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Summary of findings for the year 2024

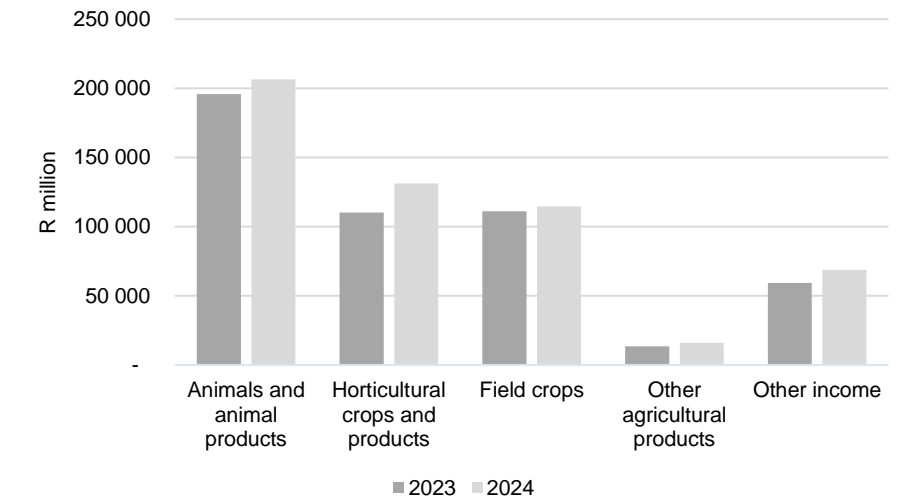
Income by type of product

Total income earned in the agriculture and related services industry was R537,1 billion in 2024 compared with R489,6 billion in 2023. This reflects an increase of 9,7% between 2023 and 2024 – see Figure 1 below and Table 1 on page 8.

In 2024, ‘animals and animal products’ generated the largest sales (R206,5 billion), followed by ‘horticultural crops and products’ (R131,3 billion) and ‘field crops’ (R114,6 billion).

The highest percentage increases were recorded for income earned from the sale of ‘horticultural crops and products’ (19,3%) and ‘other agricultural products’ (19,1%).

Figure 1 – Income by type of product in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024



Concentration ratios for total income

In 2024, the 100 largest enterprises (in terms of total income) in the agriculture and related services industry contributed 19,0% to total income. Between 2023 and 2024, the concentration ratios decreased in all categories.

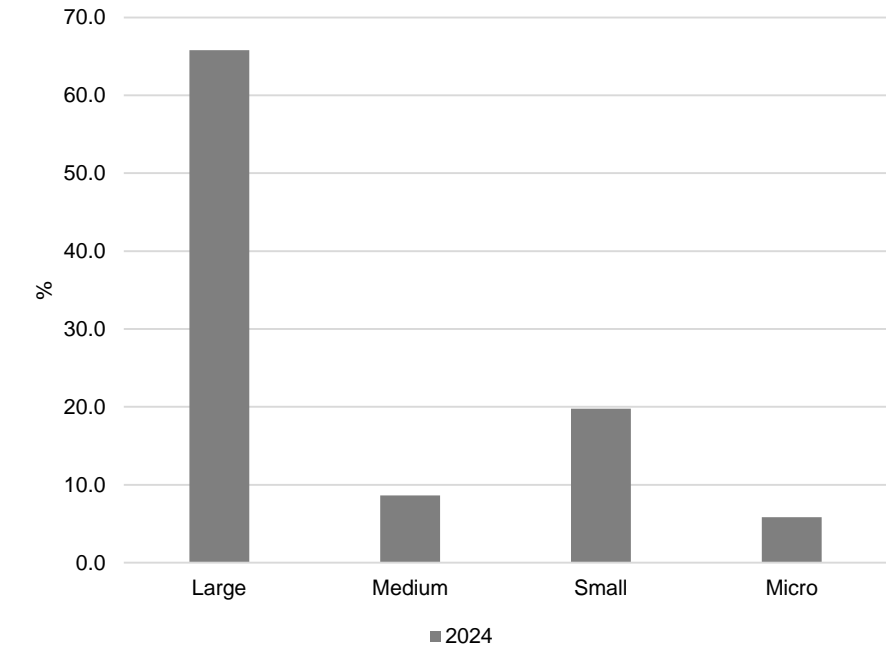
Table A – Concentration ratios for total income in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024

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
<b>Note:</b> 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.		

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

Large enterprises contributed 65,8% (R353,4 billion) to the total income in 2024, followed by small enterprises with a contribution of 19,8% (R106,1 billion). Medium and micro enterprises contributed 8,6% (R46,3 billion) and 5,8% (R31,3 billion) respectively – see Figure 2 below.

