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Agricultural survey, 2024

An overview of the results

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What is this
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The survey

Who was included?

- Enterprises registered for VAT that are primarily engaged in agriculture and related services
- Based on the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC)
- Units covered by the survey may be involved in other secondary economic activities
- The PDF statistical release is titled: *Agriculture survey (P1101)*

Scope and coverage

- Growing of crops, market gardening, horticulture and production of organic fertiliser
- Farming of animals
- Growing of crops combined with farming of animals (mixed farming)
- Agricultural and animal husbandry services, except veterinary activities
- Hunting, trapping, and game propagation, including related services

Period covered

- The information was collected from enterprises for their financial year, which ended on any date between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024
- The majority of enterprises have a financial year ending February 2024



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The survey

What did it measure?

- Finances (including capital expenditure)
- Details of purchases and sales of goods and services
- Employment



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Exploring the industry



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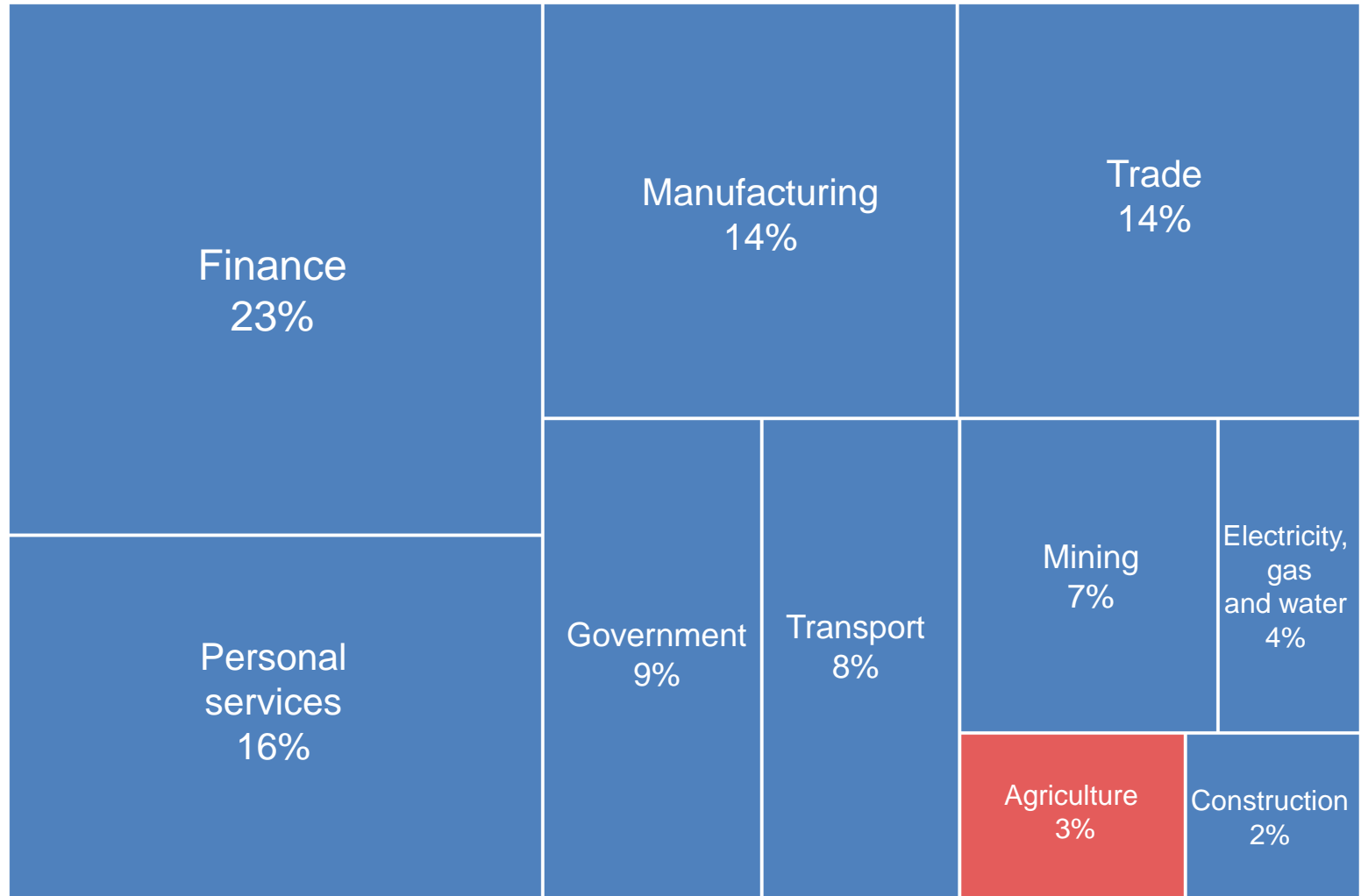
Economic
importance



Agriculture, forestry & fishing is responsible for **3%** of SA's economic production

Percentage contribution of industries
to total value added (2024)

Total: R6,63 trillion*



Source: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 2nd quarter 2025 *Current prices



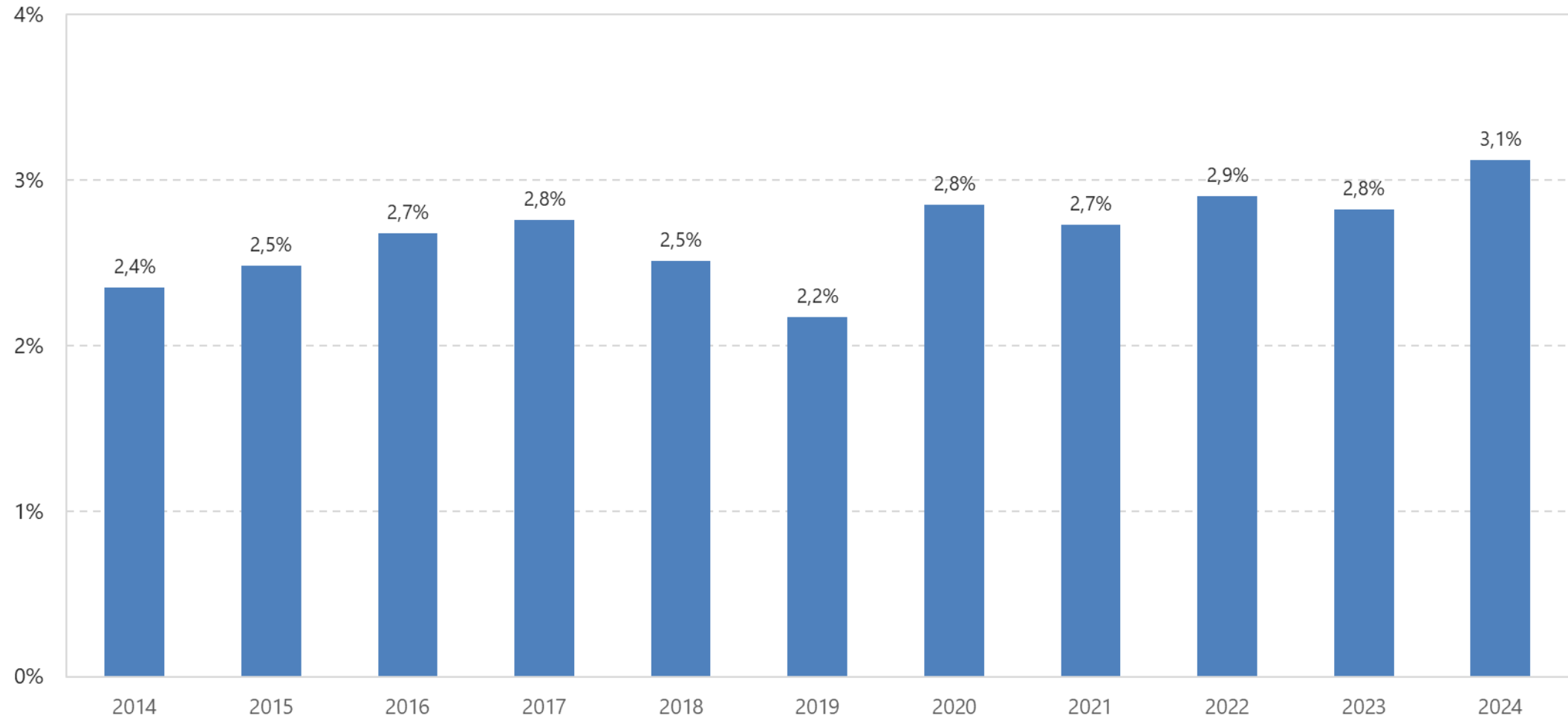
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The contribution of agriculture, forestry & fishing to total value added has declined since 2022



