

Mini Questionnaire for main users of Agricultural Census and Survey information.

- Statistics South Africa is in the process of designing a new agricultural statistics collection and dissemination strategy.
- Currently, Statistics South Africa conducts an agricultural survey and census on commercial agriculture annually and five yearly respectively. A questionnaire is posted or emailed to enterprises, which they complete and return either by snail or electronic mail.
- The information generated from these censuses and surveys is used for benchmarking GDP, policy making and planning by government departments and research by various institutions. The decision on which variables to include in the surveys/censuses is guided by users through the agricultural statistics advisory committee.
- Although the five yearly censuses also collect information on commercial fishing, forestry and agricultural services, the process of agricultural statistics strategy formulation is mainly focused on farming. Survey data is presented on provincial level whereas census is presented one step lower at magisterial districts.
- **For the purpose of this questionnaire: A commercial farming enterprise is by definition an enterprise registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and or Income Tax (IT). The department of Trade and Industry (2003) provides the following categorization of small scale farming: An farming enterprise that employs 50 or less full-time employees, with a total turn-over of R3 million or less and a total gross asset value (excluding fixed assets) of R3 million or less. Subsistence ((sometimes referred to as smallholder) farming is farming where the main output is consumed directly by the household, where few, if any, inputs are purchased and only a minor proportion of output is marketed.**
- The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information (from the users and providers of agricultural statistics) aimed at improving the relevancy and quality of the data collected in future agricultural censuses and surveys. **In addition, the questionnaire also seeks to establish a consensus on the definitions of the Small-scale, Subsistence and Smallholder farmer (described above).**
- Please save completed questionnaire and return to edmundk@statssa.gov.za (Tel: 012 336 0233) / mosesmn@statssa.gov.za (Tel: 012 312 9884) by the **30th of September 2009.**

1. How do you describe your organization? Kindly click on and mark the relevant box with X below.

Type of institution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Type of institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	Public research institute	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farmer Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	University/Academic institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural Cooperative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural Input Supplier	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural processor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private Research Company/Consultant	<input type="checkbox"/>		

2. How often do you make use of agricultural statistics information distributed by Stats SA?
You may click and mark more than one box.

Frequency of data use	<input type="checkbox"/>	Frequency of data use	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annually	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irregular (any time there is a need)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Five yearly	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any time new information is released	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

3. How do you or your organization access agricultural statistics information published by Stats SA? You may click and mark more than one box.

Form of access		Form of access	
Call/phone Stats SA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit Stat SA offices	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email Stats SA	<input type="checkbox"/>	From Municipal/University Library	<input type="checkbox"/>
Download from Stats SA website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publication sent to us by Stats SA	<input type="checkbox"/>		

4. Which of the above forms of access is most preferred by you or your organization? You may click and mark only one box

Form of access		Form of access	
Call/phone Stats SA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit Stat SA offices	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email Stats SA	<input type="checkbox"/>	From Municipal/University Library	<input type="checkbox"/>
Download from Stats SA website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publication sent to us by Stats SA	<input type="checkbox"/>		

5. For each of the listed categories of agricultural statistics, please indicate your usual source of data (Hint: census/survey). You may click and mark more than one box per row.

Category of Agricultural information	Census	Survey
Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Policy making	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publication/Journals/Sector magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trend Analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research/Higher education training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Service provision to farmers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Analyze competition (individual farmers)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6a. Please indicate your agricultural statistics needs (both current and future) and the source/level (census and/or survey) of use. You may click and mark more than one box per column.

Category of agricultural statistics	Current source			Future needs
	Census	Survey	Both	
Crop and animal production quantities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transformation in agriculture (Agri-BEE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structure of agricultural sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (Specify).....

6b. Kindly indicate the agricultural sector (commercial, subsistence agric sector or both) for which data is or will be required in future, for each of the following categories of agricultural statistics. Feel free to add other categories of agricultural statistics in the spaces provided in the table below. You may tick only one box per row.

Category of agricultural statistics	Agricultural Sector		
	Commercial agricultural sector	Subsistence agricultural sector	Both Sectors
Crop and animal production quantities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transformation in agriculture (Agri-BEE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structure of agricultural sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others (specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6c. Please rank, by order of importance, the following categories of agricultural statistics in satisfying your institution's needs. You may click and mark only one box per row.

Category of agricultural statistics	Order of importance				
	Least important 1	2	3	4	Most important 5
Crop and animal production quantities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employment statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial statistics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Land use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transformation in agriculture (Agri-BEE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Structure of agricultural sector	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. The following question is intended to seek your opinion on the definitions of commercial, small-scale and subsistence (smallholder) farmers, repeated for your convenience below.

Commercial farming enterprise: A commercial farming enterprise is by definition a farming enterprise registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and or Income Tax (IT).