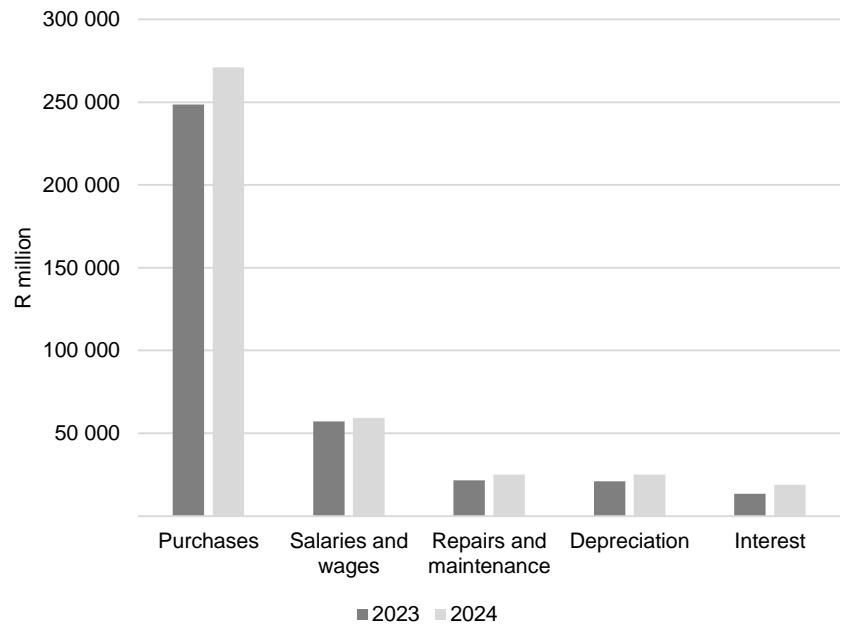
**Figure 2 – Percentage contribution of income by enterprise size in the agriculture and related services industry, 2024**



**Expenditure**

Total expenditure incurred by the agriculture and related services industry in 2024 was R511,3 billion compared with R460,0 billion in 2023 (an increase of 11,1%). The largest contributor to total expenditure was 'purchases' (53,0% of the total), followed by 'salaries and wages' (11,6%), 'repairs and maintenance' (4,9%) and 'depreciation' (4,9%) – see Figure 3 below and Table 5 on page 12.

**Figure 3 – Expenditure according to major contributors in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

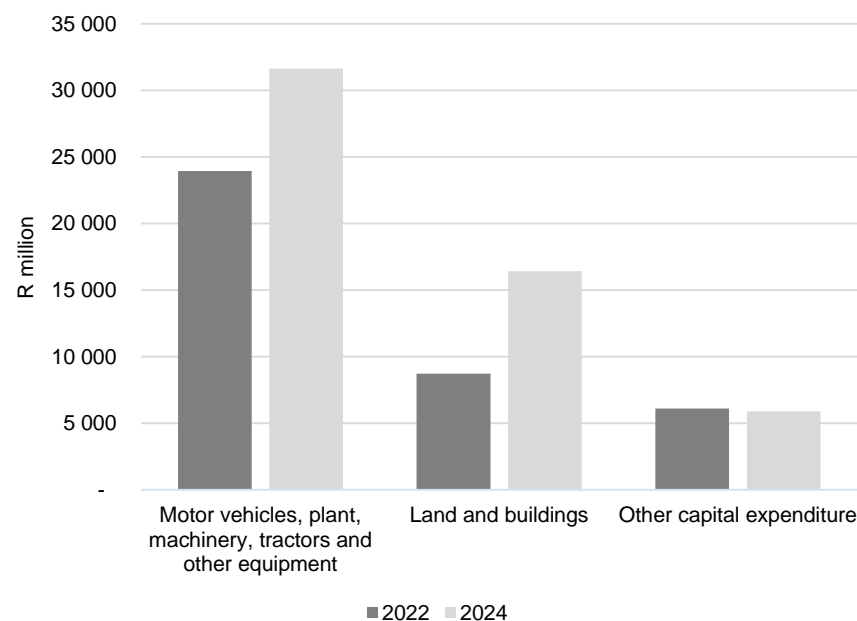


### Capital expenditure on new assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024

The total capital expenditure on new assets in the agriculture and related services industry in 2024 amounted to R54,0 billion compared with R38,8 billion in 2022, an annualised increase of 17,9% – see Figure 4 below and Table 6 on page 13.

The largest increases were reported for 'land and buildings' (R7,7 billion, from R8,7 billion in 2022 to R16,4 billion in 2024) and 'motor vehicles, plant, machinery, tractors and other equipment' (R7,6 billion, from R24,0 billion in 2022 to R31,6 billion in 2024).