Source: Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 2nd quarter 2025 *Current prices



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Financial
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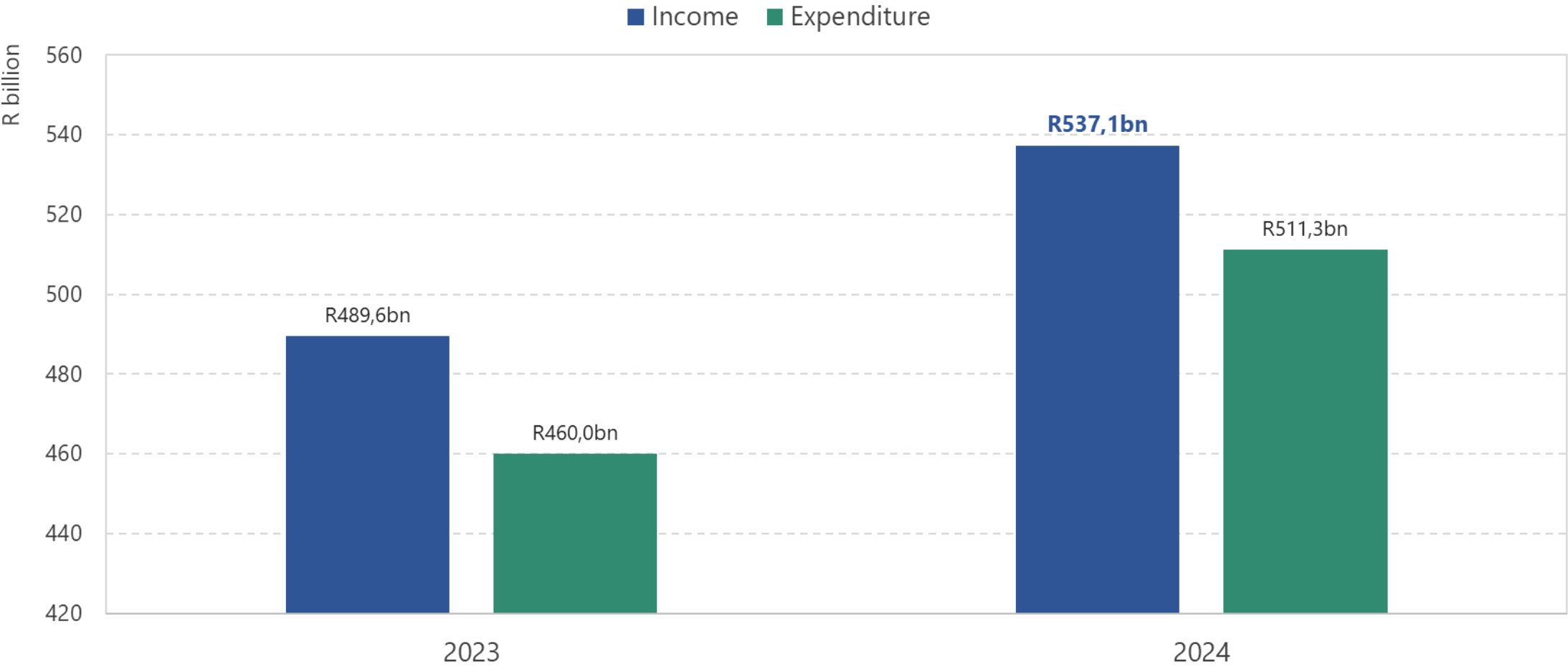


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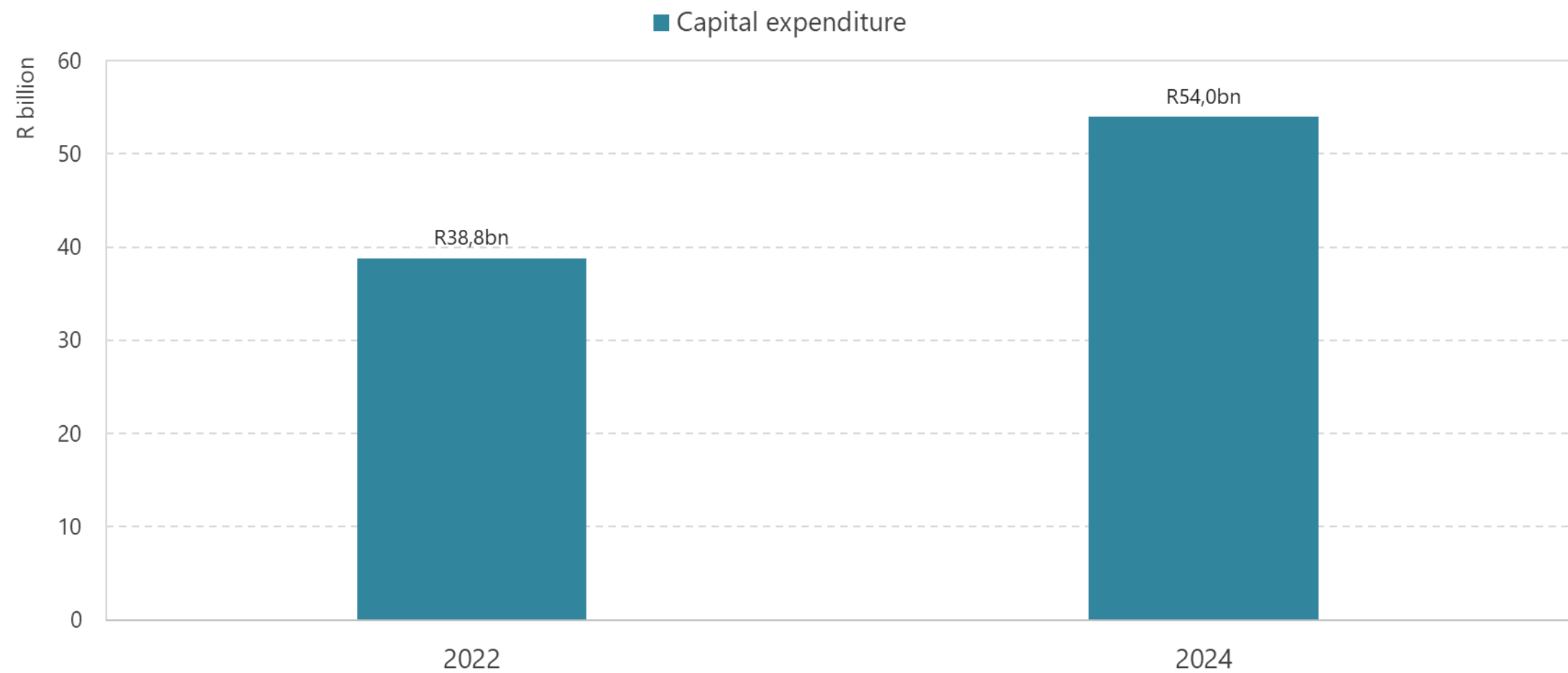


In 2024, the industry generated **R537,1 billion** in income, a rise of 9,7% compared with 2023



