



Economics & Trade Centre of Excellence

Impact of the lockdown on production



The aim of this questionnaire was to indicate the impact of the lockdown on production (across industries), in collaboration with Trade and Industrial Policy Strategies (TIPS) and Business Unity South Africa (BUSAs). Agri SA's members were asked to complete the questionnaire and their key responses are summarised in this infographic. The detailed results will be used to identify ways to reduce the costs and maximize the benefits of restrictions on economic activity that result from efforts to fight the pandemic.

Have you reduced production as a result of the lockdown?

225
No



264
Yes

If you answered yes, by how much in percentage terms?



- Under 10% - 26
- 10% to 20% - 58
- 20% to 50% - 67
- 50% to 75% - 45
- 100% (completely closed down) - 73

COMMENTS

Livestock farming - carry on as usual

Difficulty to sell stock, market and stock prices decrease

Livestock numbers are reduced due to DROUGHT

As a result of the lockdown, no staff have been able to come to work
Propagation and maintenance of nursery plants has come to a halt

Currently no lost in production. I think it will be later due to the fact that the consumer will have no money to buy food

Because of lock down we don't have enough labour to help with laparoscopies and inseminate the sheep
And wool production is also influenced

Wool production continues irrespective of the lock down. The wool market currently not accessible

Currently no sales, pot plants being destroyed

Can't get basic repair supplies for my farm from my local co-op: oil for my bakkie and wind mill, couplings for pipeline, inner tubes for motorbike - as it is not recognize as essential goods

What is your main sector of operation?



Agriculture
397



Other
47



Food production
28



Business services
5



Other retail
3



Transport
2



Mining
1



Financial services
1



Construction
1



Food retail
1



Petrol retail
1



Chemical production
1



Other manufacturing
1

There were 489 overall Responses. The results of this survey are only indicative, it is not to be generalised as representative of the agricultural sector as a whole.

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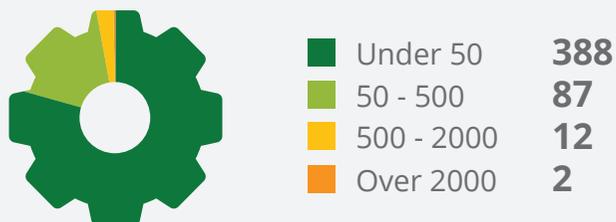


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How many people do you employ?



Have you reduced employment as a result of the lockdown?



COMMENTS

- No labour at all at present**
- We are fortunate to be diverse in other crops like sugar cane and macadamias**
Have not reduced employment, but if no income is coming in, no salaries can be paid
- Our cash reserves will run out by the end of this month**
- We are dependent upon citrus and game farms**
Put all employees on leave
WORKING WITH SKELETON STAFF
- Some permantly for the time being, others had to take some of their annual leave
- WORKERS THAT TRAVELS TO AND FROM WORK IS A RISK FOR OTHER WORKERS STAYING ON THE FARM**
- All staff is still employed but on reduced salary while on lock down

Have you changed what you produce during the lockdown?



COMMENTS

- Mohair and wool has been cut and producing weaners**
Milking and work with sheep and cattle
- Service of mentoring and coaching cut, online coaching started
- Closed the production of non-essentials like take aways**
Nothing expanded and have to cut on wool-shearing of merino-sheep and selling of wool
We planted butternuts instead of cabbage, for the lack of labour
- I did not cut and bale my lucerne because there is no market for sales**
We are selling vegetable seed. Everything else is closed
- Can't repair machinery so can't produce food for animals**
- Will gauge length of pandemic and possibly grow additional veggies**
We have reduced the production of Bonemeal fertilizer due to the lack of obtaining dry bones
- Game meat up, flower preparations for export down and total foreign visitors down to zero**
The nature of our business does not allow changes to our products over short time frames. A product takes up to 18 months to make
- Closed down wine sales