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Table 1 – Field crops: Area planted, production and gross farming income for maize for grain and wheat

Magisterial district	Maize for grain					Wheat				
	Planted hectares		Production in metric tons		R'000	Planted hectares		Production in metric tons		R'000
	Dry land	Irrigated	Dry land	Irrigated		Dry land	Irrigated	Dry land	Irrigated	
Bellville						2 271		6 546		11 615
Bredasdorp	8 735	365	31 047	1 775	40 128	10 149	2 018	21 764	8 121	38 659
Caledon	5 662	200	18 303	1 820	26 035	21 362	1 307	55 384	4 844	79 152
Ceres						2 656		6 698		8 206
Clanwilliam	3 292		5 148		5 869	3 015	160	6 939	543	11 180
George						135		220		307
Heidelberg	1 978	66	5 532	593	6 417	7 445	533	18 025	1 758	26 719
Hopefield	1 321		5 579		6 836	10 415	1 530	29 522	3 783	54 273
Ladismith		55		278	330					
Laingsburg						287		460		758
Malmesbury	3 100		8 905		10 394	44 324	1 879	104 764	9 454	163 595
Montagu	12		38		46	265		411		674
Moorreesburg	730	462	2 318	1 767	5 607	31 829	1 428	79 000	3 595	108 994
Mossel Bay	65		189		173	1 344	20	2 045	60	3 220
Murraysburg						1 201		3 223		4 518
Oudtshoorn	142	10	504	80	592	560	75	1 550	375	3 725
Paarl	106	13	255	105	513	3 651		10 810		16 074
Piketberg	4 061		7 893		9 074	45 438	1 074	110 715	3 080	141 365
Prince Albert		27		330	400		11		35	68
Riversdal	1 942		4 155		5 107	5 110	43	15 750	106	18 007
Robertson	415		882		872	90	12	50	50	180
Somerset West						521		1 285		1 755
Stellenbosch						350		1 050		1 248
Swellendam	5 062	265	14 889	1 319	17 263	13 298	140	34 358	392	48 612
Tulbagh						2 161		4 857		8 782
Uniondale						30		75		85
Van Rhynsdorp						2 395	19	2 295	109	3 879
Vredenburg						2 645		3 979		5 871
Vredendal	152	26	451	82	483	3 093	238	6 331	686	9 303
Wellington						2 070		5 387		10 959
Worcester		140		838	977	1 214	38	2 535	130	3 561

Table 2 – Field crops: Area planted, production and gross farming income for barley

Magisterial district	Barley				
	Planted hectares		Production in metric tons		R'000
	Dry land	Irrigated	Dry land	Irrigated	
Bellville	18		44		60
Bredasdorp	8 017	2 313	20 235	13 835	27 968
Caledon	13 234	379	34 455	1 103	41 148
Calitzdorp		90		350	330
Ceres	266		319		286
Clanwilliam	62	12	26	40	26
George	215		80		100
Heidelberg	985	180	2 165	712	2 606
Hermanus	150		200		150
Hopefield	149		251		279
Laingsburg	85		153		297
Malmesbury	929	75	2 542	173	2 422
Moorreesburg	414		662		613
Mossel Bay	64		139		185
Oudtshoorn	587	216	1 097	524	2 259
Piketberg	1 241		3 174		3 767
Riversdal	2 714		5 112		5 223
Stellenbosch	280		672		504
Swellendam	10 796	60	24 377	120	28 149
Tulbagh	20		35		27
Uniondale		19		44	47
Van Rhynsdorp	294		233		139
Vredenburg	425		384		600
Vredendal	948		1 520		424
Wellington	10		20		46
Worcester	807		1 505		2 097

Table 3 – Horticulture: Area planted, production and gross farming income for vegetables

