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INTRODUCTION

1. Background

High-quality agricultural statistics plays a vital role in assessing the performance of national agricultural programs and hence, imperative for evidence-based decision making. While the use of statistics in decision-making processes continues to grow, the demand for agriculture data is also increasing. In this regard, the National Institute of Statistics of Rwanda (NISR) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resource (MINAGRI) conducts the Seasonal Agricultural Survey (SAS) to gather agriculture information mainly related to potential agricultural land use, crop area, yield, and production, agricultural inputs, agricultural practices as well as other agricultural statistics.

The survey data are supplemented by administrative records collected by the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB) through routine activities of monitoring coffee and tea production. NISR conducts the Seasonal Agricultural Survey (SAS) following three main agricultural seasons. Season A (September to February of the following year), Season B (March to June) while Season C (July-September) is a shorter season mainly for vegetables and sweet potato grown in swamps and Irish potato grown in the volcanic agro-ecological zone.

2. Objectives of the Seasonal Agricultural Survey (SAS)

The main objective of SAS is to provide timely, accurate, reliable, and comprehensive agricultural statistics that describe the structure of agriculture in Rwanda mainly in terms of land use, crop area, yield, and crop production. The survey results are useful to monitor the current agricultural and food supply conditions to facilitate evidence-based decision making for the development of the agricultural sector.

The survey specifically captures data related to land use, including agricultural land, arable land, physical crop cultivated area, crop land, pasture land, and fallow land. It also gathers information on crop production, measuring the quantity of harvested crop in kilograms or tons. Additionally, the survey assesses crop yield, indicating the quantity of crop harvested per unit of land area in kilograms per hectare. Moreover, it examines the use of inputs such as improved seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides. Finally, the survey delves into various agricultural practices, including irrigation, soil erosion protection, agroforestry, and agriculture mechanisation

3. Sample frame design

To provide the basis for conducting probability surveys that comprehensively cover farm-level data and to enhance the precision of survey estimates, SAS uses a Multiple Frame Sampling (MFS) methodology. This approach involves constructing an area frame from which the survey sample is drawn. In addition, a list frame of Large-Scale Farmers (LSF), with at least 10 hectares of agricultural land, is done to complement the area frame. This ensures coverage of crops predominantly cultivated by large-scale farmers, which may not be adequately represented in the area frame alone. The construction of an area frame involves several steps, including land cover classification, land stratification and sampling of segments.

SURVEY DESIGN

1.1. Land cover classification

Land classification is the first step in the designing of the sampling frame of the Seasonal Agriculture Survey. This process involves categorizing the total available land in the country into different land use or land cover types with the purpose of enhancing sampling precision by targeting the adequate land. With a combination of different spatial layers available in the country, plus a photo interpretation of a series (2010 to 2023) of high-resolution (50 to 30 cm) satellite images the total land of the country was divided into 14 land cover classes (as shown in Table 1).

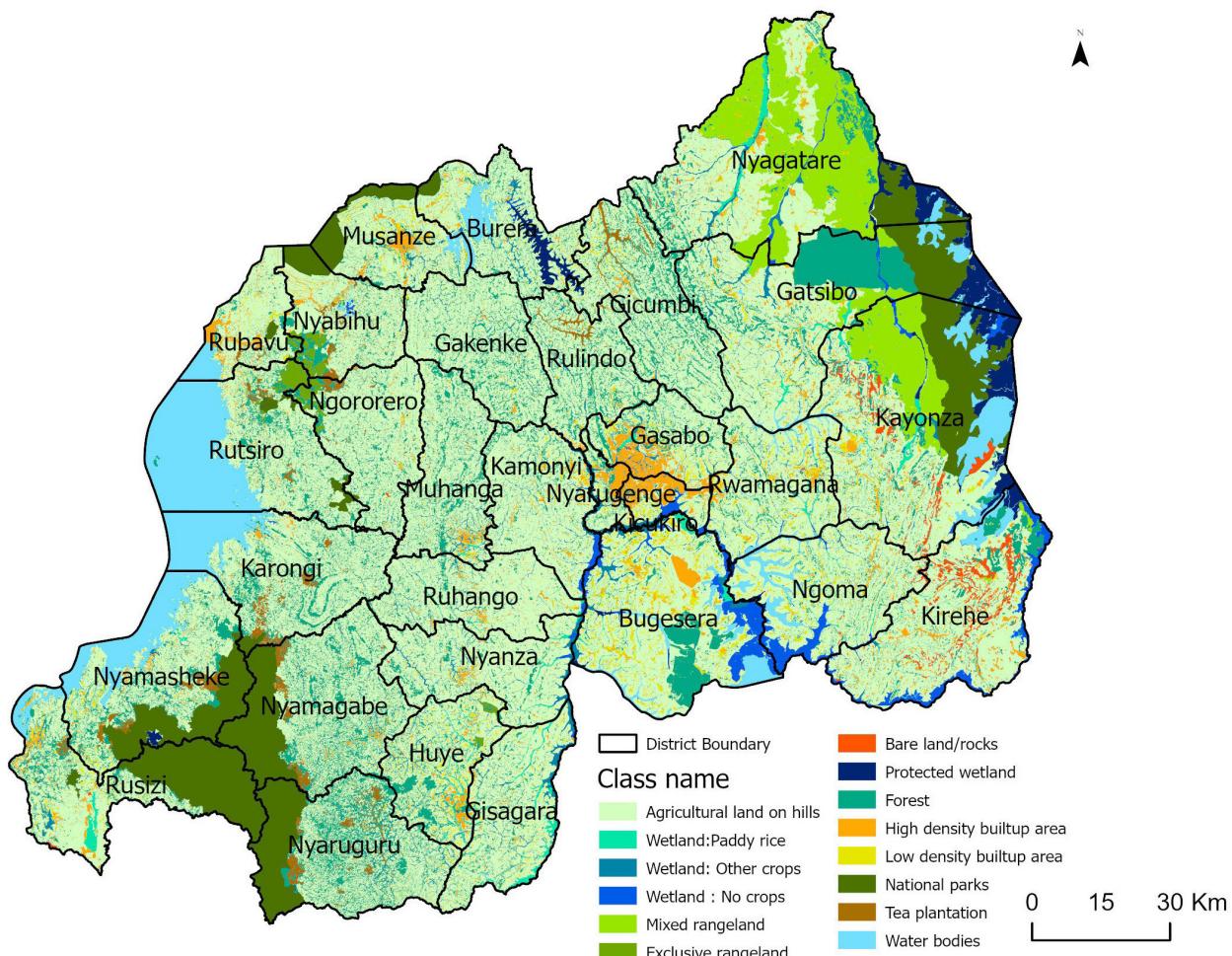
Table 1: List of Rwanda land cover classes

No	Class name	Area (Ha)	%age share
1	Agricultural land on hills	1,307,956	51.7
2	Non-rice Agricultural Wetland	56,905	2.2
3	Mixed rangeland	127,640	5.0
4	Low-density built-up area	95,740	3.8
5	Paddy rice wetland	22,825	0.9
6	Tea plantation	23,732	0.9
7	Non cropped wetlands	36,846	1.5
8	Forest	381,391	15.1
9	National parks	190,247	7.5
10	Water bodies	155,030	6.1
11	High-density built-up area	58,657	2.3
12	Protected wetland	45,883	1.8
13	Bare land/rocks	15,412	0.6
14	Exclusive rangeland	13,064	0.5

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Among 14 land cover classes, only 6 are related to agricultural activities include Agricultural land on hillside, non-rice agricultural Wetland, mixed rangeland, Low-density built-up area, wetlands designated for Paddy rice and Tea plantation.

Map 1: Rwanda land classification map done in 2023



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

The subsequent step involves constructing the area frame which includes grouping the land cover classes linked to agricultural activities into strata to identify agricultural strata to be considered in the sampling frame

1.2. Land stratification.

The stratification is a result of a combination of sampling units (clusters) and land use/land cover. The stratification assigns each cluster a stratum based on the predominant land class type. Among the fourteen land cover classes, four are included in the agricultural survey frame, while the others are excluded.

The included land cover classes comprise hillside agricultural land, non-rice agricultural land, mixed rangeland, and Low-density built-up area (with potential for agricultural production, including kitchen gardens, fruit trees, and livestock). Certain agricultural land classes are excluded from the sampling frame. For instance, tea plantations are omitted due to regular monitoring by the National Agricultural Export Development Board (NAEB), and wetlands designated for paddy rice cultivation are typically considered in Large-Scale Farmers, making them another component of the survey frame. Moreover, Since the 2024 SAS, a new land cover class called Exclusive Rangeland has been introduced specifically for areas used for pastoral activities. This class is also excluded from the sampling frame.

By overlapping the clusters layer with land cover classes layer, each cluster is assigned a dominant land cover class as a stratum definition, basing on a defined threshold as follow:

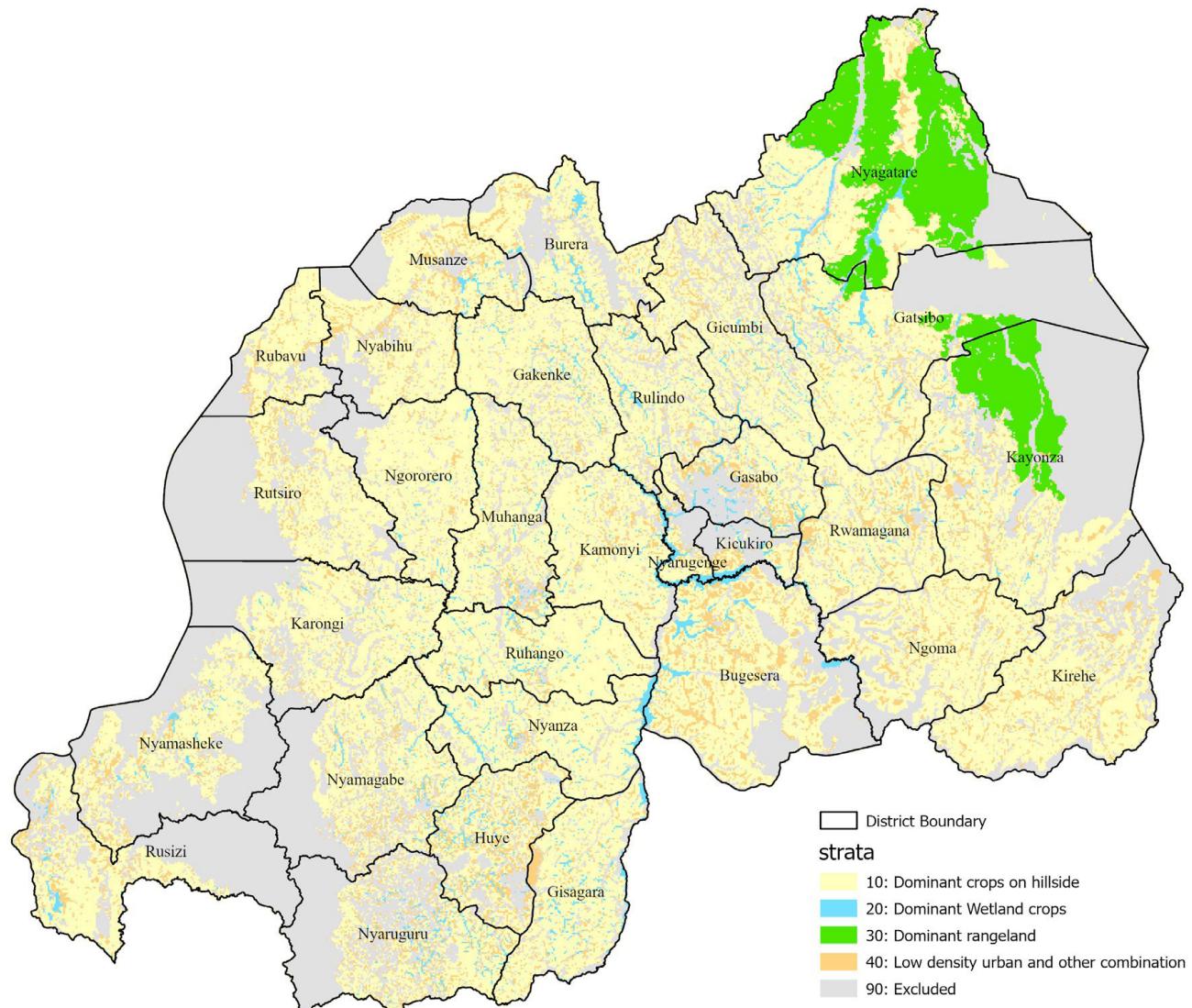
Table 2: List of strata

Stratum code	Stratum name	Definition
1.0	Dominant hill crop land	Clusters with Hillside agricultural land cover class greater or equal to 60 % of the total area of the cluster
2.0	Dominant Wetland crops	Clusters with non-rice wetland land cover class greater than 25 % of total area of the cluster
3.0	Dominant range-land	Clusters with mixed rangeland land cover class greater or equal to 60 % of the total area of the cluster
4.0	Mixed	The rest of other possible combinations
9.0	Excluded	All clusters with excluded land cover classes greater or equal to 50 % of the total area of the cluster

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

The SAS sample is drawn from four main strata: dominant hill crop land, dominant wetland crops, dominant rangeland, and mixed land strata.