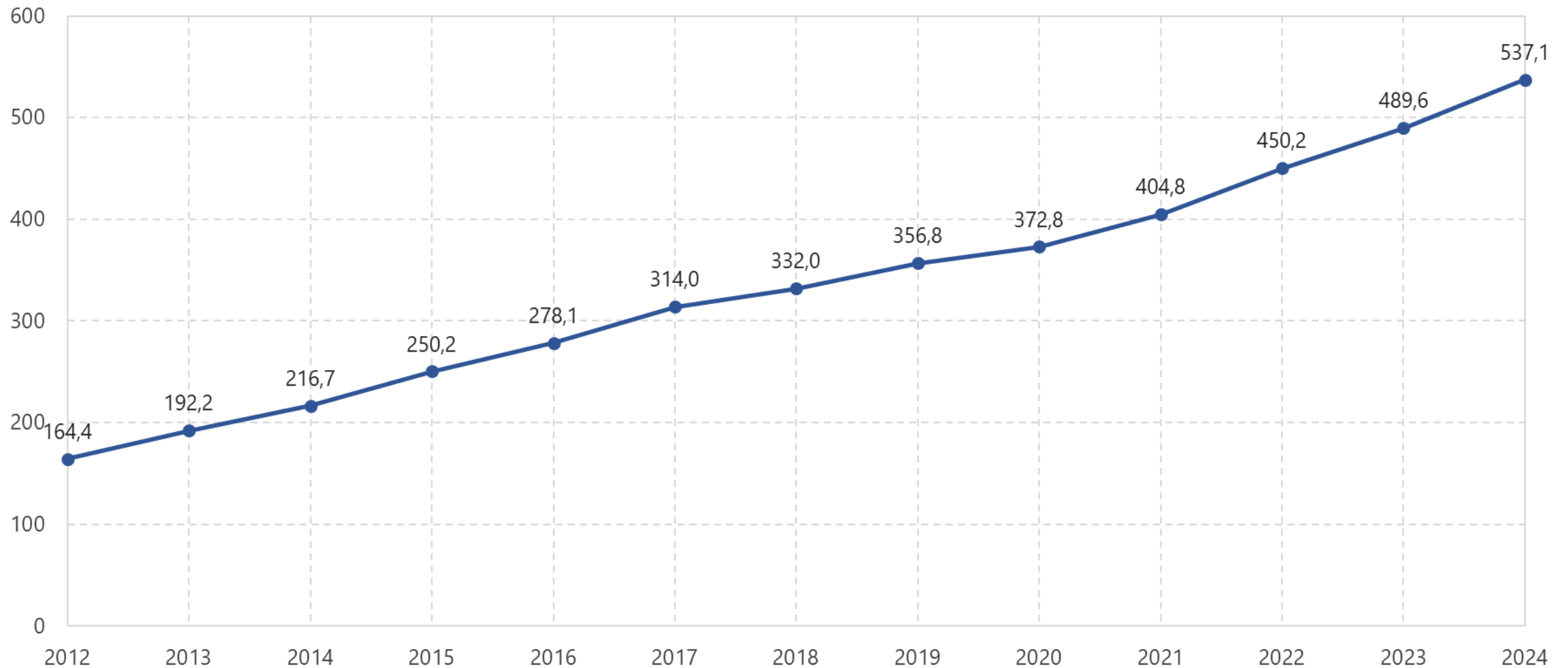
Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 1

In 2024, capital expenditure was **R54,0 billion**, an annual rise of 17,9% compared with 2022



Note: The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because data on 'capital expenditure' were not collected in 2023 Source: *Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101)*, Table 6

Total income has risen over the years



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101)



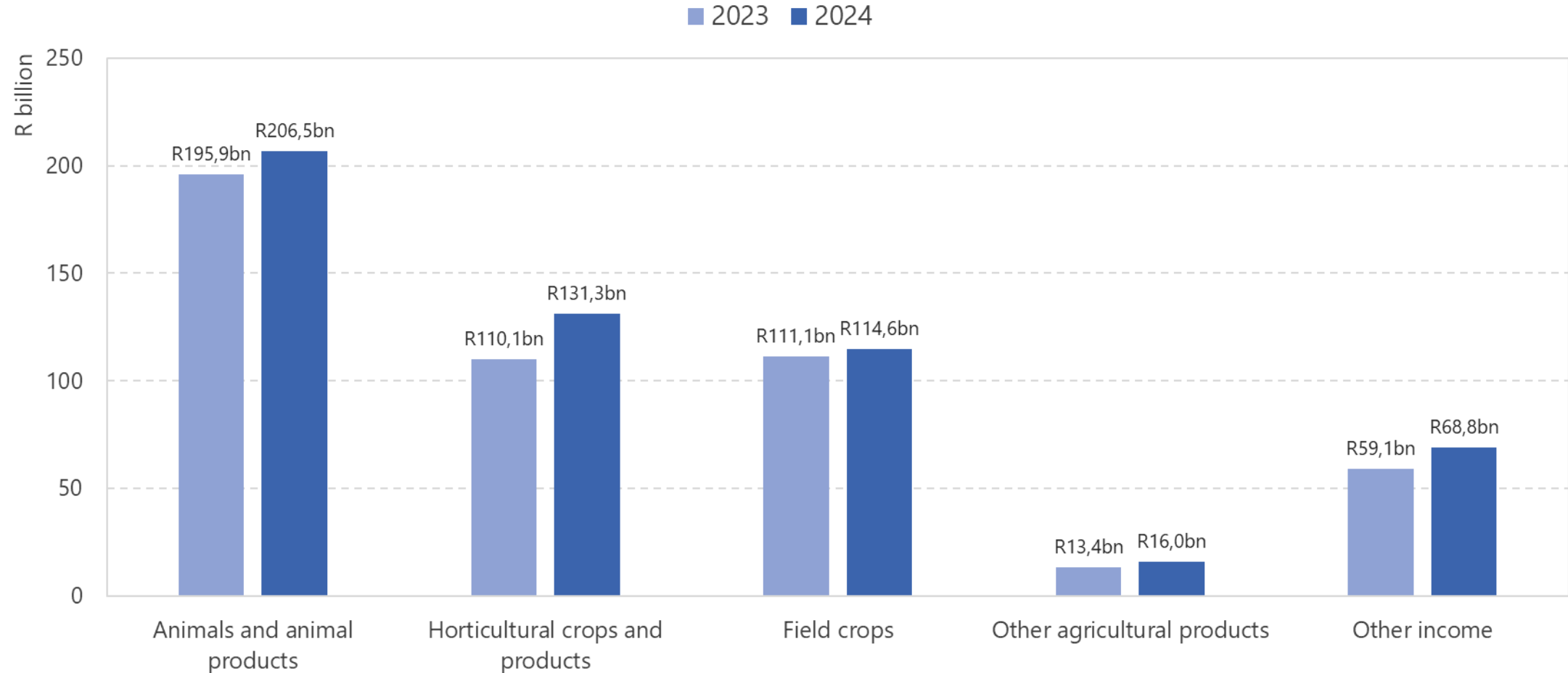
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The biggest source of income was from animals and animal products

Income by type of product in the agriculture and related services industry



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 1



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The largest 100 enterprises contributed **19,0%** to total income in 2024

Concentration ratios for total income in the agriculture and related services industry

Concentration ratio	2023	2024
	%	
CR5	4,2	3,8
CR10	7,3	6,6
CR20	10,8	9,9
CR50	16,1	14,7
CR100	20,8	19,0

Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table A



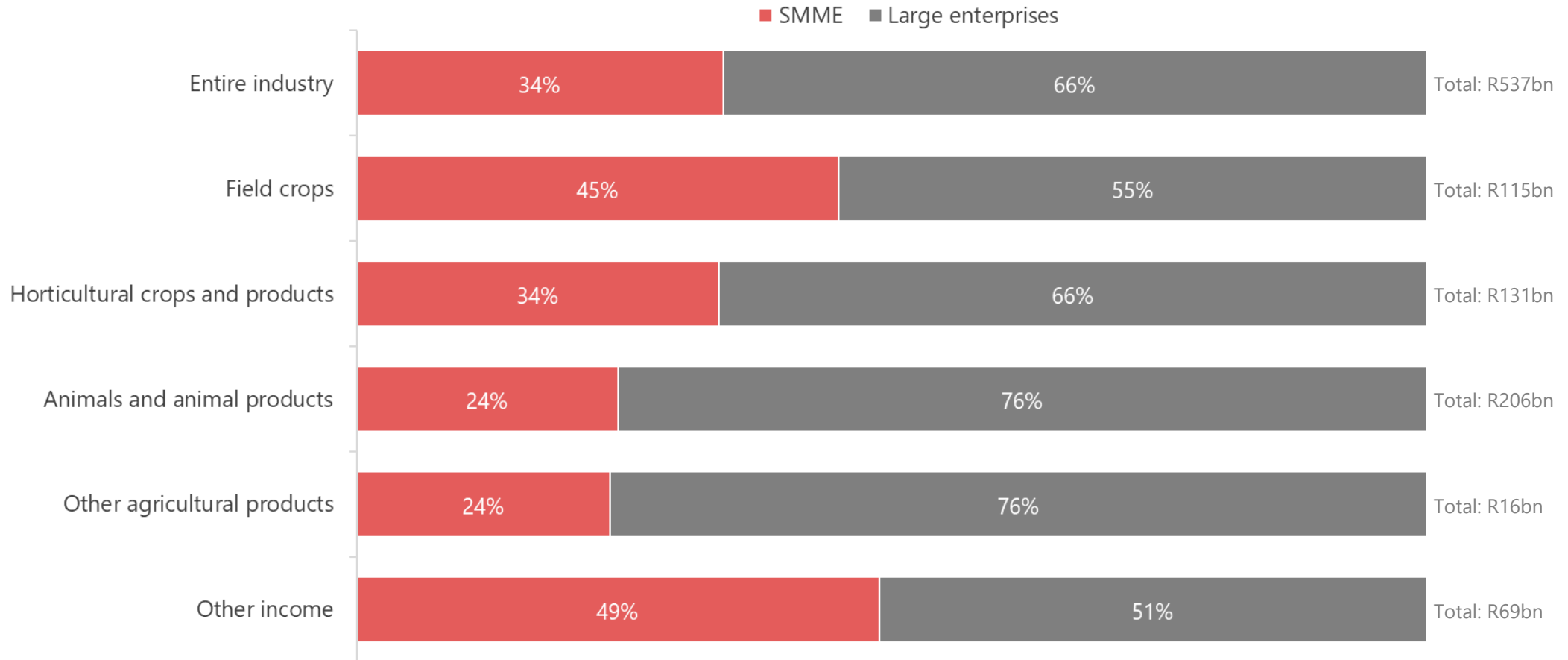
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Small, medium and micro enterprises accounted for **34%** of income in the industry

