

Agricultural statistics are key to the measurement of the performance of the agricultural sector. It is used to inform policies and strategies on poverty, food security, environmental sustainability and rural development.







CS2016 shows that around 13,8% (2,33M) of all households in SA are agricultural households compared to 19,9% (2,88M) in 2011. The decrease was mainly due to the severe drought in 2014/15.

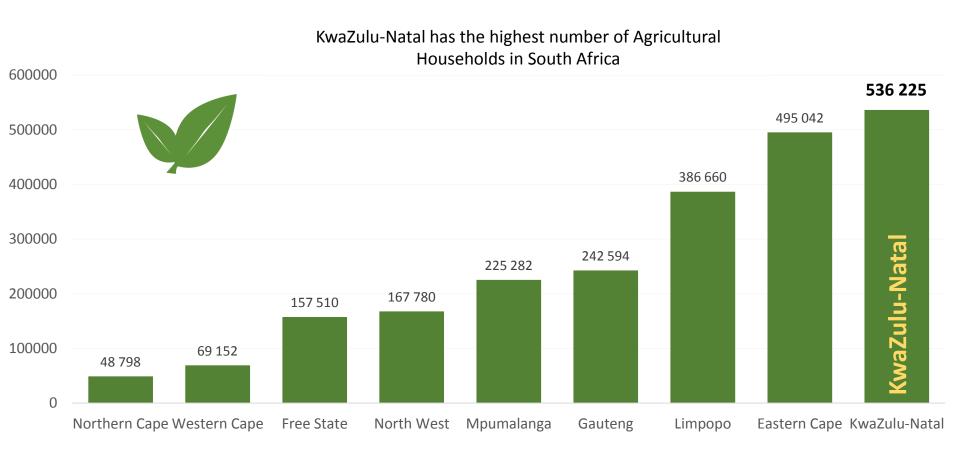








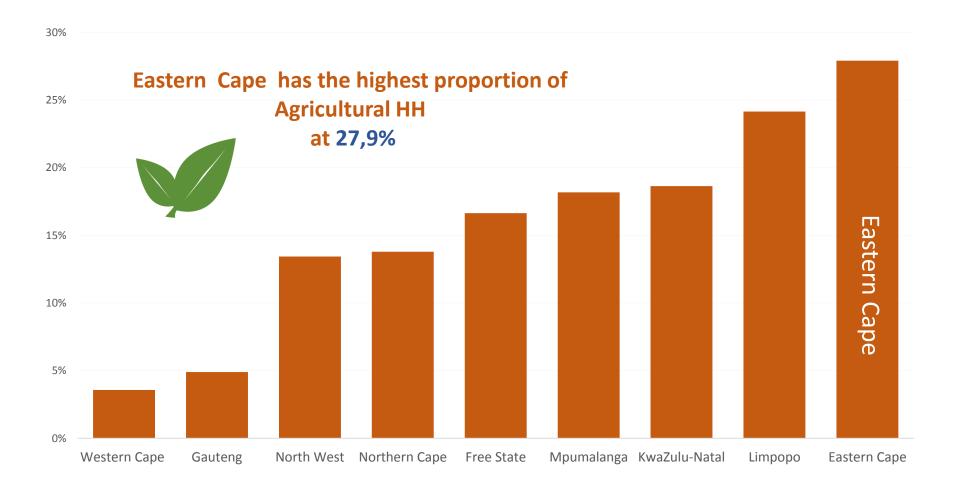
Number of Agricultural households by province







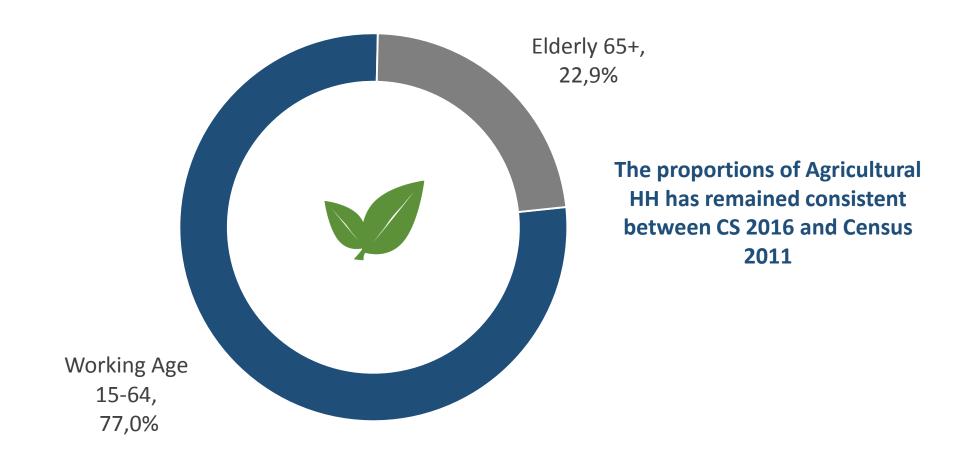
Percentage of Agricultural households by province







