

Survey Sample Design, 2008

Coverage

The survey covers farmers who are actively involved in farming livestock, poultry, field crops and horticultural products. The questionnaire used collects information on ownership, size of land, products financial and employment statistics for the financial year 1 march 2004 until 28 February 2005.

Sample Design

The sample was designed out of a frame of businesses that are registered for Value Added Tax and Income Tax. This constitutes of +/- 80 000 live and active farmers. The frame was stratified into five strata (See table A). The measure of size for the survey is the turnover. The survey is a full-scale survey covering all businesses with an annual turnover of R2 million and above (i.e stratum 1 and 2).

Table 1:

Stratum	Cut-off points
1	R4 000 000 and more
2	$R2\ 000\ 000 \leq N < R4\ 000\ 000$
3	$R1\ 000\ 000 \leq N < R2\ 000\ 000$
4	$R300\ 000 \leq N < R1\ 000\ 000$
5	Less than R300 000

The sample consists of 8 300 farming units.

Non Response

The questionnaires were dispatched by 12 September 2005 via post/mail. We are currently collecting and the response rate stands at 57,3%. We are intending to close by end May 2006 and hopefully the response rate will be around 80%.