

Investment environment and commodity outlook

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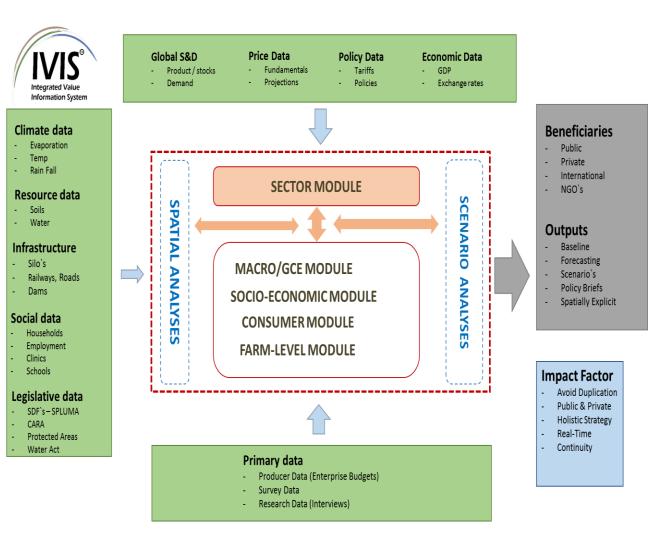
### Background: BFAP



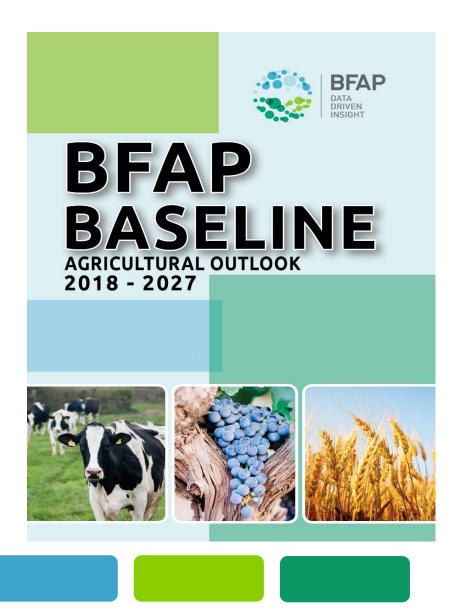
• Founded in 2014

ReNAPR

- 15 Years experience in analysing, modelling, forecasting and unpacking the agro-food, fibre and beverage sectors and value chains in Africa.
- Network consisting of 45 employees and associates spanning the African continent
- Our business model is based on adding value through long-run strategic partnerships in private sector, industry bodies, universities and government.
- International, regional and local analytical partners: FAPRI, FAO, OECD, BER &



### BFAP's foundation for analysing future trends



 Annual 10-year agricultural outlook on 52 commodities

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- State of agriculture- & food systems across Southern Africa:
  - Commodity Markets
    - Field crops
    - Livestock
    - Horticulture
  - Consumer Economics
  - Farming Systems & Inputs
  - Value chains
  - Africa
  - Spatial Integration





### **Presentation Overview**

### 1. Taking stock

2. Outlook for South African agriculture

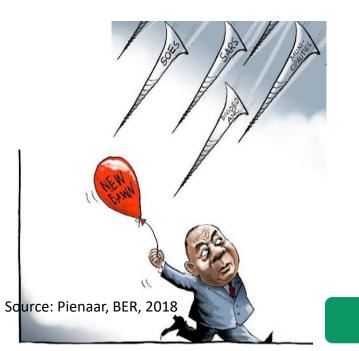
Domestic consumer environment

- 1. Outlook for field crops
- 2. Outlook for livestock

### Macroeconomic assumptions

'Ramaphoria' fades to realism, emerging market sentiments compounding pressure

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Real GDP Growth	1,3	0,6	1,5	2,0	2,4	2,5
Exchange Rate	13,30	13,21	14,24	14.32	14.44	14.52
CPI Inflation (%)	5,3	4,7	4,9	5,0	5,1	5,0
Brent Crude Oil (\$ per barrel)	54,0	74,7	73,5	70,3	68,0	67,0



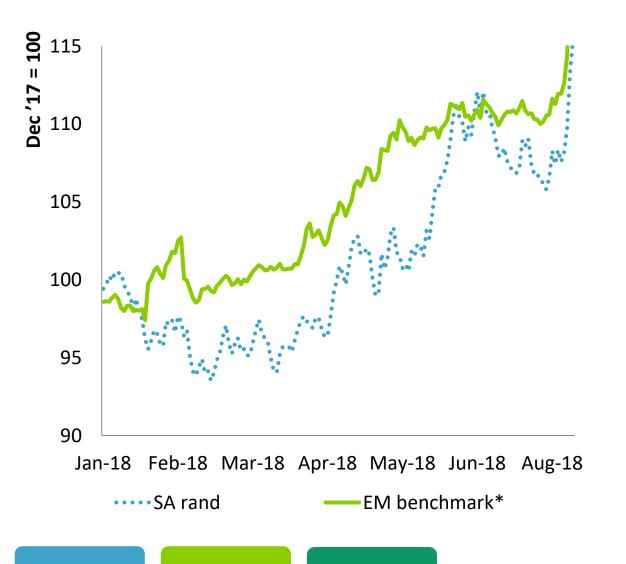
Key factors: drought, weak Rand, oil price, cost of inputs, uncertainty & volatility

- Q2 GDP... SA in a technical recession
- Land values Decrease by 30% (Agri Development Solutions)
- Ag GDP contracted by 29% in Q2 (Bloomberg)
- Trade war implication on emerging markets



### Exchange rate performance & risks

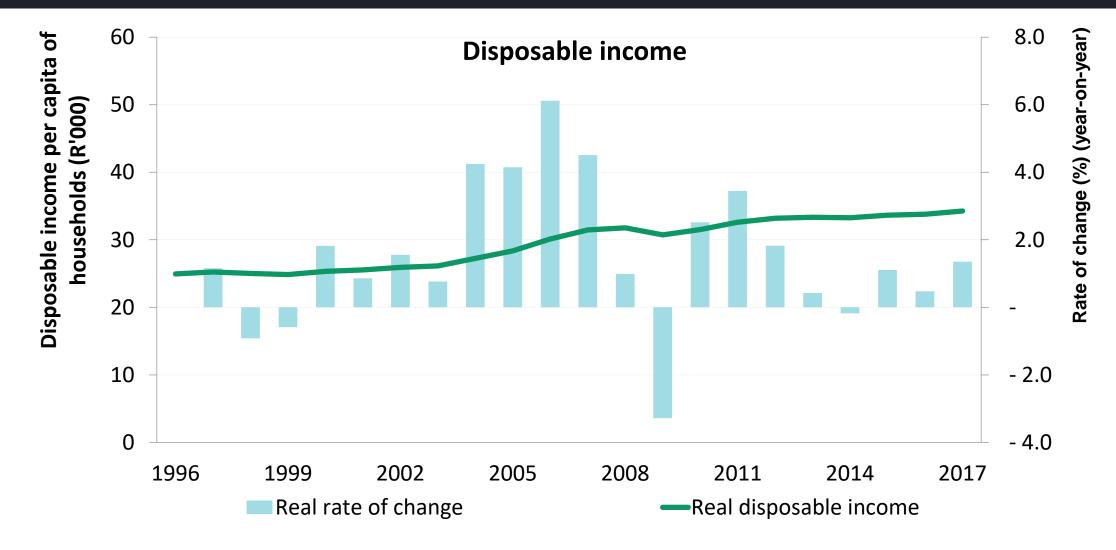




- After initial change of government, Rand outperformed other emerging markets
- Recent uncertainty re land policy and general political sentiment has put it on the back foot
- Poor global sentiment toward emerging markets likely to keep it under pressure
- Trade war influencing Rand and other emerging market currencies