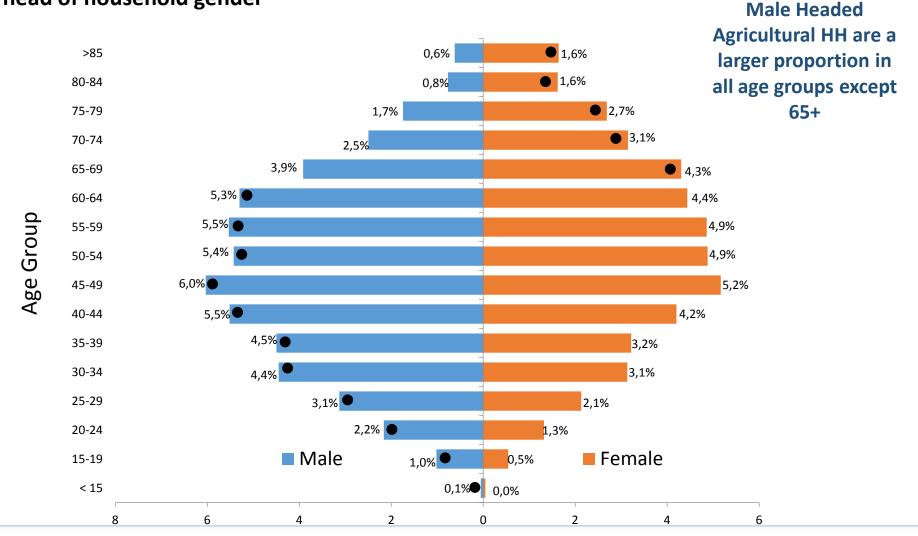
Agricultural households by age group 2016







Percentage of Agricultural households by age group and head of household gender

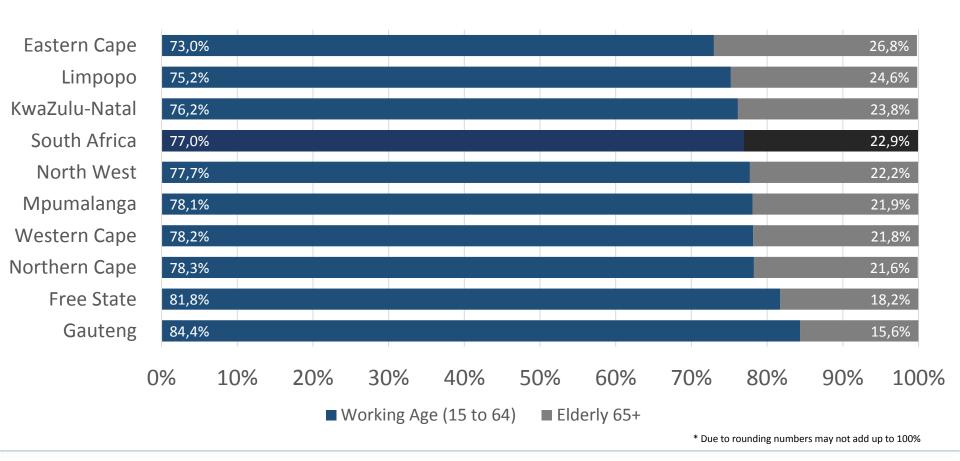






Agricultural households by Province and age group 2016

On average 77,0 % of South African Agricultural Households are within the Working Age (15-64)





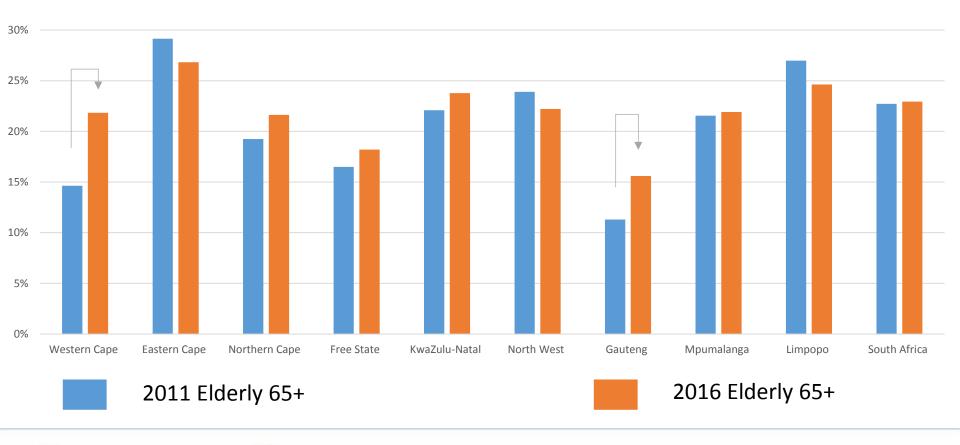


35%

Agricultural households by Province and Elderly 65+ age group 2011 vs 2016

For population aged 65+ only Western Cape (7% Point increase from 2011) and Gauteng (4% Point increase from 2011) were significantly different from