Magisterial district	Potatoes			Tomatoes			Onions		
	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000
Bellville				31	972	2 250			
Caledon	301	936	1 575				136	4 164	5 581
Ceres	1 161	43 795	52 110	6	330	240	3 983	123 499	219 393
Clanwilliam	2 842	93 297	164 819	9	320	568	43	1 192	2 054
George	150	3 375	5 876				10	212	254
Hopefield	159	3 105	5 014						
Knysna	7	61	91						
Kuilsrivier	207	5 275	7 084						
Ladismith	193	333	529						
Laingsburg	170	2 841	5 456						
Malmesbury	244	6 846	12 664	36	1 302	4 558	67	1 902	2 480
Mitchells Plain	5	180	180						
Montagu	5	24	42				8	195	237
Moorreesburg	48	936	2 227						
Mossel Bay	49	986	1 439	11	133	511			
Oudtshoorn	11	116	135	322	1 807	1 884			
Paarl	754	18 880	35 836	197	9 598	28 493			
Piketberg	2 297	66 394	114 865						
Prince Albert	13	287	486				9	231	349
Robertson	35	717	1 194	163	5 509	10 834	7	187	355
Somerset West	120	3 292	5 600						
Stellenbosch	184	6 457	9 577	25	805	2 600			

Table 3 – Horticulture: Area planted, production and gross farming income for vegetables (concluded)

Magisterial district	Potatoes			Tomatoes			Onions		
	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000
Swellendam	7	93	84	7	181	401			
Tulbagh	65	1 386	1 755	16	450	703	59	1 658	2 202
Uniondale							10	243	320
Van Rhynsdorp				50	2 407	5 266	37	422	385
Vredendal	244	6 830	12 825	522	21 458	47 932	34	1 552	2 116
Wellington	148	6 364	13 067						
Worcester	103	2 434	3 845	28	741	1 375	36	1 029	1 034
Wynberg	71	3 488	5 238				417	12 360	23 943

Table 4 – Horticulture: Area planted, production and gross farming income for vegetables

Magisterial district	Pumpkins			Carrots			Cabbages and red cabbages		
	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000
Caledon	48	1 071	1 455	20	240	470	17	618	420
Ceres	33	475	655	155	5 951	9 540	69	4 430	4 435
Clanwilliam	57	1 219	1 216						
George	5	125	81	29	576	441	68	2 011	1 556
Kuilsrivier	45	1 100	1 012	196	7 102	13 006	124	10 892	8 694
Laingsburg							10	370	301
Malmesbury	7	213	260	42	1 680	4 857	34	2 629	2 142
Mitchells Plain				15	662	1 165	24	1 102	977
Montagu	6	89	50						
Mossel Bay				16	142	211	29	222	304
Oudtshoorn				23	122	189			
Paarl	15	183	296	104	4 160	7 783	68	5 963	4 852
Piketberg	8	130	137				14	272	190
Riversdal							5	460	374
Robertson	60	473	442						
Simon's Town				9	20	25			
Stellenbosch	582	14 240	19 259	63	1 950	2 625	109	5 185	3 200
Swellendam	20	84	120						
Tulbagh	11	214	283						
Van Rhynsdorp	89	467	459						
Vredendal	210	3 689	4 140						
Worcester	59	579	482				16	86	86
Wynberg	10	244	250	275	9 177	12 650	131	8 533	6 236

Table 5 – Horticulture: Area planted, production and gross farming income for fruit

Magisterial district	Oranges			Lemons			Naartjies		
	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000
Caledon	21	713	1 562	20	725	928	42	1 084	2 083
Calitzdorp				492	15 493	33 838			
Ceres	8	220	300						
Clanwilliam	5 985	162 149	266 103	309	7 573	14 133	345	8 466	29 891
Goodwood	45	390	340						
Hermanus	72	1 817	2 638						
Knysna	24	348	335						
Malmesbury	43	2 057	2 384	5	151	333	29	1 136	1 958
Montagu	105	2 290	5 391	6	170	340	48	1 256	4 316
Moorreesburg	10	153	133	27	1 051	1 323			
Mossel Bay							6	12	23
Paarl	237	5 100	6 396	118	3 722	4 630	112	3 765	9 215
Piketberg	664	8 387	13 487	61	890	1 798	46	1 370	2 286
Riversdal	25	25	24						
Robertson	107	4 096	5 786	88	3 238	5 669	131	5 300	12 520
Somerset West							10	414	800
Stellenbosch	31	1 239	1 674	29	708	1 180	50	821	1 814
Swellendam	182	5 289	7 392	19	385	476	186	6 356	14 748
Tulbagh	35	1 142	1 975				36	1 420	4 525
Van Rhynsdorp				5	60	61			
Vredendal	132	4 152	6 747						
Wellington	69	1 527	2 553						
Worcester	64	1 519	2 433	32	606	710			