### Domestic consumer confidence & income



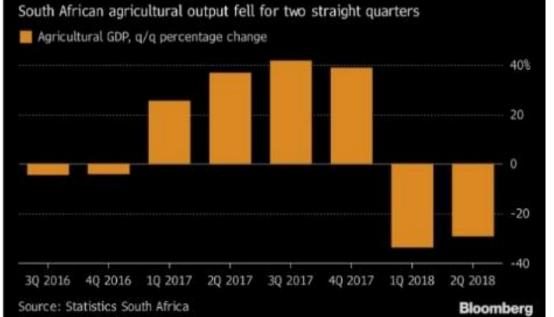


Source: Stats SA



#### CHARTS: How land-seizure talks have hit SA's farming industry

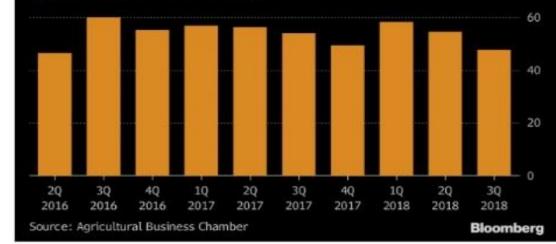
**Production Plunge** 



#### **Confidence Drops**

South African agricultural industry confidence falls to lowest since 2016

Agbiz/IDC agribusiness confidence index

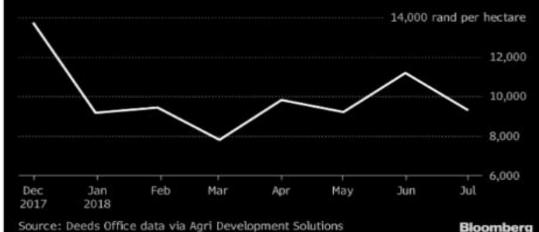


Farm prices in South Africa have plunged by a third since December. The average price of agricultural land sold in July was R9 318 (\$613) a hectare compared with R13 700, according to Johann Bornman, an economist and chairperson of Agri Development Solutions, who obtained the data from the Deeds Office, which maintains the property registry.

#### **Farming Fears**

South African commercial agricultural land prices fall on drought recovery, expropriation concern

/ Rand per hectare





### ....but there is hope!!

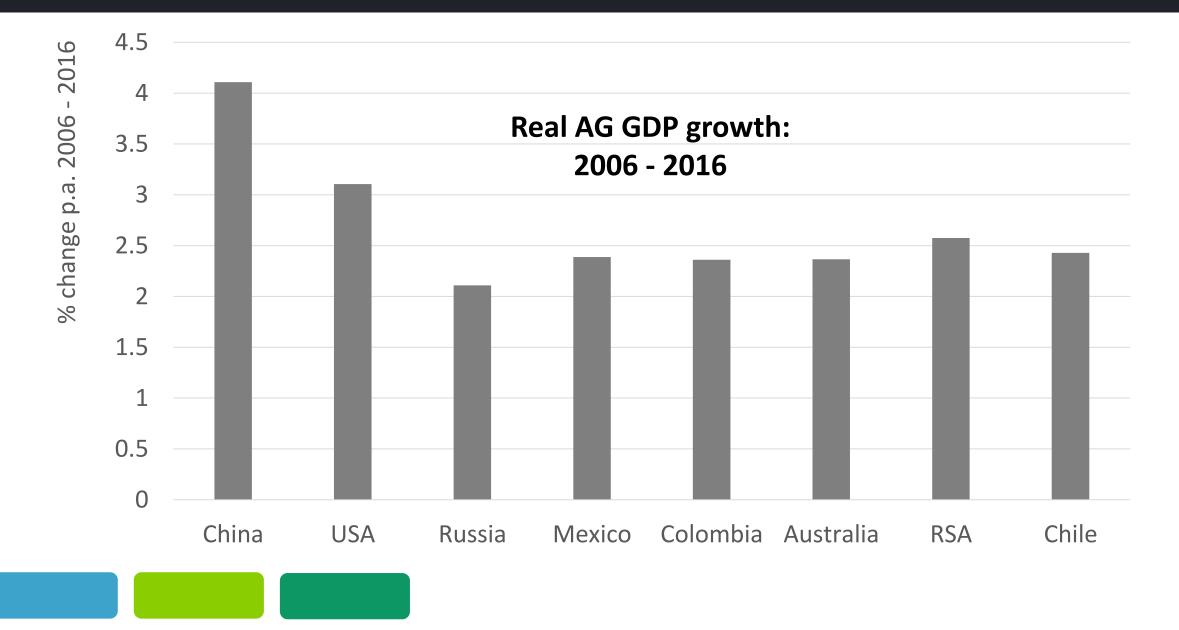
# SA farmers & agri-businesses have shown resilience



Outlook for South African Agriculture from an investment perspective



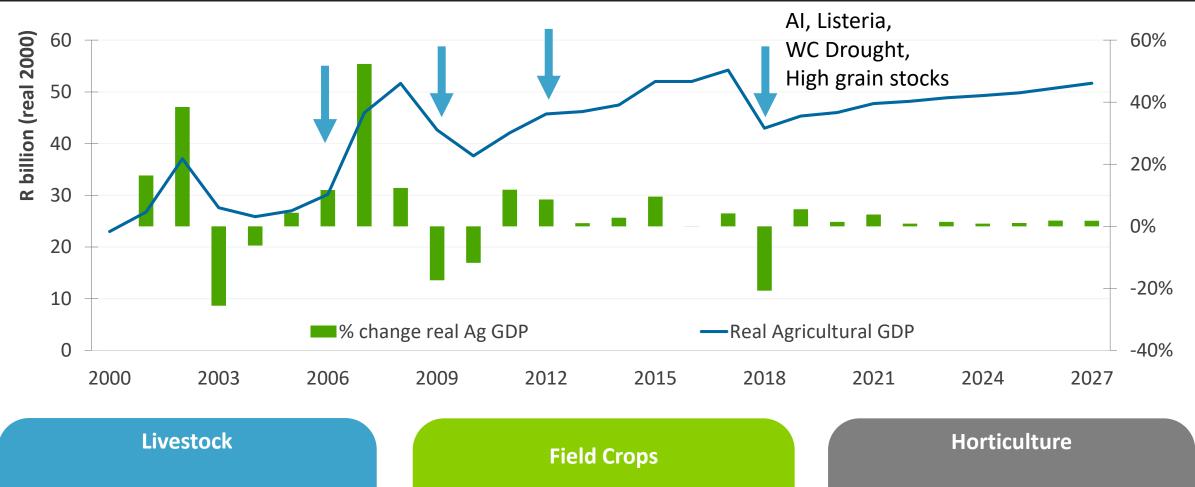
### SA's performance in the global economy



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### Agricultural GDP in South Africa





- Beef herd rebuilding
- Cycle positive with lower feed Disease impact critical

- High stock, low prices
- Post drought cash-flow
- Feed crop dominance

- WC drought recovery
- Water availability concerns
- Need to open new export markets

