

Factors Affecting Farmers' Participation in Agricultural Projects in Mkhondo Municipality of Mpumalanga Province, South Africa

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ABSTRACT The study examines factors affecting farmer participation in agricultural projects in Mpumalanga. A simple random sampling technique was used in selecting 150 farmers from the selected communities. Data was gathered through the use of structured questionnaire and analyzed using frequency counts, percentages and multiple regression analysis was used to identify the determinants of household welfare. The findings of the study show that 33 percent of farmers range from 50 to 60 years, 41 percent of farmers obtained primary education, 46 percent of the farmers have a family size of between 6 to 10 people with 67.3 percent receiving information from radio and 58.7 percent are willing to participate in agricultural projects. Significant determinants of farmers participation in agricultural programmes are effectiveness of CASP ($t = 3.34$), effectiveness of CRDP ($t = 1.81$), attitude ($t = 2.60$), household headship ($t = -1.96$), livestock enterprise ($t = 2.39$), and income ($t = 2.10$).