Census 2011

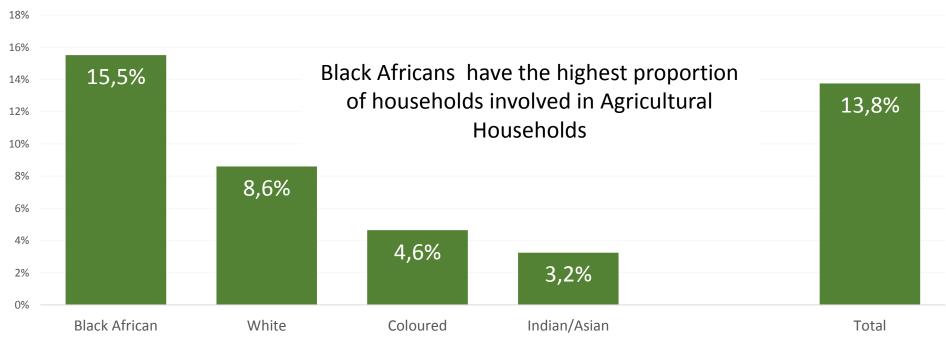






Number of agricultural households by population group

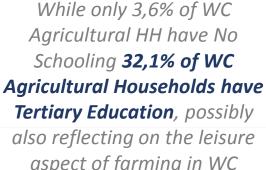




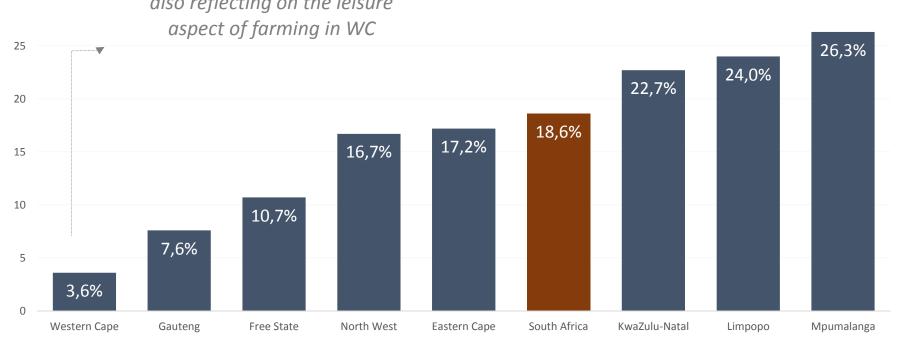




Percentage of agricultural households by Education Level: No Schooling



The majority (56,3%) of Agricultural HH have between Grade 1 and Grade 11 Education

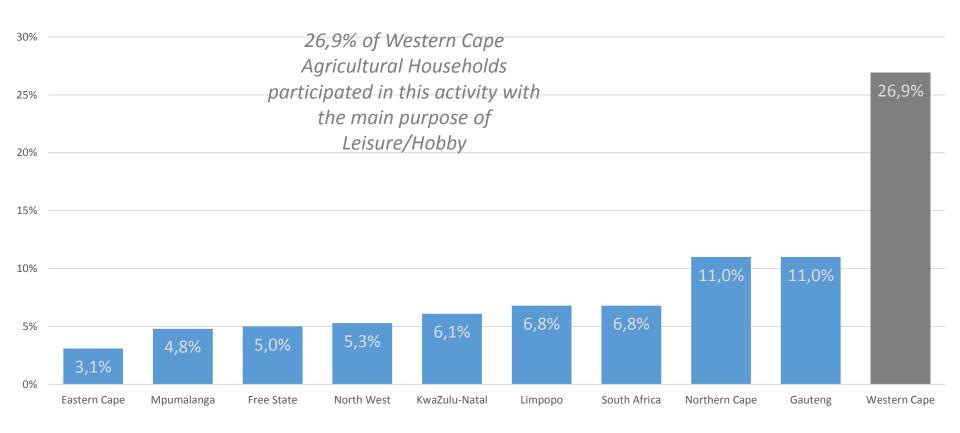




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Agricultural HH main purpose of involvement in agricultural activities: For leisure/hobby 2016







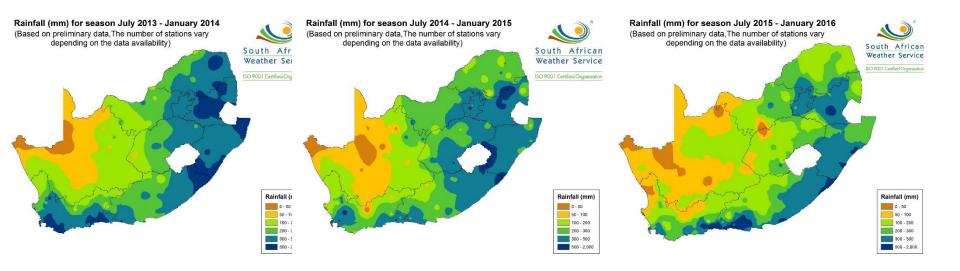


The number of agricultural households in the country **decreased by 19,1% (550 000)** from 2,88 million in Census 2011 to 2,33 million in Community Survey 2016