Small scale farming enterprise: The department of Trade and Industry (2003) provides the following categorization of small scale farming: A farming enterprise that employs 50 or less full-time employees, with a total turn-over of R3 million or less and a total gross asset value (excluding fixed assets) of R3 million or less.

Subsistence farming unit: *Is a farming unit where the main output is consumed directly by the household, where few, if any, inputs are purchased and only a minor proportion of output is marketed.*

Kindly provide your opinion as to whether the above definitions adequately address these enterprises/units?

Commercial farming enterprise Yes No

Small scale farming enterprise Yes No

Subsistence farming unit Yes No

If your response is no for any of the above definitions, please propose the most appropriate definition for the enterprise(s) in question.....

8. Kindly provide your opinion on the current dissemination frequency, scope and detail of the various agricultural statistics as presented by the table below. You may click and mark only one box per column.

Category of agricultural statistics	Description	Collection frequency <i>A=Annual</i> <i>B=Five yearly</i> <i>C=Both A & B</i>	Survey/Census <i>A= Survey of agric</i> <i>B=Census of agric</i> <i>C= Both A & B</i>	Scope <i>R= Regional</i> <i>P= Provincial</i> <i>N= National</i>	Is the current dissemination frequency adequate? <i>(Yes or no)</i>	Is the current dissemination scope adequate? <i>(Yes or no)</i>	Is the current detail of dissemination adequate? <i>(Yes or no)</i>
Land size and use	Size of land owned, rented or hire out, categorized into arable, grazing farmyard, hectares planted and harvested etc. for all commercial farms in South Africa.	B	B	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Field and horticultural crops	Production details of crops grown and produced under irrigated or dry land such as quantities produced for each field and horticultural crop and forestry product for all commercial farms in South Africa. Quantities sold through various marketing channels for each horticultural crop (including exports).	B	B	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Animal production	Number of each type of livestock raised and sold (categorized by breeding and production stock) plus closing stock on farm at a particular date from all commercial farms in South Africa. Marketing channels of livestock sales.	B	B	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Employees on farm	Number of both full-time and casual workers by gender and skill level, excluding contract workers	C	C	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Income generated from crops	Aggregated gross farming income generated from the sale of field and horticultural crops from a sample of commercial farms in South Africa.	A	A	P	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Gross farming income generated from the sale of each field and horticultural crop and forestry product on all commercial farms in South Africa.	B	B	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Income generated from animals and animal products	Aggregated gross farming income generated from the sale of animal and animal products from a sample of commercial farms in South Africa.	A	A	P	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Gross farming income generated from the sale of each type of animal and animal product on all commercial farms in South Africa.	B	B	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Other income	All income earned outside direct farming activities by farming enterprises e.g. Income from eco and agri-tourism.	C	C	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Current expenditure	Salaries, wages and payment in kind to both full time and casual employees, input and other costs directly incurred as a result of farming activities.	C	C	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Capital expenditure	Encompasses expenditure incurred purchasing livestock, land, erecting fixed farm structures.	C	C	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Category of agricultural statistics	Description	Collection frequency A=Annual B=Five yearly C=Both A & B	Survey/Census A= Survey of agric B=Census of agric C= Both A & B	Scope R= Regional P= Provincial N= National	Suitability of current dissemination frequency (Yes or no)	Suitability of current dissemination scope (Yes or no)	Suitability of current detail of dissemination (Yes or no)
Market value of farming assets	Includes objective and subjective figures for farming land, buildings, machinery and vehicles etc.	B	B	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Book value of farming assets	Includes figures for farming land, buildings, machinery and vehicles etc	A	A	P	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Financial losses	Losses or expenditure incurred due to natural disasters, accidents, and injury due to crime on farms.	C	C	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Farming debt	Short, medium and long-term debt from various types of lenders in the country.	C	C	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Transformation information	Farming enterprise information on participation in Agri-BEE, land redistribution and corporate responsibility.	B	B	R	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

9. Please indicate your institution's most preferred frequency of dissemination for the following categories of agricultural statistics (click and mark only one box per row):

Category of agricultural statistics	Annually	3-yearly	5-yearly	10-yearly
Land size and use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Field and horticultural crops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animal production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Employees on farm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Income generated from crops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Income generated from animals and animal products	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other income	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Current expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capital expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Market value of farming assets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Book value of farming assets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial losses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Farming debt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transformation information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Do you have a need for a sub-annual agricultural indicator that you would like agricultural statistics to provide?

Yes No

If yes, please specify

11. If there is any other matter(s) related to the agricultural census/survey that is not covered by the questions above that you would like to bring to our notice, you are welcome to describe it/them in the space provided below

We thank you for your time and contribution to this research