Table 5 – Horticulture: Area planted, production and gross farming income for fruit (concluded)

Magisterial district	Oranges			Lemons		
	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000
Bellville	361	15 509	43 991	73	2 279	6 799
Bredasdorp	49	1 348	2 541			
Caledon	8 078	328 818	669 784	2 323	85 236	144 276
Ceres	4 595	214 922	382 290	3 816	146 911	275 404
Clanwilliam				15	364	671
George	175	5 849	11 094	46	1 165	3 522
Goodwood	10	436	874			
Heidelberg	8	333	666			
Hermanus	72	3 018	6 027	9	141	146
Ladismith	9	374	486	51	923	1 404
Lamberts Bay	0	16	32			
Malmesbury	39	2 400	4 617	44	1 918	4 130
Montagu	176	3 978	8 940	183	3 649	5 821
Moorreesburg	66	2 763	5 538			
Mossel Bay						
Oudtshoorn	7	131	320			
Paarl	225	8 910	23 234	389	11 389	20 204
Piketberg	289	9 171	23 296	147	4 271	10 061
Prince Albert				33	406	1 017
Robertson	39	955	1 071	42	1 367	1 525
Simon's Town	5	180	363			
Somerset West	394	12 305	21 819	340	7 926	11 557
Stellenbosch	69	1 919	4 631	198	4 247	10 070
Strand	15	615	1 493	318	4 646	13 215

Table 6 – Horticulture: Area planted, production and gross farming income for fruit

Magisterial district	Peaches			Table grapes			Wine grapes		
	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000
Bellville	55	1 004	3 634				2 465	28 097	94 377
Bredasdorp	17	280	350				429	2 048	5 629
Caledon	253	4 569	10 746	73	123	453	851	6 874	23 673
Calitzdorp	11	186	189	85	926	2 413	156	2 287	5 326
Ceres	1 608	41 671	84 802	202	3 243	12 075	393	4 627	7 059
Clanwilliam	210	3 148	8 887	13	274	1 001	687	4 863	10 869
George	15	105	406	27	663	2 581	10	145	539
Goodwood							47	595	1 425
Heidelberg							36	453	1 085
Hermanus							572	7 134	18 803
Knysna	8	210	236				16	283	477
Kuilsrivier							996	11 208	24 395
Ladismith	108	2 049	3 116	80	1 712	6 352	282	3 867	5 342
Laingsburg	29	118	302	15	450	810	17	201	282
Malmesbury				833	13 780	63 538	8 277	68 777	170 992
Mitchells Plain							13	159	382
Montagu	583	8 739	17 240	86	1 742	4 092	1 730	24 090	69 938
Moorreesburg				62	2 175	4 580	432	5 463	11 307
Murraysburg							52	640	913
Oudtshoorn	5	69	225	10	204	559	182	2 301	5 985
Paarl	130	1 656	5 662	1 323	28 199	92 968	8 642	96 265	277 561

Table 6 – Horticulture: Area planted, production and gross farming income for fruit (concluded)

Magisterial district	Peaches			Table grapes			Wine grapes		
	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000	Planted hectares	Production in metric tons	R'000
Piketberg	159	2 826	11 346	1 249	29 410	118 626	1 270	9 712	19 310
Prince Albert	39	619	1 482				81	573	1 164
Riversdal	70	1 029	3 532	49	1 094	3 532	46	145	617
Robertson	1 233	24 822	47 676	353	8 111	15 940	7 186	105 277	234 699
Simon's Town							76	595	1 140
Somerset West				6	23	78	1 762	25 622	51 914
Stellenbosch	193	3 866	8 044	348	4 330	14 641	12 686	131 090	402 584
Strand	68	1 363	5 798	50	616	2 256	574	6 776	36 970
Swellendam	579	9 467	20 063	72	1 397	3 547	1 954	28 846	56 640
Tulbagh	681	12 038	28 691	428	4 898	22 048	1 255	13 572	28 493
Uniondale	40	391	597						
Van Rhynsdorp				166	1 670	5 564	1 149	17 457	41 547
Vredenburg							205	2 403	6 131
Vredendal				338	7 033	22 190	6 165	89 707	191 786
Wellington	20	432	1 663	214	4 371	21 304	3 158	27 829	75 599
Worcester	759	14 702	35 804	5 155	116 419	535 909	15 166	250 616	458 307
Wynberg							886	9 555	23 541

