

Lessons Learned from the South Africa 2002 Census of Commercial Agriculture

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Abstract: The success of any census depends on the planning, monitoring and evaluation of the project. For smooth execution of these phases, support and buy-in from important stakeholders, including government, organized agriculture, academic institutions, individual farmers and agri-business is vital. Political stability and the democratic state of the country are also crucial.

The paper discusses the lessons learned from the 2002 Census of Commercial Agriculture conducted in South Africa. The content look onto the challenges encountered on setting the population frame, the instrument/tool, data collection and analysis. The conclusion notes the importance of identifying the needs and the available resources for running a smooth census.