Income by enterprise size in the agriculture and related services industry, 2024



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 3



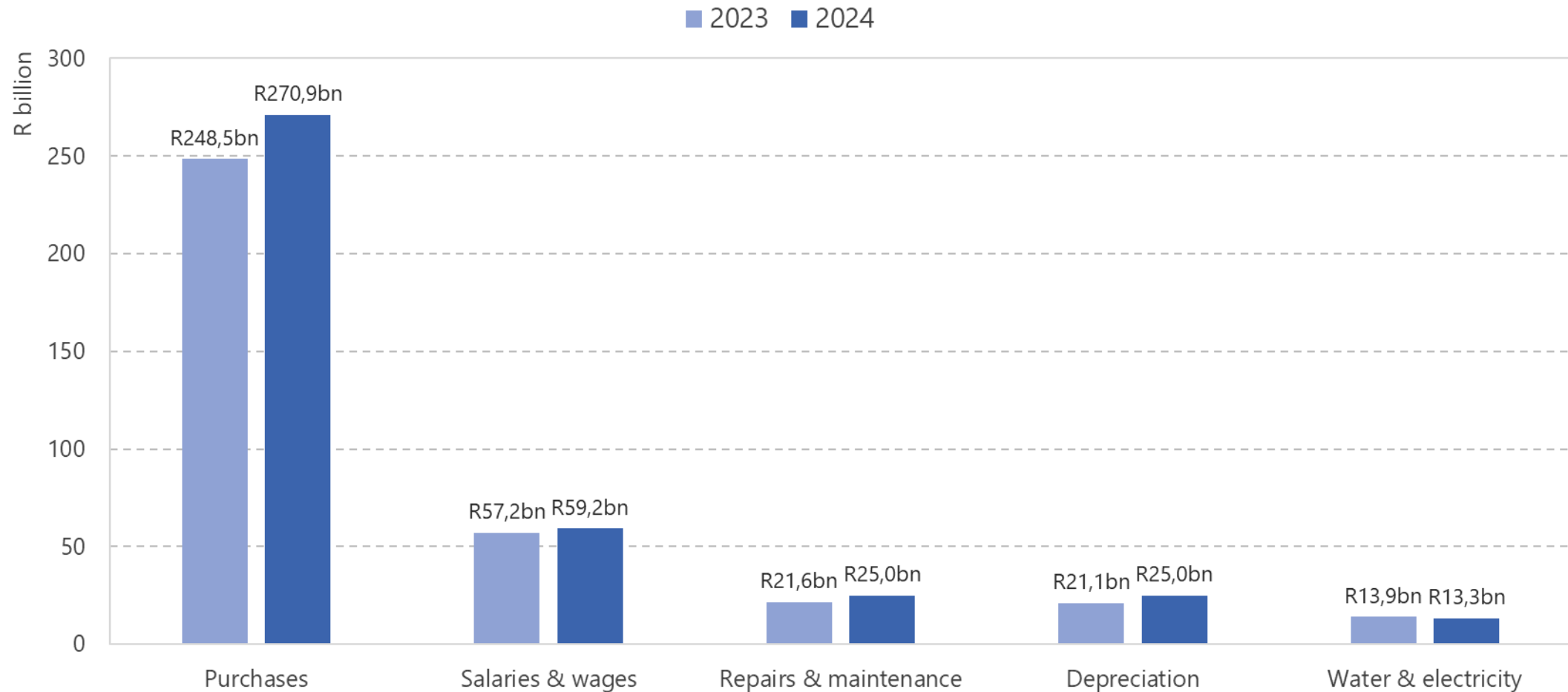
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Purchases was the most significant contributor to total expenditure

Expenditure for the major contributors in the agriculture and related services industry



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 5



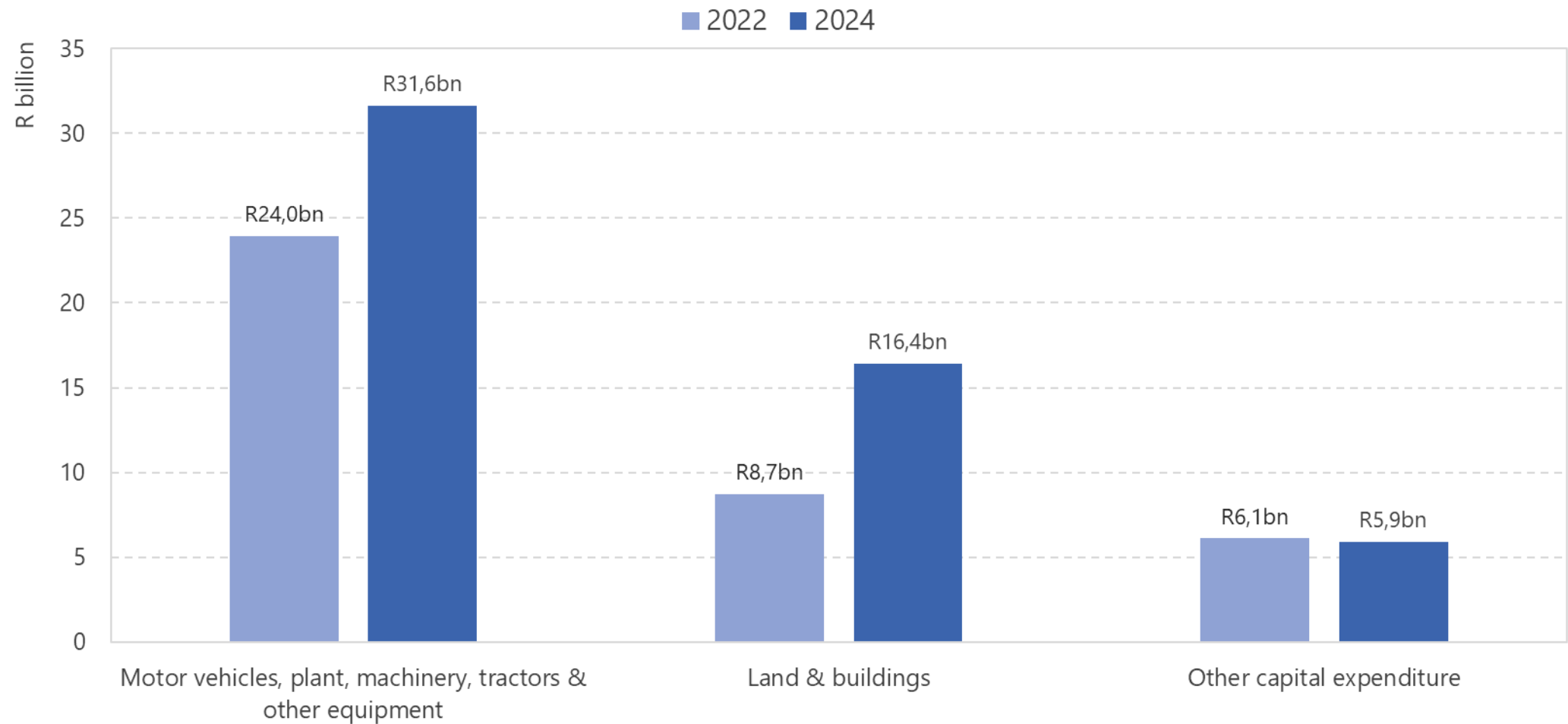
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Motor vehicles, plant, machinery, tractors & other equipment was the largest contributor

Distribution of capital expenditure by type of asset in the agriculture and related services industry



Note: The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because data on 'capital expenditure' were not collected in 2023 Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 6