Map 2: Distribution of stratified clusters by district

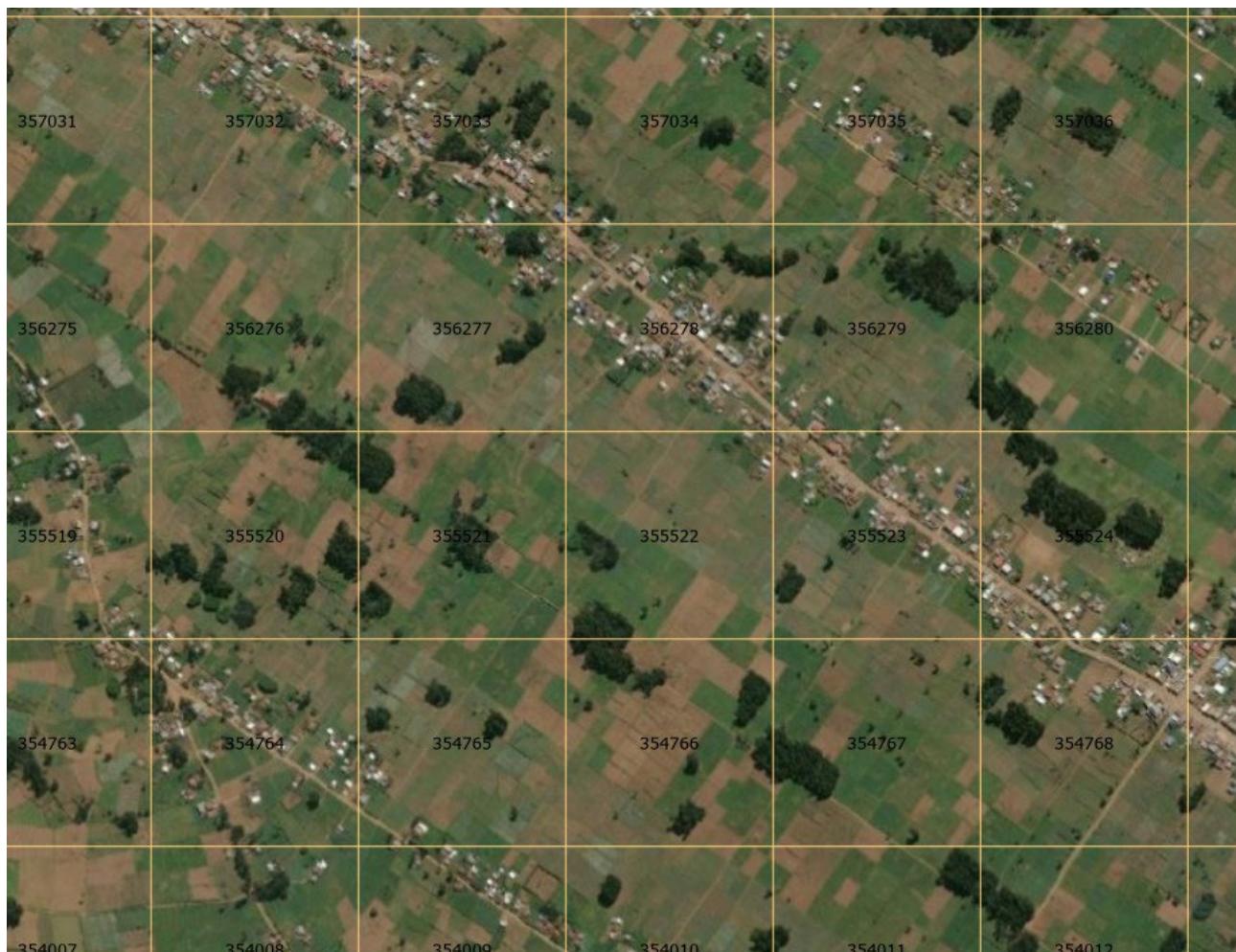


Source: NISR, SAS 2025

1.3. Sampling Units

The Seasonal Agricultural Survey is an area-based sample survey. It uses land sampling units, small square land units of 300 by 300 meters (9ha). Geographic Information System (GIS) technology is used to create the units covering the whole country. In total the sampling frame has 269,989 square units (clusters). Each one of the clusters is identified with a unique cluster number as shown on the map below.

Map 3: SAS Sampling Units



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 3: Population size per district by stratum (Number of segments)

District	Stratum						Total
	Dominant hill crop land	Dominant wetland crops	Dominant Rangeland	Mixed stratum	Excluded stratum		
Nyarugenge	534	238	-	168	524		1,464
Gasabo	2,165	283	-	697	1,632		4,777
Kicukiro	461	179	-	233	1,000		1,873
Nyanza	5,688	520	-	500	744		7,452
Gisagara	5,197	397	-	824	1,077		7,495
Nyaruguru	3,568	343	-	1,300	6,027		11,238
Huye	3,160	346	-	1,466	1,496		6,468

District	Stratum						Total
	Dominant hill crop land	Dominant wetland crops	Dominant Rangeland	Mixed stratum	Excluded stratum		
Nyamagabe	5,344	263	-	1,154	5,352		12,113
Ruhango	5,663	336	-	489	487		6,975
Muhanga	4,983	237	-	760	1,200		7,180
Kamonyi	5,530	320	-	704	777		7,331
Karongi	5,757	117	-	726	2,159		8,759
Rutsiro	4,511	-	-	776	2,083		7,370
Rubavu	2,516	-	-	446	843		3,805
Nyabihu	3,481	-	-	671	1,896		6,048
Ngororero	5,580	134	-	461	1,276		7,451
Rusizi	3,731	155	-	886	5,500		10,272
Nyamasheke	4,584	134	-	953	4,839		10,510
Rulindo	4,144	304	-	625	1,219		6,292
Gakenke	5,934	249	-	671	966		7,820
Musanze	3,111	126	-	769	1,869		5,875
Burera	4,256	260	-	667	1,976		7,159
Gicumbi	5,883	208	-	950	2,176		9,217
Rwamagana	5,060	163	-	1,194	1,122		7,539
Nyagatare	6,591	516	9,112	1,112	4,050		21,381
Gatsibo	7,362	435	788	1,100	7,781		17,466
Kayonza	6,471	149	3,825	1,293	9,730		21,468
Kirehe	7,704			1,501	3,972		13,177
Ngoma	6,293		-	1,201	2,154		9,648
Bugesera	6,957	612	-	2,341	4,456		14,366
National	142,219	7,024	13,725	26,638	80,383		269,989

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

1.4. Sampling procedures

Out of Five defined strata, only dominant hill crop land stratum, dominant wetland crops stratum, dominant rangeland stratum and mixed stratum are considered as land potential for agriculture. The remaining stratum is the non-agricultural land. Note that clusters covered by tea plantations and wetlands designated for paddy rice cultivation are not considered in the area sample frame due to reasons stated above. Thus, SAS is conducted on 4 above mentioned strata. At first stage, 1200 segments are selected and allocated at district level based on the power allocation approach (Bankier, 1988¹). Sampled segments inside each district are distributed among strata with a proportional-to-area criterion.

Table 4: Allocation of 1200 sampled segments per district by stratum

District	Agricultural land on hillside	Agricultural land in marshland	Rangeland	Mixed	Total
Nyarugenge	12	6		2	20
Gasabo	22	4		3	29
Kicukiro	13	5		2	20
Nyanza	37	4		2	43
Gisagara	33	5		3	41
Nyaruguru	25	3		7	35
Huye	27	3		5	35
Nyamagabe	36	2		6	44
Ruhango	36	3		3	42
Muhanga	33	3		4	40
Kamonyi	36	3		4	43
Karongi	38	2		3	43

¹ Bankier M.D. (1988) Power allocations: determining sample sizes for subnational areas. The American Statistician, Vol. 42, n. 3 pp. 174-177.

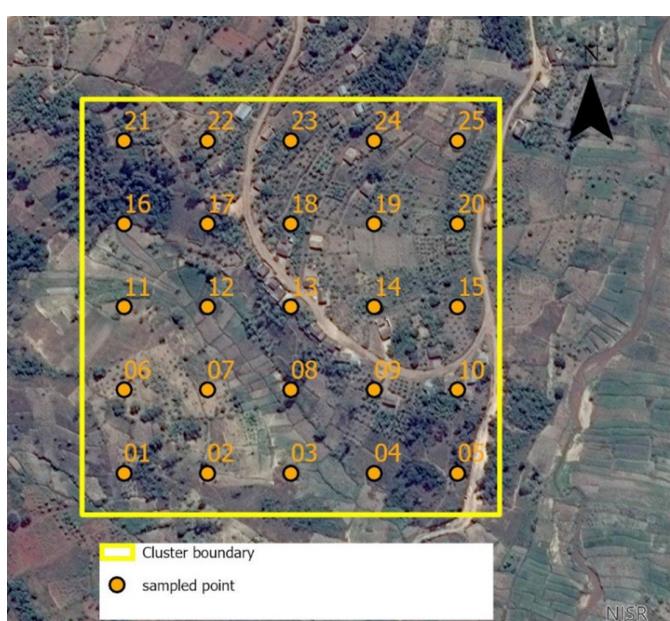
District	Agricultural land on hillside	Agricultural land in marshland	Rangeland	Mixed	Total
Rutsiro	34			4	38
Rubavu	21			4	25
Nyabihu	29			3	32
Ngororero	38	2		3	43
Rusizi	27	2		5	34
Nyamasheke	31	2		5	38
Rulindo	28	3		4	35
Gakenke	37	2		4	43
Musanze	24	2		4	30
Burera	30	2		3	35
Gicumbi	37	2		5	44
Rwamagana	34	2		6	42
Nyagatare	31	5	25	7	68
Gatsibo	38	3	5	5	51
Kayonza	32	2	13	5	52
Kirehe	45			9	54
Ngoma	39			6	45
Bugesera	45	3		8	56
Total	948	75	43	134	1,200

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

At the second stage, 25 sample points are systematically selected, following a special distance of 60 meters between points. Sample points serve as reporting units within each segment. Enumerators visit each point, identify and delineate the plots in which the sample point falls, and collect records of land use and related information.

The recorded information represents the characteristics of the whole segment which are extrapolated to the stratum level and hence the combination of strata within each district provides district area related statistics.

Map 4: Map showing square cluster (segment) with 25 sampled points



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

1.5. Weighting Procedures

Based on the stratified two-stage sample design used with the new area frame, the first stage sampling probability for the sample segments in each stratum is calculated as:

$$p_{1h} = \frac{n_h}{N_h}$$

Where:

p_{1h} = probability of selection of sample segments in stratum h (district by stratum)

n_h = number of sample segments selected in stratum h

N_h = total number of segments in the area frame for stratum h in each stratum

$$p_{2hi} = \frac{g_{hi} \times A_{hij}}{A_{hi} \times g_{hij}}$$

The second stage probability was calculated at the plot level based on the assumption that the plots within each sample segment were implicitly selected with PPS using the area of the plot as the measure of size. Therefore, the second stage probability of selection can be expressed as follows:

Where:

p_{2h} = Probability of selection of the plot in segment h

g_{hi} = Number of grid squares selected in the i-th sample segment of stratum h;

A_{hij} = Area of the j-th sample plot selected in the i-th sample segment of stratum h

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g_{hij} = Number of selected grid squares in the j-th sample plot of the i-th sample segment of stratum h

The weight of a sample plot is equal to the inverse of the first and second stage probabilities of selection:

$$W_{Phij} = \frac{1}{p_{1h} \times p_{2hi}} = \frac{N_h \times A_{hi} \times g_{hij}}{n_h \times g_{hi} \times A_{hij}}$$

Where:

W_{Phij} = weight for the j-th sample plot in the i-th sample segment in stratum h

1.6. Sampling errors computation

The sample survey results can be subject to two types of errors: (i) sampling errors and (ii) non-sampling errors. Non-sampling errors encompass all sources of errors unrelated to sampling, occurring throughout all aspects of the survey process during data collection and processing. They are categorized into four types: coverage errors, measurement errors, non-response errors, and processing errors. While researchers take steps to minimize these errors during the survey design and implementation phases, it's practically impossible to eliminate them. Non-sampling errors, in particular, can be extremely challenging to identify and quantify accurately. Despite our best efforts, there's always some degree of uncertainty associated with survey results due to the presence of these errors.

Sampling errors are associated with the sampling selection process, arising from observing a sample instead

of the entire population. They denote the disparity between the estimate derived from a sample survey and the true value that would result if a census of the whole population were conducted under the same conditions.

In order to examine the precision of the most important estimates from the SAS 2025 Season A data and the statistical efficiency of the agricultural area frame and sample design, it is important to calculate the sampling errors and corresponding coefficients of variation (CVs) for these estimates, such as the total area in each major crop. The sampling error of each estimate is measured by the standard error, which is the square root of the variance. The Complex Samples module of SPSS and Stata use a linearized Taylor series variance estimator that considers the stratification and clustering in the sample design.

The SPSS Complex Samples software had been used to calculate the sampling errors and CVs for estimates of the total area of major crops from the SAS data.

The formula for the estimate of a total can be expressed as follows:

$$\hat{Y} = \sum_{h=1}^L \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \sum_{j=1}^{m_h} W_{hi} y_{hij},$$

Where:

L = number of strata

y_{hij} = value of variable y for the j-th sample household in the i-th sample segment in stratum h

The variance estimator for a total used by the Complex Samples module of SPSS and Stata can be expressed as follows:

Variance Estimator for a Total :

$$V(\hat{Y}) = \sum_{h=1}^L \left[\frac{n_h}{n_h - 1} \times \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \left(\hat{Y}_h - \frac{\hat{Y}_h}{n_h} \right)^2 \right],$$

Where

$$\hat{Y}_h = \sum_{j=1}^{m_h} W_{hi} y_{hij}$$

y_{hij} = value of variable y for the j-th sample plot in the i-th sample segment of stratum h

The survey estimate of a ratio is defined as follows:

$$\hat{Y}_h = \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \hat{Y}_h$$

$$\hat{R} = \frac{\hat{Y}}{\hat{X}},$$

Where \hat{Y} and \hat{X} are estimates of totals for variables y and x, respectively, calculated as specified previously.

In the case of a stratified two-stage sample design, means and proportions are special types of ratios. In the case of the mean, the variable X, in the denominator of the ratio, is defined to equal 1 for each unit so that the denominator is the sum of the weights. For a proportion, the variable X in the denominator is also defined to equal 1 for all units; the variable Y in the numerator is binomial and is defined to equal either 0 or 1, depending on the absence or presence, respectively, of a specified characteristic for the unit.

