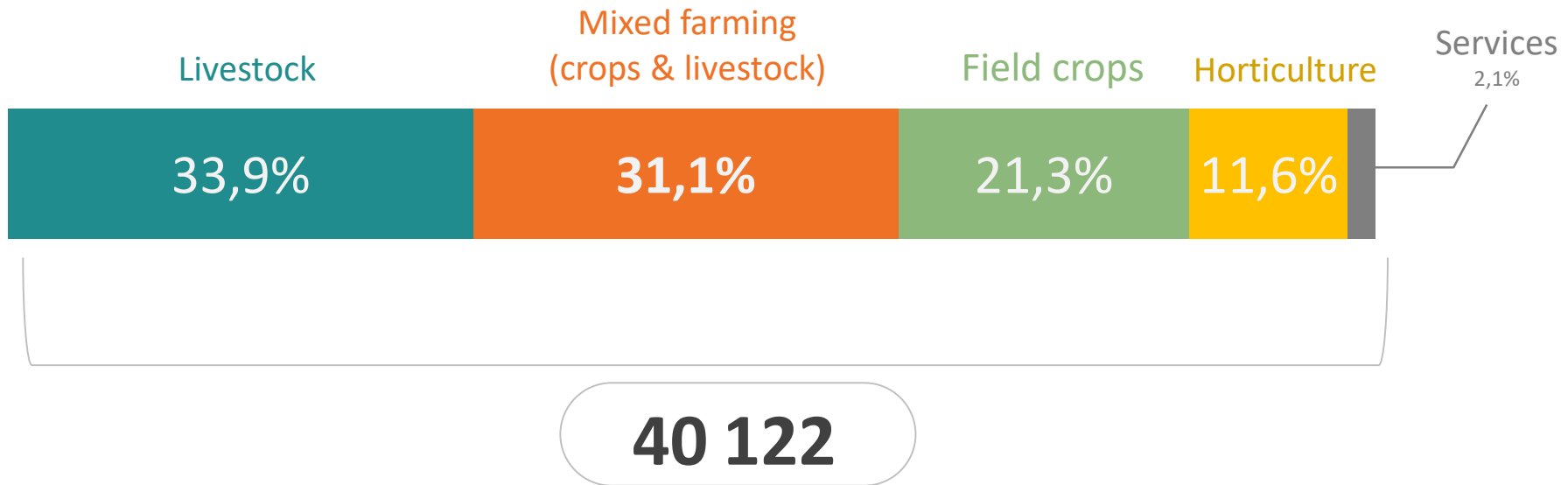
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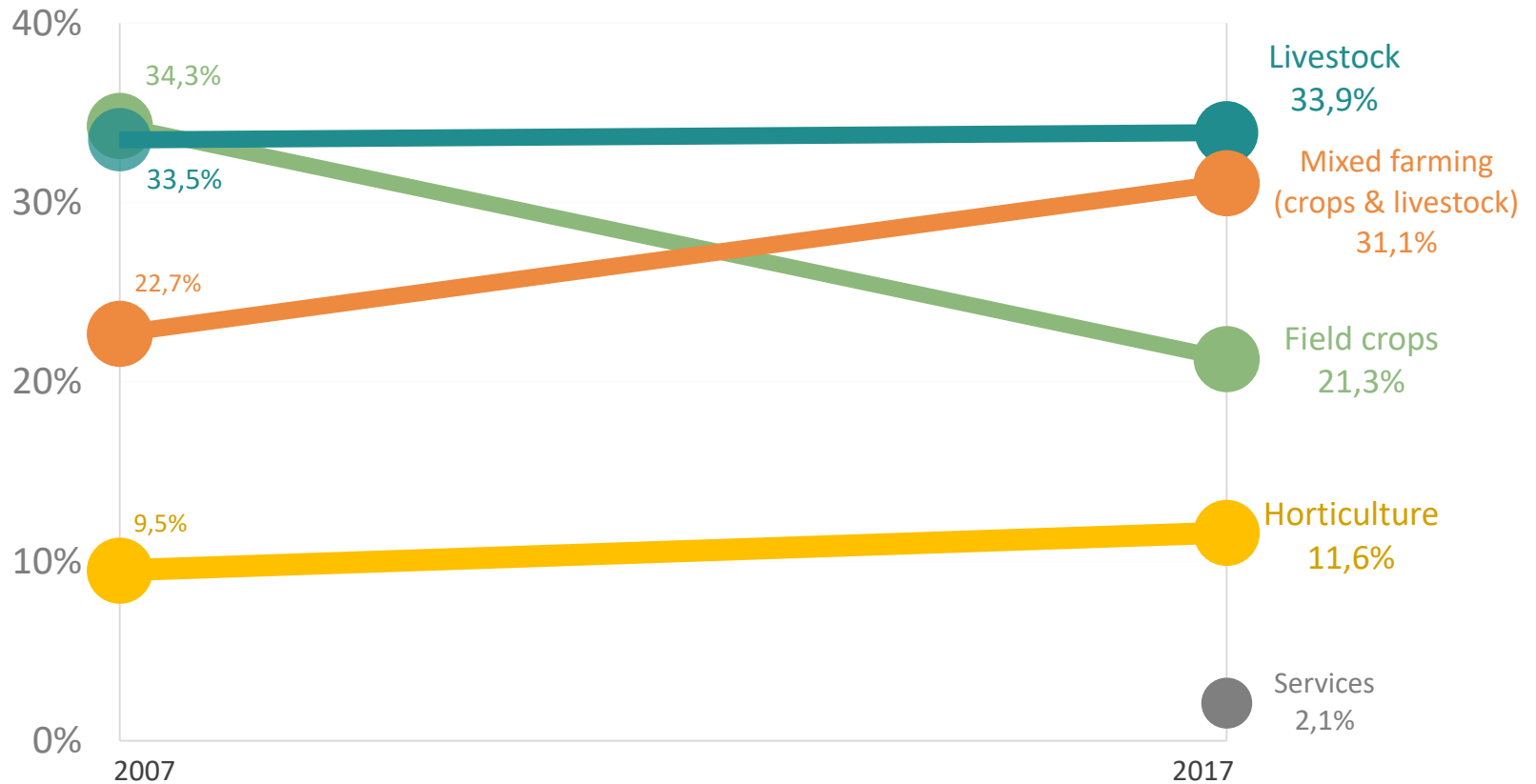
Livestock and mixed farming amounted to 65% of all farms within commercial agriculture

Number of farms/ farming units in the commercial agriculture industry, by activity 2017



Between 2007 and 2017, the number of farms in **mixed farming** increased by 8,4 percentage points.

Number of farms/ farming units in the commercial agriculture industry, by industry 2007 and 2017





Agricultural income



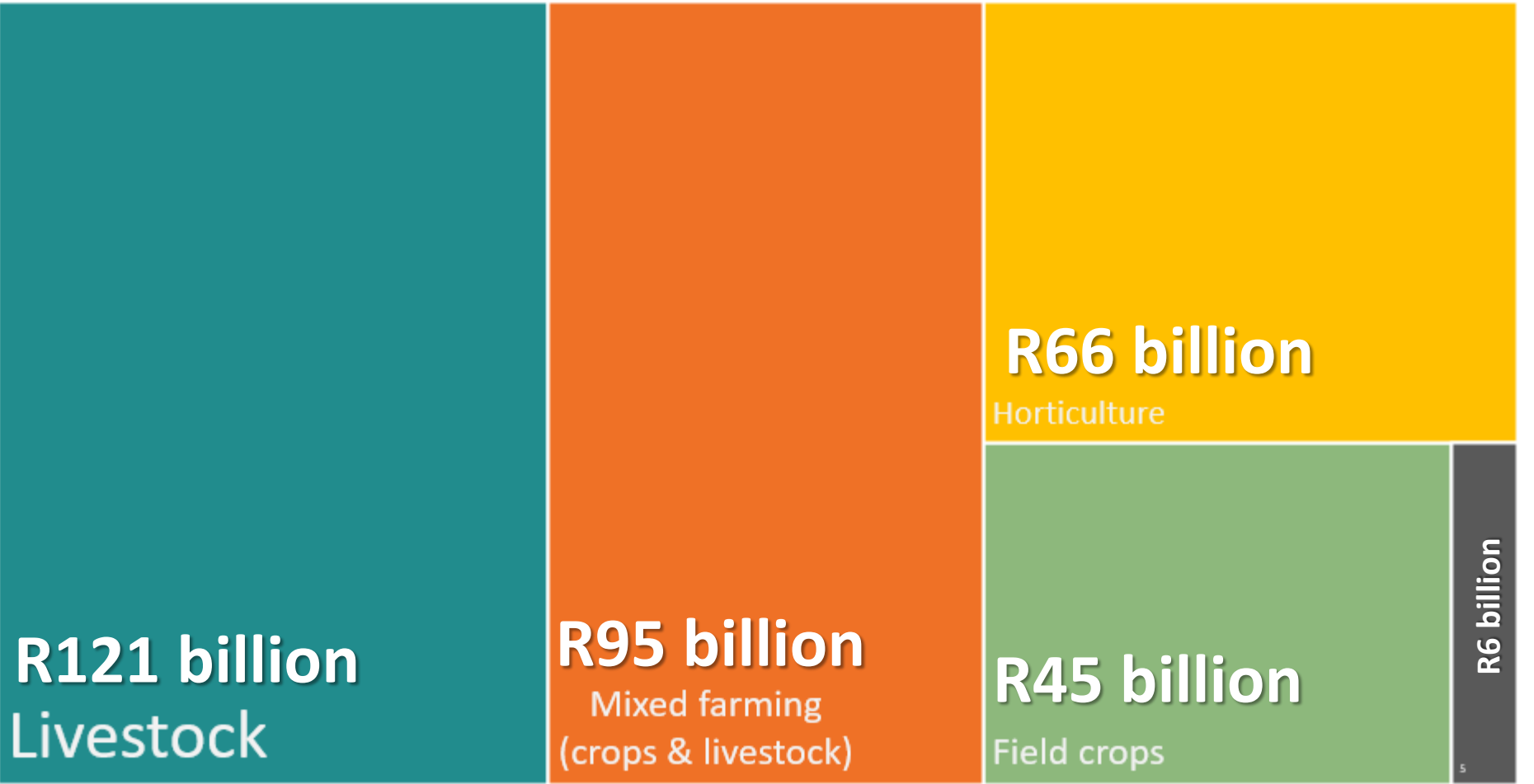
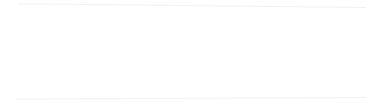
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Total income for farming was R332,8 billion