Drought conditions have prevailed in South Africa



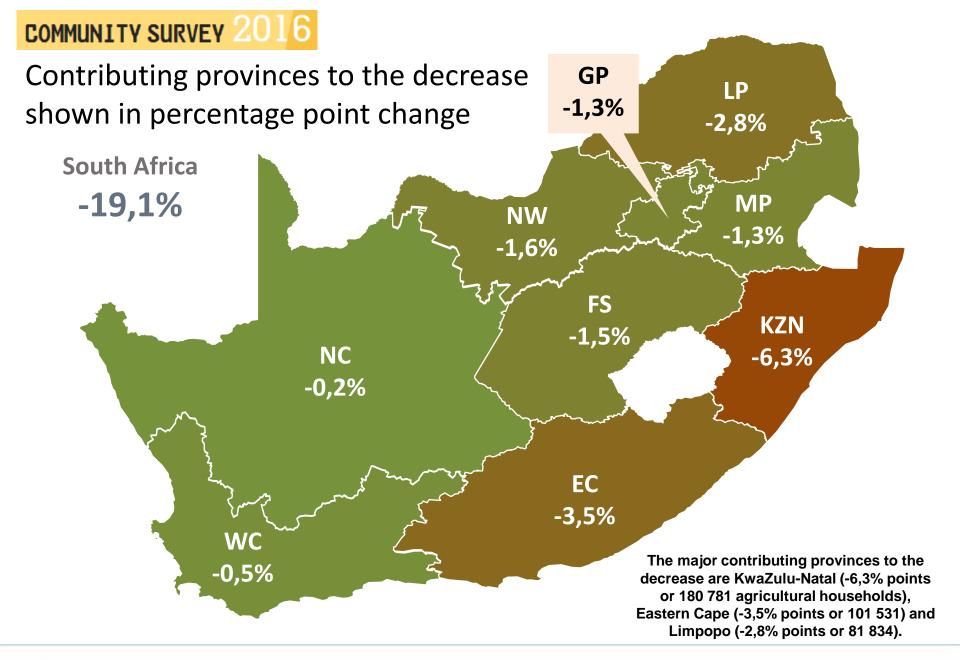
2013/14

2014/15

2015/16













Agricultural Households vary in reason for pursuing this activity

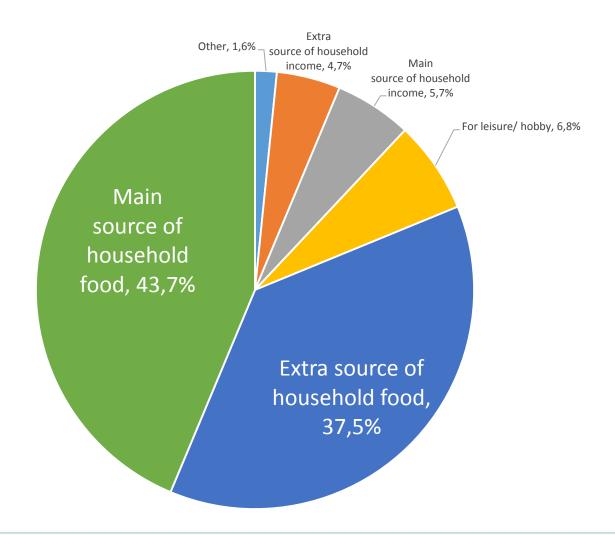




Agricultural HH Main purpose of involvement in agricultural activities



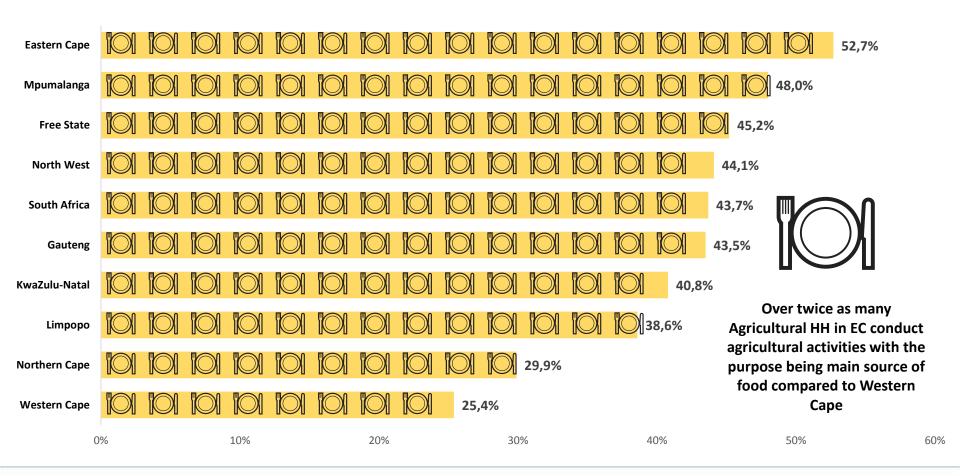
81,2% of
Agricultural HH
list source of
food (extra or
main) as the
key reason for
agricultural
activities







Agricultural HH main purpose of involvement in agricultural activities: Main Source of Food









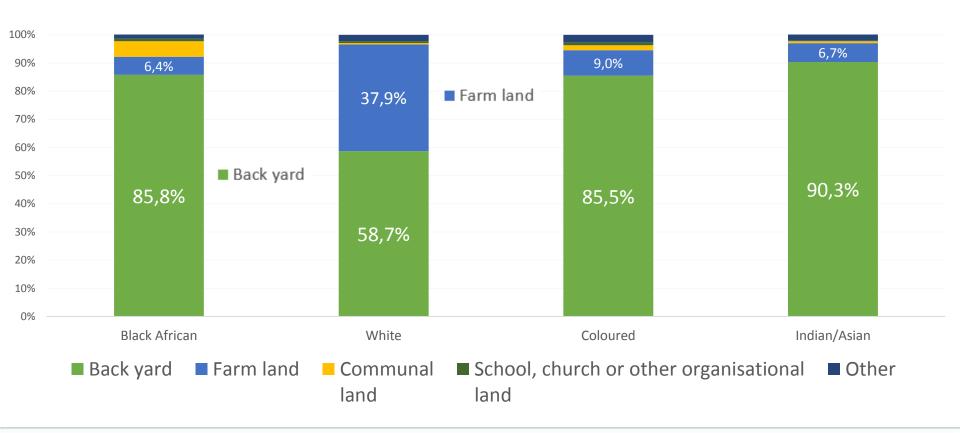
Location of farming practice





Distribution of agricultural households by main place of agricultural activities and population group of the household head