The variance estimator for a ratio used by SPSS Complex Samples and Stata can be expressed as follows:

Variance Estimator for a Total

$$V(\hat{Y}) = \sum_{h=1}^L \left[(1-f_h) \times \frac{n_h}{n_h - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{m_h} \left(\hat{Y}_{hi} - \frac{\hat{Y}_h}{n_h} \right)^2 \right],$$

Where:

$$\hat{Y}_{hi} = \sum_{j=1}^{m_h} W'_{hi} y_{hij}$$

f_h = first stage probability for stratum h; $(1-f_h)$ is the finite population correction (fpc) factor

$$\hat{Y}_h = \sum_{i=1}^{n_h} \hat{Y}_{hi}$$

y_{hij} = value of variable y for the j-th sample plot in the i-th sample segment of stratum h

$$V(\hat{R}) = \frac{I}{\hat{X}^2} [V(\hat{Y}) + \hat{R}^2 V(\hat{X}) - 2 \hat{R} COV(\hat{X}, \hat{Y})],$$

Variance Estimator for a Ratio

$$COV(\hat{X}, \hat{Y}) = \sum_{h=1}^L \left[(1-f_h) \times \frac{n_h}{n_h - 1} \sum_{i=1}^{m_h} \left(\hat{X}_{hi} - \frac{\hat{X}_h}{n_h} \right) \left(\hat{Y}_{hi} - \frac{\hat{Y}_h}{n_h} \right) \right]$$

Where:

$V(\hat{Y})$ and $V(\hat{X})$ are calculated according to the formula for the variance of a total.

In addition to calculating the standard error, the program also computes the Design Effect (DEFF) for the main indicator, which is the area under cultivation. The Design Effect is defined as the variance of an estimate based on the actual complex sample design divided by the corresponding variance from a simple random sample of the same size. It serves as a measure of the relative statistical efficiency of the sample design, taking into account both the stratification and clustering present in the sample design.

The presence of clustering typically increases the design effect, owing to the intra-cluster correlation of plots within the segments. Simultaneously, the land-use stratification of the segments tends to decrease the design effects, as it proves to be more efficient than a simple random sample. This dual consideration of both factors provides a comprehensive assessment of the efficiency of the sample design in capturing the nuances of the area under cultivation. The estimates of the total area of major crops at the national level and the corresponding measures of precision (standard error (SE), the coefficient of variation (CV), the 95 % confidence interval, the design effect (DEFF), and number of unweighted observation (n of sample plots) from the SAS 2025 Season A data are presented in Table 5

Table 5: 2025 Season A_ Sampling Errors for major crops at the national level

Crop name	Estimate	SE	CV	95% Confidence Interval		DEFF	No. observations (plots)
				Lower	Upper		
Maize	244,095	6,391	0.026	231,555	256,635	0.159	8,368
Sorghum	40,353	3,833	0.095	32,832	47,874	0.821	624
Beans	327,147	7,167	0.022	313,084	341,210	1.537	8,331
Paddy rice	17,312	86	0.005	17,142	17,481	0.000	2,544
Irish potato	54,485	3,432	0.063	47,750	61,220	1.144	1,559
Sweet potato	82,458	2,828	0.034	76,909	88,007	2.372	1,627
Soybean	29,361	1,588	0.054	26,245	32,478	0.175	909
Vegetables	20,780	1,396	0.068	17,875	23,352	0.543	766
Cooking banana	104,232	4,333	0.042	95,730	112,735	1.308	3,137
Dessert banana	40,540	1,771	0.044	37,066	44,014	1.740	3,136
Banana for beer	123,780	4,474	0.036	115,002	132,558	1.321	3,574
Cassava	247,839	6,240	0.025	235,595	260,083	1.290	5,155
Pea	9,882	1,191	0.121	7,545	12,218	2.583	393
Groundnut	10,832	826	0.076	9,211	12,454	1.234	468
Fruits	14,021	2,760	0.197	8,605	19,436	0.411	612

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

2. Data collection procedures

SAS data collection is carried out into two distinct phases: the first phase, known as screening, is done during the planting period. It consists of delineating all plots containing the sampled points in all sampled segments all Large-Scale Farmers (LSF) who have grown crops in the current season and recording information related to agricultural land use, grown crops and crop area, and expected harvesting period. The second phase involves collecting data in the agricultural plots identified during screening activity, which relates to crop production, agricultural inputs, and the agricultural practices.

2.1. Time frame and coverage

During the data collection for Season A 2025, the SAS was carried out across all 30 districts of the country, gathering data from 1,200 segments and 382 large-scale farmers. The season's data collection started on December 1st, 2024, and was concluded on February 15th, 2025. Specifically, the screening phase took place from December 1st, to December 30th, 2024, while the harvesting period started on January 12th ,2025 and ended on February 15th, 2025. The survey achieved a 100% response rate, with full coverage of all sampled segments and active participation from all operators of the sampled plots as well as all sample large scale farmers.

2.2. Field staff

During this season, experienced 148 enumerators and 29 team leaders served in the field data collection after a refresher training. To ensure data quality, high-level supervision was conducted throughout the data collection activities.

2.3. Data collection tools

2.3.1. Survey questionnaires

SAS utilizes two main questionnaires: The Screening questionnaire and the Plot interview questionnaire. The Screening Questionnaire is designed to gather information on the plot, focusing primarily on aspects such as land use, plot area, and the crops grown. On the other hand, the Plot Interview questionnaire is specifically designed to collect detailed information about the sampled plots, including crop production, agricultural inputs used, and agricultural practices applied.

2.3.2. Data collection applications

The SAS data collection applications were based on three main software applications:

- Arc GIS field map, which utilizes GIS software and external GPS linked to tablets via Bluetooth to accurately measure crop areas.
- CSPro software, known for its efficiency in census and survey administration, facilitating data collection, entry, and management processes. Centry data collection tool has been developed by an IT staff specialized for the SAS survey, enabling data collection from sampled plots and large-scale farmers.
- Survey123 is used to collect screening data for large-scale farmers.

3. Data quality assurance

Data quality assurance is achieved through a comprehensive approach, involving enumerator training, continuous data monitoring, supervision of data collection activities, and data editing throughout the season.

3.1. Training of enumerators

Prior to data collection, enumerators underwent training from 4th to 22nd November 2024, at the NISR training center, which covered the overview of the SAS, data collection procedures and ethics, screening procedures, plot interview questionnaire content, and the use of data collection applications such as Survey 123, Arc GIS field map, and CSEntry.

3.2. Fieldwork monitoring

3.2.1 Monitoring attendance and performance of enumerators

Effective monitoring of enumerator attendance and performance is vital for ensuring task efficiency and contribution. The monitoring system used during 2025 SAS season A relies on capturing GPS metadata, including location and GPS time, which differs from the device time and cannot be modified by the user. Whenever the enumerator sent data to the server, the metadata accompanies it, enabling analysis of attendance (starting and ending time), location during data collection, and performance metrics such as the number of completed tasks.

3.2.2. Attending the sample location and Use of high precision GPS

The SAS collects data from observation points grouped into square segments of 300 by 300 meters. Enumerators were required to collect data within a one-meter distance buffer around each observation point, enforced to ensure accuracy. Any observation outside this buffer is marked as an error and rejected by the central database. To measure plot areas, high-precision GPS units are employed, along with correction services, achieving 95 % sub-meter measurement accuracy and addressing precision challenges.

3.2.3 Field Monitoring Dashboard

A field monitoring dashboard used is an online web application offering a visual representation of real-time data collected from various field operations. It provides a centralized and accessible platform for monitoring and managing activities, resources, and performance in the field.

3.2.4. Field supervision

In the 2025 Season A, intensive field supervision was conducted to ensure the data quality. The first supervision field visit comprising 37 NISR staff took place from December 15th to 24th, 2024. Subsequently, during the harvesting phase, which took place, from January 19th to February 2nd, 2025 a team of 40 NISR staff was involved in the field supervision. Throughout both phases, supervisors were dispatched to all districts to provide continuous oversight and support to field personnel. Their responsibilities included providing technical guidance, monitoring the execution of data collection activities, and ensuring compliance with the data collection ethics and completeness of the workload, among others.

3.2.5. Data Editing

During the 2025 season A, a monitoring system involving the GIS tools and data editors was used to ensure quality assurance. The data collection is monitored using dashboard and Google Sheets. Editors conduct daily follow-ups to clean data, identifying and rectifying discrepancies using STATA do files based on logical patterns and feedback from training sessions, aiming to provide a cleaned raw dataset for further analysis.

4. Data processing and analysis process

The analysis involved several steps from organization of raw dataset, data management, cleaning, checking for outliers and dealing with missing data to ensure the quality and cleaned dataset before tabulation.

4.1. Data management process

SAS data are collected electronically using tablets and are then transmitted directly to the NISR servers. The data analyst team downloads and imports the data from CSPro into STATA software for further examination, including checking, cleaning, and tabulation.

Exploratory analysis of the dataset is conducted for all variables to assess the sample's completeness, identifying missing data or incomplete observations. Any identified cases are sent back to the field for verification and completion. Exploratory techniques such as descriptive statistics (summary statistics, frequency tables) and graphical methods (histograms, box plots, etc.) are employed to detect missing values, incomplete data, and

potential abnormalities or outliers within the dataset.

4.2. Detecting outliers and dealing with missing values

4.2.1. Missing values and duplicates observation

During data collection, the CSPRo application's built-in validation rules detect missing, omitted, or skipped variables. Error messages appear on the tablet's screen during interviews when enumerators skip questions that require responses. After completing the interview but before sending data to the servers, an error message notifies users if any questions have been left unanswered or if duplicate questionnaire IDs are identified.

Once data is downloaded and imported into STATA from the servers, the data analyst merges the area dataset with the crop dataset and conducts preliminary checks, cleaning, and necessary transformations before analysis. A do file is developed to check the completeness of data for screening and plot/harvest datasets.

A team of data analysts checks the data on a daily basis, and any inconsistencies found are communicated to field workers for correction and clarification.

4.2.2. Detecting and dealing with outliers

Outliers are checked for all quantitative variables, including crop production, fertilizer quantity, seed quantity, agricultural input prices, irrigation costs, and other related expenses. Two approaches are employed to detect outliers for variables such as crop production and input quantities, while a single approach is applicable for the remaining variables.

The first approach involves comparing the value per hectare of land to the standard quantity optimum provided in the guidelines from the Ministry of Agriculture, known as "AGENDA AGRICOLE," for the same land size. Any values found to be 1.5 times greater than the standard values are flagged as potential outliers and subsequently sent back to field workers for verification and confirmation.

The second approach utilizes statistical processes to detect outliers. In SAS, various statistical methods such as standard deviation and graphical methods like normal box plots are utilized in combination to identify possible outliers within the dataset.

4.3. Methods for Estimating Area and Yield

4.3.1. Estimation of area Approach

NISR adheres to and applies methodologies and guidelines outlined by (FAO, 2017) and (EAC, 2022) regarding area and yield estimation. Among several methods proposed, NISR has opted for the use of high precision GPS to measure crop area due to its high accuracy and efficiency compared to alternative methods. For yield measurement, NISR relies on farmer estimations.

4.3.2. Process of measuring the area

After the identification of the plot boundaries, the enumerators mark GPS points location in approximately every three meters and at each corner of the plot while moving around its perimeter.

Then a polygon is obtained when the starting and final points connect. The area is finally computed automatically by GIS software linked to the enumerator's GPS and based on the resulting shape.

4.3.3. Process of measuring the yield

Yield data are calculated by considering both the plot and crop areas, alongside the crop production reported by the farmer within the sampled plot. This calculation involves dividing the total production, converted into kilograms, by the estimated crop areas measured in hectares.

4.4. Data analysis

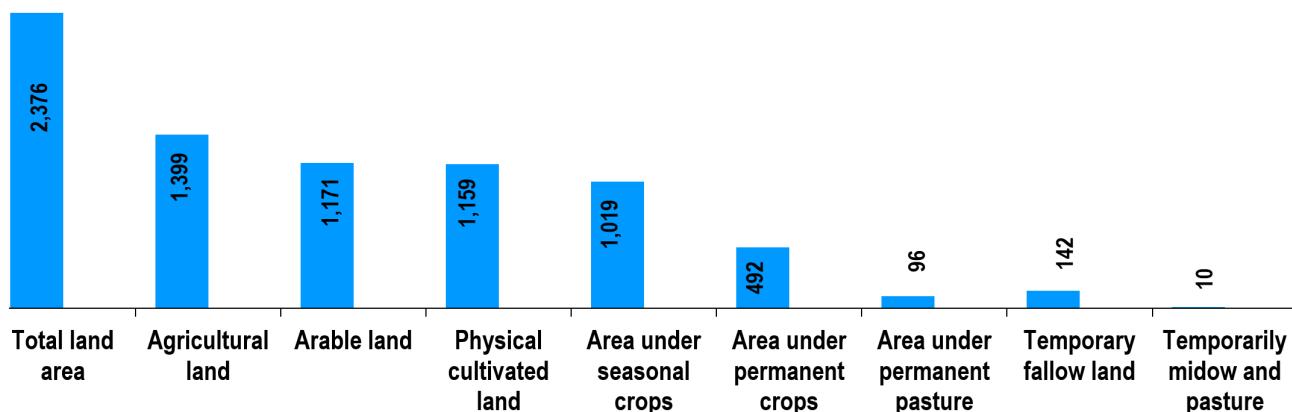
The survey data are analyzed using STATA software, which offers robust capabilities for data management, including importing, cleaning, merging, and manipulating datasets. These features facilitate data preparation for analysis. Additionally, STATA enables the development of tabulation commands and the generation of survey tables, graphs, and charts for inclusion in survey reports. Furthermore, SPSS and STATA softwares are utilized for estimating survey sampling errors, ensuring the accuracy and reliability of the survey results.

SURVEY FINDINGS

This section highlights key results of SAS 2025 Season A related to crop area (physical land use, cultivated area, and harvested area), yield, production, agricultural inputs, and agricultural practices in Rwanda.