**Figure 4 – Capital expenditure by type of asset in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024**

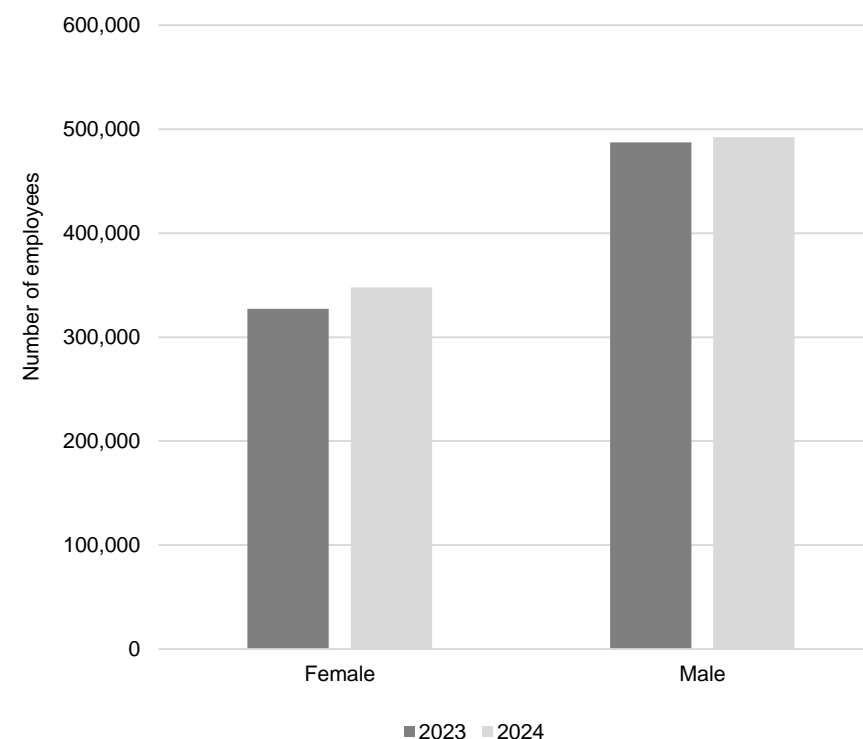


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### Employment

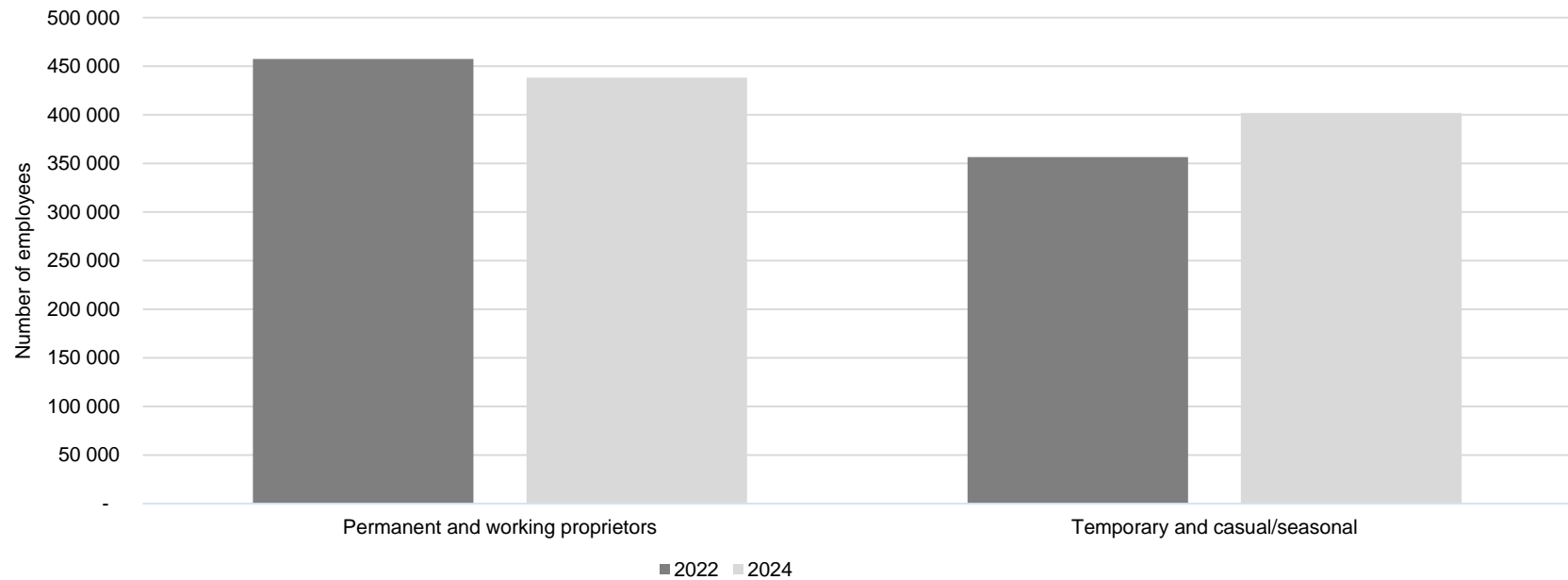
The total number of persons employed in the agriculture and related services industry as at the end of June 2024 was 840 407 compared with 814 793 in June 2023, an increase of 3,1% – see Figure 5 below and Table 10 on page 15.

**Figure 5 – Employment by gender in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**



The total number of persons employed in the agriculture and related services industry as at the end of June 2024 was 840 407 compared with 814 156 in June 2022, an annualised increase of 1,6% – see Figure 6 below and Table 11 on page 15.

