



LIMPOPO AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

I. INTRODUCTION

Limpopo is one of South Africa's richest agricultural areas. Abundant orchards of subtropical fruit and nuts form the basis of a thriving agri-industrial sector. Extensive tea and coffee estates are found in the Lowveld. Other notable cash crops include vegetables, cotton and tobacco. Agriculture has also stimulated the ancillary development of a growing range of processed products, such as fruit juice and concentrates.

Considerable investment opportunities exist in the areas of processing and packaging of fruits & vegetables, as well as opportunities for beef, pork, chicken eggs, fruit and vegetables. There is also potential for additional production of sunflowers, soya beans and maize under dry-land conditions. Soya beans represent a particularly profitable investment opportunity with substantial quantities currently being imported.

Pre-feasibility studies indicate that peach and almond production is viable, and research into the viability of cassava and bamboo production has also been conducted. The Limpopo Provincial Government is facilitating development of new types of farming and further value-added processing of products as diverse as sugar, essential oils, catfish and goats.

2. CONTRIBUTION TO GDP FOR SOUTH AFRICA

The annual national value added in 2006 by agriculture, forestry and fishing was R43 billion of which agriculture contributed R35,5 billion, forestry R6.1 billion, fishing R1.2 billion. The percentage contribution of this industry to national GDP was 2.8% with sub-sectors contribution as highlighted below:

- Agriculture contributed 2.3%
- Forestry 0.4%
- Fishing 0.1%

Provincially, the industry contributed 3.2% to the provincial GDP, with districts contribution by sector highlighted below:

Districts	Agriculture	Forestry	Fishing	Employment
Mopani District	3.1%	0.4%	0.0%	4.0%
Vhembe District	2.9%	0.6%	0.0%	2.9%
Capricorn District	2.4%	0.4%	0.0%	2.6%
Waterberg District	2.5%	0.1%	0.0%	3.3%
Greater Sekhukhune District	3.2%	0.3%	0.0%	1.3%

Source: Global Insight

3. SUB-SECTORS CONTRIBUTION TO NATIONAL PRODUCTION

Limpopo is the food basket of South Africa with regards to agriculture and produces the following percentage of total South African produce.

- 8% Naval oranges
- 40% Valencia oranges
- 5.2% Soft citrus
- 32.7% Grape fruit
- 17.4% Lemons
- 23% Potatoes
- 54% Mango
- 65% Pawpaw
- 25% Litchis
- 60% Tomatoes
- 35% Macadamia Nuts
- 58% Avocado

The province is also one of the largest producers in South Africa in terms of production of guavas, bananas, papayas.





4. AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES IN LIMPOPO

- Macadamia production & processing
- Dried tomatoes processing
- Tomato puree & paste
- Potato canning and mash
- Frozen French fries
- Marula processing
- Avocado processing
- Fruit juices
- Essential oils

5. MAJOR INVESTORS

- ZZ2- Tomato producers
- Sapikoe tea plantation- Tea manufacturer
- Tshivhase AgriDam (PTY) Ltd- produces banana for local fresh produce markets and other local buyers
- Winkale Trading 9 (PTY) Ltd- The producer of dried mangoes for export
- A.M Alberts (Pty) Ltd trading as Progress Milling- A milling company
- Willard's (crisp)
- Mc Cain (frozen fresh fries)
- Giant foods (canning)
- Golden harvest (mixed vegetables)
- Miami Cannery

6. AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

- NAFU (National Farmers Union of South Africa): www.nafufarmers.co.za
- SAMAC (The South African Macadamia Growers): www.samac.org.za
- CGA (Citrus Growers Association): www.cga.co.za
- Phadima Agricultural Association: www.biowatch.org.za
- National Agricultural Marketing Council: www.namc.co.za

7. PROVINCIAL STAKEHOLDERS

- TIL (Trade and Investment Limpopo): www.til.co.za
- LIMDEV (Limpopo economic Development Enterprise): www.limdev.co.za
- LIBSA (Limpopo Business Support agency): www.libsa.org
- LDA (Limpopo Department of Agriculture): www.lda.gov.za