1. Agricultural land use

Figure 1: 2025 Season A - Agricultural land use (in thousands of hectares)



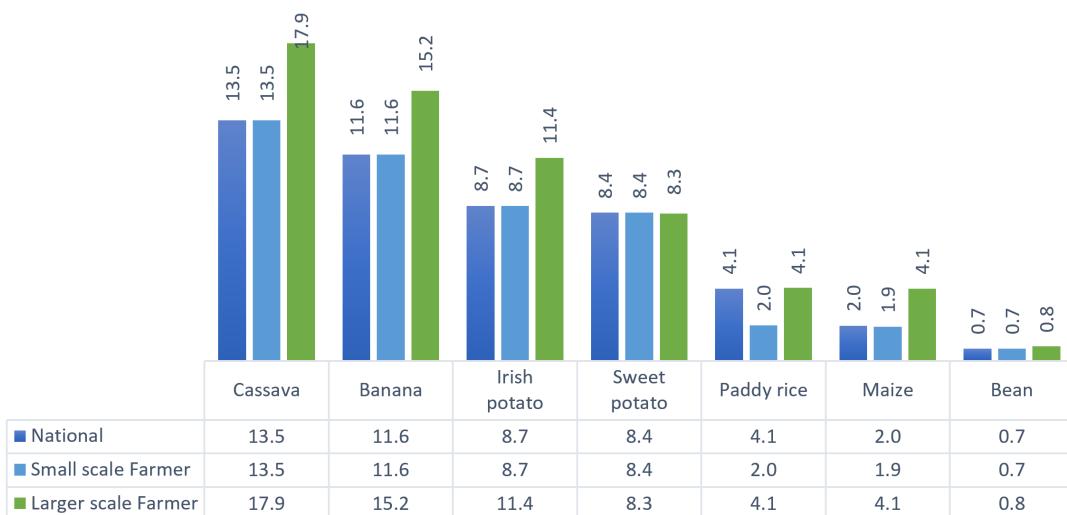
Source: NISR, SAS 2025

The total land area of the country is estimated to be 2.376 million hectares, with 1.399 million hectares (approximately 59% of the total land area) used for agricultural purposes. In 2025 Season A, 1.019 million hectares were allocated to Seasonal crops, 0.492 million hectares were allocated to permanent crops, while 0.096 million hectares were allocated to permanent pasture. (See district details in Table 8).

2. Crop area, yield and production estimates for major crops

2.1. Yield and Crop area for major crops

Figure 2: 2025 Season A - Yield of major crops (MT/ha)



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Maize: The national average yield was 2 tons per hectare, with small scale farmers harvesting 1.9 tons per hectares and Large-Scale Farmers harvesting 4.1 tons per hectares; the cultivated area was estimated at 244,095 hectares, a decrease of 2 % from season A of 2024

Beans: The national average yield of was 705 kilograms per hectare, with small scale farmers harvesting 704 kilograms per hectare and Large-Scale Farmers harvesting 830 kilograms per hectare; the cultivated area was estimated at 327,147 hectares, a decrease of 0.6 % from season A of 2024.

Paddy rice: The national average yield was 4.1 tons per hectare, with small scale farmers harvesting 2 tons per hectares and Large-Scale Farmers harvesting 4.1 tons per hectare; the cultivated area was estimated at 17,312 hectares, an increase of 0.8 % from season A of 2024.

Irish potato: The average yield was 8.7 tons per hectare, with small scale farmers harvesting 8.7 tons per hectares and Large-Scale Farmers harvesting 11.4 tons per hectare. the cultivated area was estimated at 54,485 hectares, an increase of 0.8 % from season A of 2024.

Sweet potato: The national average yield was 8.4 tons per hectare; the cultivated area was estimated at 82,458 hectares, a decrease of 13.8 % from season A of 2024.

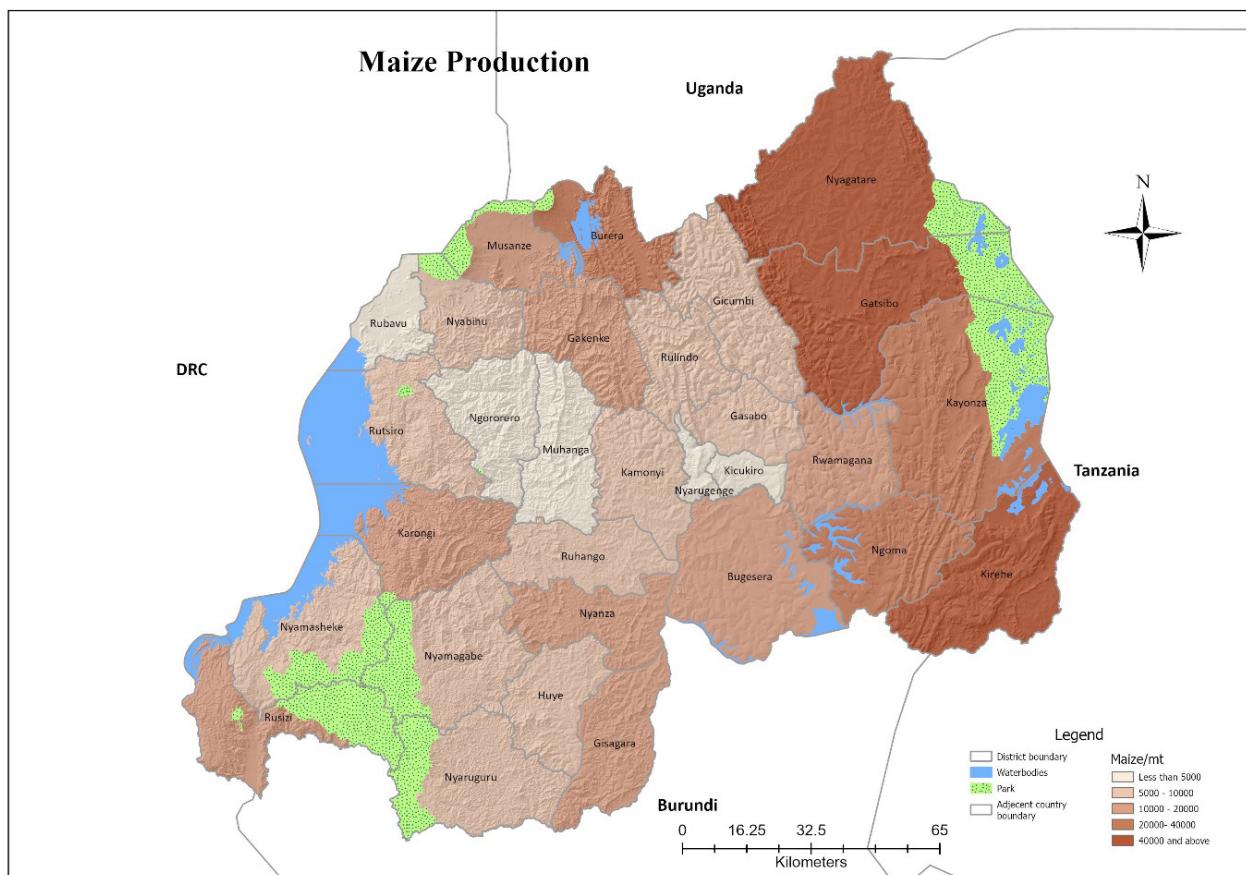
Cassava: The national average yield was 13.5 tons per hectare, with an average yield of 13.5 tons per hectare for small scale farmers and 17.9 tons per hectare for large-scale farmers. The harvested area was estimated at 40,090 hectares while the cultivated area was estimated at 247,839 hectares, a decrease of 1.3 % from season A of 2024.

Banana: The average yield was 11.6 tons per hectare, with an average yield of 11.6 tons per hectare for small scale farmers and 15.2 tons per hectare for large-scale farmers. The harvested area was estimated at 109,994 hectares while the cultivated area was estimated at 268,552 hectares, a decrease of 1.7 % from season A of 2024.

2.2. Production of major crops

Maize: Production was estimated at 481,246 metric tons, representing a 5% decrease compared to Season A of 2024. The highest maize production was recorded in the Eastern Province, particularly in the districts of Nyagatare, Kirehe, Gatsibo, and Kayonza, as illustrated in Map 5 (see district-level details in Tables 6 and 10–14).

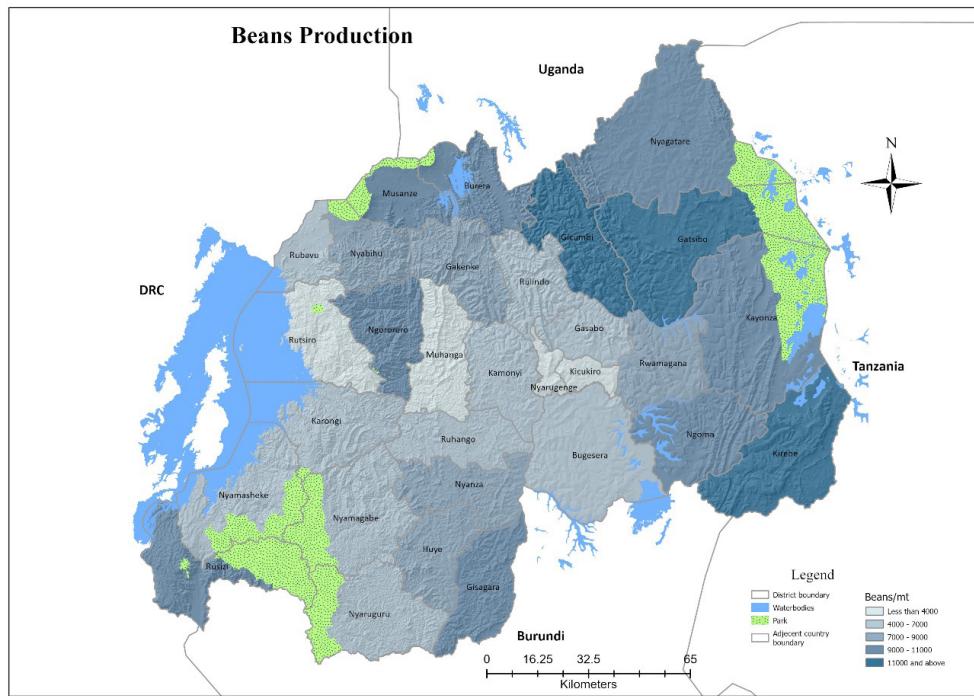
Map 5: Distribution of Maize Production by District, Season A 2025



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Beans: Production was estimated at 230,456 metric tons, representing a 1% decrease compared to Season A of 2024. The highest levels of bean production were recorded in the districts of Gatsibo, Gicumbi, Kirehe, and Ngoma, as illustrated in Map 6 (see district-level details in Tables 6 and 10–14)

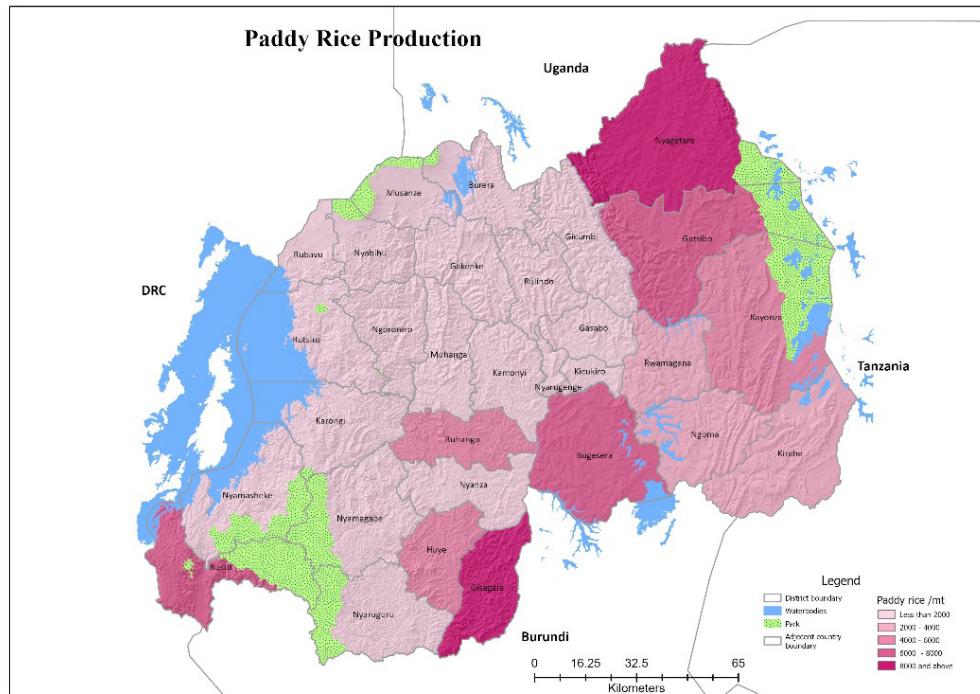
Map 6: Distribution of Beans Production by District, Season A 2025



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Paddy rice: Production was estimated at 69,680 metric tons, marking a 1% increase compared to Season A of 2024. The highest production was recorded in the districts of Nyagatare, Gisagara, Gatsibo, and Bugesera, as shown in Map 7 (see district-level details in Tables 6 and 10–14).

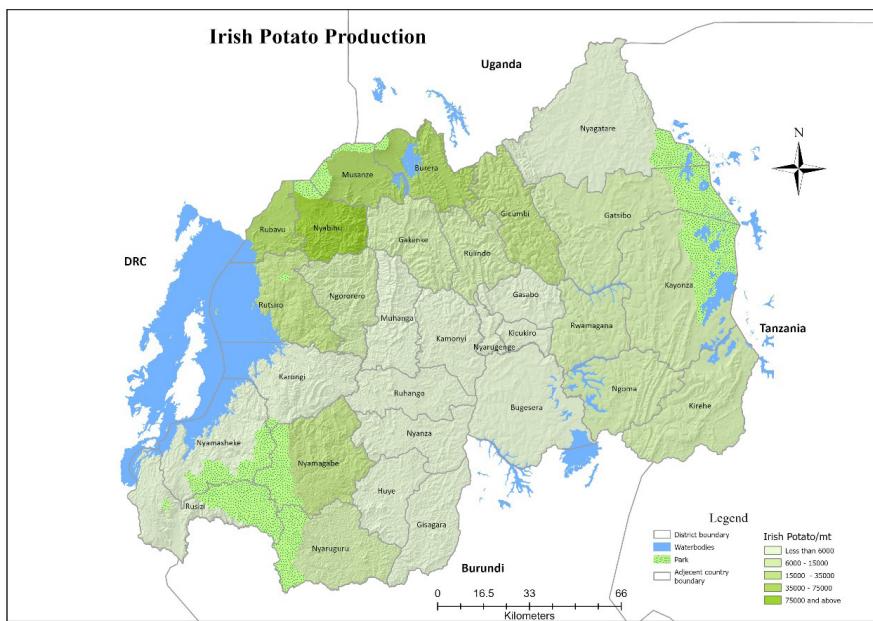
Map 7: Distribution of Paddy Rice Production by District, Season A 2025



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Irish potato: The production was estimated at 475,785 metric tons, an increase of 3 % from season A of 2024. The highest production was recorded in the districts of Nyabihu, Rubavu, Musanze, and Burera, as shown in Map 8 (see district-level details in Tables 6 and 10–14).