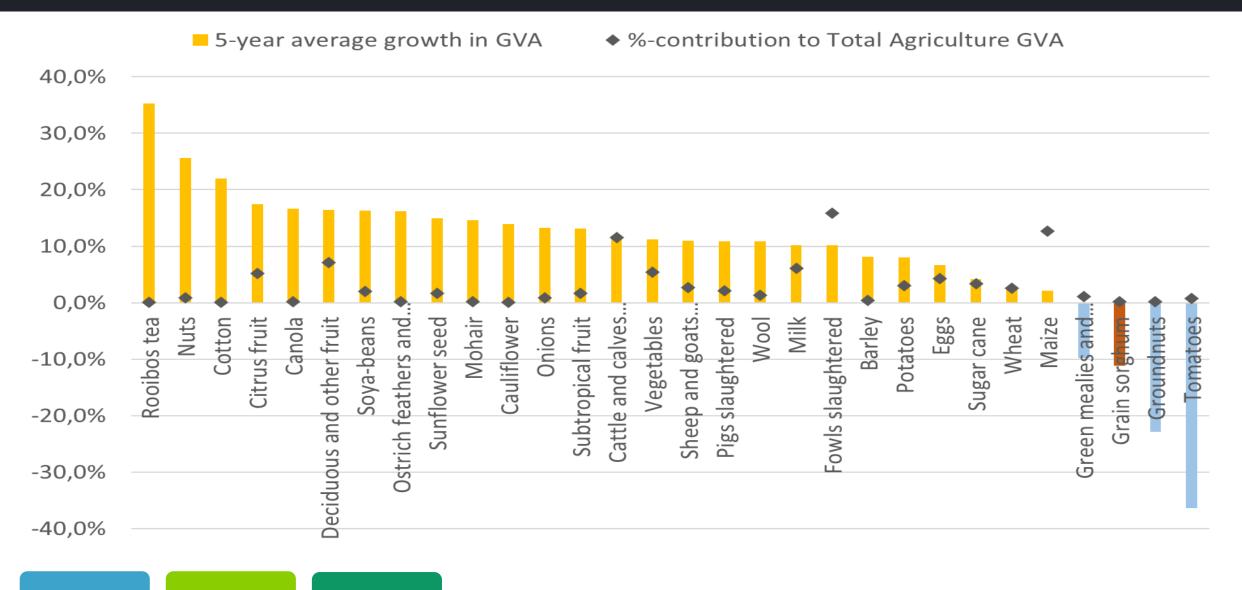
### NDP targets – BFAP's score sheet



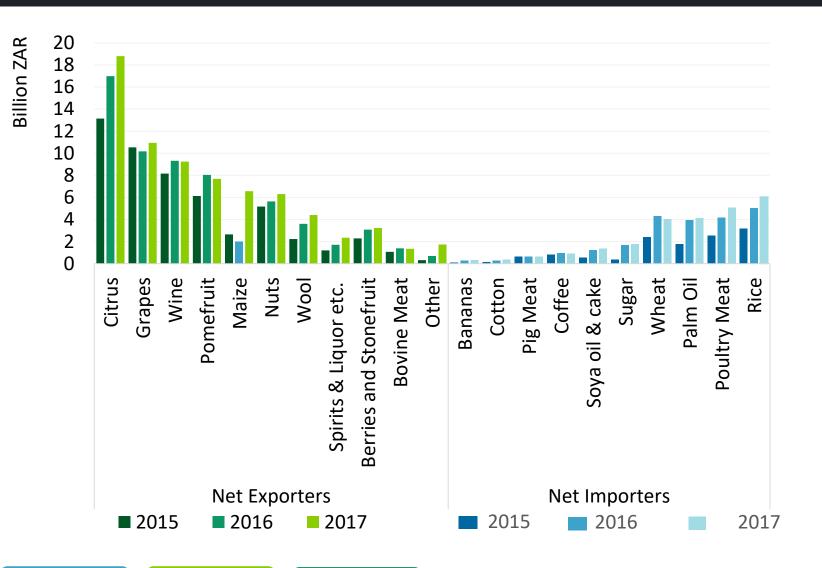
	83 000	<ul> <li>Subsistence farmers with &lt;0.5 ha</li> <li>Small scale farmers between</li> </ul>	NDP Target	Indicator
	165 000	0.5 and 5 ha of land ■ Small scale farmers with >5 ha of land	Land reform	Νο
	75 000	<ul> <li>Better utilisation of redistributed land</li> <li>High-value irrigation crops</li> <li>Non-labour intensive field</li> </ul>	Jobs: High value crops	Yes
		<ul> <li>Non-labour intensive held crops</li> <li>Non-labour intensive livestock</li> <li>Secondary jobs created in the</li> </ul>	Jobs: Under-utilised land, homelands etc.	Νο
200000		value chains	Agro -processing	Yes

### High-growth industries are on track





### Export performance: Agriculture





- SA a net exporter of agricultural products
- Horticulture leading export performance

   rapid growth in
   Citrus exports, nuts, wool
- Significant imports: rice, poultry, palm oil, wheat

### Market access for South African products



**SACU:** Southern African Customs Union

**GSTP:** Global System of Trade Preferences among developing countries

**PTN:** Protocol on Trade Negotiation

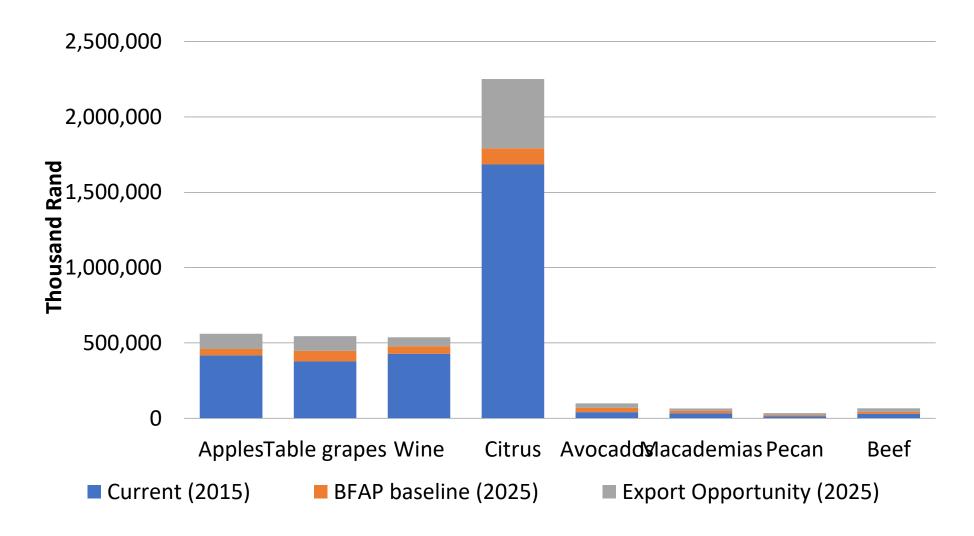
Source: SHAFFE, 2018

	South Africa	Australia	New Zealand	Peru	Chile	Argentina	Uruguay
China		Bilateral	Bilateral	Bilateral	Bilateral		
Hong Kong (China)					Bilateral		
India	SACU (Plurilateral)			GSTP	Bilateral GSTP	GSTP Mercosur- India Bilateral	GSTP Mercosur- India Bilateral
Indonesia		ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	GSTP	GSTP	GSTP	
Japan		Bilateral		Bilateral	Bilateral		
South Korea		Bilateral		Bilateral GSTP PTN	Bilateral GSTP PTN	GSTP	PTN
Malaysia		Bilateral ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	Bilateral ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	GSTP	Bilateral GSTP	GSTP	
Philippines		ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	GSTP PTN	GSTP PTN	GSTP	PTN
Thailand		Bilateral ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	Bilateral ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	GSTP	GSTP	GSTP	
Vietnam		ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	Bilateral ASEAN-Australia- New Zealand	GSTP	Bilateral	GSTP	