**Figure 6 – Employment by type of contract in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024**



N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because data on 'type of employment contract' were not collected in 2023.

## Provincial estimates

**Table B – Key statistics in the agriculture and related services industry by province, 2024**

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>491 528 668</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>59 211 375</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>840 407</b>	<b>100,0</b>

The province with the largest income from sales of goods and services in the agriculture and related services industry in 2024 was Western Cape with R95,3 billion (or 19,4% of the industry total), followed by Free State (R75,9 billion or 15,4%), Gauteng (R55,0 billion or 11,2%), North West (R52,2 billion or 10,6%) and Mpumalanga (R50,8 billion or 10,3%).

The largest contributor to salaries and wages was Western Cape with R17,0 billion (or 28,6% of the industry total), followed by Limpopo (R6,8 billion or 11,5%), KwaZulu-Natal (R6,3 billion or 10,7%) and Mpumalanga (R5,9 billion or 10,0%).

In terms of employment, Western Cape was the largest contributor with 220 951 employees (or 26,3% of the industry total), followed by Limpopo (110 979 or 13,2%), Free State (93 361 or 11,1%) and KwaZulu-Natal (88 935 or 10,6%).

**Table C – Key statistics in the agriculture and related services industry by province, 2023 and 2024**

Province	Sales of goods and services		% change	Salaries and wages		% change	Total employees		% change
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024	
	R'000			R'000			Number		
Western Cape	91 727 218	95 309 462	3,9	16 969 286	17 019 782	0,3	210 660	220 951	4,9
Eastern Cape	35 348 873	43 513 264	23,1	5 532 154	5 681 142	2,7	80 448	81 174	0,9
Northern Cape	23 014 231	26 430 576	14,8	2 964 847	3 477 992	17,3	62 132	69 997	12,7
Free State	71 013 607	75 875 873	6,8	4 832 735	5 322 458	10,1	84 463	93 361	10,5
KwaZulu-Natal	43 291 263	44 393 233	2,5	6 298 291	6 322 622	0,4	91 590	88 935	-2,9
North West	50 644 073	52 249 229	3,2	4 267 463	4 384 099	2,7	64 078	63 289	-1,2
Gauteng	50 569 581	54 961 232	8,7	4 252 075	4 307 859	1,3	37 679	38 829	3,1
Mpumalanga	47 932 693	50 807 126	6,0	5 207 731	5 907 891	13,4	73 293	72 892	-0,5
Limpopo	37 965 680	47 988 673	26,4	6 881 027	6 787 530	-1,4	110 450	110 979	0,5
Total	451 507 219	491 528 668	8,9	57 205 609	59 211 375	3,5	814 793	840 407	3,1

Income from the sales of goods and services in the agriculture and related services industry increased from R451,5 billion in 2023 to R491,5 billion in 2024, a growth of 8,9%. Limpopo reported the largest increase of 26,4%, followed by Eastern Cape (23,1%) and Northern Cape (14,8%).

Expenditure on salaries and wages increased from R57,2 billion in 2023 to R59,2 billion in 2024 (an increase of 3,5% or R2,0 billion). Northern Cape reported the largest increase of 17,3%, followed by Mpumalanga (13,4%) and Free State (10,1%).

Employment increased from 814 793 in 2023 to 840 407 in 2024 (an increase of 25 614 jobs). Western Cape had the largest increase in employment (+10 291 jobs), followed by Free State (+8 898 jobs) and Northern Cape (+7 865 jobs). There were decreases in employment in KwaZulu-Natal (-2 655 jobs), North West (-789 jobs) and Mpumalanga (-401 jobs).

  
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## Detailed results

**Table 1 – Principal statistics in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

Item	2023 <sup>1</sup>	2024 <sup>2</sup>	% change
	R'000		
Total income	489 628 769	537 143 507	9,7
Field crops	111 110 196	114 561 336	3,1
Horticultural crops and products	110 092 278	131 318 435	19,3
Animals and animal products	195 857 006	206 497 476	5,4
Other agricultural products	13 421 998	15 981 126	19,1
Other income	59 147 291	68 785 134	16,3
Total expenditure	460 045 802	511 296 944	11,1
Purchases	248 485 386	270 934 169	9,0
Salaries and wages	57 205 609	59 211 375	3,5
Other current expenditure	154 354 807	181 151 400	17,4

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

**Table 2 – Type of income in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

Type of income	2023 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		% change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Income from sales of goods	435 301 625	88,9	471 945 158	87,9	8,4
Income received from services rendered	16 205 594	3,3	19 583 510	3,6	20,8
Rental income	3 714 470	0,8	3 757 561	0,7	1,2
Interest received	4 607 986	0,9	6 783 611	1,3	47,2
Other income	29 799 094	6,1	35 073 667	6,5	17,7
<b>Total income</b>	<b>489 628 769</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>537 143 507</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>9,7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

**Table 3 – Total income by type of product and enterprise size in the agriculture and related services industry, 2024<sup>2</sup>**