Income by type of activity in the commercial agriculture industry, 2017



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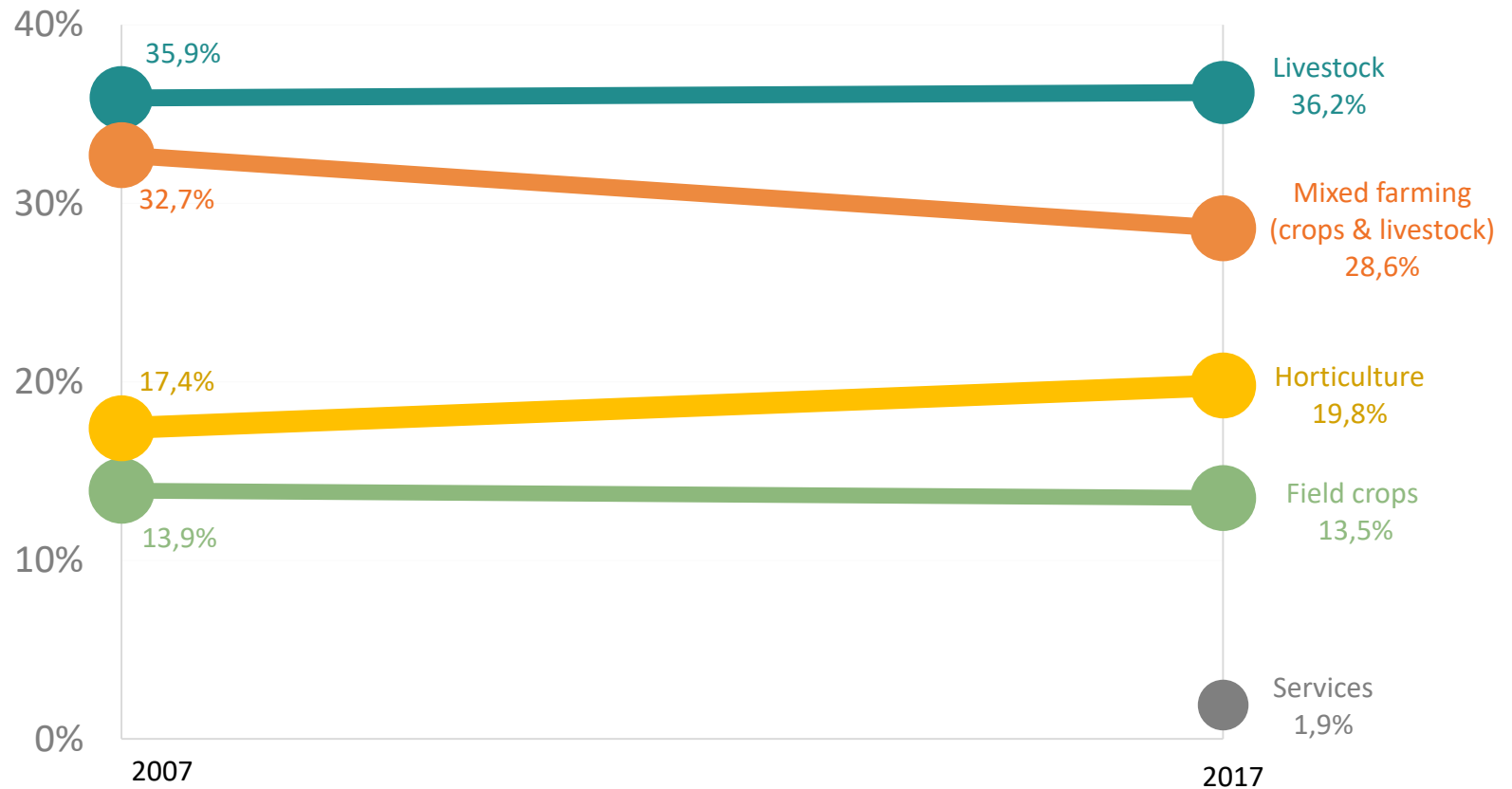
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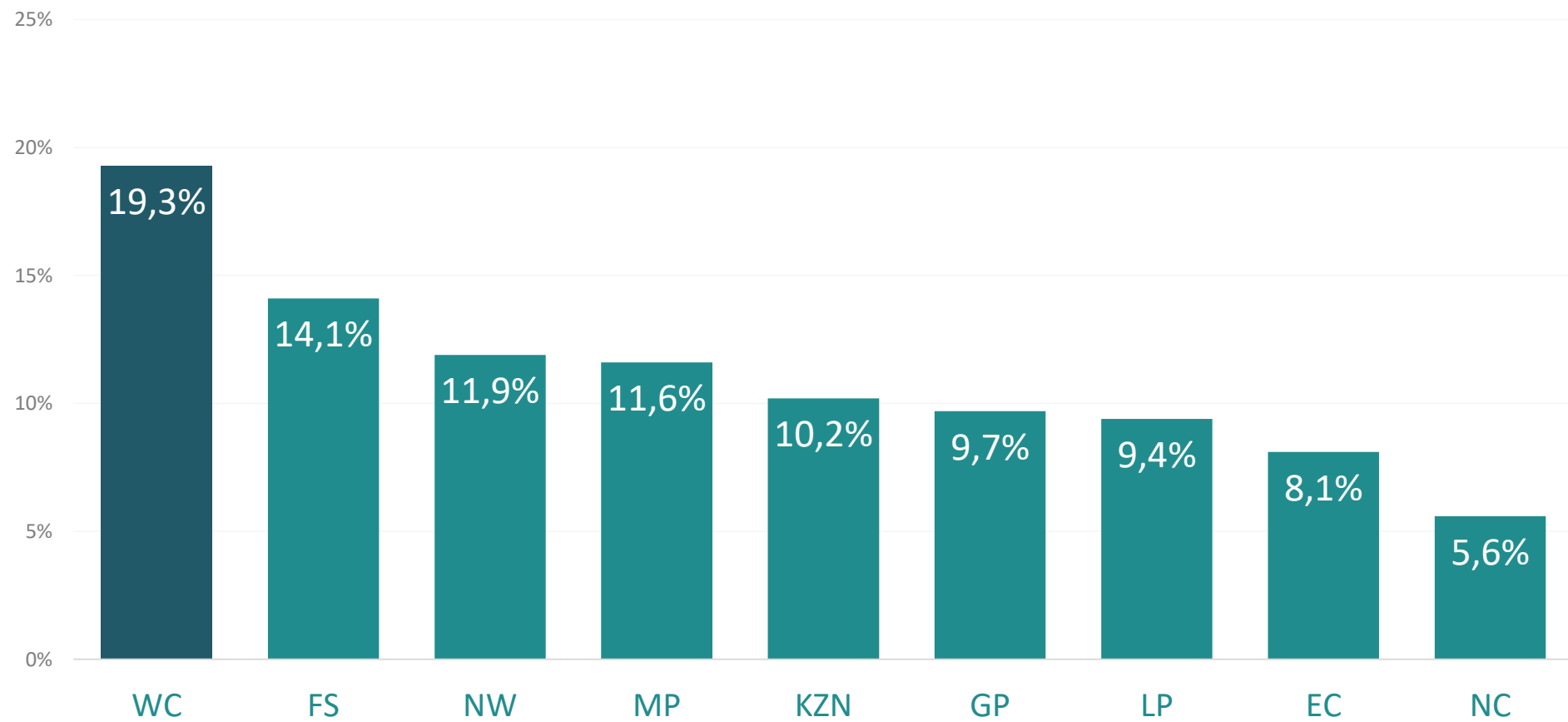
The largest gain in percentage share of income was in horticulture that increased 2,4 percentage points, from 17,4% in 2007 to 19,8% in 2017