## If we get things right - R6 billion additional exports

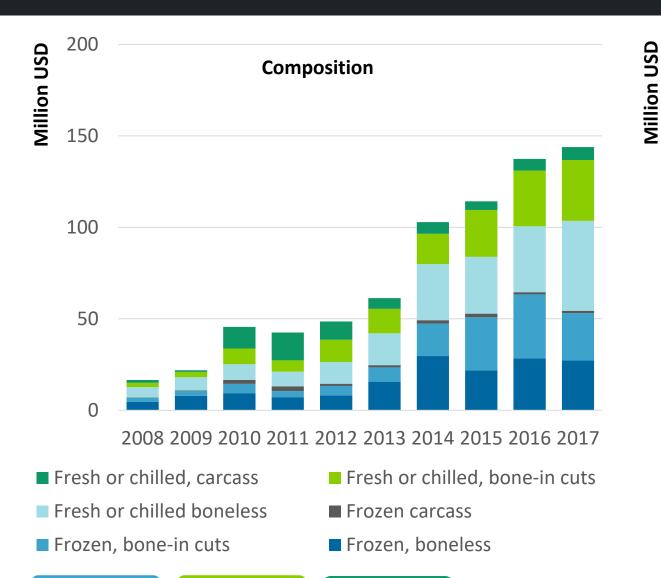
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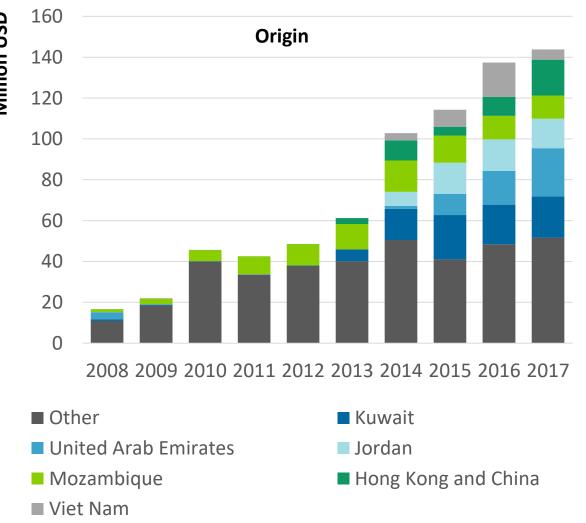
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### Disease management is critical: Beef exports