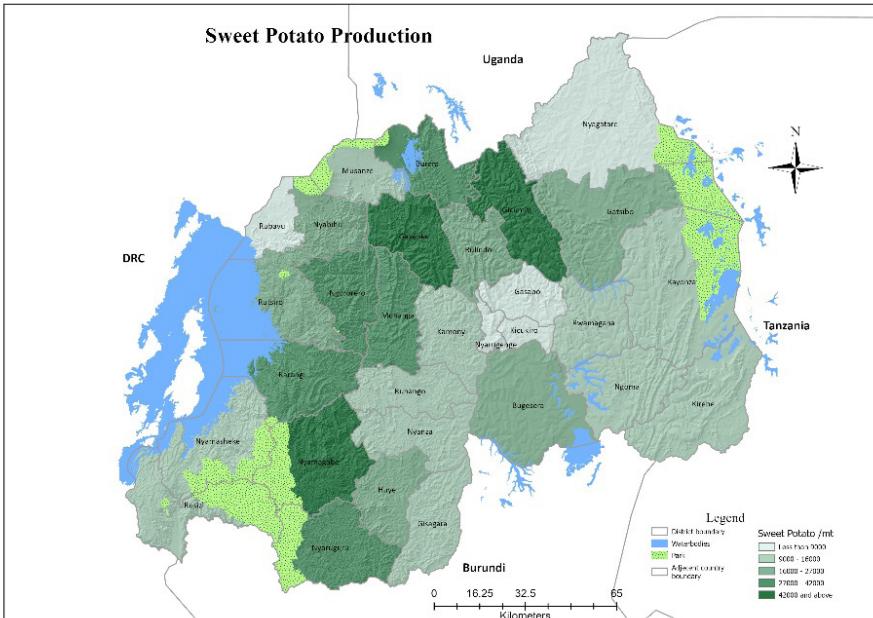
Map 8: Distribution of Irish Potato Production by District, Season A 2025



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Sweet potato: The production was estimated at 656,320 metric tons, a decrease of 5 % from season A of 2024. The highest production was recorded in the districts of Gicumbi, Gakenke, Nyamagabe, and Nyaruguru, as shown in Map 9 (see district-level details in Tables 6 and 10–14).

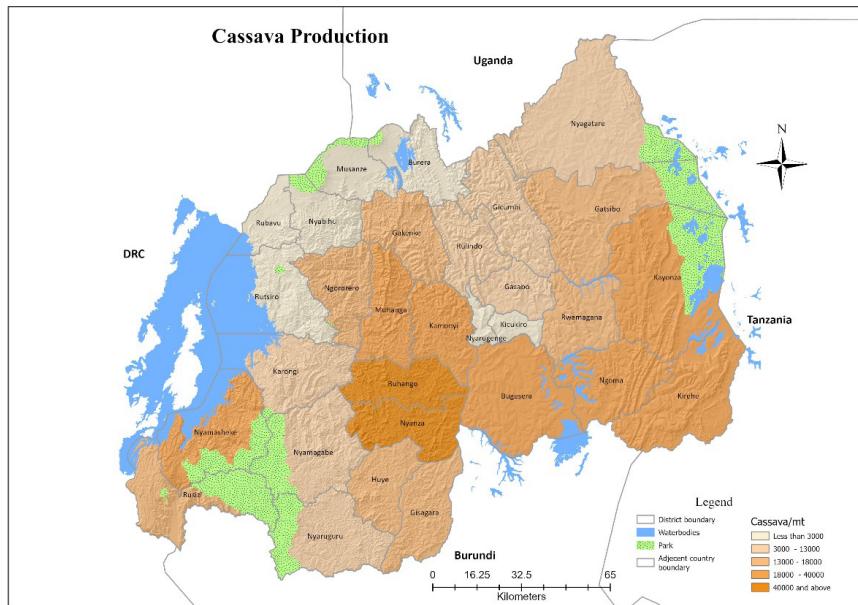
Map 9: Distribution of Sweet Potato Production by District, Season A 2025



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Cassava: The production of cassava was at 542,874 metric tons, an increase of 5 % when compared to season A of 2024. The highest production was recorded in the districts of Ruhango, Nyanza, Ngoma, Kamonyi, and Kayonza, as shown in Map 10 (see district-level details in Tables 6 and 10–14).

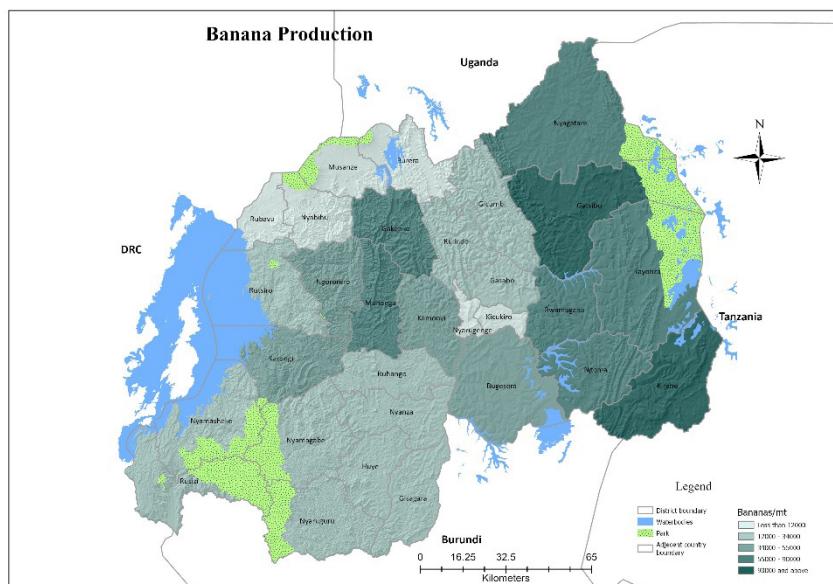
Map 10: Distribution Cassava Production by District, Season A 2025



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Banana: The production of banana was estimated at 1,278,234 metric tons, a decrease of 1.3 % when compared to 2024 season A. The highest levels of banana production were recorded in the Eastern Province, particularly in the districts of Gatsibo, Kirehe, Ngoma, and Nyagatare, as shown in Map 11 (see district-level details in Tables 6 and 10–14).

Map 11: Distribution Banana Production by District, Season A 2025



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 6: 2025 Season A Cultivated area, harvested area, production, and yield by crop.

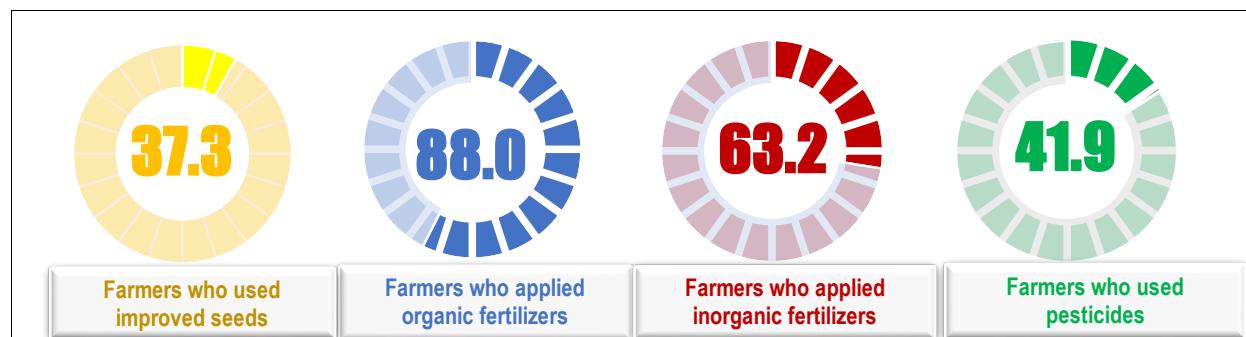
Crop/crop groups	Cultivated area (Ha)		Harvested area (Ha)		Production (MT)		Yield (MT/ha)	
	2025 A	2024 A	2025 A	2024 A	2025 A	2024 A	2025 A	2024 A
Cereals	307,721	307,489	305,770	307,128	611,547	630,768	(NA)	(NA)
Maize	244,095	249,435	242,439	249,276	481,246	507,985	2.0	2.0
Sorghum	40,353	34,720	40,298	34,719	54,994	47,452	1.4	1.4
Paddy rice	17,312	17,173	17,078	16,973	69,680	69,098	4.1	4.1
Wheat	2,391	2,618	2,384	2,617	3,144	3,371	1.3	1.3
Other cereals	3,571	3,544	3,571	3,544	2,483	2,862	0.7	0.8
Tubers and Roots	407,932	425,516	186,089	194,980	1,757,286	1,763,124	(NA)	(NA)
Cassava	247,839	251,019	40,090	38,833	542,874	518,044	13.5	13.3
Sweet potato	82,458	95,683	78,583	88,708	656,320	692,945	8.4	7.8
Irish potato	54,485	54,048	54,465	53,957	475,785	460,830	8.7	8.5
Taro &Yams	23,150	24,766	12,951	13,482	82,307	91,306	6.4	6.8
Banana	268,552	273,223	109,994	109,985	1,278,234	1,294,683	(NA)	(NA)
Cooking banana	104,232	102,458	41,198	40,365	590,252	587,981	14.3	14.6
Dessert banana	40,540	44,094	15,455	15,503	125,014	133,317	8.1	8.6
Banana for beer	123,780	126,671	53,341	54,118	562,968	573,386	10.6	10.6
Legumes and Pulses	377,222	380,325	377,163	380,280	256,774	264,682	(NA)	(NA)
Beans	327,147	329,001	327,090	328,961	230,456	233,142	0.7	0.7
Bush bean	202,513	208,831	202,492	208,790	126,606	135,287	0.6	0.6
Climbing bean	124,635	120,170	124,598	120,170	103,851	97,856	0.8	0.8
Pea	9,882	10,245	9,880	10,244	5,984	7,042	0.6	0.7
Groundnut	10,832	9,563	10,832	9,563	4,678	5,328	0.4	0.6
Soybean	29,361	31,515	29,361	31,513	15,657	19,171	0.5	0.6
Vegetables & Fruits	34,801	29,474	25,519	23,700	178,247	171,183	(NA)	(NA)
Vegetables	20,780	19,142	19,815	18,322	149,806	145,933	7.6	8.0
Fruits	14,021	10,332	5,705	5,378	28,440	25,250	5.0	4.7
Fodder crops	9,813	9,567	8,298	8,795	147,011	136,047	17.7	15.5
Other crops	64,132	58,137	8,832	8,684	65,658	119,236	7.4	13.7
Total	1,470,174	1,483,731	1,021,666	1,033,552	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

3. Use of inputs

The results related to the use of agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilizers, and pesticides) are presented in terms of %age of farmers who applied such agricultural inputs throughout the season.

Figure 3: 2025 Season A_Use of inputs by farmers (in %age)



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

3.1. Use of seeds

In season A of 2025, 37.3 % of farmers used improved seeds. In regard to farmer type², 35.9 % of small-scale farmers (SSF) and 85.4 % of Large-Scale Farmers (LSF) used improved seeds (See Figure 3). The major sources of improved seed were NGO/companies accounting for 41.8 % and agro-dealers, accounting 33.2 %, (See details in Tables 9, 19-22).

3.2. Use of fertilizers

In the 2025 Season A:

- 88 % of farmers applied organic fertilizer, with 88.3 % of small-scale farmers and 77.5 % of Large-Scale Farmers utilizing it.
- 63.2 % of farmers applied inorganic fertilizer, with 62.4 % of small-scale farmers and 91.9 % of Large-Scale Farmers using it (See Figure 3).
- The main sources of inorganic fertilizers were NGOs/companies and agro-dealers, accounting for 45.9 % and 42.8 %, respectively.
- The most commonly used inorganic fertilizers in this season were DAP, UREA, and NPK, comprising 45 %, 39.5 %, and 13.3 %, respectively (See details in Tables 9, 23-27).

3.3. Use of pesticides

In season A of 2025, 41.9 % of farmers applied pesticides. According to farmer type, 40.6 % of small-scale farmers and 86.9 % of Large-Scale Farmers applied pesticides respectively (See Figure 3). Rocket, Dithane and Cypermethrin were the most used pesticides with 41.7 %, 18.6 % and 16.3 % respectively (See details in Tables 28 & 29).