Significant difference between the White and Other population groups in regards to main place of activity









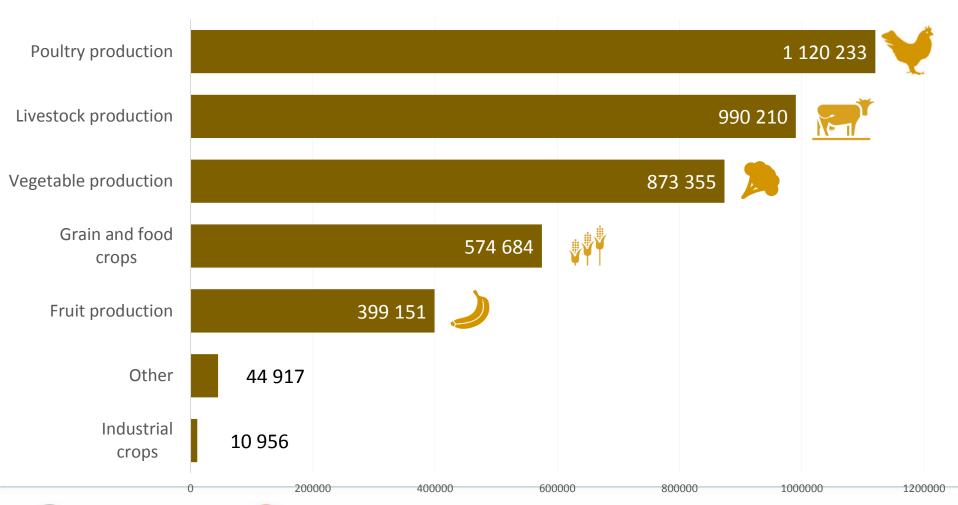
Agricultural Households engage in a variety of activities





Number of agricultural households involved in a specific activity

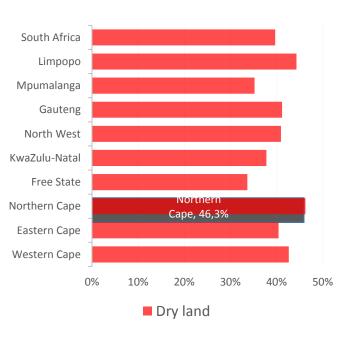
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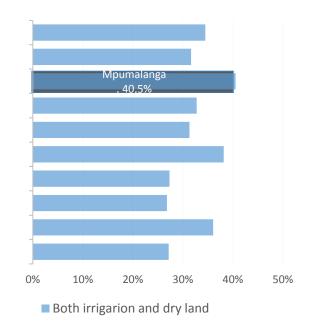