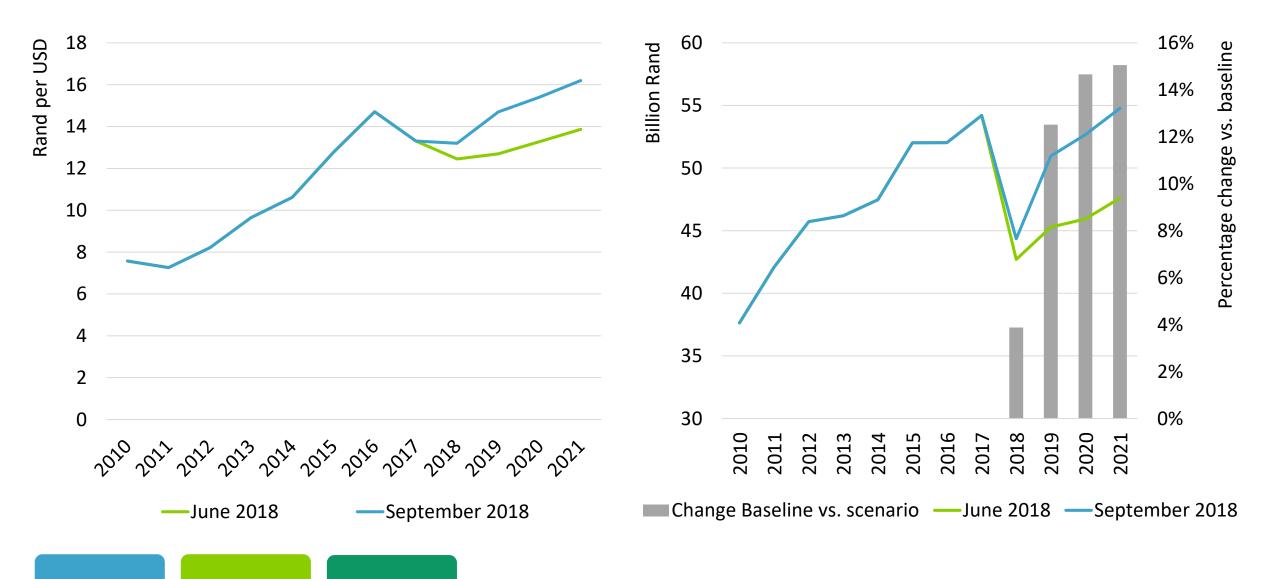




#### Source: ITC Trademap, 2018

### Recent exchange rate depreciation

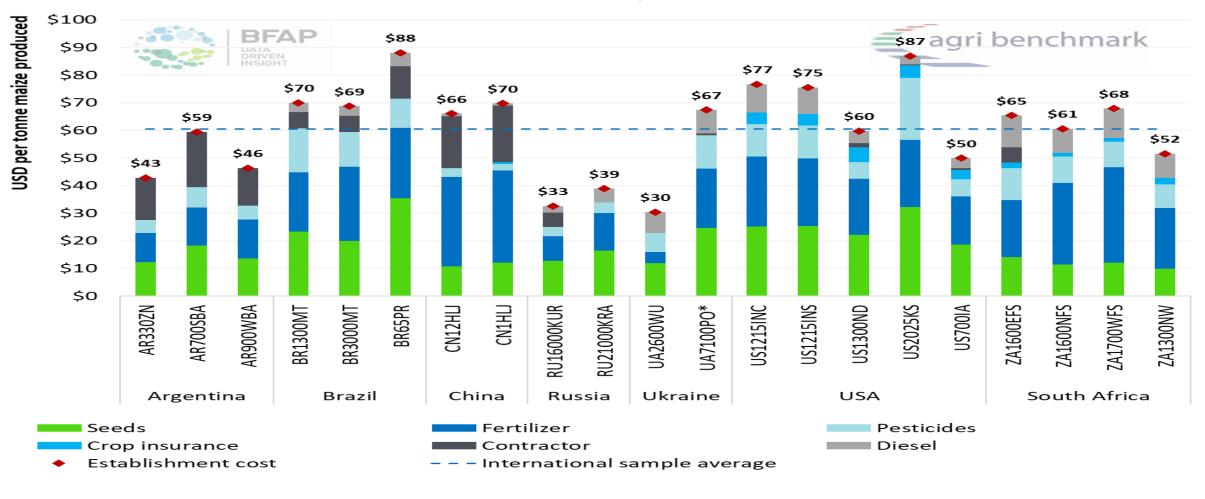




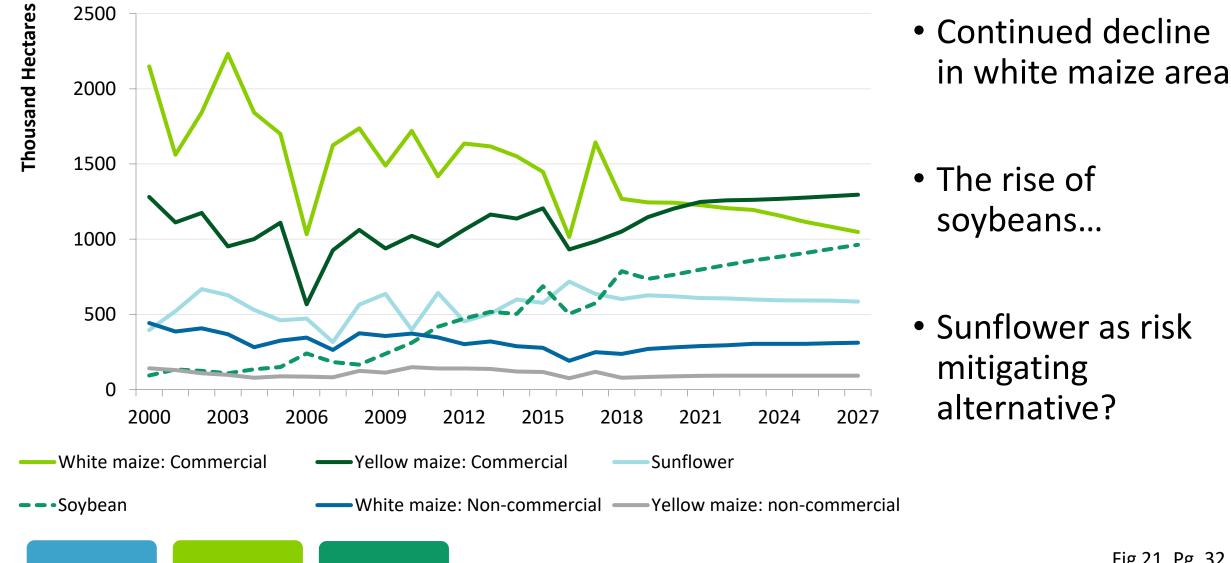
### Global competitiveness remains high



#### Maize cost of production \$/ton



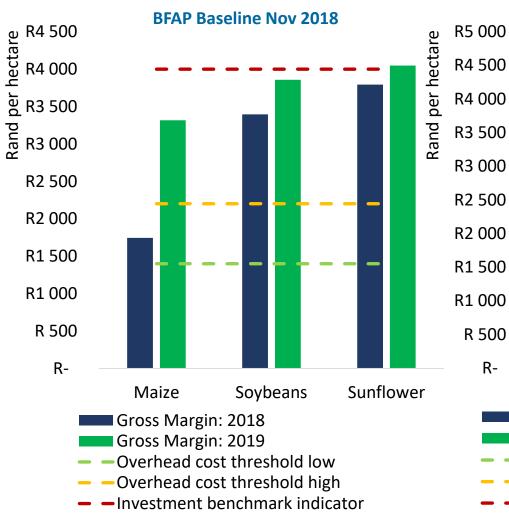
### Sustainable rotation and risk mitigation



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### Gross Margin: 2018 vs. 2019





31 day price average: 15 Aug - 26 Sep 2018: March 2019 futures R 500 R-Maize Soybeans Sunflower Gross Margin: 2018 Gross Margin: 2019 Overhead cost threshold low Overhead cost threshold high Investment benchmark indicator

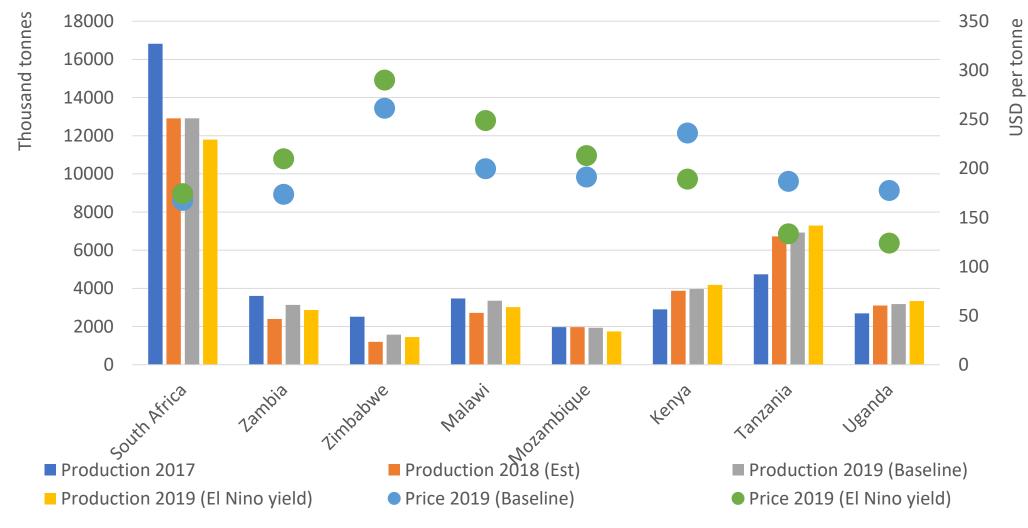
Average gross margin outlook for 3 crops in 9 agro-ecological zones

2 graphs, different price assumptions: left = BFAP Baseline Nov 2018 assumptions vs. right = 31 day moving average price assumptions for March 2019

- Improved outlook for maize from 2018 to 2019
- Soybeans under baseline outperform maize in 2019; existing futures for stipulated period – maize marginally better opposed to soybeans
- Sunflower remain good alternative for Western producing regions
- 2018 Several regions not able to cover overhead expenditure



### Potential El-Nino in 2018/19 on region

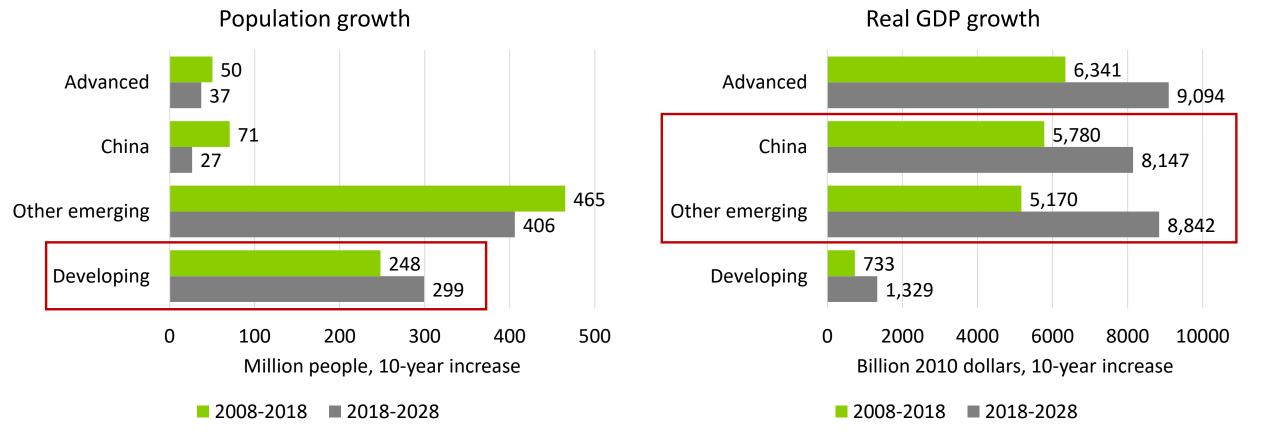






### Growth of population and GDP





- Population growth: Developing regions accelerating, slower for advanced, China & other emerging markets
- Projected income to grow in all regions, but proportionally higher in China & other EM
- Impact of rising incomes in advanced, emerging & developing countries?