Table 7 – Number of livestock sold and gross farming income

Magisterial district	Cattle		Sheep		Pigs		Ostriches		Chickens	
	Number	R'000	Number	R'000	Number	R'000	Number	R'000	Number	R'000
Beaufort West	863	4 209	94 155	47 423	149	51	158	126		
Bellville	1 800	8 525	4 665	2 707	4 752	2 894			2 303 707	38 688
Bredasdorp	4 057	18 415	96 556	53 707	232	122	3 260	5 287		
Caledon	6 757	25 266	120 067	69 905			562	298	1 804 955	15 623
Calitzdorp	752	2 750	1 525	882			20 553	12 031		
Ceres	1 207	4 399	18 055	10 908			1 519	1 407	30 000	300
Clanwilliam	3 456	15 609	46 569	25 202			120	219		
George	3 400	17 875	6 734	3 567			23 955	36 737	126 875	1 296
Goodwood	123	532	2 126	1 158					60 461 969	1 330 540
Heidelberg	1 935	9 005	23 041	14 063			12 587	18 579	89 614	1 544
Hermanus	269	1 356	3 299	1 573					808 250	13 923
Hopefield	1 330	5 555	21 865	12 498			352	598		
Knysna	2 260	10 769	1 138	678					6 540	113
Kuilsrivier	806	3 566	236	144					19 483	336
Ladismith	381	1 486	3 371	2 100			9 801	12 728		
Laingsburg	457	1 442	32 584	20 501			594	539	7 461	211
Lamberts Bay									4 361	75
Malmesbury	22 499	84 453	62 250	36 269	31 932	20 706	4 668	5 087	6 321 238	87 567
Mitchells Plain					6 300	5 500			31 564	544
Montagu	379	1 568	1 940	993	360	252			810 923	7 298
Moorreesburg	2 439	12 313	44 293	26 123	51 391	36 695			745 212	12 837
Mossel Bay	11 952	42 567	7 136	3 909	3 766	3 487	10 415	16 269		
Murraysburg	855	3 856	22 320	10 927	65	32	478	240		
Oudtshoorn	6 434	36 001	23 249	14 403	9 667	5 974	138 074	216 778	265 224	5 583
Paarl	37 874	143 535	44 344	21 261	29 239	26 407			14 916 041	69 605
Piketberg	6 655	30 507	51 810	31 544	11 980	6 743			428	12
Prince Albert	146	585	32 724	17 969	160	83	7 152	7 628	68 290	1 931
Riversdal	17 446	62 531	73 485	42 628	976	711	22 517	19 227	33 494	884
Robertson	1 334	7 491	1 088	635	362	217	1 400	1 004	177 305	750
Simon's Town									396 579	3 603
Somerset West	175	1 053	1 042	566						
Stellenbosch	1 924	19 162	4 982	2 532	9 506	7 949			598 168	6 021

Table 7 – Number of livestock sold and gross farming income (concluded)

Magisterial district	Cattle		Sheep		Pigs		Ostriches		Chickens	
	Number	R'000	Number	R'000	Number	R'000	Number	R'000	Number	R'000
Strand			2 115	1 081			115	211	647 834	15 692
Swellendam	11 084	51 403	96 337	57 728	9 621	7 766	7 300	9 054		
Tulbagh	1 870	9 161	4 286	3 056	3 290	2 617	1 000	1 600	669 109	10 033
Uniondale	2 016	6 911	5 653	3 264			7 219	9 556		
Van Rhynsdorp			34 786	17 292	889	268				
Vredenburg	804	3 314	5 819	3 313	447	270	500	733	433 225	7 463
Vredendal	707	3 023	55 018	30 744	49	30	177	329	16 768	474
Wellington	1 178	4 243	48 364	22 689	221	226			3 879 065	82 697
Worcester	2 373	9 308	10 193	6 262	3 520	2 048			69 052 847	1 129 819
Wynberg	1 090	5 402	780	391	7 000	4 632			1 643 383	28 686