Income of farms/ farming units in the commercial agriculture industry, by activity 2007 and 2017



Western Cape contributed the most to total income in 2017 R64,3 billion or 19,3%

Number of farms, income and employment in the commercial agriculture industry by province, as a percentage of total, 2017



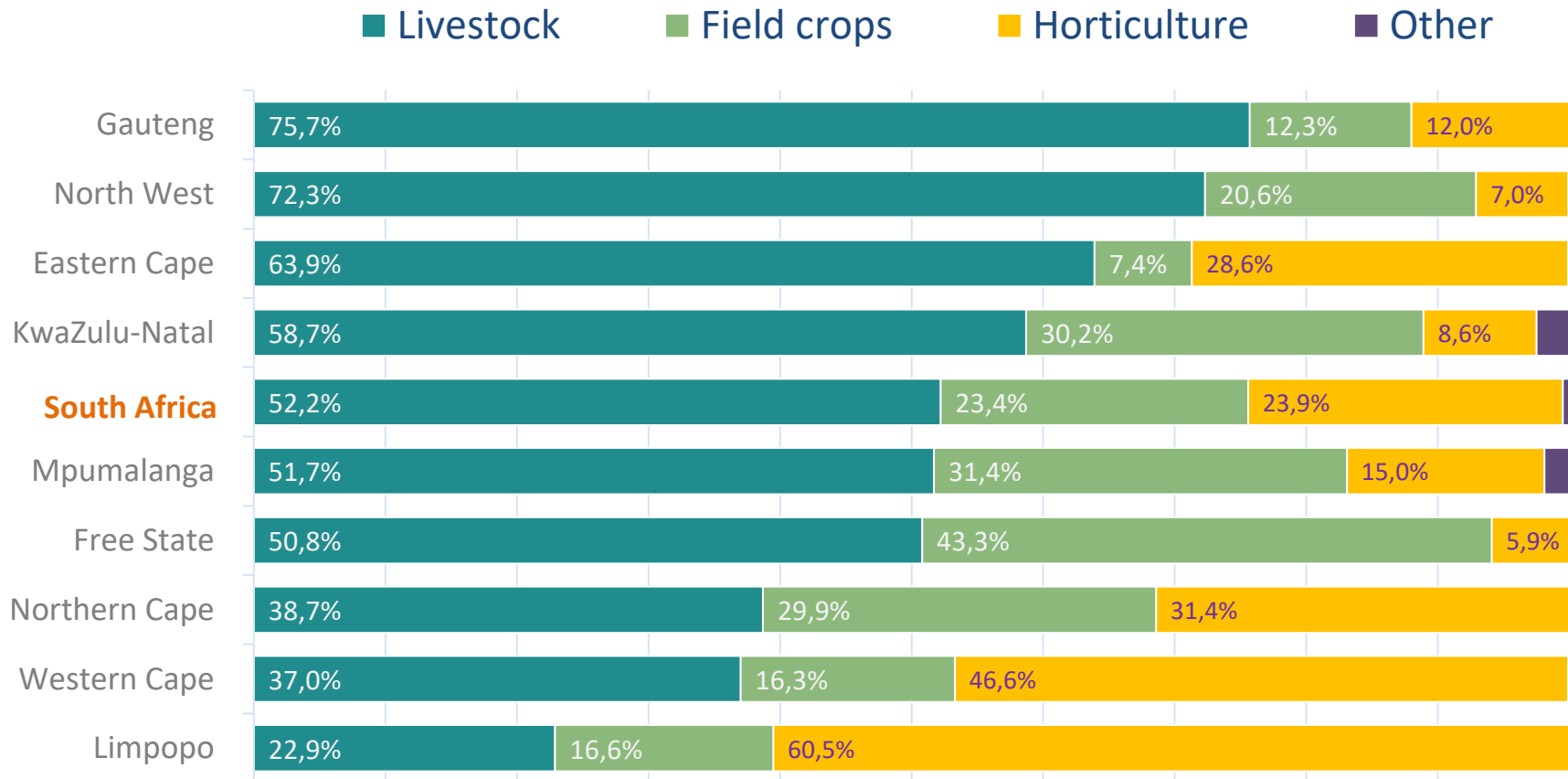
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Gauteng's commercial agricultural industry was highly skewed towards livestock at 75,7%

Provincial commodity group contribution to gross farming income in the commercial agriculture industry, 2017