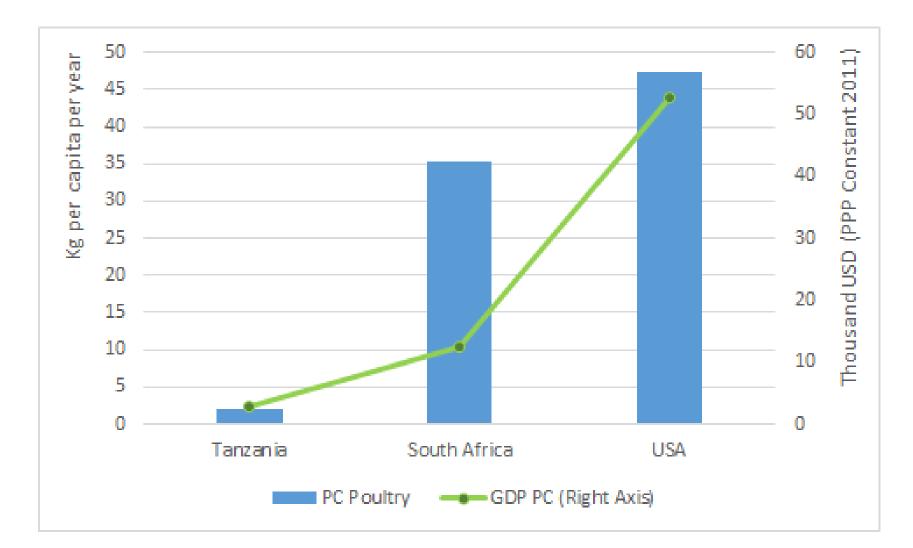
SOURCE: FAPRI, 2018

### Keeping growth within context of market size

#### **Poultry consumption and PC GDP**

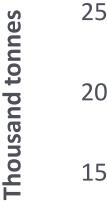
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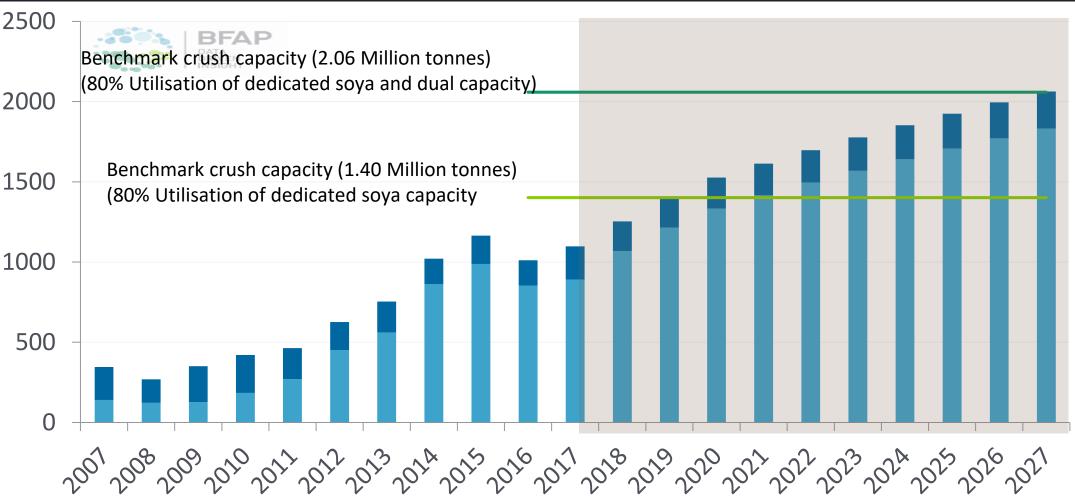
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### Major investments in Ag-processing







Soybean crush

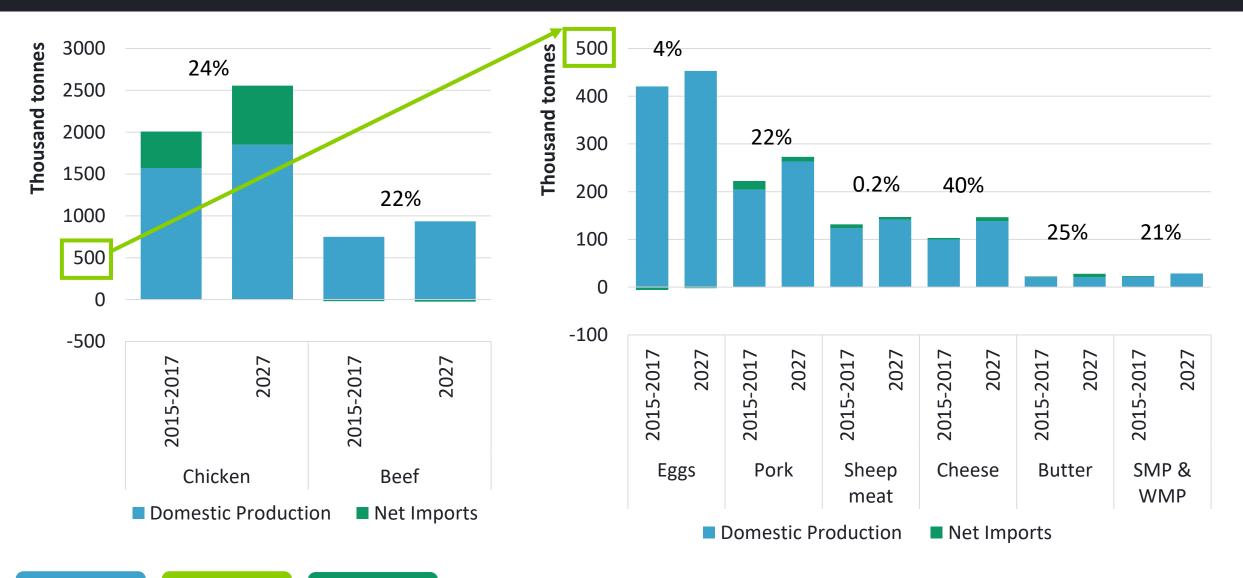
-Soya crush capacity (80% utilisation)

Soybean full fat

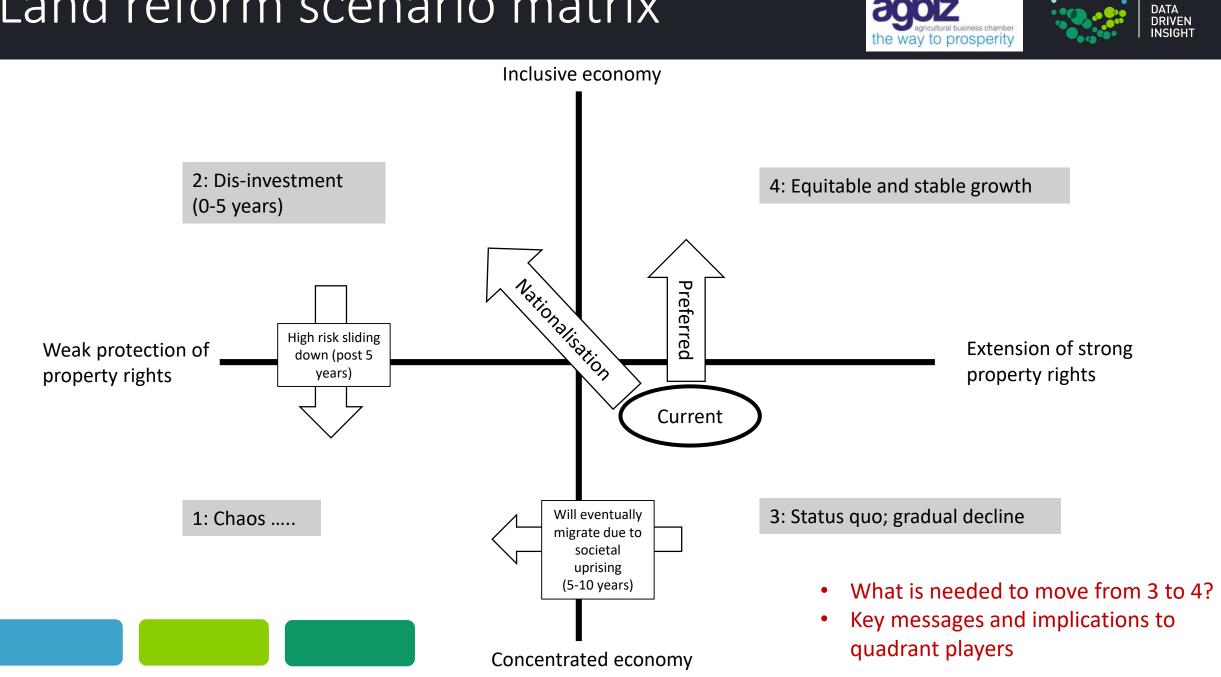
-Soya and dual crush capacity (80% utilisation)