Table 8 – Animal products: Quantity sold and gross farming income

Magisterial district	Milk and cream		Wool		Eggs	
	Litres	R'000	Kg	R'000	Dozen	R'000
Beaufort West	293 857	615	512 425	9 856		
Bellville	9 494 108	25 585	9 053	279	6 355 952	41 314
Bredasdorp	35 262 893	62 073	778 957	19 235	758 248	4 929
Caledon	37 698 399	88 817	1 293 980	25 088	6 120 000	36 720
Calitzdorp	153 000	235	17 827	580		
Ceres	4 794 802	9 786	66 679	1 446	837 495	3 141
Clanwilliam	1 526 359	2 936	210 379	5 990		
George	54 472 402	108 415	10 212	316	1 467 035	7 863
Heidelberg	38 981 879	83 635	236 909	6 963		
Hermanus	4 950 388	9 322	20 058	703		
Hopefield	1 033 575	2 381	115 637	3 656		
Knysna	16 534 954	31 569	14 410	449		
Kuilsrivier	1 957 002	5 248				
Ladismith	4 415 659	8 733				
Laingsburg	136 412	409	67 073	1 716		
Malmesbury	150 030 071	339 864	519 728	10 369	15 781 919	86 451
Montagu	1 973 092	5 068	3 367	92	13 228	75
Moorreesburg	2 237 300	4 785	170 001	4 109		
Mossel Bay	13 251 256	25 974	84 271	2 355		
Murraysburg	5 431 596	12 572	260 048	7 689		
Oudtshoorn	3 946 782	8 044	34 408	1 258		
Paarl	6 216 033	12 311	38 136	968	42 610 440	261 096
Piketberg	18 315 924	35 759	210 140	5 841		
Prince Albert	374 653	1 024	100 635	2 894		
Riversdal	47 176 774	92 869	402 864	11 296	51 730	307
Robertson	2 589 164	6 905	7 123	225	43 301	250
Simon's Town	27 000	80				
Somerset West	2 254 609	6 764	6 652	211		
Stellenbosch	2 214 678	4 650	2 869	74	11 449 890	77 890

Table 8 – Animal products: Quantity sold and gross farming income (concluded)

Magisterial district	Milk and cream		Wool		Eggs	
	Litres	R'000	Kg	R'000	Dozen	R'000
Swellendam	102 951 197	188 660	838 007	20 905		
Tulbagh	833 854	2 138	16 497	227	1 844 999	24 063
Uniondale	187 788	479	19 675	548		
Van Rhynsdorp			23 815	508		
Vredenburg	6 559 964	18 014	15 422	508		
Vredendal			267 995	8 361		
Wellington	3 862 691	9 641	13 993	477		
Worcester	25 669 420	59 695	35 109	879	184 761	2 100
Wynberg	6 092 977	13 607				

Table 9 – Animals: Number of livestock on farm as at 28 February 2007

Magisterial district	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Ostriches	Chickens
Beaufort West	4 875	195 723	166	334	
Bellville	2 756	7 427	3 147	155	1 232 738
Bredasdorp	18 278	163 576	157	3 172	4 411
Caledon	20 778	193 464		844	137 140
Calitzdorp	1 255	1 924		9 132	
Ceres	4 951	37 435		3 259	32 010
Clanwilliam	8 158	53 485			
George	17 704	11 692		13 712	149 713
Goodwood	346	2 499			7 040 122
Heidelberg	16 334	48 744	221	21 045	70 198
Hermanus	1 630	6 975			371 540
Hopefield	3 106	18 381		128	200
Knysna	9 369	1 857			1 583
Kuilsrivier	730	311			12 764
Ladismith	1 577	4 036		4 059	
Laingsburg	935	61 501		1 184	700
Lambertsbay					1 056
Malmesbury	59 937	114 343	12 509	3 311	2 774 859
Mitchells Plain			4 000		7 642
Montagu	1 966	4 009	164	315	44 102
Moorreesburg	4 869	61 125	24 916		512 881
Mossel Bay	18 483	35 334		9 967	395
Murraysburg	2 885	68 845		536	
Oudtshoorn	9 099	31 511	1 656	103 306	2 583
Paarl	31 159	20 404	12 630		3 151 578
Piketberg	12 065	56 851	8 428		
Prince Albert	1 260	61 052	117	4 539	2 607
Riversdal	31 862	132 281	739	11 248	24 378
Robertson	2 458	2 565	124	1 400	2 000
Simon's Town					71 267
Somerset West	1 397	3 498			
Stellenbosch	1 582	6 811	14 547	100	771 191
Strand		2 046		300	170 472