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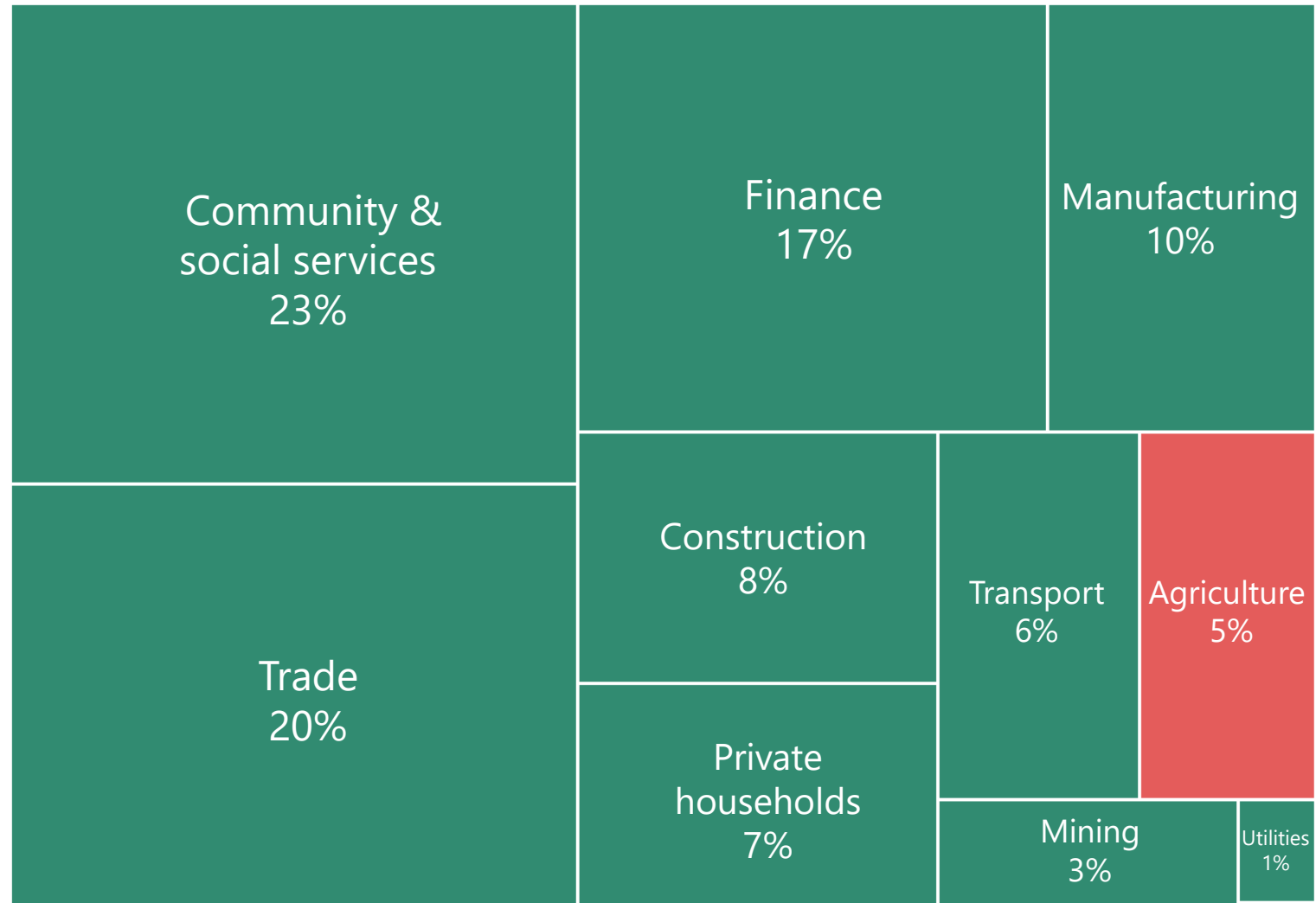
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Employment



Agriculture accounted for **5%** of South Africa's labour force in 2024

Percentage contribution of industries
to total employed (2024)*
Total: 16,9 million



Source: Quarterly Labour Force Survey, 3rd quarter 2025 (P0211) *Average of the four quarters



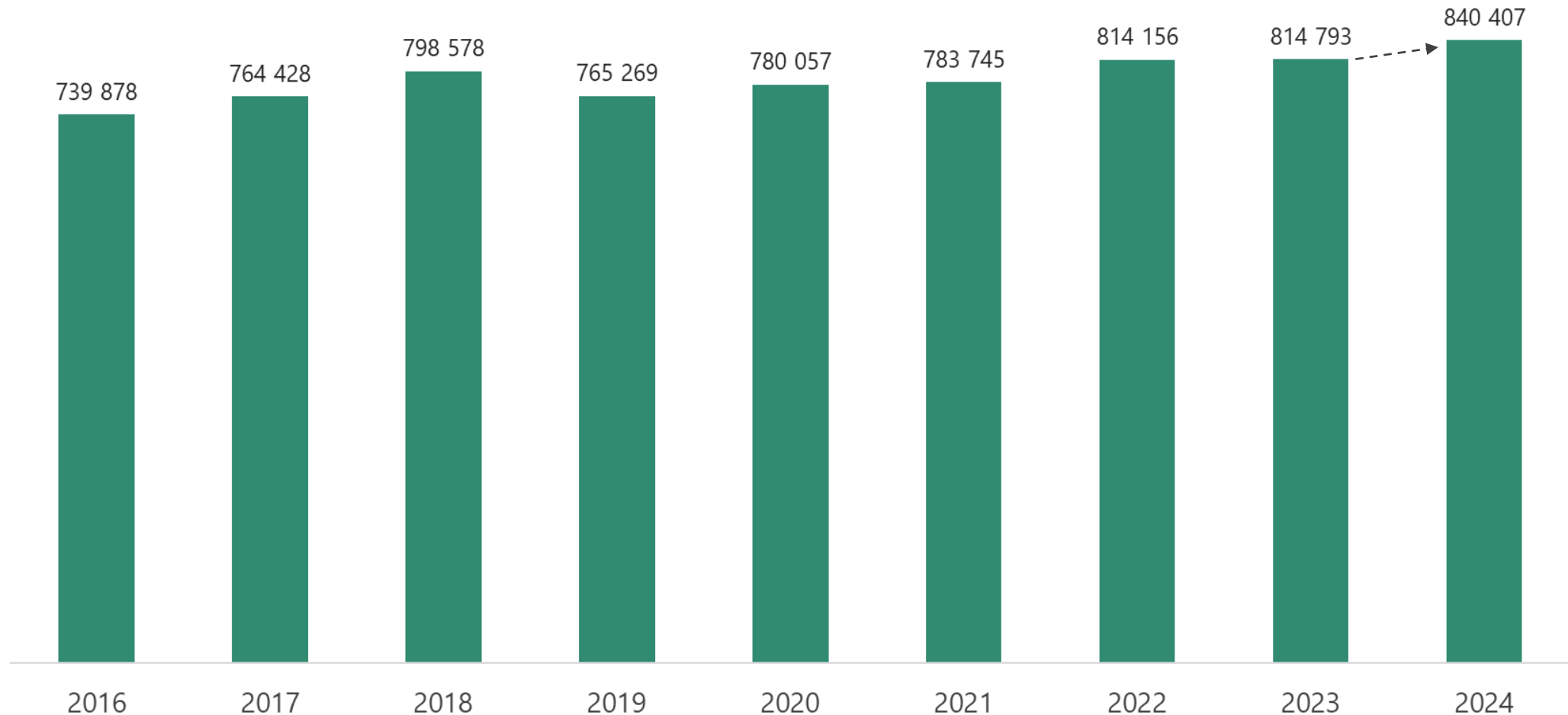
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Agriculture created **25 614** jobs between 2023 and 2024, representing a rise of 3,1%

Total number of persons employed in the agriculture and related services industry



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101)