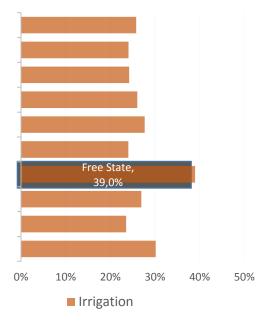




Number of agricultural households (crop production) by farming practice











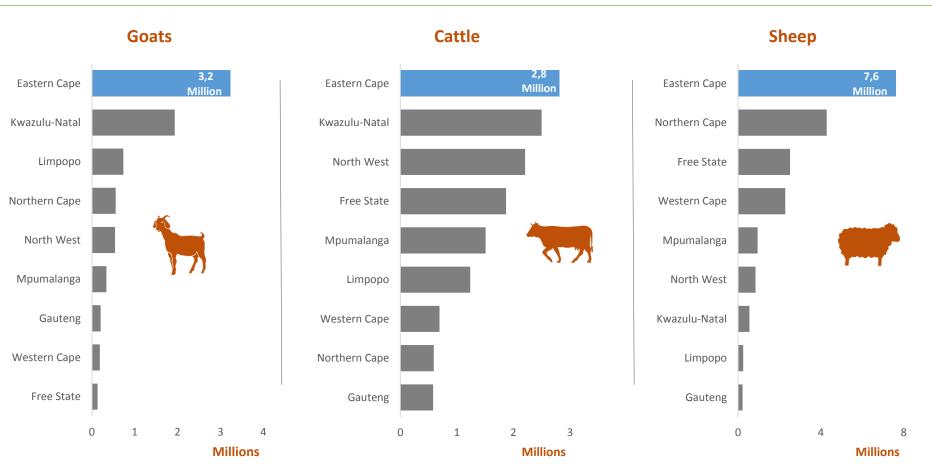








Number of livestock by type at household level and province

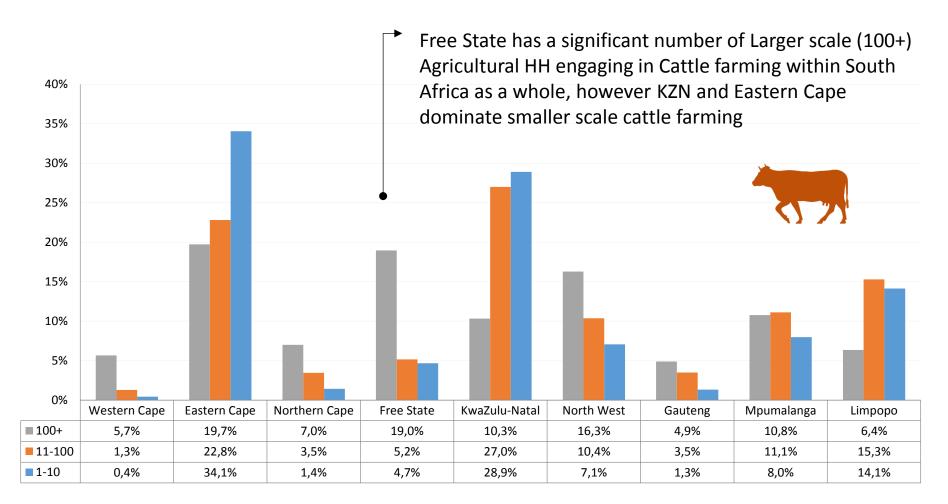


The Eastern Cape leads in absolute number of various types of livestock within the country





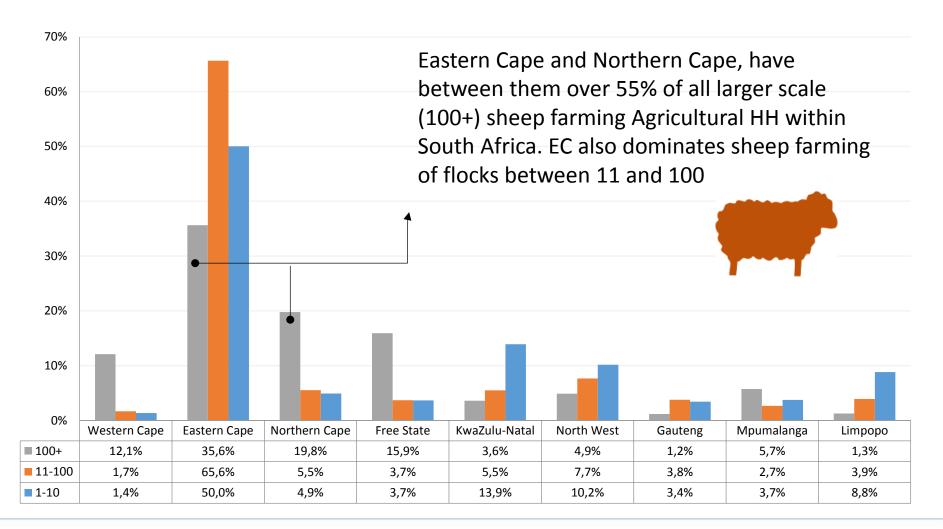
Provincial distribution of agricultural households engaged in Cattle farming (percentage) within SA as a whole







Provincial distribution of agricultural households engaged in sheep farming (percentage) within SA as a whole







Number of agricultural households grouped by number of Animals (1 – 10) between 2016 and 2011

Small scale farming in SA (1 -10 Animals)





-15,0% between 2011 and 2016





+6,5% between 2011 and 2016





-7,4% between 2011 and 2016





Up 91,1 % between 2011 and 2016

However significant increases in number of Agricultural HH involved in small scale (1-10 animals) pig farming

From just around 100 000 to 192 000 AH between 2011 and 2016 due in large part to 77 000 increase of small scale AH in the Eastern Cape engaging in Pig Farming



