

Commercial Sector Census of Agriculture 2013/2014

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1. The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) hereby releases the Commercial Sector Census of Agriculture 2013/2014.
2. The census covered both the communal and commercial sector and it was conducted between 2013 and 2016. The communal sector report was released in September 2015 after which the commercial sector census data collection commenced.
3. Questionnaires were sent to farmers as respondents and it was self-administered. That is, respondents were sent the questionnaire to complete, unlike the usual face-to-face interviews. The census collected data on crop production, crop storage, livestock production, and fish farming.
4. It is important to note that the results in the report are based on the 3 337 (50%) commercial farms that responded to the census out of 6 690 commercial farms.
5. The results show that the majority of the farms are found in Hardap region (25.2%), followed by Otjozondjupa (18.9%) and //Karas (14.0%) regions. The region with the least commercial farms is Erongo that recorded only 5.7 percent.
6. These results further shows that male (66.2%) owned the majority of the farms compared to 20.3 percent female. The remaining 13.5 percent of the respondents did not state the sex of the owner.
7. For a detailed report you can visit our website at www.nsa.org.na and/or the NSA App.
8. I hope that the results obtained in this Agricultural census will give impetus to future planning, some Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators such as no poverty and zero hunger goals as well as for policy formulation.

I would also like to emphasize the importance of accurate and timely delivery of data from our stakeholders in private and public sectors to the Namibia Statistics Agency as prescribed in the Statistics Act of 2011 (Act No. 9 of 2011).

Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to all the data providers; both institutions and individuals, without whose assistance this publication would not have been possible.



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