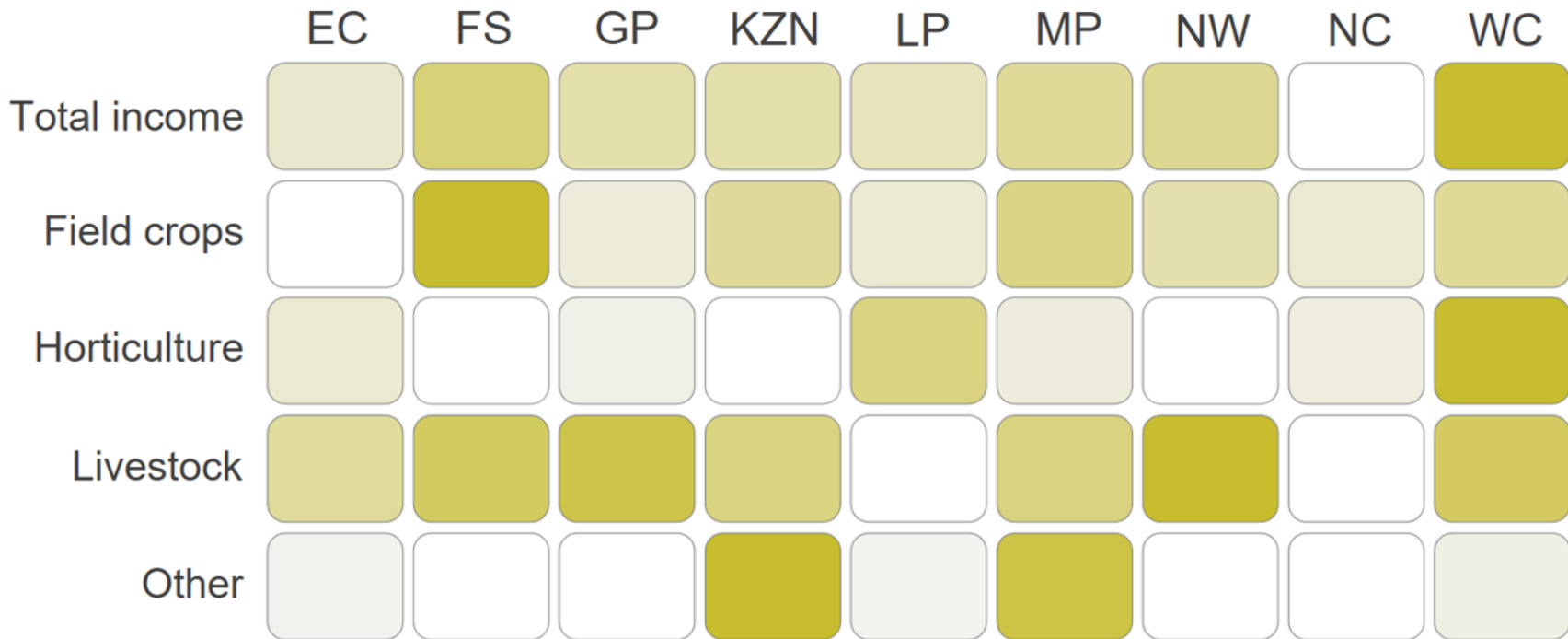
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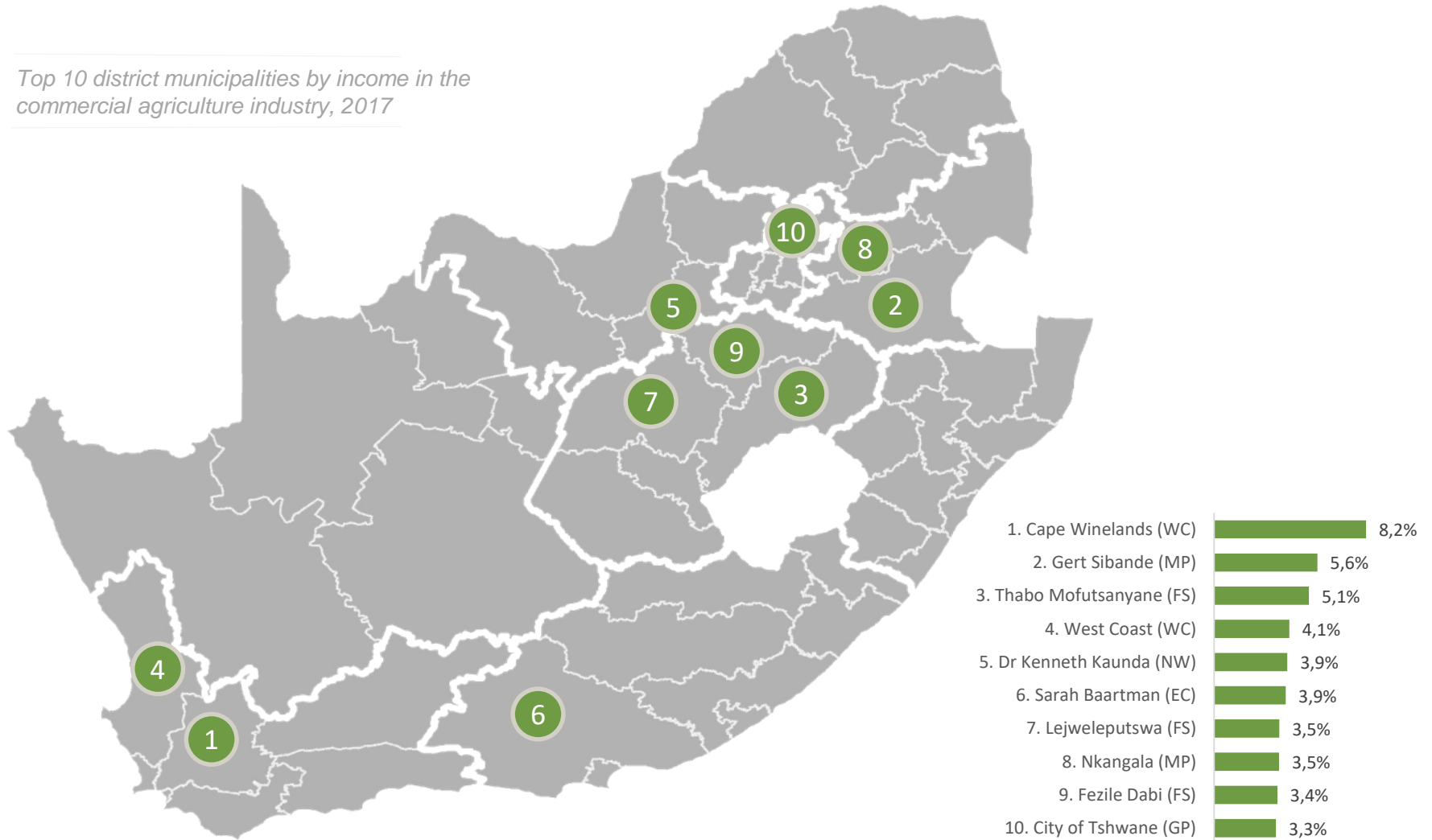
National field crop income is generated mostly in Free State, while horticulture income is generated mostly in Limpopo and Western Cape (2017)

National share of income across the provinces. The darker the colour, the larger the share



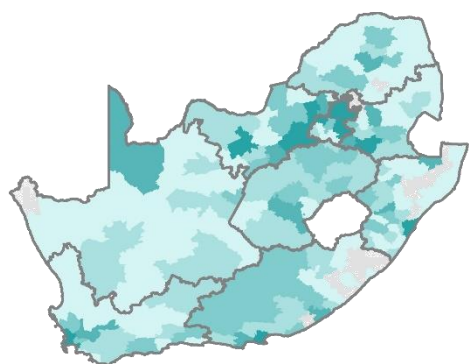
In 2017, the top 10 district municipalities by income contributed R148 billion to total income (44,5% of total income)

Top 10 district municipalities by income in the commercial agriculture industry, 2017

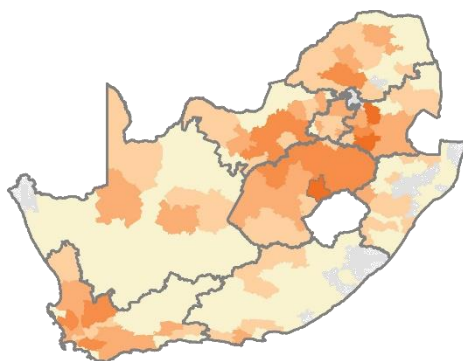


Income from various farming activities are concentrated in differing parts of the country

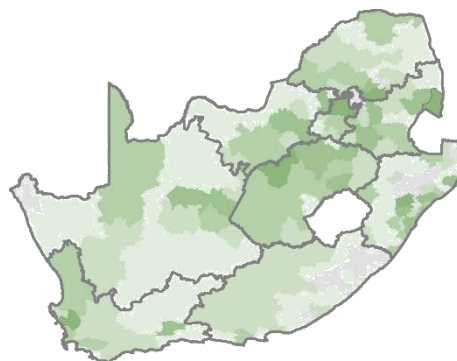
Local municipalities by type of activity and income in the commercial agriculture industry, 2017



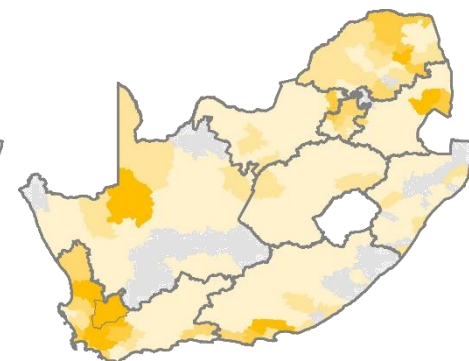
Livestock



**Mixed farming
(crops & livestock)**



Field crops



Horticulture



Agricultural employment



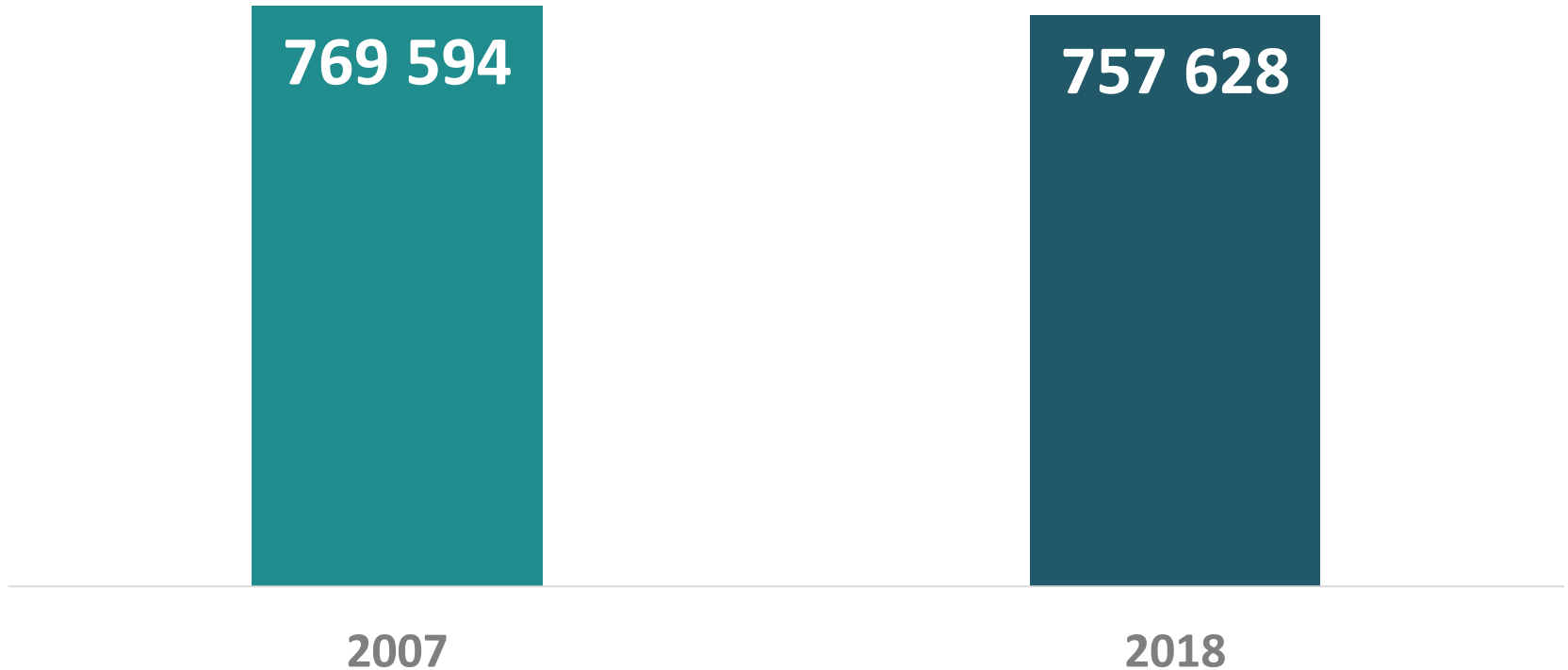
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The total number of persons employed in commercial agriculture on 30 June 2018 was 757 628, down from 769 594 in 28 February 2007 (1,6%)