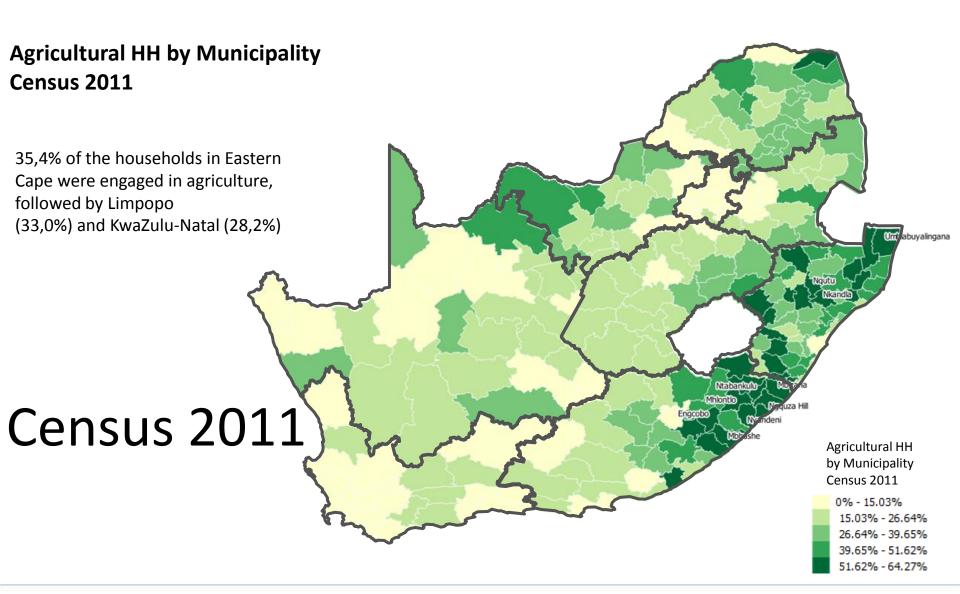




Municipal Focus











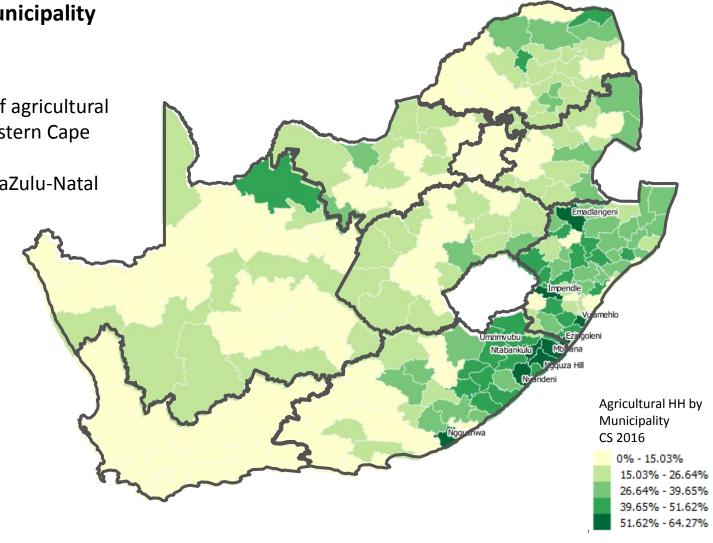


The highest proportion of agricultural households are still in Eastern Cape (27,9%),

Limpopo (24,1%) and KwaZulu-Natal

(18,6%).

CS 2016







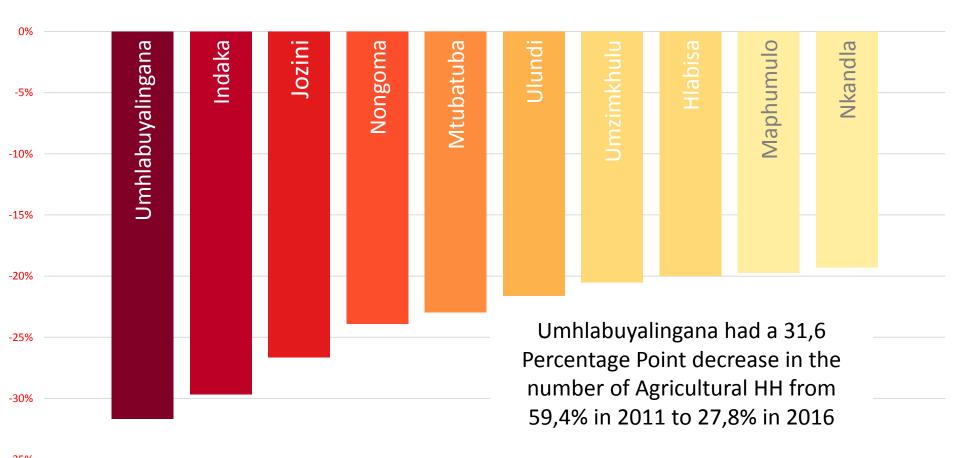


Decreases in Agricultural Households between 2011 and 2016



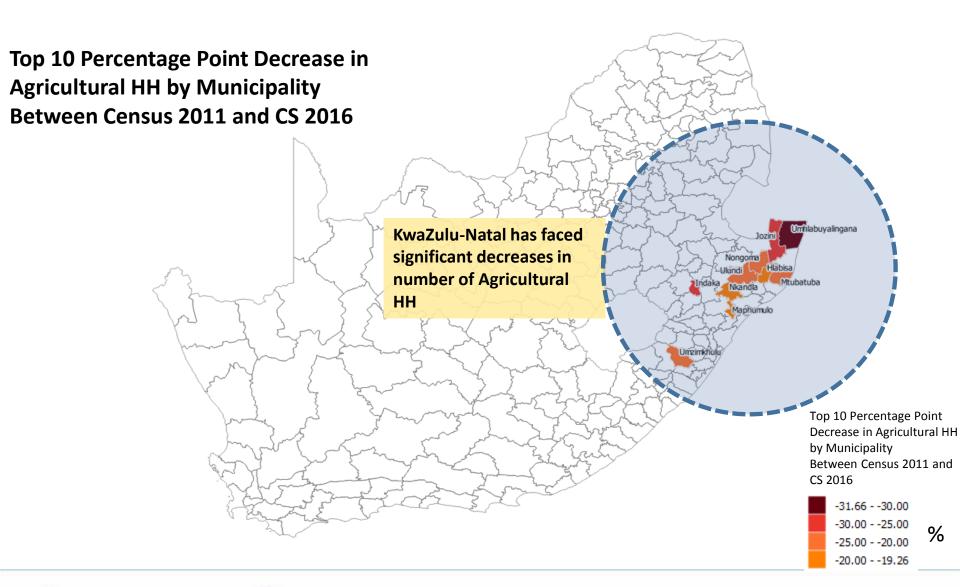


Top 10 Percentage Point Decrease in Agricultural HH by Municipality Between Census 2011 and CS 2016