### Consistent growth in SA demand





### Land reform scenario matrix

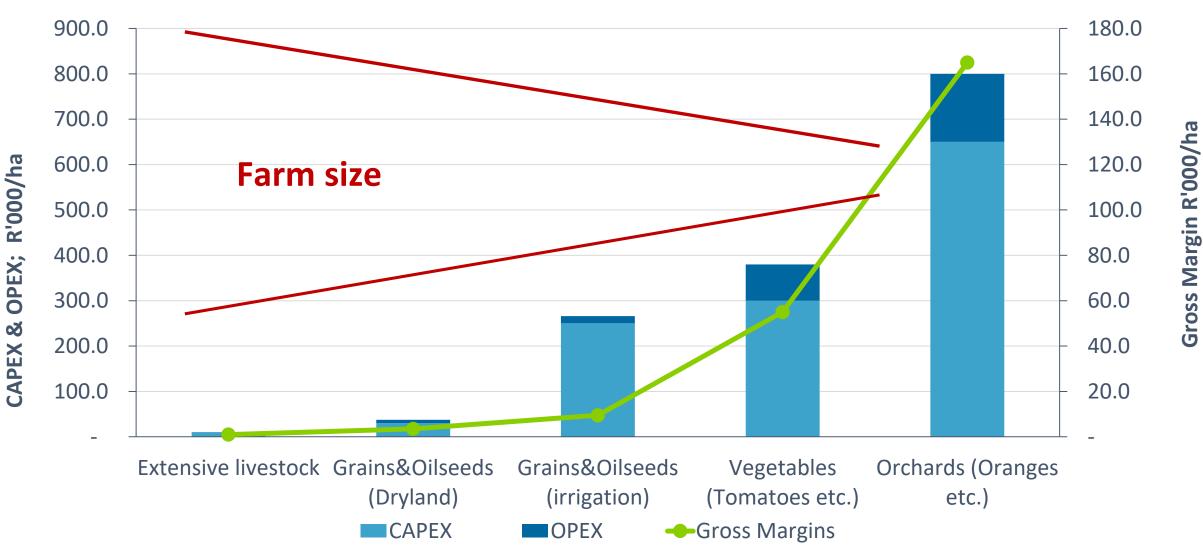


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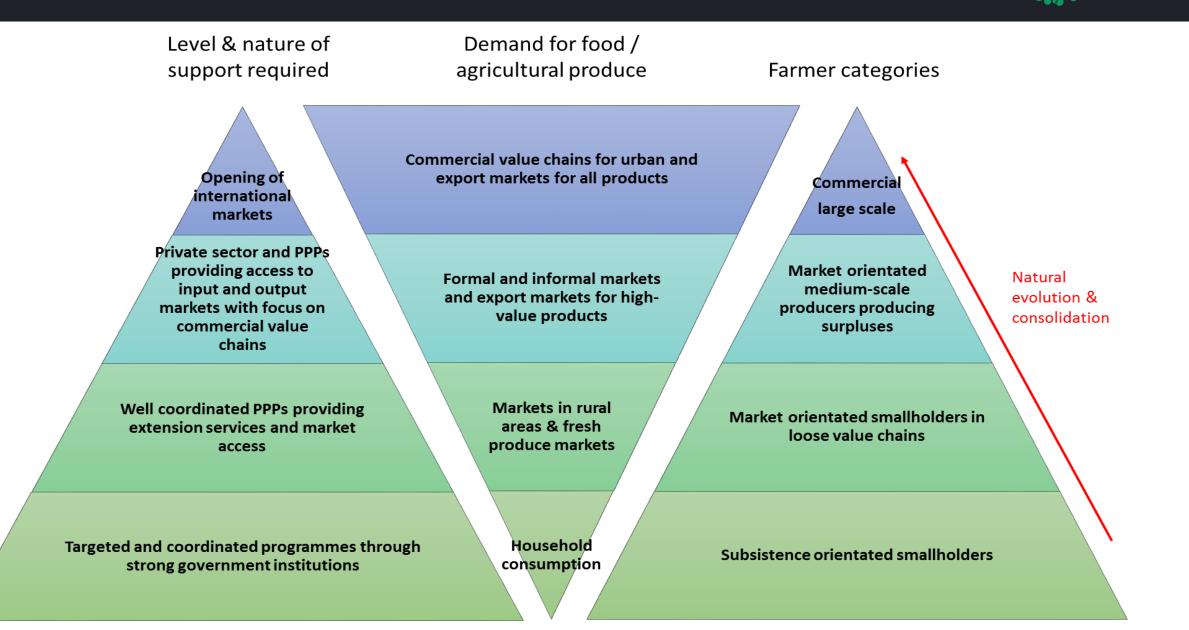
### Land Reform: One size does **NOT** fit all!



Net revenue per hectare (National 5-year averages)



### Land Reform – the portfolio approach

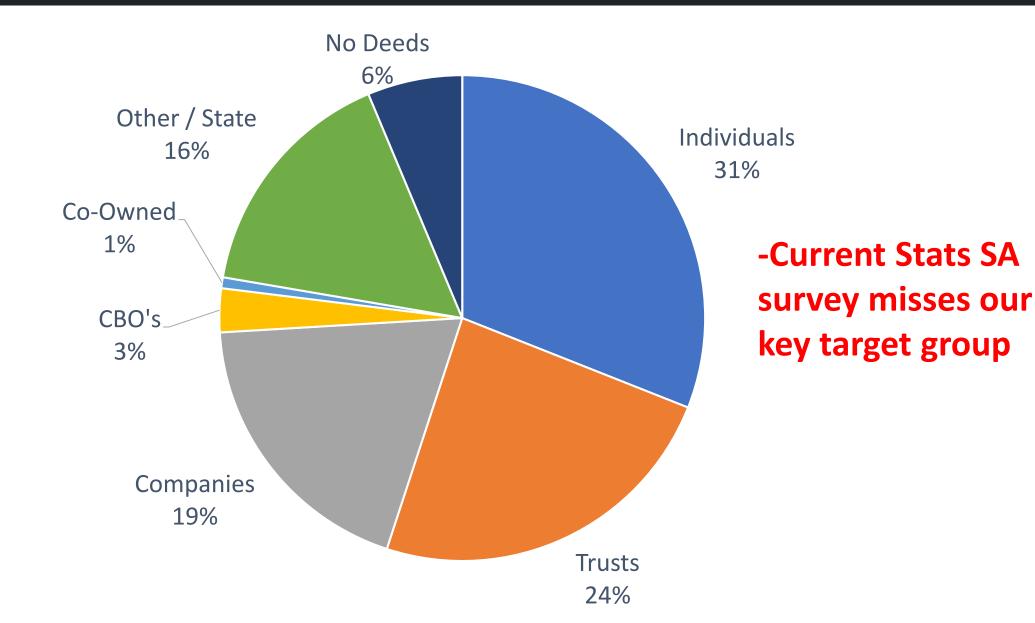


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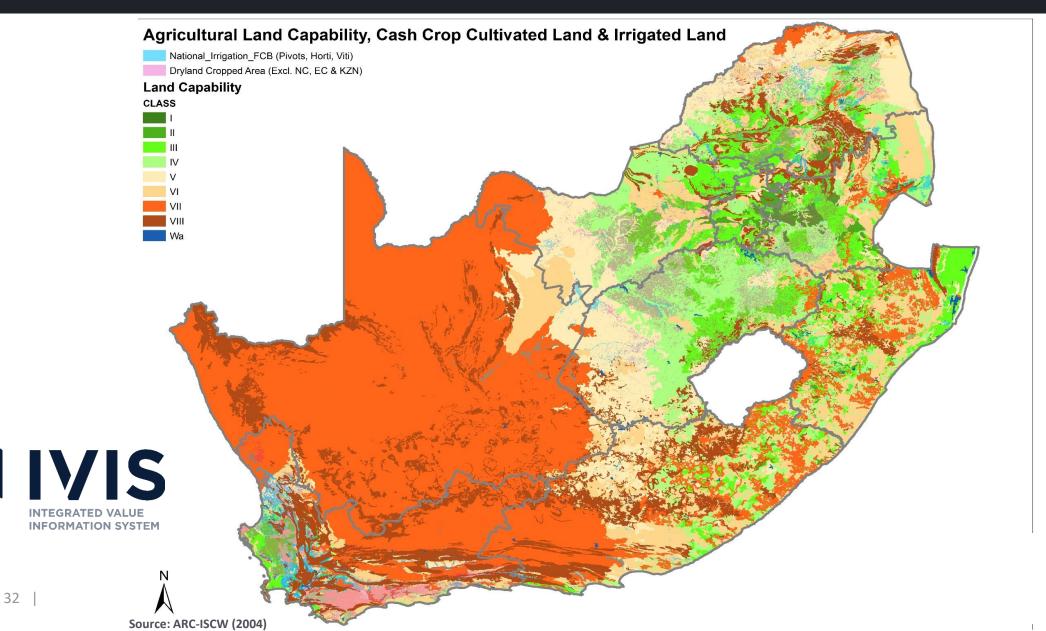
### Lack of statistics