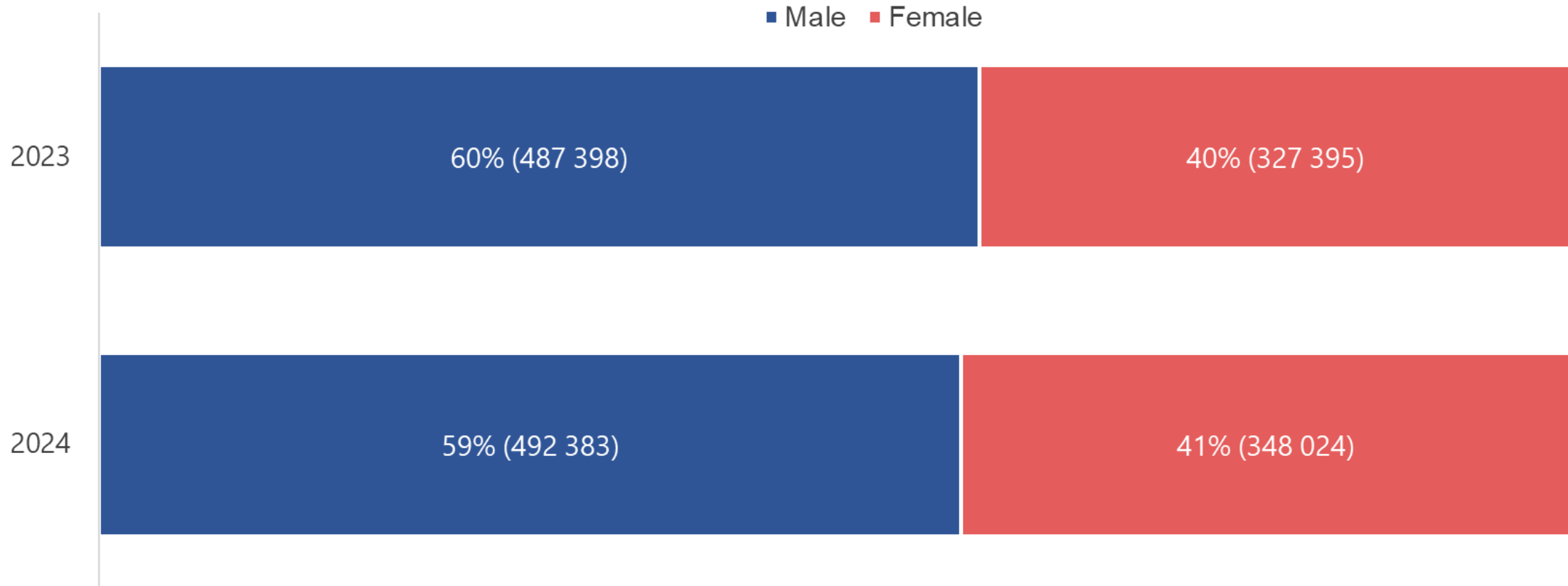
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In 2024, almost six in ten employees in the agriculture industry were men

Percentage breakdown of the workforce by male and female



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 10



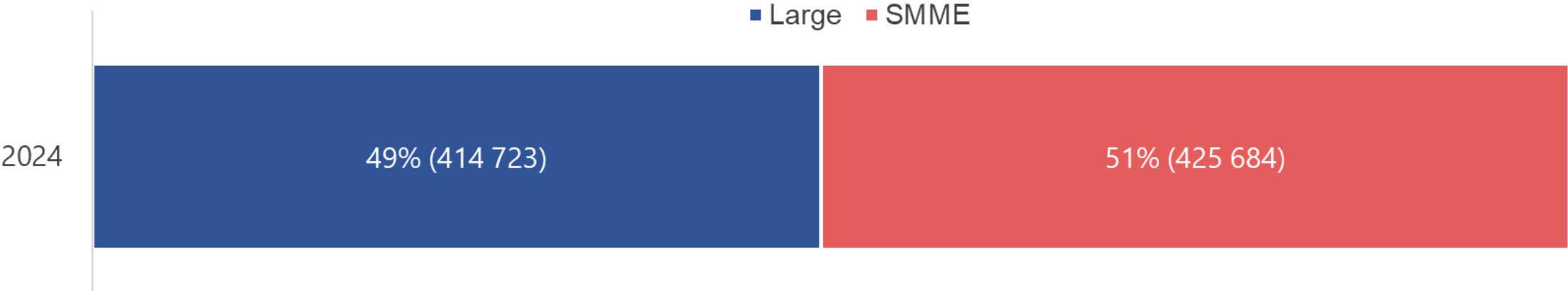
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In 2024, the workforce was almost equally split between large enterprises and SMMEs

Percentage breakdown of the workforce by enterprise size



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101)

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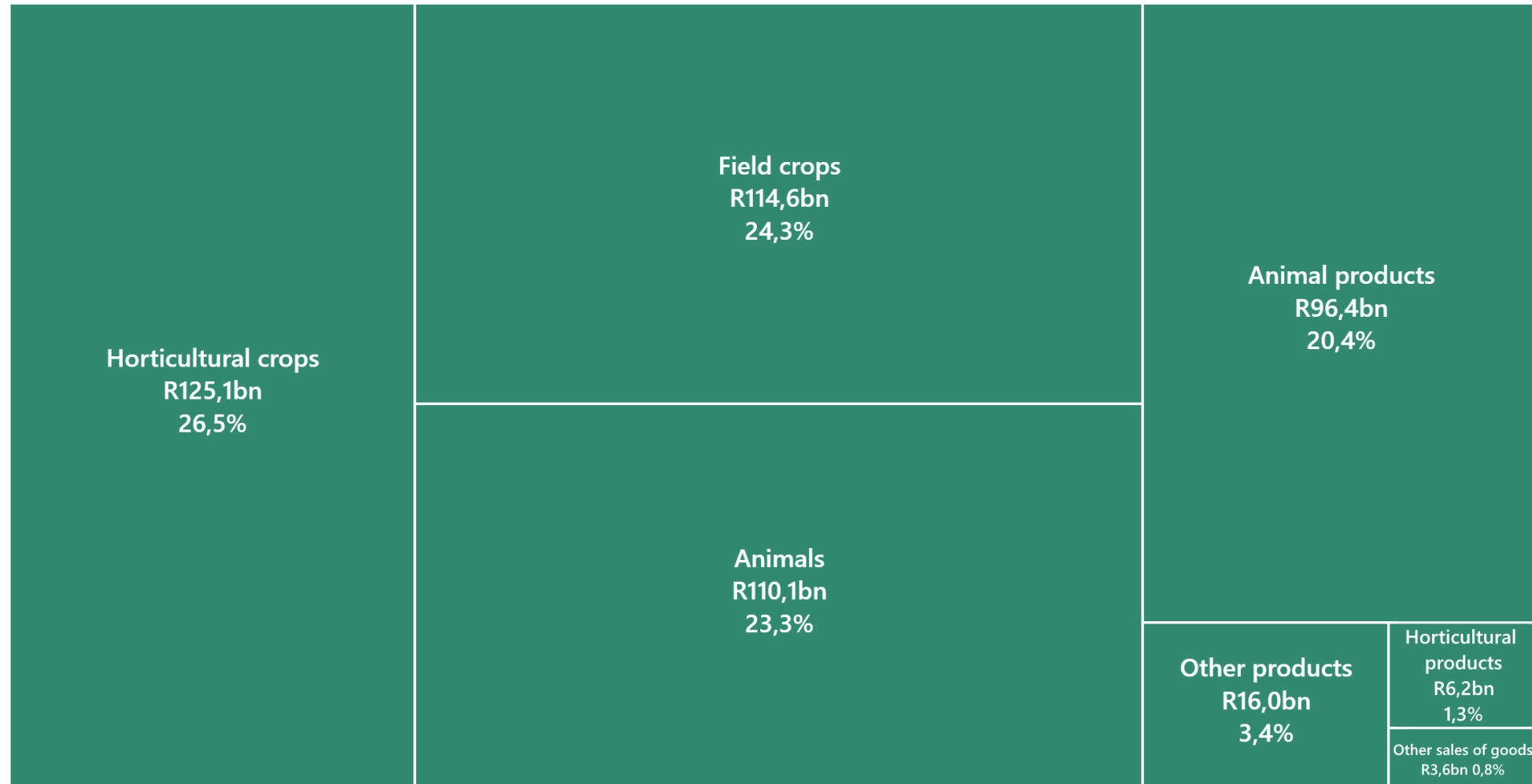
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Goods &
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Agriculture products: Horticultural crops generated the most income in 2024

Income from sales of goods by type of product (Total: R471,9 billion)



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 4



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Horticultural crops: Fruits excluding grapes generated the most income