Employment in the commercial agriculture industry, last pay period ended on or before 28 February 2007 and 30 June 2018



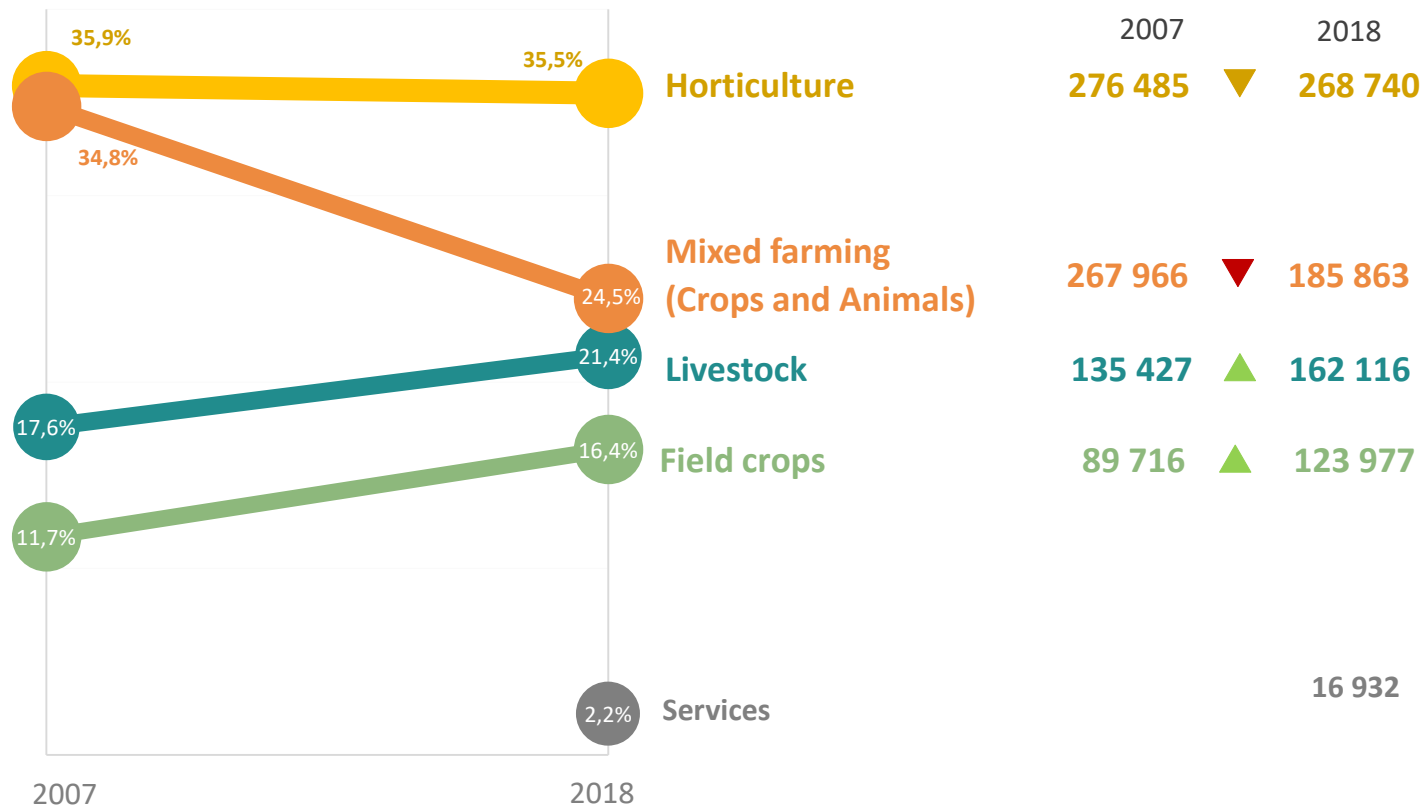
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Mixed farming showed a 10,3 percentage point decrease in numbers of employees

