

**Factors Affecting Small Scale Farmers in Accessing Markets:
A Case Study of Cabbage Producers in the Vhembe District,
Limpopo Province of South Africa**

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ABSTRACT The present study investigates factors that affect small scale cabbage farmers in accessing markets. Using discriminant analysis, data collected from 29 cabbage farmers were analysed to determine whether there are statistically significant differences that existed between the average score profiles for the two groups of farmers:- those who had access to markets and those who did not. The results indicated that the independent variables that accounted for most of the differences were, transaction costs, agricultural extension education, level of education of farmers, distance farm to market, where farmers sell their produce, and value of equipment owned by farmers. It was recommended that for small scale cabbage farmers to access markets for their agricultural produce, measures to mitigate the identified constraints need to be in place.