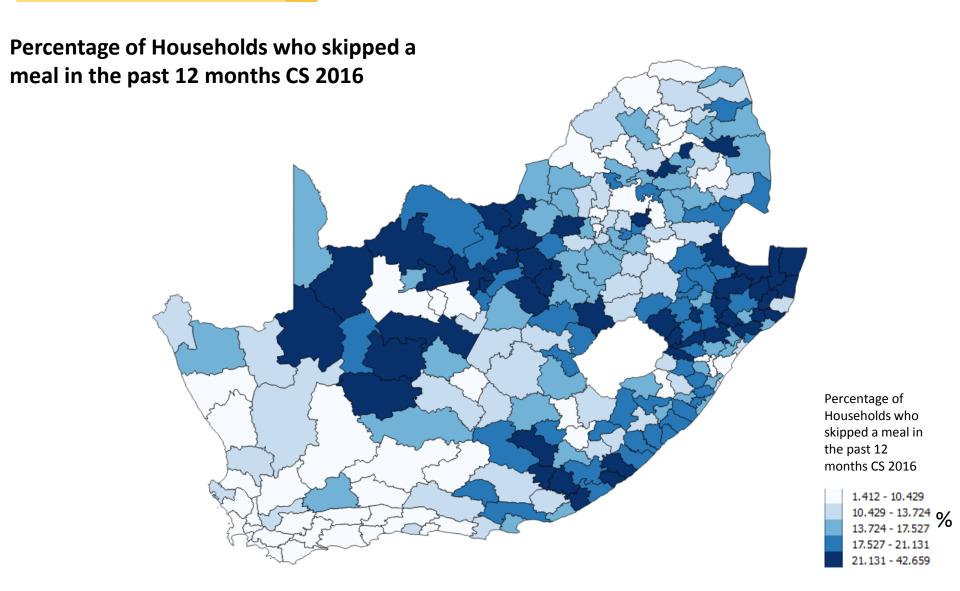


According to the World Food Summit, food security exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe, nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active life (FAO, 1996).

Food security was prioritised by the South African government in 2010 and is closely linked to source of income, household structure, health, access to water and education (Du Toit, 2011).

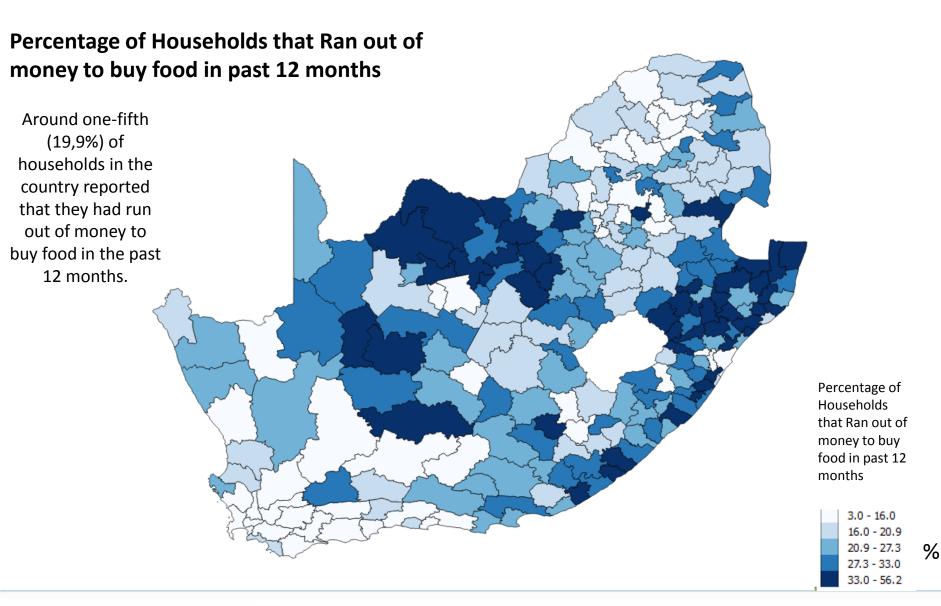






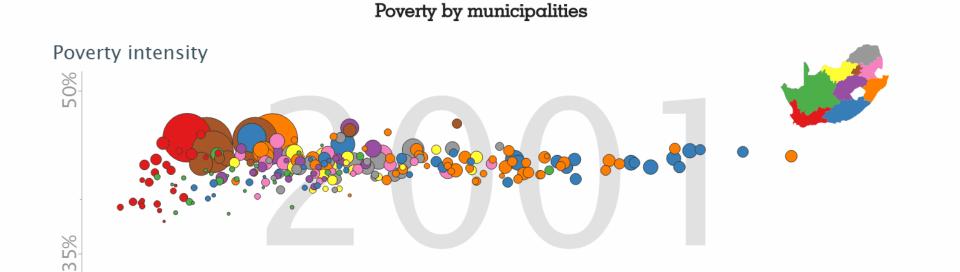












40%

50%

30%







20%

10%

Poverty headcount

60%

Poverty in accelerated rural development nodes