Type of Activity by employment



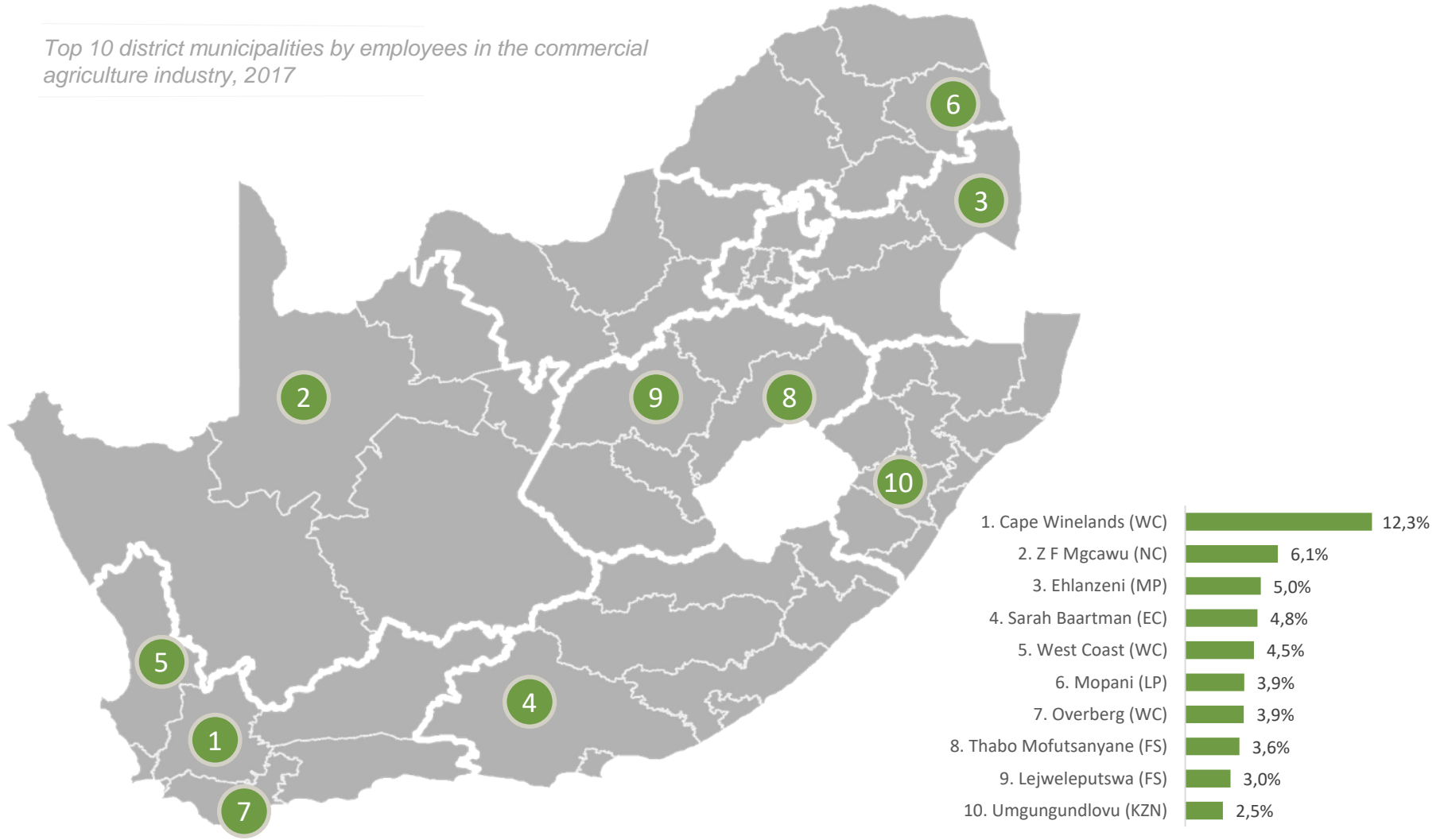
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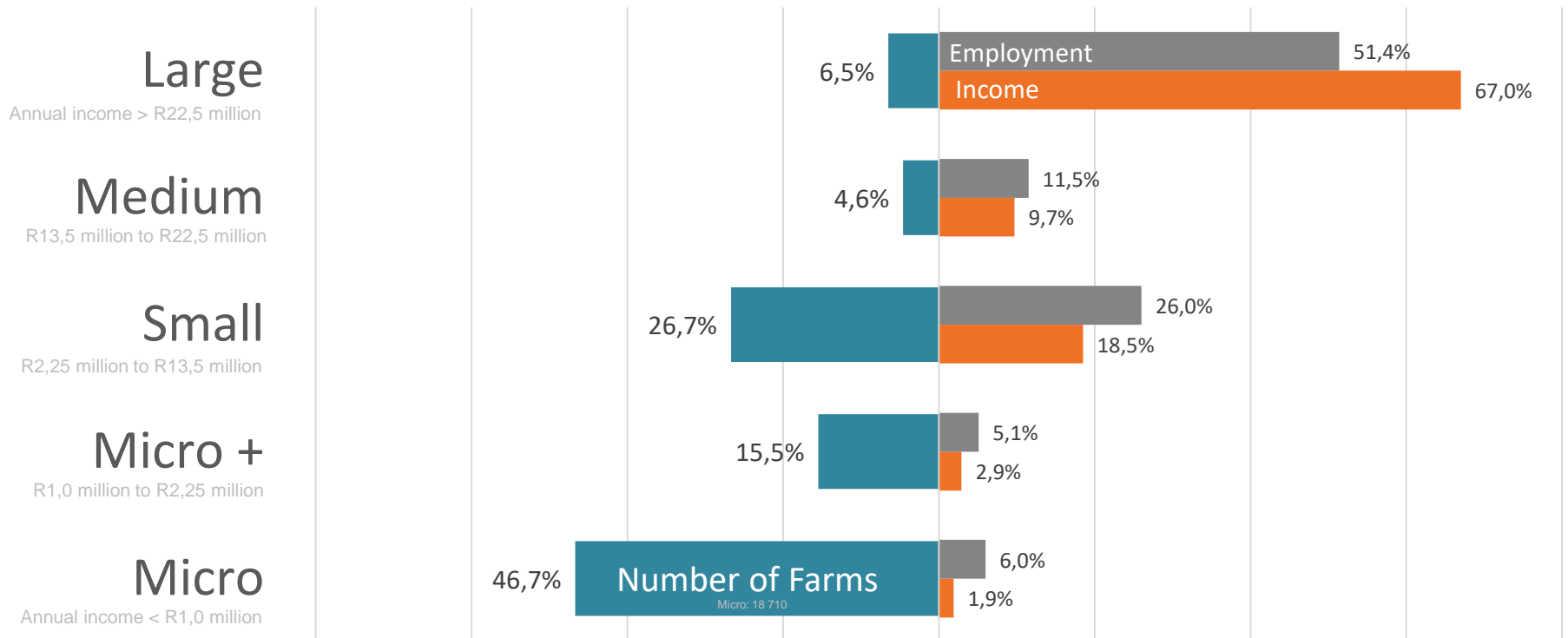
The top 10 employment districts accounted for 374 671 employees (49,5% of total employment). Three of these 10 were in WC, and two were in FS

Top 10 district municipalities by employees in the commercial agriculture industry, 2017



Large farms made up 6,5% of all farms, but contributed 51,4% to total employment and 67,0% to total income

Number of farms, income and employment in the commercial agriculture industry by farm size, as a percentage of the total, 2017



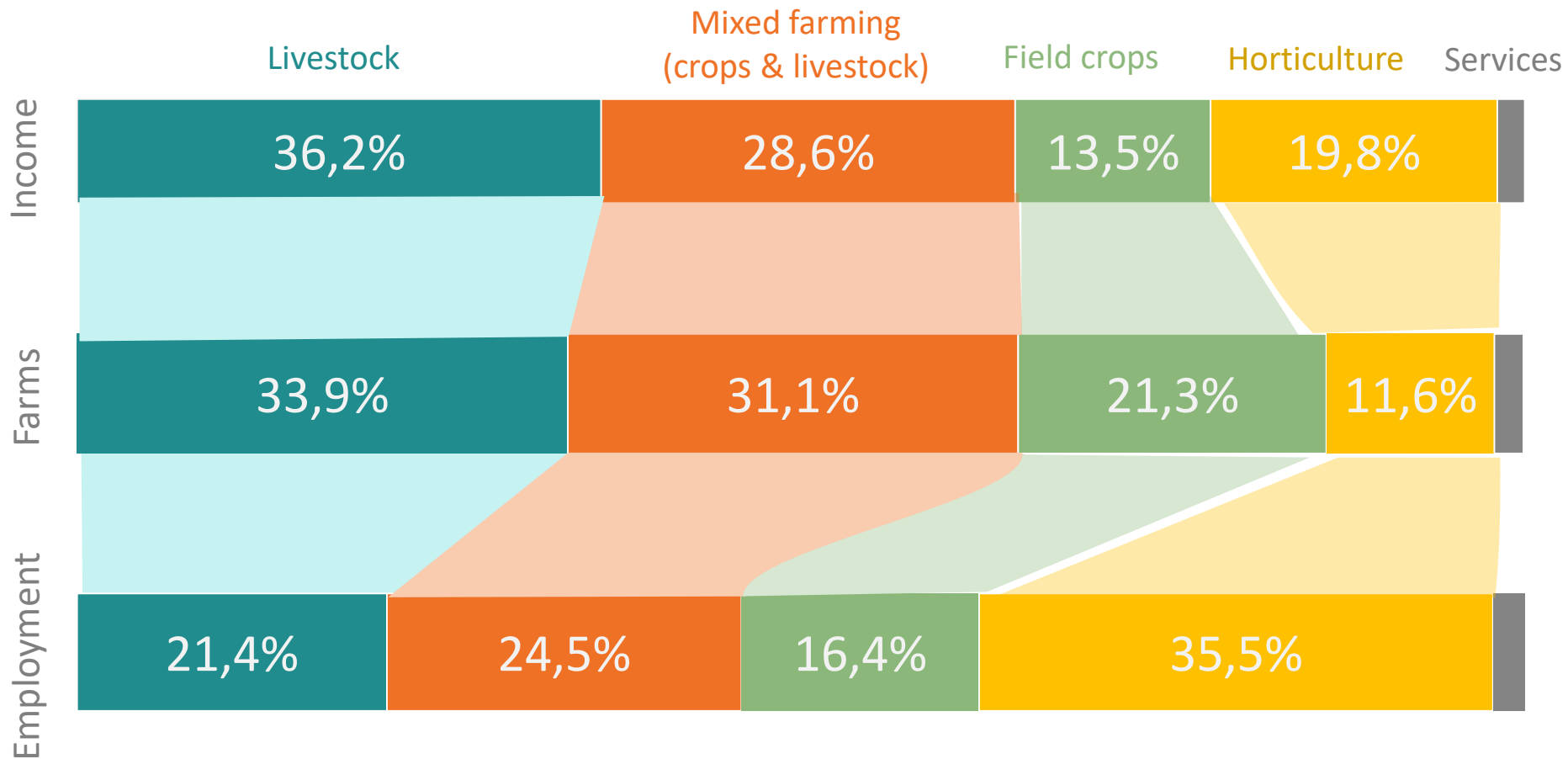
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Despite having only 11,6% of farms, horticulture contributed the greatest to the employment profile

Farm type by income, number of farms and employment



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Land use



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On 30 September 2018, the total land used for commercial agriculture was 46,4 million hectares, 38% of total land area in South Africa