Type of product	Large	Medium	Small	Micro	Total
	R'000				
Field crops	62 982 191	16 842 985	32 175 146	2 561 014	<b>114 561 336</b>
Horticultural crops and products	86 942 023	11 569 065	27 116 285	5 691 062	<b>131 318 435</b>
Animals and animal products	156 083 853	10 273 736	26 050 484	14 089 403	<b>206 497 476</b>
Other agricultural products	12 202 814	1 019 020	1 693 485	1 065 807	<b>15 981 126</b>
Other income	35 189 698	6 603 038	19 073 286	7 919 112	<b>68 785 134</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>353 400 579</b>	<b>46 307 844</b>	<b>106 108 686</b>	<b>31 326 398</b>	<b>537 143 507</b>

<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

**Table 4 – Income from sales of goods by type of product in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

Type of product	2023 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		% change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Field crops	111 110 196	25,5	114 561 336	24,3	3,1
Horticultural crops	104 370 622	24,0	125 127 125	26,5	19,9
Animals	106 034 572	24,4	110 110 941	23,3	3,8
Animal products	89 822 434	20,6	96 386 535	20,4	7,3
Horticultural products	5 721 656	1,3	6 191 310	1,3	8,2
Other agricultural products	13 421 998	3,1	15 981 126	3,4	19,1
Other sales of goods	4 820 147	1,1	3 586 785	0,8	-25,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>435 301 625</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>471 945 158</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>8,4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

**Table 5 – Type of expenditure in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

Type of expenditure	2023 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		% change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Purchases	248 485 386	54,0	270 934 169	53,0	9,0
Salaries and wages	57 205 609	12,4	59 211 375	11,6	3,5
Repairs and maintenance	21 593 429	4,7	25 026 600	4,9	15,9
Depreciation	21 083 657	4,6	25 022 307	4,9	18,7
Interest	13 473 389	2,9	18 837 844	3,7	39,8
Railage and transport out	10 046 775	2,2	11 020 959	2,2	9,7
Water and electricity	13 919 179	3,0	13 349 773	2,6	-4,1
Rental of land, buildings and other structures under operating lease	9 587 899	2,1	11 357 242	2,2	18,5
Insurance	6 392 789	1,4	7 620 103	1,5	19,2
Other expenditure	58 257 690	12,7	68 916 572	13,5	18,3
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>460 045 802</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>511 296 944</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>11,1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

**Table 6 – Capital expenditure on new assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024**

Type of capital expenditure	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		Annualised % change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Land and buildings	8 742 075	22,6	16 429 499	30,5	37,1
Motor vehicles, plant, machinery, tractors and other equipment	23 954 382	61,7	31 635 559	58,6	14,9
Other capital expenditure	6 104 622	15,7	5 893 307	10,9	-1,7
<b>Total capital expenditure</b>	<b>38 801 079</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>53 958 365</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>17,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because data on 'capital expenditure' were not collected in 2023.

**Table 7 – Book value of assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024**

Type of asset	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		Annualised % change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Land and buildings	154 315 443	59,8	171 532 273	56,7	5,4
Motor vehicles, plant, machinery, tractors and other equipment	78 353 621	30,4	101 482 156	33,5	13,8
Other assets	25 372 053	9,8	29 573 785	9,8	8,0
<b>Total book value of assets</b>	<b>258 041 117</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>302 588 214</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>8,3</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because data on 'assets' were not collected in 2023.

**Table 8 – Fair value of biological assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024**

Type of asset	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		Annualised % change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Animals	24 291 353	53,3	29 977 106	50,7	11,1
Plantations (forestry, vineyards and orchards)	21 254 715	46,7	29 158 527	49,3	17,1
<b>Total</b>	<b>45 546 068</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>59 135 633</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>13,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because data on 'assets' were not collected in 2023.

**Table 9 – Additions to biological assets in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024**

Type of asset	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		Annualised % change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Animals	28 731 683	86,1	31 330 782	86,1	4,4
Plantations (forestry, vineyards and orchards)	4 638 684	13,9	5 077 905	13,9	4,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>33 370 367</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>36 408 687</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>4,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because data on 'assets' were not collected in 2023.

**Table 10 – Employment by gender for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

Gender	2023 <sup>1</sup>	2024 <sup>2</sup>	% change
	Number		
Female	327 395	348 024	6,3
Male	487 398	492 383	1,0
Total	814 793	840 407	3,1

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.**Table 11 – Employment by type of contract for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024**

Type of employment contract	Female			Male			Total		
	2022 <sup>1</sup>	2024 <sup>2</sup>	Annualised % change	2022 <sup>1</sup>	2024 <sup>2</sup>	Annualised % change	2022 <sup>1</sup>	2024 <sup>2</sup>	Annualised % change
	Number			Number			Number		
Permanent and working proprietors	162 074	147 483	-4,6	295 407	290 837	-0,8	457 481	438 320	-2,1
Temporary and casual/seasonal	173 899	200 541	7,4	182 776	201 546	5,0	356 675	402 087	6,2
Total	335 973	348 024	1,8	478 183	492 383	1,5	814 156	840 407	1,6

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because data on 'type of employment contract' were not collected in 2023.



**Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024**

Type of field crop	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		Annualised % change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Maize	56 364 055	59,1	66 212 728	57,8	8,4
Wheat	8 316 697	8,7	11 993 677	10,5	20,1
Sugar cane	8 557 719	9,0	11 075 084	9,7	13,8
Other field crops	22 184 595	23,2	25 279 847	22,0	6,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>95 423 066</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>114 561 336</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>9,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because some of the products were not collected in 2023.

**Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024 (continued)**

Type of horticultural crop	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		Annualised % change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Vegetables	26 511 263	25,4	36 149 244	28,9	16,8
Fruits excluding grapes	47 218 790	45,3	57 606 050	46,0	10,5
Grapes	15 239 306	14,6	18 080 670	14,4	8,9
Seeds	7 317 560	7,0	7 402 408	5,9	0,6
Other horticultural crops	7 886 682	7,7	5 888 753	4,8	-13,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>104 173 601</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>125 127 125</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>9,6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because some of the products were not collected in 2023.

**Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024 (continued)**

Type of animal	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		Annualised % change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Cattle	52 600 169	55,6	59 472 168	54,0	6,3
Sheep	8 555 274	9,1	11 667 496	10,6	16,8
Pigs	7 181 087	7,6	9 440 503	8,6	14,7
Chickens: live	22 567 794	23,9	24 923 144	22,6	5,1
Other animals	3 619 380	3,8	4 607 630	4,2	12,8
<b>Total</b>	<b>94 523 704</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>110 110 941</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>7,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because some of the products were not collected in 2023.

**Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024 (continued)**

Type of animal product	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		Annualised % change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Eggs	13 437 956	17,3	13 784 643	14,3	1,3
Fresh milk and cream	18 755 592	24,2	22 522 157	23,4	9,6
Beef	4 993 062	6,4	7 183 777	7,5	19,9
Chicken meat: fresh, chilled or frozen	32 502 589	41,9	44 486 543	46,2	17,0
Wool	2 531 108	3,3	2 804 995	2,9	5,3
Other animal products	5 319 987	6,9	5 604 420	5,7	2,6
<b>Total</b>	<b>77 540 294</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>96 386 535</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>11,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because some of the products were not collected in 2023.

**Table 12 – Details of sales of goods in the agriculture and related services industry, 2022 and 2024 (concluded)**

Type of product	2022 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		Annualised % change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Forestry	709 746	4,4	935 188	5,9	14,8
Animal feed	12 594 582	78,1	13 143 922	82,2	2,2
Organic fertilisers	623 262	3,9	526 289	3,3	-8,1
Other agricultural products	2 206 267	13,6	1 375 727	8,6	-21,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16 133 857</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>15 981 126</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>-0,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

N.B. The 2024 figures are compared with 2022 instead of 2023 because some of the products were not collected in 2023.

**Table 13 – Purchases in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

Item	2023 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		% change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Feed and supplements for livestock, poultry and aquaculture	59 650 095	24,0	65 758 295	24,3	10,2
Fertilisers, both manure and inorganic fertilisers, and lime	33 639 182	13,5	39 149 580	14,4	16,4
Remedies for combating diseases and pests in livestock and poultry	3 622 010	1,5	5 111 027	1,9	41,1
Remedies for forage, field and horticultural crops	9 090 063	3,7	12 712 831	4,7	39,9
Seed, seedling and other plant material	16 356 009	6,6	16 004 748	5,9	-2,1
Fuel, lubricants and grease	20 458 196	8,2	21 564 092	8,0	5,4
Containers, pallets and other packing materials	14 761 419	5,9	17 824 937	6,6	20,8
Field crops	14 959 248	6,0	16 107 619	5,9	7,7
Horticultural products	3 567 515	1,4	4 268 746	1,6	19,7
Animals	50 614 187	20,4	51 887 784	19,2	2,5
Animal products	3 878 590	1,6	4 332 180	1,6	11,7
Other purchases	17 888 872	7,2	16 212 330	5,9	-9,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>248 485 386</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>270 934 169</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>9,0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

**Table 14 – Income from sales of goods and services by province in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

Province	2023 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		% change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Western Cape	91 727 218	20,4	95 309 462	19,4	3,9
Eastern Cape	35 348 873	7,8	43 513 264	8,9	23,1
Northern Cape	23 014 231	5,1	26 430 576	5,4	14,8
Free State	71 013 607	15,7	75 875 873	15,4	6,8
KwaZulu-Natal	43 291 263	9,6	44 393 233	9,0	2,5
North West	50 644 073	11,2	52 249 229	10,6	3,2
Gauteng	50 569 581	11,2	54 961 232	11,2	8,7
Mpumalanga	47 932 693	10,6	50 807 126	10,3	6,0
Limpopo	37 965 680	8,4	47 988 673	9,8	26,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>451 507 219</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>491 528 668</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>8,9</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

