

## Frame

The census of commercial agriculture 2007 covers enterprises that are mainly engaged in farming and farm related services and activities, which were active during the period 01 March 2006 to 28 February 2007. This includes all enterprises classified as code 11 and 0900 under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) of economic activities and are registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and or Income Tax (IT) ( Refer to appendix 1).

Furthermore, establishments/branches engaged in farming activities but registered under enterprises that were registered in other sectors like manufacturing, were included as a separate domain. The census was also focusing on provincial level, hence, farming units in two different provinces were treated as separate entities.

A questionnaire was posted to each of the 93 246 enterprises that complied with the above specifications in the Agricultural Frame during the year 2006/07. A break down of these enterprises according to size group is shown in Table 1 below.

Size group	Number of enterprises	Turnover	Percentage	Percentage of turnover
		(Million Rand)	number of enterprises	
1	3 955	82 294	4.2	56.7
2	2 978	11 344	3.2	7.8
3	20 363	25 474	21.8	17.5
4	65 950	26 147	70.7	18.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>93 246</b>	<b>145 259</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

## Measure of size

The size groups' stratification used in the census was adopted from the Department of Trade and Industry's 1996 revised cutoff points (See Table 4).

Size group	Turnover
1	$x \geq R5$ Million
2	R3 Million $\leq x < R5$ Million
3	$R500\ 000 \leq x < R\ 3$ Million
4	$R0 \leq x < R500\ 000$