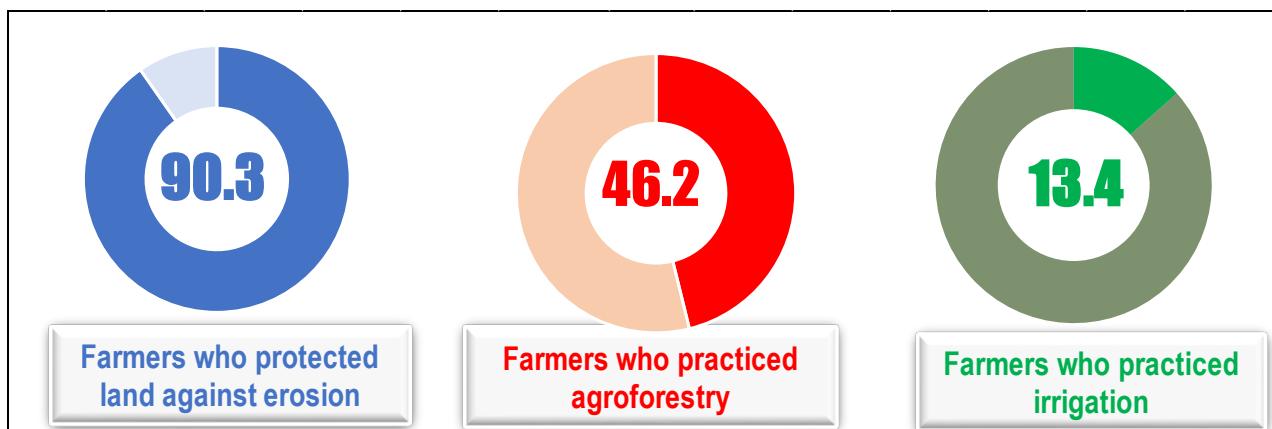
4. Agricultural practices

The survey covered information related to agricultural practices used by farmers (irrigation, anti-erosion activities mechanization and agroforestry). Results are presented in terms of %age of farmers involved in such practices throughout the 2025 Season A.

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Farmer type refers to category of farmers as defined in the survey; a farmer is either a small scale or a large scale

Figure 4: 2025 Season A - Use of agricultural practices



Source: NISR, SAS 2025

4.1. Irrigation practices

In season A of 2025, 13.4 % of farmers practiced irrigation. This included 12 % of small-scale farmers and 64.1 % of Large-Scale Farmers (See Figure 4). Out of farmers who practiced irrigation 55.5 % practiced the modern irrigation. In regard to source of water, Lakes/stream and underground water were the most used sources of water for irrigation with 47.3 % and 30.3 % respectively (See details in Tables 9,30-32).

4.2. Erosion control measures

In 2025 Season A 90.3 % of farmers practiced anti-erosion activities where 90.1 % of small-scale farmers and 97.4% were Large-Scale Farmers protected their land against erosion (See Figure 4). Cover plants was the most used type of anti-erosion with 56.7 %. The farmland experienced less erosion where the predominant erosion types were those with a low degree of erosion (splash and wind erosion, which accounted for 53.3 % and 32.3 % respectively. 46.2 % of farmers practiced agroforestry, while 0.9 % of farmers used mechanical equipment in their agricultural activities. (See details in Tables 9, 30, 33 and 34).

5. Gross Value Added (GVA)

The Gross Value-Added value of different crops is shown in constant 2017 prices. Results show the Gross Value Added per hectare for crops such as Maize, Paddy rice, Irish potato, Beans, Pea and Soybean, have increased in 2024 compared to 2023.

Table 7: Main crops GVA in constant 2017 prices (Frw /ha)

Crops	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Maize	309,457	365,527	373,066	389,059	387,754	390,303	407,284	468,156
Sorghum	296,000	298,689	274,485	280,068	299,996	302,122	323,073	337,745
Paddy rice	1,633,520	1,492,544	1,718,397	1,691,890	1,799,480	1,799,248	1,757,086	1,764,837
Wheat	282,068	306,210	329,278	289,132	303,795	321,878	348,790	353,248
Cassava	305,145	1,377,459	1,629,739	1,642,935	1,653,322	1,648,255	1,597,292	1,566,447
Sweet potato	784,244	899,497	890,254	932,227	903,969	950,888	966,903	1,020,942
Irish potato	1,713,831	1,444,199	1,700,490	1,544,227	1,551,234	1,425,235	1,421,940	1,487,821

Crops									
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Cooking banana	199,565	3,715,919	3,623,122	3,180,479	3,089,892	3,119,720	3,130,968	3,144,537	
Dessert banana	117,981	2,163,072	1,481,763	1,162,979	1,162,822	1,132,818	1,154,426	1,168,674	
Banana for beer	102,332	1,122,757	879,672	931,198	958,935	974,510	1,009,727	1,043,529	
Beans	391,605	410,264	391,121	318,642	334,063	333,464	334,969	340,775	
Pea	1,060,761	964,611	1,049,992	1,365,309	1,355,647	1,284,987	1,059,662	1,085,232	
Groundnut	187,362	221,069	183,218	187,008	186,608	185,329	187,590	193,099	
Soybean	52,694	48,631	61,358	57,232	55,754	60,963	48,952	59,482	
Overall GVA	906,817	965,556	1,013,106	1,039,414	1,105,663	1,114,229	1,150,316	1,210,112	

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Annexes

Annex 1: Main Tables

Table 8: 2025 Season A_Agricultural land use per district (,000Ha)

District	Total land area	Agricultural land	% of agricultural land	Arable land	Physical cultivated land	Area under seasonal crops	Area under permanent crops	Temporary fallow land	Temporarily meadow and pasture	Area under permanent pasture
Nyarugenge	13.1	5.7	43.5	3.82	4.74	2.92	3.07	0.83	0.08	0.13
Gasabo	42.7	21.7	50.7	18.93	18.10	15.08	9.32	3.37	0.54	0.20
Kicukiro	16.6	5.4	32.5	4.82	4.71	4.18	2.18	0.61	0.04	0.07
Nyanza	67.0	45.5	67.8	42.86	41.09	38.48	12.00	4.11	0.32	0.29
Gisagara	67.5	47.4	70.2	45.70	39.95	38.88	13.73	6.82	-	0.59
Nyaruguru	101.0	35.9	35.5	31.26	27.73	23.41	8.78	7.16	0.69	0.55
Huye	58.1	34.6	59.5	32.56	30.68	28.58	9.78	3.89	0.10	0.00
Nyamagabe	109.1	45.7	41.9	39.37	37.77	31.53	13.33	7.60	0.18	-
Ruhango	62.6	44.4	70.9	38.17	38.61	32.07	13.18	5.75	0.23	-
Muhanga	64.1	39.7	61.9	34.23	33.50	27.64	15.41	6.13	0.40	0.05
Kamonyi	65.8	48.5	73.8	41.81	44.23	37.56	17.46	4.14	0.11	0.17
Karongi	78.8	43.2	54.8	34.82	37.95	29.38	19.11	4.93	0.45	-
Rutsiro	66.1	34.3	51.9	26.50	29.66	21.94	13.86	4.16	0.40	0.31
Rubavu	33.9	24.4	71.9	22.62	20.91	19.76	4.49	2.72	0.15	0.70
Nyabihu	54.0	31.4	58.0	29.89	29.11	28.03	3.22	1.72	0.10	0.37
Ngororero	66.7	43.7	65.6	38.66	37.43	32.22	14.64	6.17	0.22	-
Rusizi	91.6	39.0	42.6	34.41	36.89	32.12	12.97	2.07	0.21	-
Nyamasheke	94.8	39.4	41.5	32.44	36.75	30.07	13.52	2.17	0.12	0.06
Rulindo	56.6	33.3	58.9	27.44	28.96	23.11	13.28	4.22	0.12	-
Gakenke	70.0	45.7	65.2	40.36	39.47	33.92	15.68	6.19	0.25	-
Musanze	50.9	30.7	60.3	29.67	29.02	27.75	4.13	1.53	0.35	0.15
Burera	58.4	36.1	61.9	35.32	32.22	30.81	2.93	3.92	0.60	-
Gicumbi	82.5	52.0	63.1	47.53	46.24	41.80	15.59	5.01	0.72	0.51
Rwamagana	65.1	45.8	70.4	38.35	40.53	34.26	17.85	3.30	0.82	2.02
Nyagatare	191.5	146.8	76.7	87.77	82.79	75.94	72.95	11.20	0.63	52.85
Gatsibo	153.3	80.0	52.2	64.01	68.12	60.24	37.09	3.39	0.23	8.45
Kayonza	180.0	92.2	51.2	65.31	60.09	54.11	42.02	10.22	1.01	21.90
Kirehe	114.2	73.8	64.7	66.10	68.18	61.05	26.70	4.85	0.20	0.77
Ngoma	80.3	56.1	69.9	49.97	50.81	46.46	24.28	3.30	0.21	1.97
Bugesera	120.2	76.6	63.8	66.52	62.34	55.76	19.24	10.27	0.33	4.14
National	2,376	1,399	59	1,171	1,159	1,019	492	142	10	96

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 9: 2025 Season A_Area under agricultural practices (In Hectares)

District	Modern irrigated agricultural land (Ha)	Agricultural area under erosion control	Agricultural area under agroforestry trees	Agricultural area under fertilizer application	
				Inorganic fertilizer	Organic fertilizer
Nyarugenge	16	3,415	1,330	488	1,582
Gasabo	618	13,765	9,886	4,960	10,383
Kicukiro	189	2,452	2,788	1,363	2,333
Nyanza	648	38,225	20,699	7,318	23,051
Gisagara	2,883	29,178	18,940	15,371	24,772
Nyaruguru	46	30,454	9,262	13,876	19,340
Huye	1,208	25,697	9,488	8,353	20,531
Nyamagabe	30	35,146	18,501	14,104	24,754
Ruhango	1,220	32,398	13,445	5,236	19,168
Muhanga	529	30,652	18,051	5,614	23,894
Kamonyi	429	40,481	23,797	6,587	23,837
Karongi		33,512	16,111	11,665	21,953
Rutsiro	105	26,548	14,385	10,064	19,237
Rubavu		19,096	8,489	9,480	7,702
Nyabihu		28,705	12,019	13,831	19,427
Ngororero		38,573	16,386	13,177	26,641
Rusizi	1,816	28,182	16,987	20,160	20,738
Nyamasheke	799	27,578	15,938	15,785	22,961
Rulindo	1,295	28,617	14,258	9,726	19,952
Gakenke	315	43,070	16,060	18,227	31,633
Musanze	3	19,751	14,456	14,312	19,643
Burera		30,748	10,140	13,868	24,004
Gicumbi	384	45,429	24,224	13,858	34,845
Rwamagana	2,392	32,947	25,369	16,914	25,555
Nyagatare	3,989	83,580	94,744	42,293	38,036
Gatsibo	2,441	60,814	36,758	30,815	44,465
Kayonza	2,855	43,189	29,816	21,725	31,782
Kirehe	2,904	44,688	45,622	33,559	42,908
Ngoma	1,135	35,618	28,516	18,020	31,947
Bugesera	2,040	40,981	43,761	14,920	23,488
National	30,290	993,486	630,226	425,667	700,563

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 15: 2025 Season A_the Use of production by farmers (in %age)

Crops	Sold	Own consumption	Wages for hired labour	Farm rent	Offered as gift	Barter trade / Exchanged with other things	Seeds	Fodder purpose	Stored	Post harvesting losses	Other usage
Maize	41.0	44.9	1.5	2.2	6.3	0.1	0.9	0.7	1.9	0.3	0.5
Sorghum	67.3	17.4	1.4	6.0	4.3	0.1	2.3	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.6
Paddy rice	84.8	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.2
Wheat	56.4	22.8	0.5	0.0	6.1	0.0	11.6	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.6
Other cereals	44.7	37.2	0.4	1.0	6.5	0.0	7.9	0.0	1.7	0.4	0.5
Sweet potato	40.6	46.7	2.2	0.7	6.7	0.1	0.1	2.7	0.0	0.1	0.2
Irish potato	53.5	23.6	1.3	0.6	4.5	0.1	15.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5
Yam & Taro	39.7	46.8	0.6	0.8	8.4	0.0	3.3	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.4
Cassava	68.4	24.9	1.4	0.8	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.5
Bush bean	22.8	47.9	1.7	2.6	6.3	0.2	15.5	0.0	2.4	0.5	0.6
Climbing bean	17.5	52.5	1.6	0.7	9.2	0.3	16.0	0.0	2.0	0.4	0.4
Pea	43.2	35.1	0.1	0.1	4.3	0.4	15.7	0.0	0.3	0.6	0.8
Groundnut	44.7	27.5	0.3	0.2	4.3	0.0	20.9	0.0	0.4	0.6	1.8
Soybean	37.4	35.4	0.5	1.1	4.3	0.2	19.0	0.1	1.5	0.5	0.5
Cooking banana	71.0	25.3	0.7	0.0	2.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
Dessert banana	72.0	24.2	0.1	0.4	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
Banana for beer	83.1	10.2	0.1	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	1.5
Vegetables	79.4	12.8	0.1	0.4	4.8	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.9
Fruits	84.3	10.4	0.3	0.0	4.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.6
Fodder crops	4.9	0.0	0.8	0.1	0.6	1.0	0.9	82.8	8.2	0.0	0.7
Other crops	77.5	11.2	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.4	8.3

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 16: 2025 Season A_Cultivated area by cropping system and district (%age)

District	Cropping system	Mixed Cropping
	Pure Cropping	
Nyarugenge	41.81	58.19
Gasabo	25.21	74.79
Kicukiro	22.49	77.51
Nyanza	34.65	65.35
Gisagara	24.01	75.99
Nyaruguru	49.22	50.78
Huye	36.55	63.45
Nyamagabe	48.31	51.69
Ruhango	46.24	53.76
Muhanga	38.69	61.31
Kamonyi	37.47	62.53
Karongi	35.82	64.18
Rutsiro	48.03	51.97
Rubavu	53.47	46.53
Nyabihu	64.01	35.99
Ngororero	49.94	50.06
Rusizi	31.33	68.67
Nyamasheke	44.08	55.92
Rulindo	46.14	53.86
Gakenke	45.65	54.35
Musanze	62.54	37.46
Burera	63.33	36.67
Gicumbi	43.38	56.62
Rwamagana	32.66	67.34
Nyagatare	38.67	61.33
Gatsibo	29.79	70.21
Kayonza	33.64	66.36
Kirehe	38.93	61.07
Ngoma	26.54	73.46
Bugesera	36.36	63.64
National	40.09	59.91
SSF	38.60	61.40
LSF	96.47	3.53

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 17: 2025 Season A_Sowing dates by district (%)age