**Table 15 – Salaries and wages by province in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

Province	2023 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		% change
	R'000	% contribution	R'000	% contribution	
Western Cape	16 969 286	29,7	17 019 782	28,6	0,3
Eastern Cape	5 532 154	9,7	5 681 142	9,6	2,7
Northern Cape	2 964 847	5,2	3 477 992	5,9	17,3
Free State	4 832 735	8,4	5 322 458	9,0	10,1
KwaZulu-Natal	6 298 291	11,0	6 322 622	10,7	0,4
North West	4 267 463	7,5	4 384 099	7,4	2,7
Gauteng	4 252 075	7,4	4 307 859	7,3	1,3
Mpumalanga	5 207 731	9,1	5 907 891	10,0	13,4
Limpopo	6 881 027	12,0	6 787 530	11,5	-1,4
<b>Total</b>	<b>57 205 609</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>59 211 375</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3,5</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

**Table 16 – Employment for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June by province in the agriculture and related services industry, 2023 and 2024**

Province	2023 <sup>1</sup>		2024 <sup>2</sup>		% change
	Number	% contribution	Number	% contribution	
Western Cape	210 660	25,8	220 951	26,3	4,9
Eastern Cape	80 448	9,9	81 174	9,7	0,9
Northern Cape	62 132	7,6	69 997	8,3	12,7
Free State	84 463	10,4	93 361	11,1	10,5
KwaZulu-Natal	91 590	11,2	88 935	10,6	-2,9
North West	64 078	7,9	63 289	7,5	-1,2
Gauteng	37 679	4,6	38 829	4,6	3,1
Mpumalanga	73 293	9,0	72 892	8,7	-0,5
Limpopo	110 450	13,6	110 979	13,2	0,5
<b>Total</b>	<b>814 793</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>840 407</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>3,1</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised figures.<sup>2</sup> Preliminary figures.

## Explanatory notes

<b>Background</b>	<p>The results presented in this publication are derived from the 2024 agricultural sample survey. This is an annual survey which measures economic activity in the agriculture and related services industry of the South African economy. The survey is based on a sample of private and public enterprises operating in the agriculture and related services industry.</p> <p>The sample was drawn from Stats SA's statistical business register (SBR), based on the units registered for value-added tax (VAT).</p> <p>All figures exclude VAT.</p> <p>The last annual agricultural survey was conducted for the year 2023 (Statistical release P1101, <i>Agricultural survey, 2023</i>).</p>
<b>Reference period</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>Purpose of the survey</b>	<p>The agricultural survey covers the activities of commercial farms in South Africa which are registered for VAT.</p> <p>Uses of the agricultural survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• policy advisers in government monitor the performance of the industry and its contribution to the South African economy, and evaluate the effectiveness of industry policies;</li><li>• industry associations monitor trends in their own and competing or complementary industries in order to inform their members of market changes; and</li><li>• individual businesses use the data to analyse their performance relative to their industry.</li></ul>
<b>Classification by industry</b>	<p>The 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC major group (3-digit) level. Each enterprise is classified to an industry which reflects its predominant activity.</p>
<b>Statistical unit</b>	<p>The statistical unit is an 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 activities.</p>
<b>Collection unit</b>	<p>The collection unit is a farming unit. A farming unit consists of one or more farms, holdings or pieces of land, whether adjacent or not, operated as a single unit and situated within the same local municipality. Thus, an enterprise can have one or more farming units.</p>
<b>Confidentiality</b>	<p>According to Section 17 of the Statistics Act, 1999 (Act No. 6 of 1999), completed questionnaires are treated as strictly confidential by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA). Results are presented in aggregated form only.</p>



**Scope and coverage**

This survey covers enterprises registered in the taxation system that are mainly engaged in agriculture and related services. It includes the following major groups within its scope:

- growing of crops, market gardening, horticulture and production of organic fertiliser (SIC 111 and SIC 116);
- farming of animals (SIC 112);
- growing of crops combined with farming of animals (mixed farming) (SIC 113);
- agricultural and animal husbandry services, except veterinary activities (SIC 114); and
- hunting, trapping, and game propagation, including related services (SIC 115).

Including

- South African-based activities of enterprises which operate in multiple countries.

Excluding

- activities of South African-based companies in other countries.

**Size groups**

The enterprises are divided into four size groups according to the value of turnover as recorded on Stats SA's statistical business register (SBR). Large enterprises are those with an annual recorded turnover above R37,5 million. Table D presents the size groups defined using the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) cut-off points multiplied by 7,5.

**Table D – Size groups for the agriculture and related services industry, 2024**

Size group	Annual turnover
Large	Turnover > R37 500 000
Medium	R22 500 000 < turnover ≤ R37 500 000
Small	R3 750 000 < turnover ≤ R22 500 000
Micro	Turnover ≤ R3 750 000

**Survey methodology**

The survey was conducted by email, telephone and personal visits.