Table 9 – Animals: Number of livestock on farm as at 28 February 2007 (concluded)

Magisterial district	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Ostriches	Chickens
Swellendam	37 756	146 335	3 156	5 920	
Tulbagh	2 037	8 180	4 844		122 568
Uniondale	3 597	13 076		2 041	
Van Rhynsdorp		55 541	454		
Vredenburg	2 362	10 959	231	600	311 420
Vredendal	2 573	57 407	266		
Wellington	2 098	9 119	132		353 306
Worcester	7 208	13 940	1 035		7 569 011
Wynberg	1 445	410	3 866		930 072

Explanatory notes

Introduction

This publication updates Statistical Release P1101, *Census of commercial agriculture 2007*, and Report 11-02-01 (2007), *Census of commercial agriculture 2007.* In many respects it can be compared with Report 11-02-02 (2002), *Census of commercial agriculture 2002*. However, this report provides only statistics on production and gross farming income of selected products of active commercial farming enterprises in South Africa. Detailed statistics for selected field crops, horticultural products, animals and animal products are published at magisterial district level.

The report presents the results of 6 653 commercial farms in Western Cape that were active during the census of commercial agriculture, which was conducted from 1 March 2006 to 28 February 2007.

The statistical unit for the collection of information is a farming 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 production activities. The previous census of commercial agriculture was conducted in 2002 (Report No. 11-02-02 (2002)).

Universe

1 The universe of the 2007 census of commercial agriculture differed considerably from the agriculture censuses in the past. This census covered the whole country, based on a business register containing all businesses registered for VAT with the South African Revenue Service (SARS).

All enterprises are legally bound to register for VAT when their turnover for a period of twelve months equals or exceeds R300 000. However, those with a turnover of less than R300 000 may register for VAT voluntarily. From the commercial farming units registered for VAT, a total of 6 653 were identified as live and active at the time of the census, and formed the universe for the census in Western Cape.

Scope

2 Information was obtained from commercial farmers who worked on their own farms or rented farms or farmed land on shares.

For the purpose of the census, farming means:

- the growing of field crops, fruit, grapes, nuts, seeds, trees in a nursery, bulbs, vegetables and flowers in the open air or under cover;
- operations at nurseries excluding those predominantly engaged in reselling;
- the operation of tea, coffee and sugar plantations;
- the raising of livestock, game, poultry, rabbits, freshwater fish, furbearing and other animals; and
- the production of milk, wool, pelt/fur, eggs and honey for commercial purposes.

Forestry (e.g. timber, wattle, wood and other plantations), ocean fishing and agricultural services were not included in the census. Data in respect of agricultural smallholdings such as nurseries, vegetable gardens, flower farms and dairy farms are included in this report only in those cases where products were intended for sale.

Statistical unit **3** The statistical unit for the collection of information is a farming unit. A farming unit consists of one or more separate farms, holdings or portions of land whether contiguous or not, provided they are situated in the same province and are operated as a single unit. Farms or portions of land in different provinces are regarded as separate farming units. The number of farming units, therefore, does not represent the number of farmers, as a specific farming unit can be operated by more than one farmer, and one farmer can operate more than one farming unit.

Collection method **4** Information was collected by electronic mail, postal mail, telephonic conversations and personal visits.

Reference period **5** Information was collected from farming units regarding their financial year as having ended on any date between 1 March 2006 and 28 February 2007. However, the number of closing livestock was requested as at 28 February 2007.