District	Before September	Between 01-15/09	Between 16-30/09	Between 01-15/10	Between 16-31/10	After November	Other season	Total
Nyarugenge	0.39	9.48	15.5	43.27	18.4	12.32	0.62	100
Gasabo	8.94	18.35	24.46	29.53	9.45	6.85	2.43	100
Kicukiro	1.07	3.85	24.13	43.21	19.74	7.87	0.13	100
Nyanza	4.41	9.58	8.49	45.56	16.63	14.84	0.49	100
Gisagara	2.49	9	25.71	42.31	11.85	6.74	1.89	100
Nyaruguru	16.17	7.21	15.2	32.75	9.56	11.87	7.24	100
Huye	2.51	7.56	14.82	37.47	25.8	10.91	0.94	100
Nyamagabe	8.59	23.99	13.86	23.33	9.63	20.22	0.38	100
Ruhango	5.06	8.36	14.42	35.03	15.71	21.42	0	100
Muhanga	5.31	16.57	23.57	26.19	7.35	20.33	0.67	100
Kamonyi	2.75	7.52	24.69	43.01	11.18	8.19	2.66	100
Karongi	5.42	16.26	28.3	27.09	7.99	14.22	0.72	100
Rutsiro	23.93	30.61	18.48	19.7	1.47	5.12	0.68	100
Rubavu	28.04	46.38	8.81	8.69	1.43	6.64	0	100
Nyabihu	19.61	30.85	23.46	8.2	3.15	14.61	0.12	100
Ngororero	9.52	33.17	19.93	15.27	7.08	13.79	1.23	100
Rusizi	3.99	7.45	18.46	56.71	8.45	4.95	0	100
Nyamasheke	6.76	15.21	28.6	22.38	12.69	12.33	2.03	100
Rulindo	11.86	31.29	24.03	16.81	6.57	8.3	1.14	100
Gakenke	7.69	33.42	19.41	19.96	5.09	14.04	0.4	100
Musanze	28.22	40.96	14.02	8.5	1.49	6.62	0.18	100
Burera	25.46	29.23	24.38	11.41	4.76	4.76	0	100
Gicumbi	7.88	43.63	26.95	10.47	3.57	6.87	0.64	100
Rwamagana	3.15	10.41	17.76	40.25	18.29	9.68	0.46	100
Nyagatare	15.09	42.76	24.57	12.43	0.81	3.65	0.69	100
Gatsibo	2.7	26.5	29.49	23.76	12.09	3.64	1.82	100
Kayonza	1.22	16.1	31.32	36.89	8.1	5.9	0.47	100
Kirehe	0.4	12.82	19.68	42.86	11.73	9.74	2.77	100
Ngoma	1.02	16.55	30.12	36.83	8.36	4.4	2.72	100
Bugesera	0.18	4.91	17.93	58.15	9.83	7.01	1.99	100
National	8.1	20.2	21.5	29.2	9.4	10.3	1.3	100

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 18: 2025 Season A_Sowing date by crops (%age)

Crops	Before September	Between 01-15/09	Between 16-30/09	Between 01-15/10	Between 16-31/10	After November	Other season	Total
Maize	6.9	22.0	24.7	33.4	9.4	3.7	0.0	100
Sorghum	22.4	27.9	28.1	16.9	3.9	0.8	0.0	100
Paddy rice	85.4	10.0	1.2	0.4	1.1	1.9	0.0	100
Wheat	10.4	13.9	24.3	21.8	22.8	6.8	0.0	100
Other cereals	5.2	10.3	31.3	36.9	11.0	5.3	0.0	100
Sweet potato	19.7	9.4	6.3	16.6	9.2	38.9	0.0	100
Irish potato	17.3	27.8	17.8	19.8	6.5	10.8	0.0	100
Taro & Yams	13.4	16.9	15.3	18.8	9.1	26.5	0.0	100
Cassava	6.5	18.9	20.7	24.2	8.2	14.6	6.9	100
Bush bean	1.4	14.1	23.0	46.1	12.8	2.7	0.0	100
Climbing bean	6.3	32.5	29.2	24.8	6.5	0.7	0.0	100
Pea	10.2	30.6	24.0	21.7	8.4	5.2	0.0	100
Groundnut	0.4	13.1	23.0	49.6	12.4	1.5	0.0	100
Soybean	1.2	16.3	27.0	34.1	15.1	6.4	0.0	100
Cooking banana	1.7	19.4	14.7	15.5	8.9	11.4	28.5	100
Dessert banana	0.0	7.0	9.0	13.5	7.0	35.3	28.3	100
Banana for beer	0.3	21.9	18.8	20.7	4.3	9.3	24.8	100
Vegetables	15.8	17.8	10.8	15.9	11.8	27.9	0.0	100
Fruits	37.3	4.7	6.1	15.6	0.0	26.5	9.9	100
Fodder crops	2.9	24.7	8.6	25.4	6.1	32.3	0.0	100
Other crops	3.2	11.9	11.4	30.2	11.2	30.3	1.8	100

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 19: 2025 Season A_Use of seeds by farmer type per district (%)

District	%age of farmers who used improved seeds			%age of sampled plots in which improved seeds was used			%age of land size in which improved seeds were used		
	Overall	SSF		Overall	SSF		Overall	SSF	
Nyarugenge	26.8	26.8		23.5	23.5		26.1	26.1	
Gasabo	42.5	40.5	85.7	37.0	34.2	52.4	38.7	37.1	89.6
Kicukiro	46.0	44.7	100.0	35.4	34.6	55.6	34.7	32.8	94.6
Nyanza	40.5	39.8	80.0	38.3	37.5	64.7	39.3	38.8	59.8
Gisagara	54.0	52.3	94.7	48.3	46.6	87.0	52.7	48.9	94.7
Nyaruguru	27.1	23.9	100.0	20.3	16.7	84.2	18.9	17.8	81.9
Huye	43.1	39.7	92.6	39.1	35.0	83.7	38.7	35.7	92.4
Nyamagabe	26.5	26.1	60.0	19.5	19.0	44.4	20.6	20.3	69.6
Ruhango	31.8	30.6	88.9	27.4	26.3	57.1	27.5	25.2	97.6
Muhanga	20.6	19.1	88.9	17.6	16.1	71.4	17.2	15.3	92.1
Kamonyi	47.1	45.6	100.0	39.5	37.8	94.7	39.8	38.4	99.4
Karongi	32.3	32.4	-	27.2	27.3	-	27.3	27.4	-
Rutsiro	21.8	21.8		18.2	18.2		17.6	17.6	
Rubavu	25.9	25.6	50.0	24.6	24.6	28.6	24.1	24.1	60.3
Nyabihu	20.7	20.5	100.0	17.7	17.5	100.0	17.5	17.5	100.0
Ngororero	11.1	11.1		9.7	9.7		9.7	9.7	
Rusizi	49.2	49.0	60.0	46.1	45.3	68.8	47.2	44.7	87.0
Nyamasheke	26.0	25.3	71.4	21.4	20.4	77.8	19.4	18.5	88.8
Rulindo	32.9	32.2	80.0	28.9	27.9	61.5	27.6	27.4	78.8
Gakenke	24.6	24.4	50.0	21.5	21.3	50.0	21.2	20.8	89.1
Musanze	24.5	23.8	100.0	22.7	20.2	94.7	20.5	20.2	92.3
Burera	29.9	29.9		24.7	24.7		24.7	24.7	
Gicumbi	28.3	27.7	83.3	23.5	21.7	62.1	20.4	20.3	74.7
Rwamagana	54.3	52.0	87.5	47.1	46.3	49.7	47.9	46.9	83.2
Nyagatare	55.2	52.1	87.0	49.7	46.2	66.7	52.4	50.3	91.2
Gatsibo	49.2	46.7	100.0	42.7	39.0	73.3	43.5	40.6	98.9
Kayonza	47.2	44.6	87.1	44.6	41.3	62.3	45.4	42.8	94.1
Kirehe	52.7	52.0	100.0	45.9	45.0	100.0	47.5	45.3	100.0
Ngoma	52.1	51.0	85.7	47.0	45.2	65.2	46.4	45.6	79.8
Bugesera	40.2	38.8	63.2	34.3	34.3	34.5	35.5	33.3	86.5
National	37.3	35.9	85.4	33.0	31.1	60.8	34.4	32.8	91.1

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 20: 2025 Season A Seed type by crops (%)

Crop	Traditional seeds	Improved seeds	Total
Maize	36.9	63.2	100
Paddy rice	90.0	10.0	100
Wheat	78.4	21.6	100
Irish potato	95.4	4.6	100
Cassava	97.4	2.6	100
Bush bean	98.3	1.7	100
Climbing bean	98.2	1.8	100
Pea	96.5	3.5	100
Soybean	98.3	1.7	100
Cooking banana	99.8	0.2	100
Dessert banana	97.5	2.5	100
Banana for beer	98.7	1.3	100
Vegetables	63.9	36.1	100
Fruits	83.6	16.4	100
Fodder crops	99.5	0.5	100
Other crops	87.8	12.2	100
National	85.6	14.4	100

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 21: 2025 Season A %age of farmers by source of improved seeds per district

District	Sources of improved seeds								Total
	Government (MINAGRI/ RAB/NAEB)	Recognized seed multipliers	Agro-dealers	NGOs/ Companies	Market	Agriculture cooperative	Other source		
Nyarugenge	-	-	60.0	40.0	-	-	-	-	100
Gasabo	-	6.3	82.8	1.6	6.3	3.1	-	-	100
Kicukiro	-	11.4	77.1	8.6	-	-	-	2.9	100
Nyanza	2.4	4.8	59.5	27.4	-	4.8	1.2	-	100
Gisagara	4.7	12.3	34.0	26.4	9.4	7.6	5.7	-	100
Nyaruguru	8.3	10.4	41.7	37.5	2.1	-	-	-	100
Huye	4.1	7.1	19.4	54.1	4.1	10.2	1.0	-	100
Nyamagabe	6.4	14.3	27.0	46.0	1.6	4.8	-	-	100
Ruhango	2.2	37.8	8.9	42.2	1.1	7.8	-	-	100
Muhanga	13.2	13.2	23.7	36.8	-	10.5	2.6	-	100
Kamonyi	3.0	5.0	52.5	22.8	7.9	8.9	-	-	100
Karongi	3.1	1.5	43.1	44.6	1.5	3.1	3.1	-	100
Rutsiro	2.2	8.7	28.3	50.0	4.4	2.2	4.4	-	100
Rubavu	8.2	6.6	24.6	21.3	32.8	6.6	-	-	100
Nyabihu	16.7	13.3	30.0	23.3	11.7	5.0	-	-	100
Ngororero	-	-	40.0	50.0	10.0	-	-	-	100
Rusizi	8.9	1.3	51.9	36.7	-	1.3	-	-	100
Nyamasheke	3.4	5.1	30.5	52.5	3.4	5.1	-	-	100
Rulindo	-	1.4	38.4	42.5	6.9	5.5	5.5	-	100
Gakenke	1.5	16.7	39.4	24.2	13.6	3.0	1.5	-	100
Musanze	7.8	2.2	51.1	32.2	5.6	1.1	-	-	100
Burera	3.7	8.4	30.8	38.3	14.0	3.7	0.9	-	100
Gicumbi	8.2	4.1	19.2	61.6	4.1	-	2.7	-	100
Rwamagana	2.9	6.5	16.7	71.7	1.5	0.7	-	-	100
Nyagatare	1.1	9.2	45.1	36.4	1.1	7.1	-	-	100

District	%age of farmers who applied organic fertilizer			%age of plots in which organic fertilizer was applied			%age of land size in which organic fertilizer was applied		
Rubavu	65.9	65.8	75.0	58.9	58.9	75.0	59.1	59.1	74.2
Nyabihu	94.6	94.6	100.0	73.9	73.9	100.0	72.6	72.6	100.0
Ngororero	95.5	95.5		82.3	82.3		81.8	81.8	
Rusizi	87.3	88.8	20.0	82.1	82.1	100.0	80.8	80.4	101.7
Nyamasheke	96.5	96.9	71.4	79.8	79.8	85.7	75.8	75.6	105.2
Rulindo	98.1	98.1	100.0	82.3	82.3	100.0	82.0	82.0	100.4
Gakenke	96.4	96.6	75.0	88.1	88.1	100.0	89.4	89.4	98.5
Musanze	87.0	86.9	100.0	80.1	80.1	66.7	81.3	81.3	98.5
Burera	95.1	95.1		79.3	79.3		79.2	79.2	
Gicumbi	96.9	96.8	100.0	82.9	82.9	93.1	84.0	84.0	96.4
Rwanagana	88.6	88.7	87.5	69.5	69.5	66.3	76.5	76.3	89.9
Nyagatare	74.3	75.7	60.4	68.4	68.4	71.4	68.5	67.9	93.4
Gatsibo	89.0	88.8	93.6	80.7	80.7	68.3	81.2	80.6	95.5
Kayonza	79.2	80.1	64.5	74.1	74.1	57.6	75.8	76.0	72.2
Kirehe	92.2	92.4	80.0	65.6	65.6	100.0	72.6	71.4	100.0
Ngoma	85.7	85.7	85.7	73.9	73.9	76.6	76.8	76.3	96.2
Bugesera	69.2	68.5	81.6	66.0	66.0	73.8	62.4	60.7	88.4
National	88.0	88.3	77.5	77.9	77.9	73.0	76.9	76.5	94.1

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 31: 2025 Season A %age of plots by types of irrigation used.