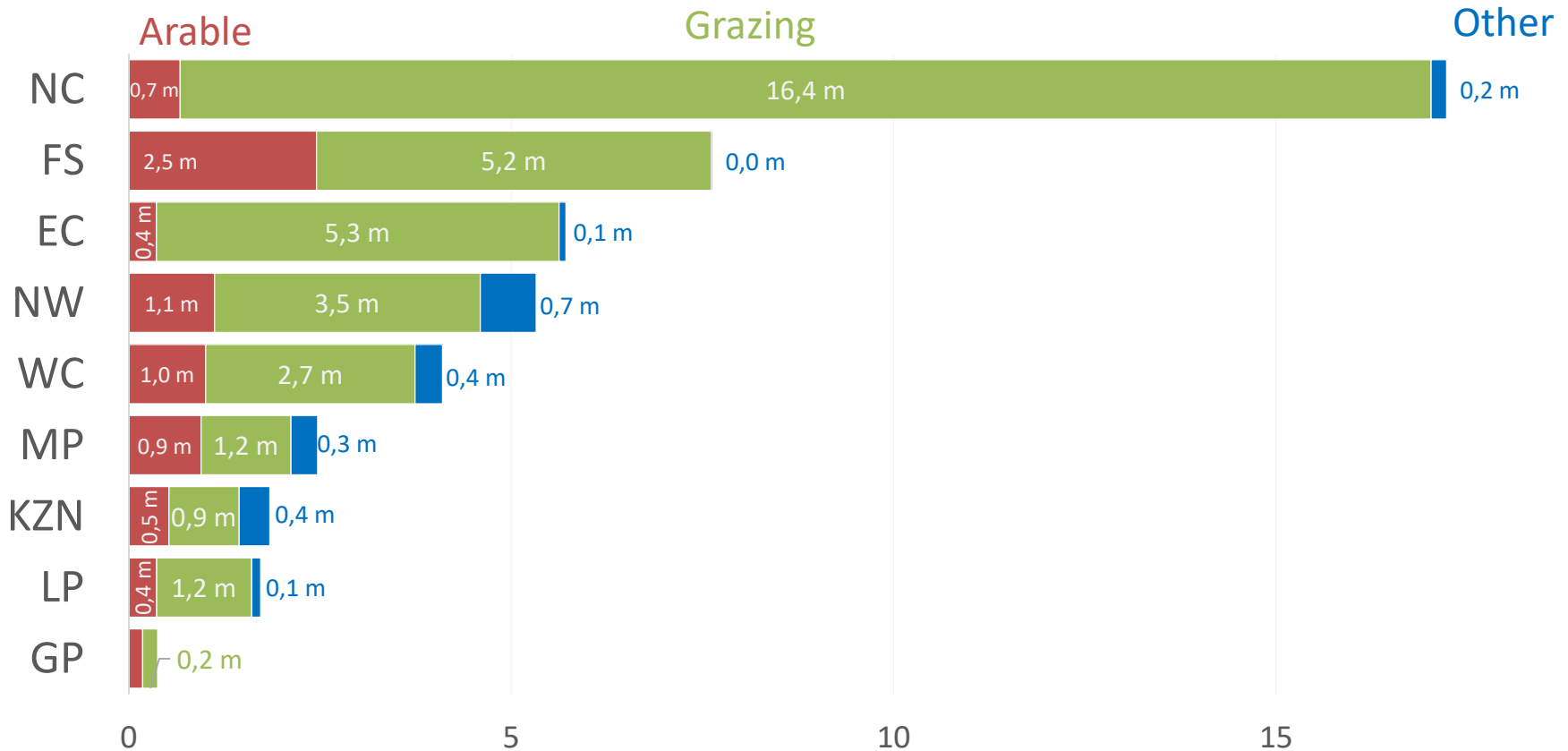
m ha = millions of hectares



Northern Cape accounted for the largest share of the country's commercial agricultural land at 17,2 million hectares, or 37,1%

Land used for commercial agriculture by province

m ha = millions of hectares



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Major products



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Sugarcane and wheat saw the largest production decreases between 2007 and 2017. There was a large increase in soya bean production (metric tons)

Field crops

	Production: 2007	Production: 2017	Change	% Change
Maize	7 373 032	10 801 025	▲	46%
Soya beans	177 765	842 549	▲	374%
Sunflower seeds	296 524	555 994	▲	88%
Wheat	1 603 872	1 011 704	▼	-37%
Sugarcane	15 710 713	7 534 550	▼	-52%

Onions saw a 117% increase in production between 2007 and 2017 (metric tons)

Vegetables

	Production: 2007	Production: 2017	Change	% Change
Potatoes	1 445 634	1 975 046	▲	37%
Onions	278 228	602 611	▲	117%
Tomatoes	409 550	362 167	▼	-12%
Cabbages	200 330	153 267	▼	-23%

Oranges showed a decline relative to some other citrus fruits in production between 2007 and 2017 (metric tons)

Citrus fruits

	Production: 2007	Production: 2017	Change	% Change
Oranges	1 489 071	1 372 238	▼	-8%
Naartjies	69 764	201 618	▲	189%
Lemons	135 625	388 005	▲	186%

Pineapples saw a 89% increase in production between 2007 and 2017 (metric tons)

Subtropical fruits



	Production: 2007	Production: 2017	Change	% Change
Bananas	238 818	219 572	▼	-8%
Pineapples	120 513	227 667	▲	89%

Both table and Wine grapes saw similar declines in production between 2007 and 2017 (metric tons)

Deciduous fruits and viticulture



	Production: 2007	Production: 2017	Change	% Change
Apples	763 825	907 132	▲	19%
Pears	338 231	355 882	▲	5%
Table grapes	429 396	328 177	▼	-24%
Wine grapes	1 083 375	783 298	▼	-28%

Pecan nuts saw a significant increase with a 631% change in production over the period between 2007 and 2017 (metric tons)

Tree nuts

	Production: 2007	Production: 2017	Change	% Change
Macadamia nuts	18 312	49 169	▲	169%
Pecan nuts	3 469	25 349	▲	631%

Significant improvements in dryland production per hectare for maize between 2007 and 2017 (tons per hectare)

Production per hectare (yield)

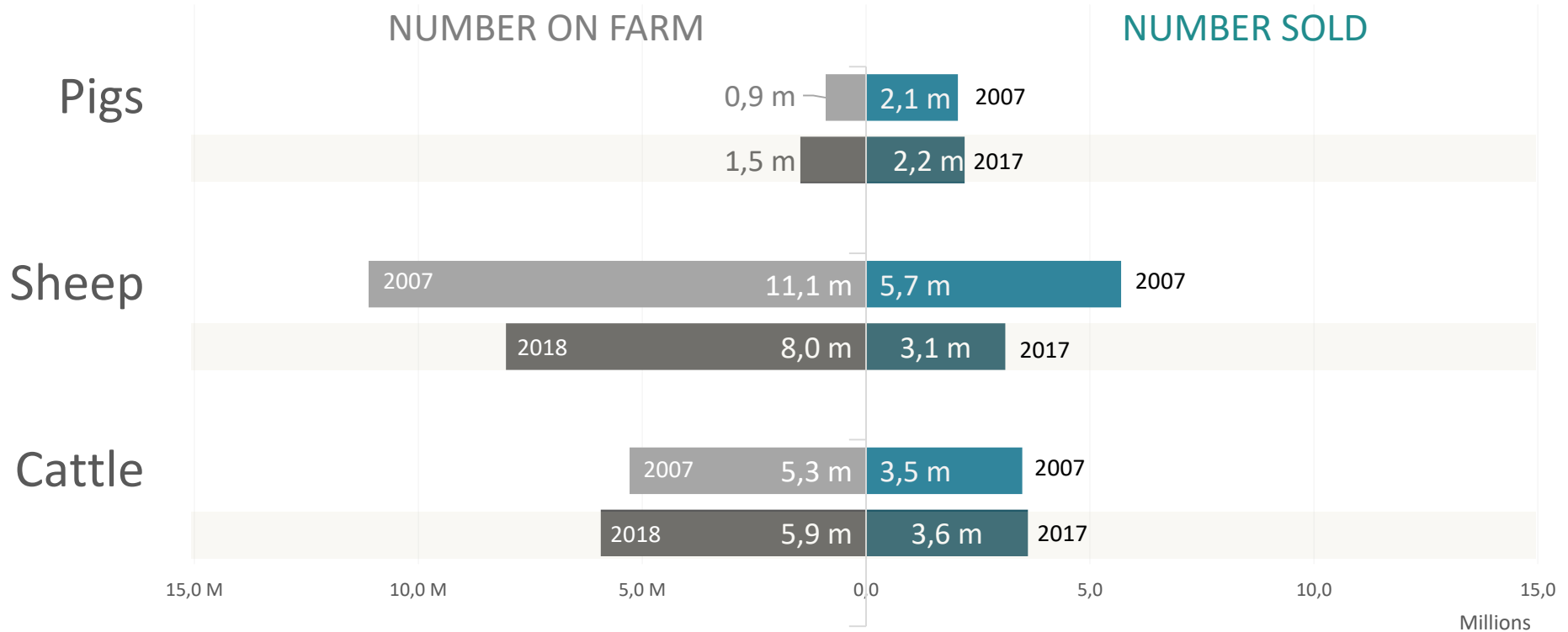
Field crops	Change in Overall Yield			Change in Dry Land Yield			Change in Irrigated Land Yield		
	Overall Yield 2007	Overall Yield 2017	Yield	Dry land Yield 2007	Dry land Yield 2017	Yield	Irrigated Land Yield 2007	Irrigated Land Yield 2017	Yield
Maize	3,4	5,0	45%	3,1	4,5	47%	6,5	8,6	32%
Wheat	2,8	3,1	9%	2,4	2,4	1%	5,1	4,9	-4%
Sunflower seeds	1,2	1,6	27%	1,2	1,6	29%	1,8	2,3	27%
Soya beans	1,7	1,8	8%	1,5	1,7	12%	2,6	3,0	15%
Sugarcane	58,7	40,4	-31%	78,0	68,6	-12%	53,0	33,4	-37%

All major field crops were mostly planted under dry land, i.e. their main source of water was rain. Field crops are important for food security, and they account for the largest portion of cultivated land in South Africa

Compared with 2007, the number of sheep sold in 2017 decreased by 45,4% (from 5,7 million to 3,1 million).