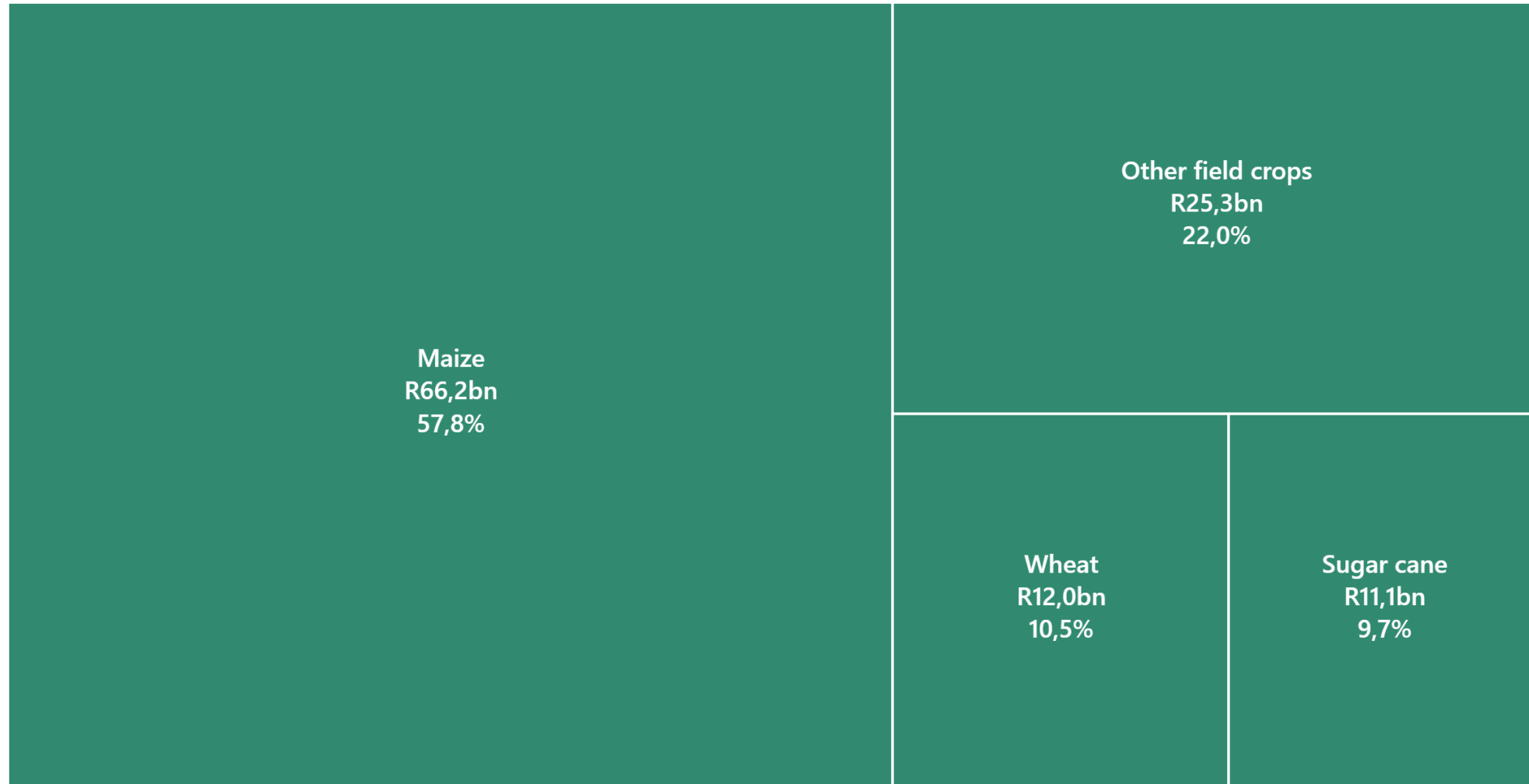
Income from sales of horticultural crops in 2024 (Total: R125,1 billion)



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 12

Field crops: Maize generated over half of total income

Income from sales of field crops in 2024 (Total: R114,6 billion)



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 12



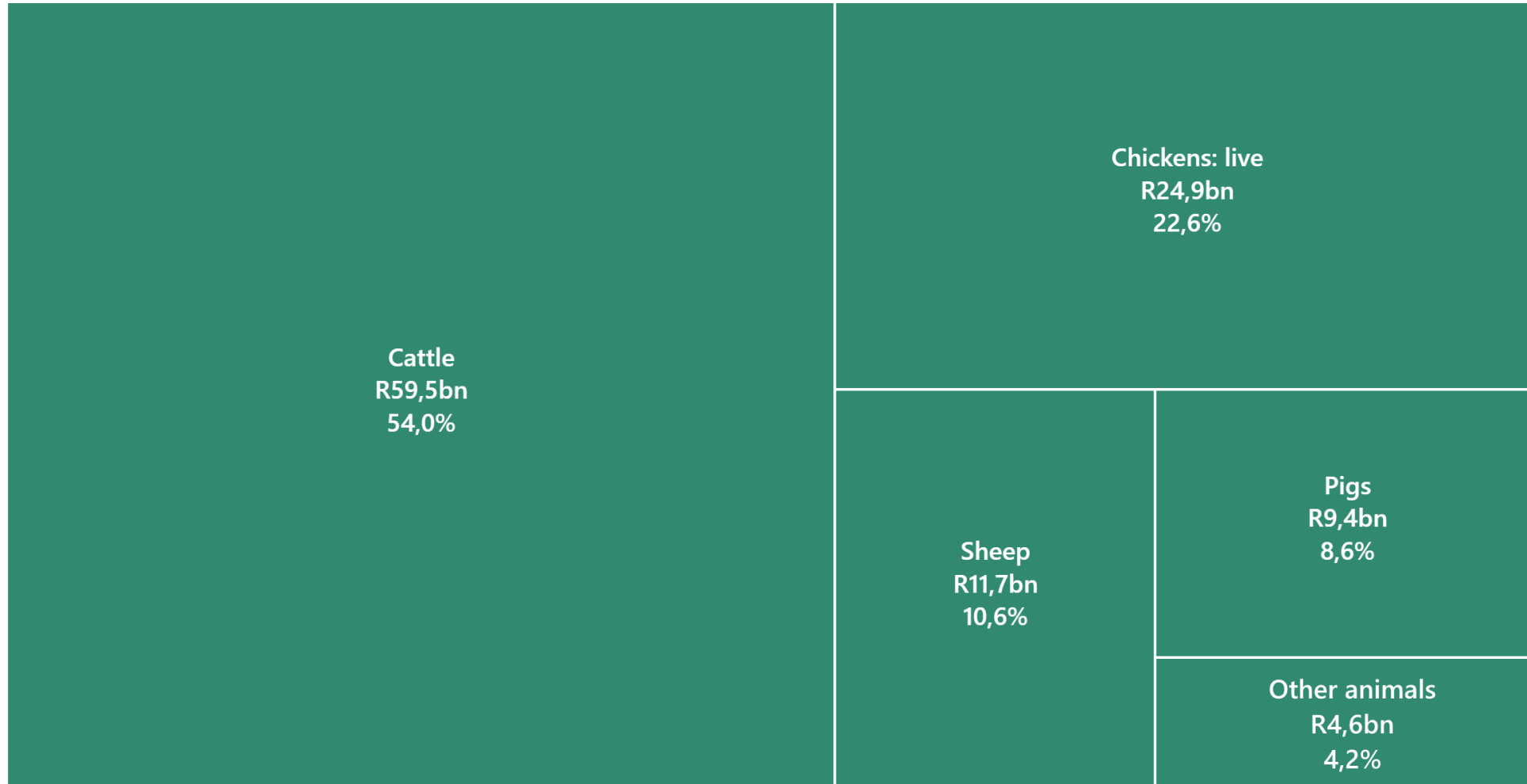
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Animals: Cattle generated the most income

Income from sales of animals in 2024 (Total: R110,1 billion)