District	Modern irrigation					Traditional techniques
	Surface irrigation	Flood irrigation	Drip irrigation	Sprinkler irrigation	Pivot irrigation	
Nyarugenge	33.3	-	-	-	-	66.7
Gasabo	12.2	10.2	2.0	4.1	-	71.4
Kicukiro	50.0	12.5	-	25.0	-	12.5
Nyanza	9.1	63.6	-	-	-	27.3
Gisagara	8.6	54.3	-	-	-	37.1
Nyaruguru	-	16.7	-	-	-	83.3
Huye	7.0	43.9	-	-	-	49.1
Nyamagabe	-	12.5	-	-	-	87.5
Ruhango	30.0	30.0	-	-	-	40.0
Muhanga	17.7	17.7	-	5.9	-	58.8
Kamonyi	10.3	10.3	-	-	-	79.5
Karongi	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Rutsiro	25.0	-	-	-	25.0	50.0
Rubavu	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Nyabihu						
Ngororero	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Rusizi	18.2	31.8	-	-	-	50.0
Nyamasheke	32.1	25.0	-	-	-	42.9
Rulindo	45.7	2.2	-	8.7	-	43.5
Gakenke	35.7	14.3	-	-	-	50.0
Musanze	-	-	-	8.3	-	91.7
Burera	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Gicumbi	44.4	-	-	-	-	55.6
Rwamagana	53.9	13.5	12.4	2.3	-	18.0
Nyagatare	17.1	28.6	2.9	-	11.4	40.0
Gatsibo	27.7	14.9	2.1	-	-	55.3
Kayonza	40.2	17.1	1.2	1.2	7.3	32.9
Kirehe	14.8	18.5	11.1	14.8	11.1	29.6
Ngoma	20.0	33.3	13.3	6.7	-	26.7
Bugesera	38.5	28.9	11.5	-	5.8	15.4
National	25.7	21.6	3.4	2.3	2.5	44.5

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 32: 2025 Season A % age of plots by source of water used and district.

District	Source of water used				
	Rainwater	Water treatment	Underground	Lake / streams	Water catchment
Nyarugenge	-	-	-	100.0	-
Gasabo	4.0	16.0	24.0	50.0	6.0
Kicukiro	-	-	-	75.0	25.0
Nyanza	-	-	56.5	30.4	13.0
Gisagara	17.7	3.9	41.2	37.3	-
Nyaruguru	-	-	55.6	44.4	-
Huye	-	3.5	70.2	21.1	5.3
Nyamagabe	-	-	56.3	43.8	-
Ruhango	-	-	52.4	38.1	9.5
Muhanga	9.1	-	27.3	59.1	4.6
Kamonyi	-	-	30.0	62.5	7.5
Karongi	-	16.7	66.7	16.7	-
Rutsiro	-	25.0	25.0	50.0	-
Rubavu	-	100.0	-	-	-
Nyabihu	-	-	-	-	-
Ngororero	-	-	71.4	28.6	-
Rusizi	-	9.1	31.8	45.5	13.6
Nyamasheke	-	9.1	39.4	51.5	-
Rulindo	-	6.0	24.0	48.0	22.0
Gakenke	7.1	-	14.3	78.6	-
Musanze	-	25.0	25.0	50.0	-
Ngororero	-	-	33.3	66.7	-
Gicumbi	-	5.6	61.1	33.3	-
Rwamagana	1.1	13.3	12.2	33.3	40.0
Nyagatare	5.4	-	28.4	59.5	6.8
Gatsibo	2.0	4.1	36.7	44.9	12.2
Kayonza	-	2.2	4.4	43.3	50.0
Kirehe	-	6.7	26.7	60.0	6.7
Ngoma	-	12.9	38.7	38.7	9.7
Bugesera	-	-	7.7	86.5	5.8
National	2.2	5.6	30.3	47.3	14.6

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Table 34: 2025 Season A_%age of plots by degree of erosion per district

District	Degree of erosion			
	Severe (Rill erosion, Gully erosion, Mass movement/Landslides)	Moderate (Diffuse overland flow erosion, overland flow erosion)	Low (Wind erosion)	Very Low (Splash erosion)
Nyarugenge	2.0	15.8	79.9	2.3
Gasabo	0.8	9.8	40.0	49.5
Kicukiro	0.0	6.8	59.4	33.8
Nyanza	0.7	10.4	31.6	57.3
Gisagara	0.8	6.3	20.5	72.4
Nyaruguru	1.1	5.9	62.3	30.8
Huye	4.6	13.9	7.5	74.0
Nyamagabe	4.7	22.7	45.3	27.3
Ruhango	3.1	8.5	23.6	64.8
Muhanga	1.5	4.3	44.9	49.3
Kamonyi	2.3	15.4	46.7	35.6
Karongi	3.2	15.5	57.4	24.0
Rutsiro	6.0	16.5	17.3	60.3
Rubavu	0.3	3.8	28.2	67.8
Nyabihu	4.5	22.0	20.3	53.3
Ngororero	3.6	6.0	12.4	78.0
Rusizi	2.1	27.7	26.6	43.7
Nyamasheke	3.2	14.9	28.4	53.5
Rulindo	4.9	31.6	46.5	17.0
Gakenke	2.2	18.4	21.1	58.4
Musanze	2.1	9.8	26.3	61.9
Burera	0.3	7.6	44.8	47.3
Gicumbi	0.3	17.6	17.5	64.5
Rwamagana	0.4	2.6	22.4	74.7
Nyagatare	0.3	5.5	48.8	45.5
Gatsibo	0.2	5.0	28.7	66.2
Kayonza	0.8	6.3	24.9	68.0
Kirehe	1.2	2.8	2.8	93.2
Ngoma	0.7	10.1	54.0	35.3
Bugesera	0.2	1.4	41.9	56.5
National	2.2	12.3	32.3	53.3

Source: NISR, SAS 2025

Annex 2. Concepts, definitions, and estimation methods

1. Total land area

Total land area at district level is the district area excluding area under inland water bodies. The definition of inland water bodies generally includes major rivers and lakes.

2. Agricultural area

The agricultural area includes arable land, land under permanent³ crops and permanent pasture.

3. Arable land

Arable land includes land defined by the FAO as land under temporary crops (double-cropped areas are counted only once), temporary meadows for mowing or pasture, land under market and kitchen gardens and land temporarily fallow (less than five years). The abandoned land resulting from shifting cultivation is not included in this category. Data for arable land are not meant to indicate the amount of land that is potentially cultivable.

4. Permanent crop land

Permanent crops are sown or planted once and occupy the land for some years and do not need to be replanted after each annual harvest, such as cocoa, coffee and rubber. This category includes flowering shrubs, fruit trees, nut trees and vines, but excludes trees grown for wood or timber. The following crops are considered as permanent crops in SAS: Cooking banana, Dessert banana, Banana for beer, Avocado, Coffee, Sugar cane, Macadamia, Olive, Mango, Apple, Papaya, Orange, Lemon, Guava, Mulberry, Stevia, Jatropha, Palm, and Tea.

5. Permanent pasture land

Land used permanently (five years or more) for herbaceous forage crops, either cultivated or growing wild (wild prairie or grazing land).

6. Irrigated agricultural land

Area equipped for irrigation, which is actually irrigated, (sometimes expressed as a %age of the total land area). Part of the area equipped for irrigation refers to area equipped to provide water to crops and includes areas equipped for full/partial control irrigation, equipped lowland areas, and areas equipped for spate irrigation. Part of the area equipped for irrigation which is irrigated refers to physical areas. Irrigated land that is cultivated more than once a year is counted only once.

7. Physical area

Physical area refers to the total area of the plot as physically measured. The physical agricultural area in a district is estimated by aggregating all weighted individual agricultural plots area for that district.

³ For some plots, permanent crops are mixed with temporary crops which mean that same area is counted in both arable land area and area under permanent crop.

8. Crop area (cultivated area)

Crop area refers to the area occupied by a given crop in a plot considering its density or occupation. In context of Rwanda as well as many African countries, mixed cropping system is a general practice in agriculture. This practice makes it complex to estimate area under crop cultivation. In case of pure stands (for crop completely covering a plot), crop area is equal or less to physical plot area (if a crop is partially covering the plot, the share is estimated then applied to the plot area). In case of mixed crops, the share of each crop in the plot is estimated by enumerator by eye estimation method and applied to the physical area of the plot to obtain area for each specific crop planted in plot. In this context, the crop share is eye estimation of crop density or occupation in a plot (in %) basing on spacing between plants. Cultivated area at district level is equal to the total weighted crop areas within plots in the whole district.

Examples

- In case of pure stands, crop area will be equal to the physical area if the crop entirely covers the whole plot. Otherwise, the crop area will be less than physical area. For example, a plot of 1 hectare in which maize was grown and completely occupies the whole plot (100 % occupied), it means that cultivated area for maize is 1 hectare. On the other side let us assume that the maize crop occupies 80 % of the total plot area. In that case the area of maize equals 0.8 hectares (1hectare times 0.8).
- In case of mixed cropping system, specifically seasonal crops the crop area is less than physical area. For example, a plot of 1 hectare grown with maize and beans which occupies 60 % and 40 % of total plot area respectively. The maize area will be 0.6 hectare (1hectare times 0.6), and beans area will be 0.4(1hectare times 0.4). It is important to note that sum of shares of seasonal crops do not exceed one hundred %.
- When seasonal and perennial crops are mixed in same plot, since perennial crops are permanent crops in nature, their shares are treated separately from seasonal crops. The sum of seasonal crops share does not exceed 100 %, while for perennial crops shares are given based on density (spacing between trees) and it may exceed 100 %. For example, a plot of 1 hectare grown with maize, bean, and cassava with 60 %, 40 % and 50% shares respectively. Maize area will be 0.6 hectare (1hectare times 0.6), beans area will be 0.4(1hectare times 0.4), while cassava area will be 0.5 hectare (1hectare times 0.5).

9. Developed area

Developed area is the land covered by crops. Due to mixed cropping (over exploitation of agriculture land or under exploitation in case pure cropping), developed area can be less or greater than the physical area. Basing on the example provided above of the plot in which maize, beans and cassava have been mixed, maize has 0.6, beans have 0.4 while cassava has 0.5 ha. The developed area equals the sum of the crops area equivalent to 1.5 ha.

10. Harvested area

Area harvested is defined as the total number of hectares for all crops that is harvested in a given agriculture season. In case of crops considered as seasonal, the harvested area is assumed to be equal to the cultivated area. For perennial crops a farmer can decide to harvest a portion of land and stores the remaining production in the farm or harvest the whole plot for commercial or other purposes. In this case, the proportion of harvested area is estimated and applied to the plot area to obtain actual harvested area. For example, cassava which occupies 0.5 hectare has 5,000 trees of cassava. In agriculture Season A, if the farmer only harvested 1,250 trees. In this case, the farmer harvested only a quarter (0.125hectares) of the cultivated area.

11. Crop yield

Crop yield is defined as total reported quantity of harvested crop over the harvested area of that crop.

12. Crop production

Crop production is the product of crop yield and crop area (harvested). At district level, crop production is estimated by taking crop yield of crop produce times total harvested area in the district.

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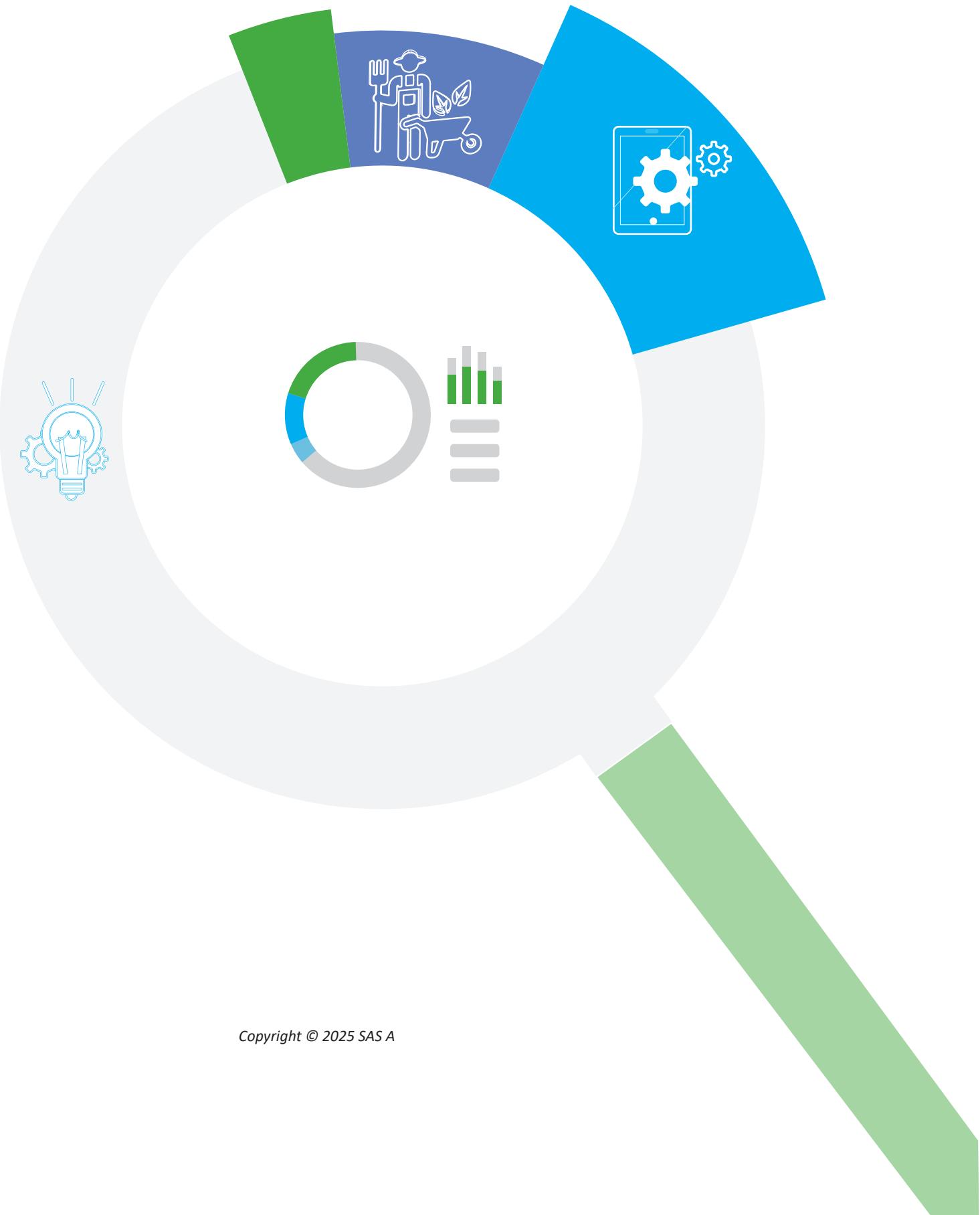
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