Number of animals sold and on farm

m = millions



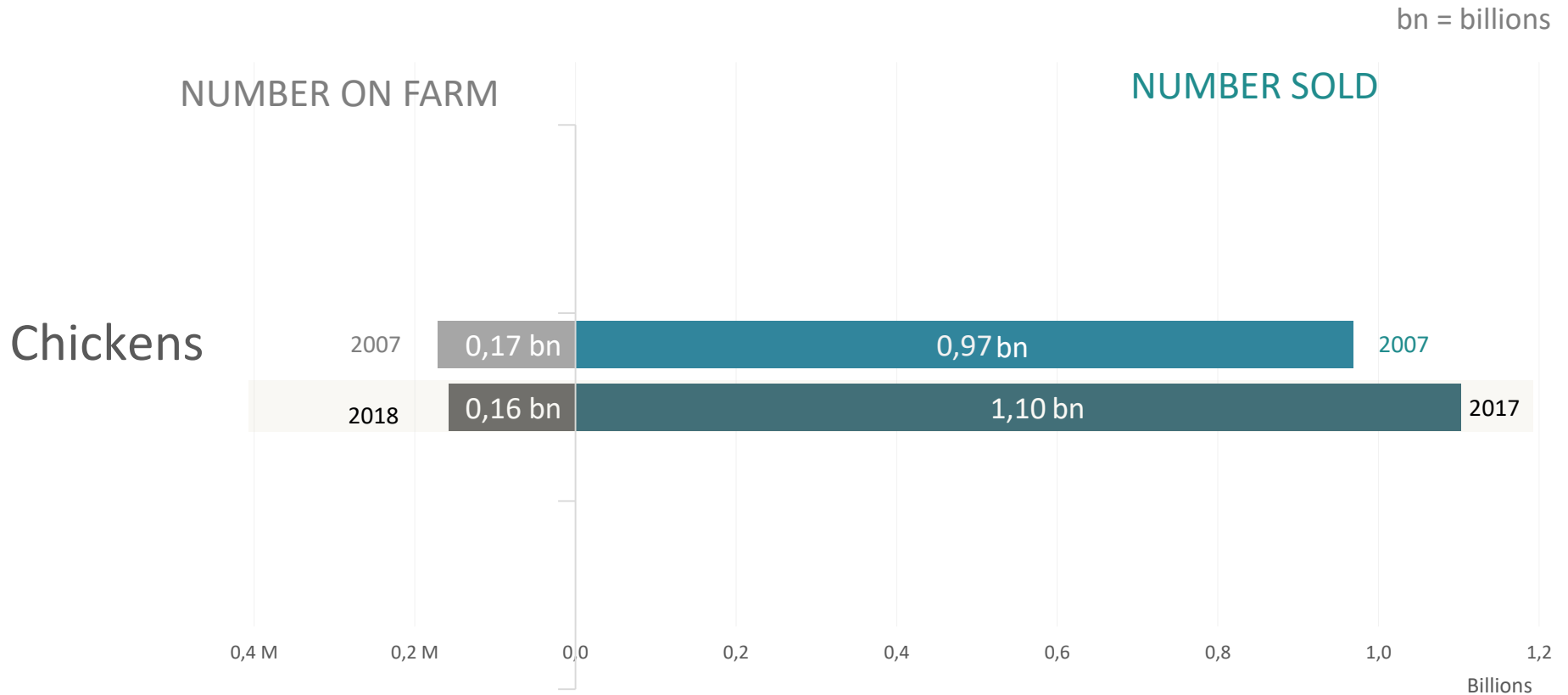
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The number of chickens sold increased by 13,8% between 2007 and 2017, but the number of chickens on farm decreased by 8,0%

Number of animals sold and on farm



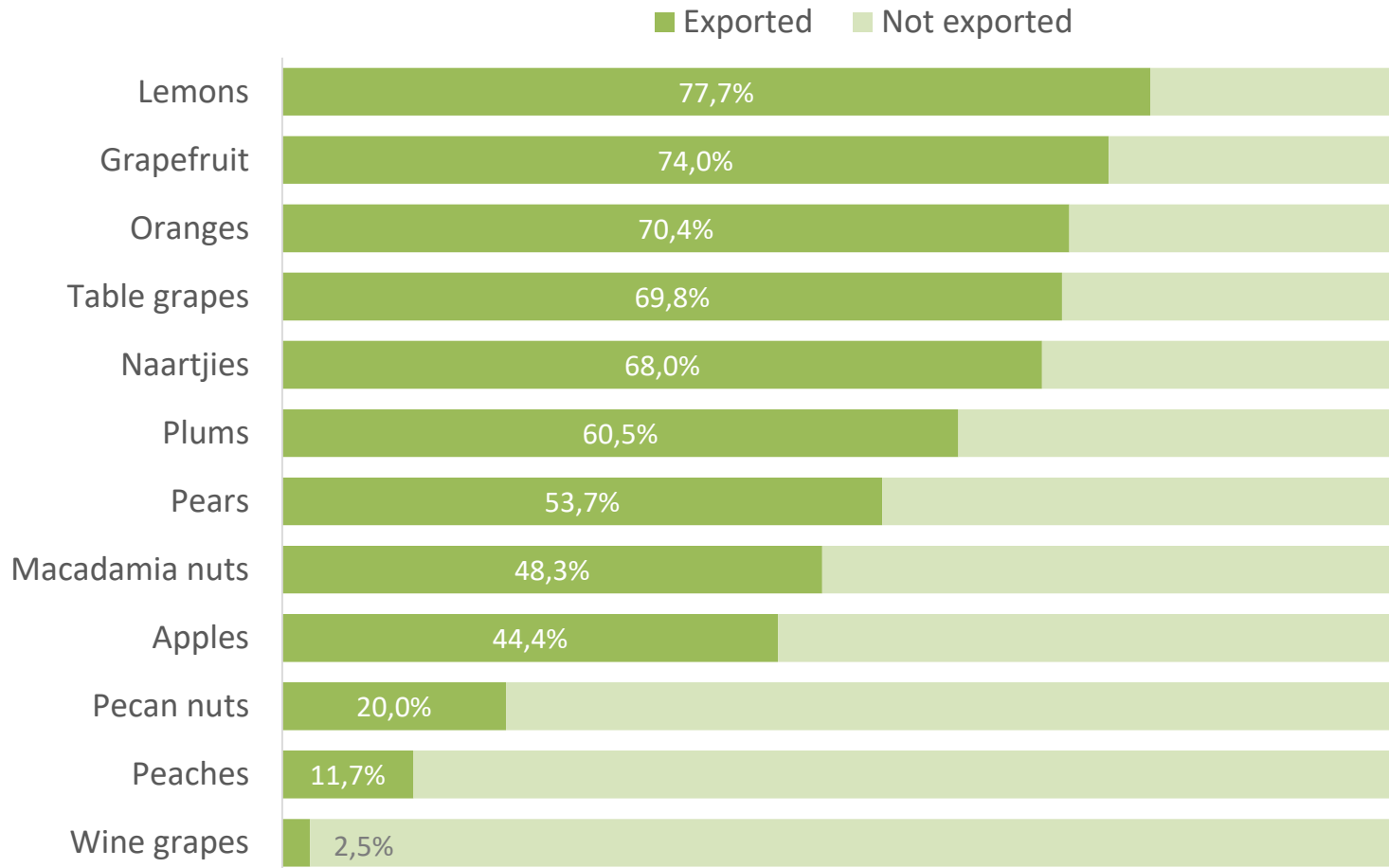
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Almost 70% of table grapes produced in South Africa are exported, compared with 2,5% of wine grapes

Percentage of total production from commercial agriculture



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