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 12



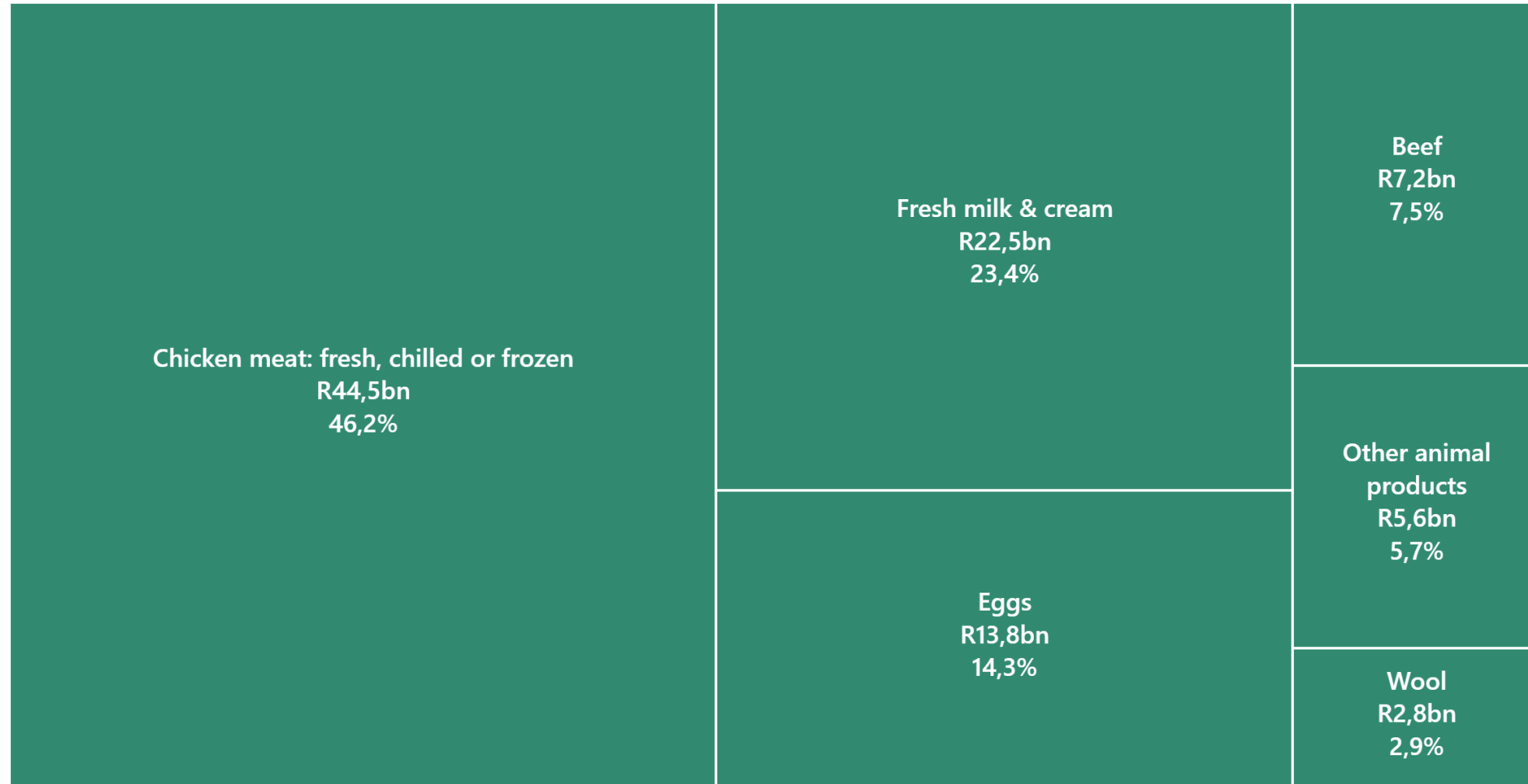
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Animal products: Chicken meat generated the most income

Income from sales of animal products in 2024 (Total: R96,4 billion)



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Other agricultural products: Animal feed generated the most income

Income from sales of other agricultural products in 2024 (Total: R16,0 billion)



Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 12

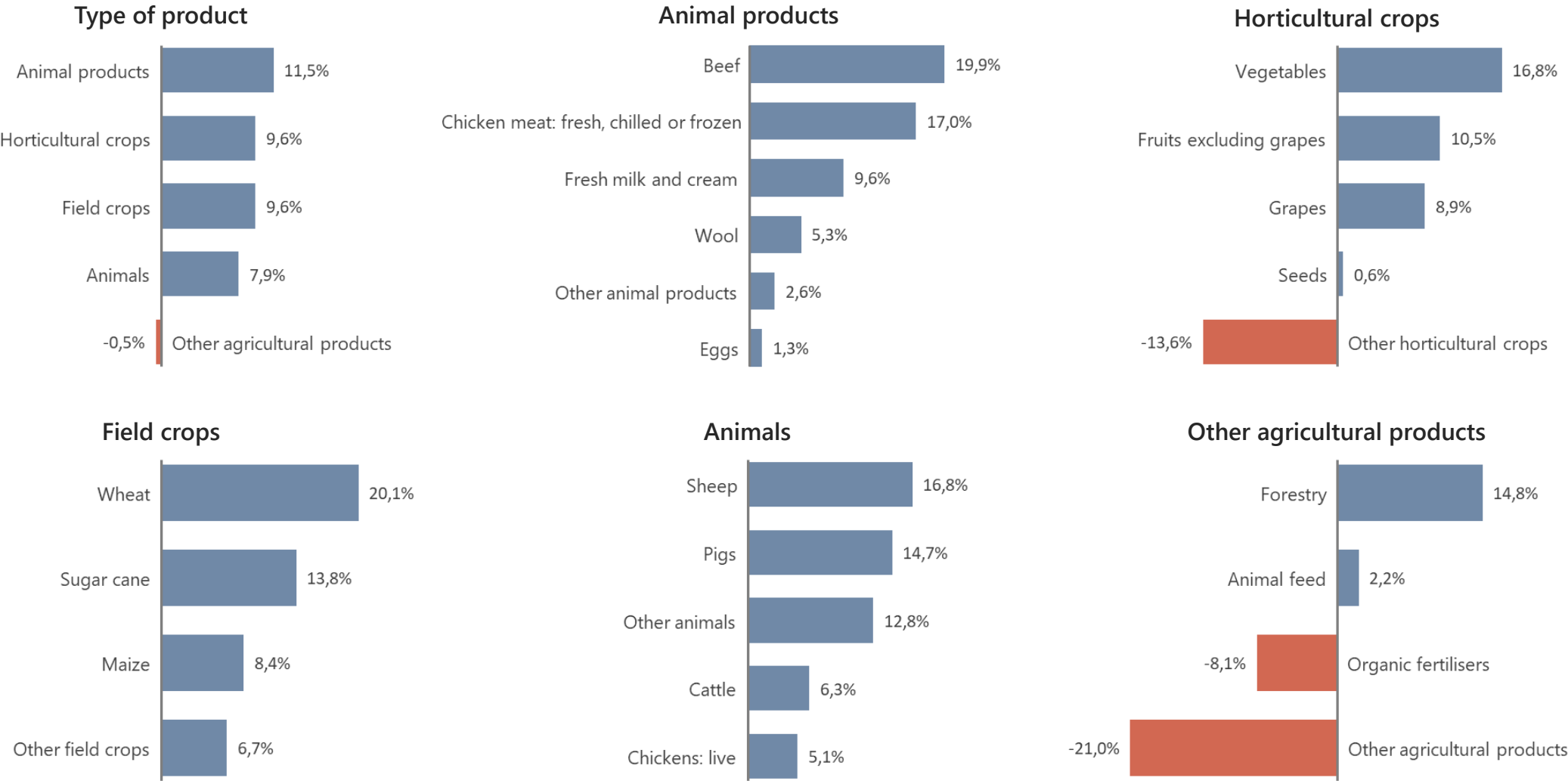


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Growth in income from agriculture products, 2022–2024 (annualised percentage change)



Note: The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because some of the products were not collected in 2023 Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table 12

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Provincial
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In 2024, Western Cape was the largest contributor in sales of goods, salaries and employment

Key statistics in the agriculture and related services industry by province

Province	Sales of goods and services (R'000)	% contribution	Salaries and wages (R'000)	% contribution	Total employees (Number)	% contribution
Western Cape	95 309 462	19,4	17 019 782	28,6	220 951	26,3
Eastern Cape	43 513 264	8,9	5 681 142	9,6	81 174	9,7
Northern Cape	26 430 576	5,4	3 477 992	5,9	69 997	8,3
Free State	75 875 873	15,4	5 322 458	9,0	93 361	11,1
KwaZulu-Natal	44 393 233	9,0	6 322 622	10,7	88 935	10,6
North West	52 249 229	10,6	4 384 099	7,4	63 289	7,5
Gauteng	54 961 232	11,2	4 307 859	7,3	38 829	4,6
Mpumalanga	50 807 126	10,3	5 907 891	10,0	72 892	8,7
Limpopo	47 988 673	9,8	6 787 530	11,5	110 979	13,2
Total	491 528 668	100,0	59 211 375	100,0	840 407	100,0

Source: Agricultural survey, 2024 (P1101), Table B

Overview



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Overview (2024)

- The industry generated R537,1 billion in income, a rise of 9,7% compared with 2023
- The biggest source of income was from animals and animal products
- Small, medium and micro enterprises accounted for 34% of total income and 51% of employment
- The category 'motor vehicles, plant, machinery, tractors & other equipment' was the largest contributor to capital expenditure
- Agriculture created 25 614 jobs between 2023 and 2024, representing a rise of 3,1%
- Horticulture crops accounted for 26,5% of total sales
- Western Cape was the biggest contributor in sales of goods, salaries and employment



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