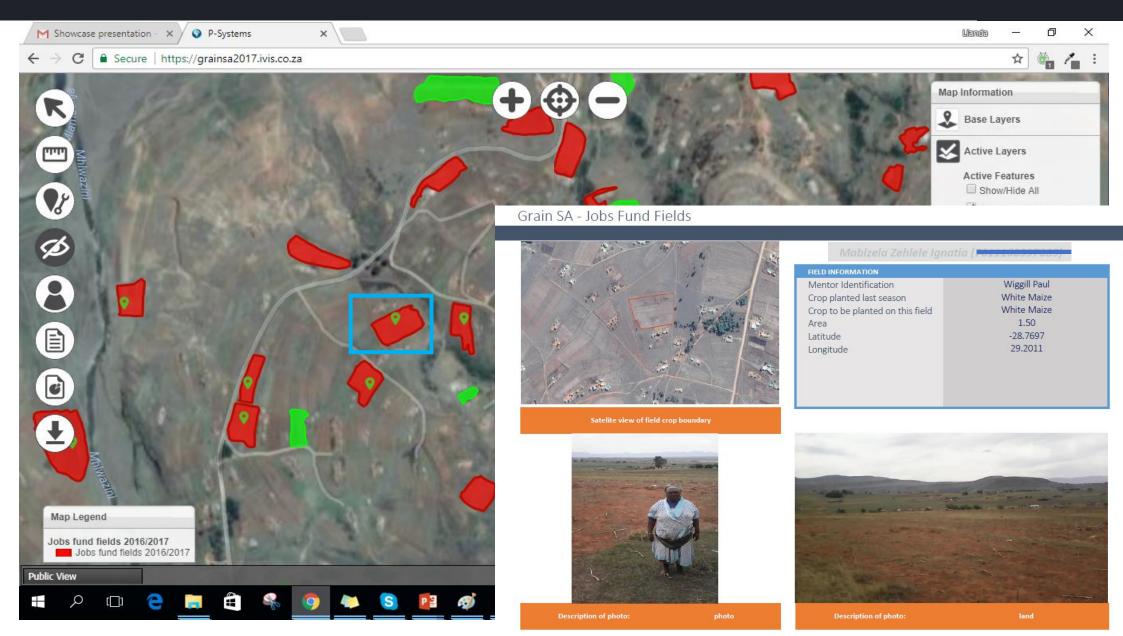


### Natural Resource Base – spatial targeting





### Grain SA Jobsfund Project

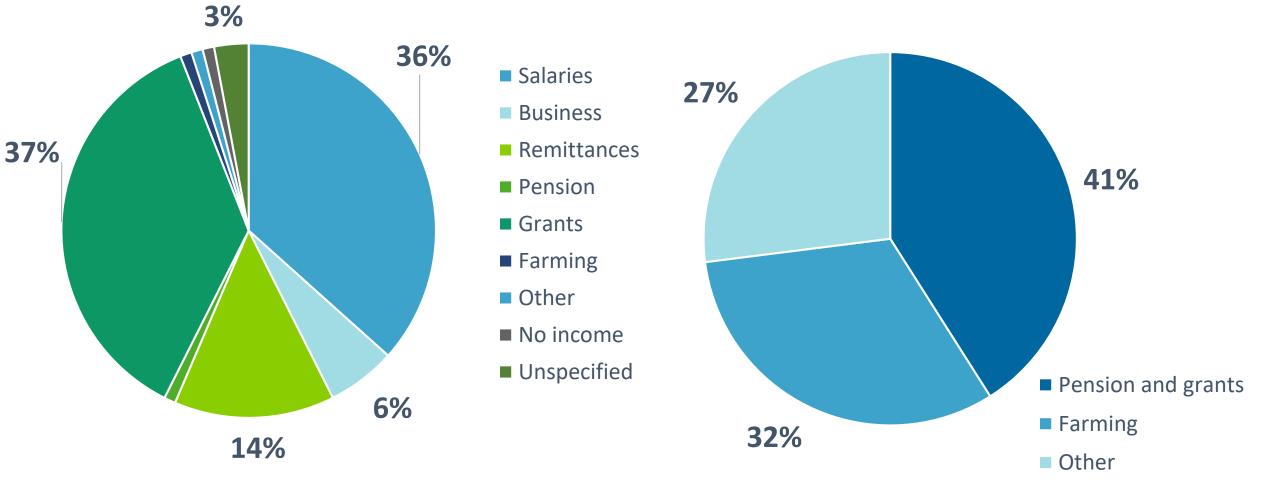


### Farming as a source of income

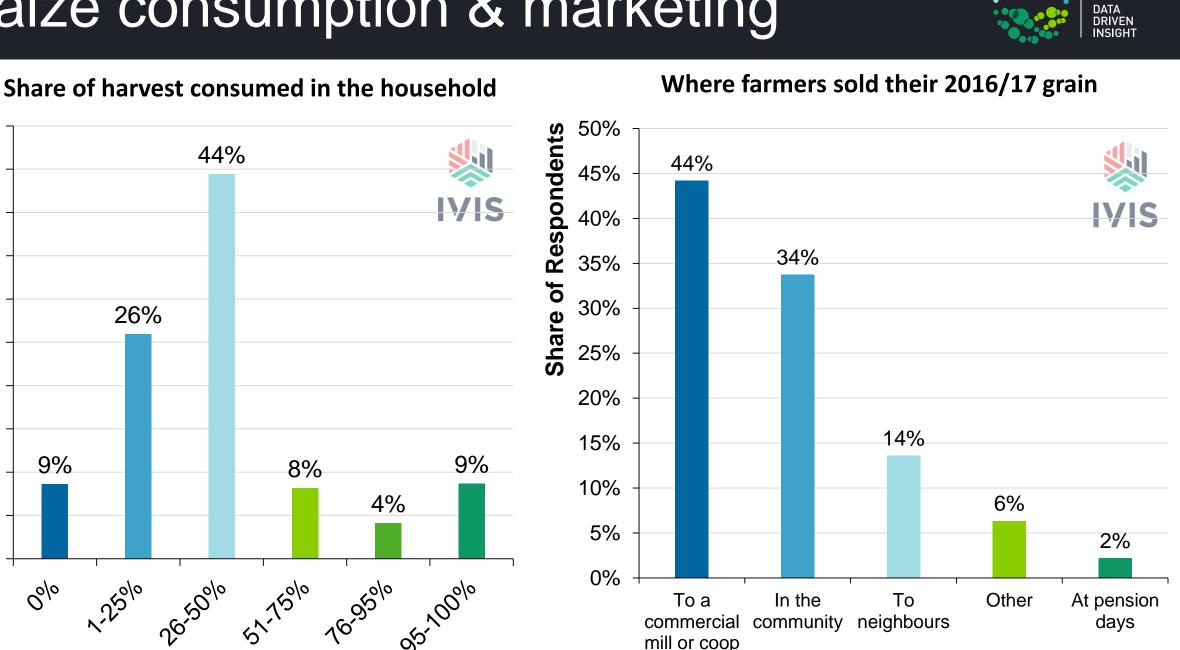


#### StatsSA 2015 Household survey

### 2016/17 Jobs Fund - GrainSA supported developing farmers



### Maize consumption & marketing



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Share of Respondents 44% 45% 40% 35% 30% 26% 25% 20% 15% 9% 8% 10% 5% 0% ~25°10 26.50°10 57.75°10 76.95°10 57.00°10 0%

50%

### Concluding thoughts

- The "Go Do's":
  Market-led land reform
  Unlock under-utilised land....yes, it will cost direct support!
- Infrastructure: water, water, water .....
- Services...collapse of municipalities
- Opening of more export markets BFAP