Classification **6** The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities* (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-09-02, was used to classify the statistical units in this census. The SIC is based on the third revision of the 1990 *International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities* (ISIC), with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Farming sectors included were classified to the five-digit (subgroup) level for the detailed results.

Comparability with previous censuses/surveys **7** In comparing the results of the 2002 and 2007 censuses with those of the previous censuses and sample surveys, the following should be borne in mind:

- Prior to the 2002 census, the commercial farmers in the Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei (TBVC) states and self-governing territories were excluded.
- The updating of the previous business register with data obtained from the South African Revenue Service (SARS) resulted in an improved frame.
- The 2002 and 2007 censuses excluded forestry, e.g. timber, wattle, wood and other plantations, ocean fishing and agricultural services.

In addition, there have been:

- alterations in the boundaries of geographical areas;
- fluctuating climatic conditions; and
- rotation of crops.

In comparing the results of the 2002 and 2007 censuses the following should be borne in mind:

- Area, number of animals and production as published in Part 2 of Report No. 11-02-01, *Census of commercial agriculture 2002*, reflect only data of the farming units of farmers who responded during the census. However, for the 2007 census the area, number of animals and production of non-responding units were imputed.
- There was a better coverage of the poultry sector in 2007 as compared with 2002.
- Drought conditions which prevailed in various parts of the country during the census period influenced the field crop production.

Related publications **8** The following Stats SA publications contain information regarding agriculture:

Statistical release P1101 (2007) - Census of agriculture 2007 (Summary)
Report No. 11-02-01 (2007) - Census of Agriculture, 2007: Financial and production statistics
Report No. 11-02-01 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Financial and production statistics.
Report No. 11-02-02 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Provincial statistics: Western Cape.
Report No. 11-02-03 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Provincial statistics: Eastern Cape.
Report No. 11-02-04 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Provincial statistics: Northern Cape.
Report No. 11-02-05 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Provincial statistics: Free State.
Report No. 11-02-06 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Provincial statistics: KwaZulu-Natal.
Report No. 11-02-07 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Provincial statistics: North West.
Report No. 11-02-08 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Provincial statistics: Gauteng.
Report No. 11-02-09 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Provincial statistics: Mpumalanga.
Report No. 11-02-10 (2002) - Census of Agriculture, 2002: Provincial statistics: Limpopo.

Unpublished data **9** In some cases Stats SA can also make available statistics which are not published. This information can be made available as computer printouts or on compact disc. Generally, a charge is levied for providing unpublished statistics.

Symbols and abbreviations **10**

Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
No.	Number
GDP	Gross domestic product
TBVC	Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei
Kg	Kilogram
SARS	South African Revenue Service

Rounding-off of figures **11** 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 of the totals shown.

Blank spaces **12** Blank spaces in the detail tables indicate that the figures are nil, not available or not significant to publish.

Next census **13** The next agricultural census is planned for 2012, and results should be available in 2014.

Glossary

Farmer **1** A farmer is the individual, partnership, close corporation, company, or other enterprise that operates a farming unit for their own account; or the manager, foreman or other person to whom the control of the farming unit was entrusted.

Farming unit **2** A farming unit means any unit on which one or more of the following farming operations are carried out for commercial purposes:

- The cultivation in the open air or under cover of field crops, fruit, grapes, nuts, seed bulbs, vegetable plants or flowers;
- The operation of tea, coffee and sugar plantations;
- The breeding of livestock, poultry, game or other animals, including freshwater fish, furred animals and trade in livestock; and/or
- The production of milk, wool, fur, eggs or honey.

Gross farming income **3** Includes income earned from agricultural products sold, but excludes other income generated outside farming. In this report, agricultural products are divided into field crops, horticultural products, animals and animal products, and all other products.

- '*Field crops*' include cereals, oil seeds, fodder crops, etc.
- '*Horticultural products*' include vegetables, fruits, nuts, flowers, etc.
- '*Animals*' include livestock, poultry, game, aquaculture and all other animals.
- '*Animal products*' include milk, eggs, wool, etc.
- '*All other products*' include aquaculture, forestry products, and other products etc.