**Sampling design**

A stratified simple random sampling was drawn. Enterprises were stratified using four-digit level according to the SIC, province and by size of enterprise. The SBR turnover was used as a measure of size for stratification. Large enterprises were completely enumerated and other size groups were sampled.

**Collection rate**

Collection rate = ((collected enterprises + finalised investigations) / sample size)\*100. The collection rate was 78,8%.

**Turnover collection rate**

Turnover collection rate = ((weighted collected enterprises SBR turnover + weighted finalised investigations SBR turnover) / population turnover)\*100. The turnover collection rate was 83,2%.

**Weighting methodology** For those strata not completely enumerated, the weights to produce estimates are the inverse ratio of the sampling fraction, modified to take account of non-response in the survey. Stratum estimates are calculated and then aggregated with the completely enumerated strata to form the total estimates.

**Relative standard error** Figures presented in this publication are estimated from a sample and are, therefore, subject to sampling variability; that is, figures may differ from those that would have been produced if all enterprises in the agriculture and related services industry in South Africa had been included.

One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of enterprises was used. The relative standard error (RSE) provides an immediate indication of the percentage error likely to have occurred as a result of sampling (Table E).

**Table E – Income within 95% confidence limits: agriculture and related services industry, 2024**

Type of product	Lower limit	Income	Upper limit	Relative standard error
	R'000			%
Field crops	107 280 503	114 561 336	121 842 165	3,2
Horticultural crops and products	123 364 097	131 318 435	139 272 774	3,1
Animals and animal products	196 910 096	206 497 476	216 084 853	2,4
Other income	78 567 941	84 766 260	90 964 582	3,7
<b>Total</b>	<b>522 067 206</b>	<b>537 143 507</b>	<b>552 219 806</b>	<b>1,4</b>

**Non-sampling errors** Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made in the collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Non-sampling errors occur in both sample surveys and censuses.

**Comparability with previously published information** The information in this publication is comparable with the information published in the *Agricultural survey 2023* (P1101) statistical release.

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

**Revised figures**

Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Figures for 2024 are preliminary and subject to revision.

**Abbreviations**

DTIC	Department of Trade, Industry and Competition
0	Nil or less than half the final digit shown
SARS	South African Revenue Service
SBR	Statistical business register
Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
VAT	Value-added tax

## Glossary

<b>Employees</b>	Working proprietors (paid or non-paid) and persons employed by a business or organisation and who received payment (in salaries, wages, commission, piece rates or payments in kind) for the last pay period ended on or before 30 June of a year.
<b>Other agricultural products</b>	<p>Other agricultural products includes:</p> <p>Aquacultural (fresh water) products, maize meal (own manufactured), other flour (own manufactured), other grain products including corn flakes (own manufactured) and other agricultural products.</p>
<b>Other animals</b>	<p>Other animals includes:</p> <p>Horses, goats, ostriches, game, other poultry and other animals.</p>
<b>Other animals products</b>	<p>Other animals products includes:</p> <p>Dairy products, mohair, hides, skins and furs, feathers, honey and other animals products.</p>
<b>Other expenditure</b>	<p>Other expenditure includes:</p> <p>Accounting and auditing costs; artificial insemination costs; consulting fees; leasing and hiring of livestock; motor vehicle running expenditure including licence fees; losses on financial and other assets: disposal of assets, realisation for cash and revaluation of assets; losses on financial and other liabilities: redemption, liquidation and revaluation of liabilities; losses on foreign exchange as a result of variations in foreign exchange rates; membership or affiliation costs; property rates paid to municipalities; research and development costs; storage costs; and other expenditure.</p>
<b>Other field crops</b>	<p>Other field crops includes:</p> <p>Sunflower, canola, seed and plant material, ground-nuts, soya beans and other field crops.</p>
<b>Other horticultural crops</b>	<p>Other horticultural crops includes:</p> <p>Tree nuts, hemp/cannabis sativa and other horticultural crops.</p>
<b>Other income</b>	<p>Other income includes:</p> <p>Dividends; insurance; rebates; share farming income; tourism accommodation and services; water rights traded; and other income.</p>

**Other purchases**

Other purchases include:

Coal and gas; semen and embryos; consumables (e.g. food and beverages, hand tools, cleaning materials, uniforms and protective clothing); and other purchases.

**Total income**

Total income, as reported by the farmer, includes income earned from agricultural products sold and other income. In this release, agricultural products are divided into field crops, horticultural crops and products, animals and animal products, and other agricultural products, where:

- field crops include cereals, oil seeds, legumes, sugar cane and fodder crops;
- horticultural crops include vegetables, fruits, aromatic crops and seeds;
- horticultural products include cellar products, dried fruit, cane fruit, sparkling wine and sherry;
- animals include livestock, poultry, game and all other animals;
- animal products include milk, eggs, hides and skins, wool and feathers; and
- other agricultural products include aquaculture products, forestry products, organic fertiliser and forage and silage.

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