

SA Agriculture: confidence, growth and jobs

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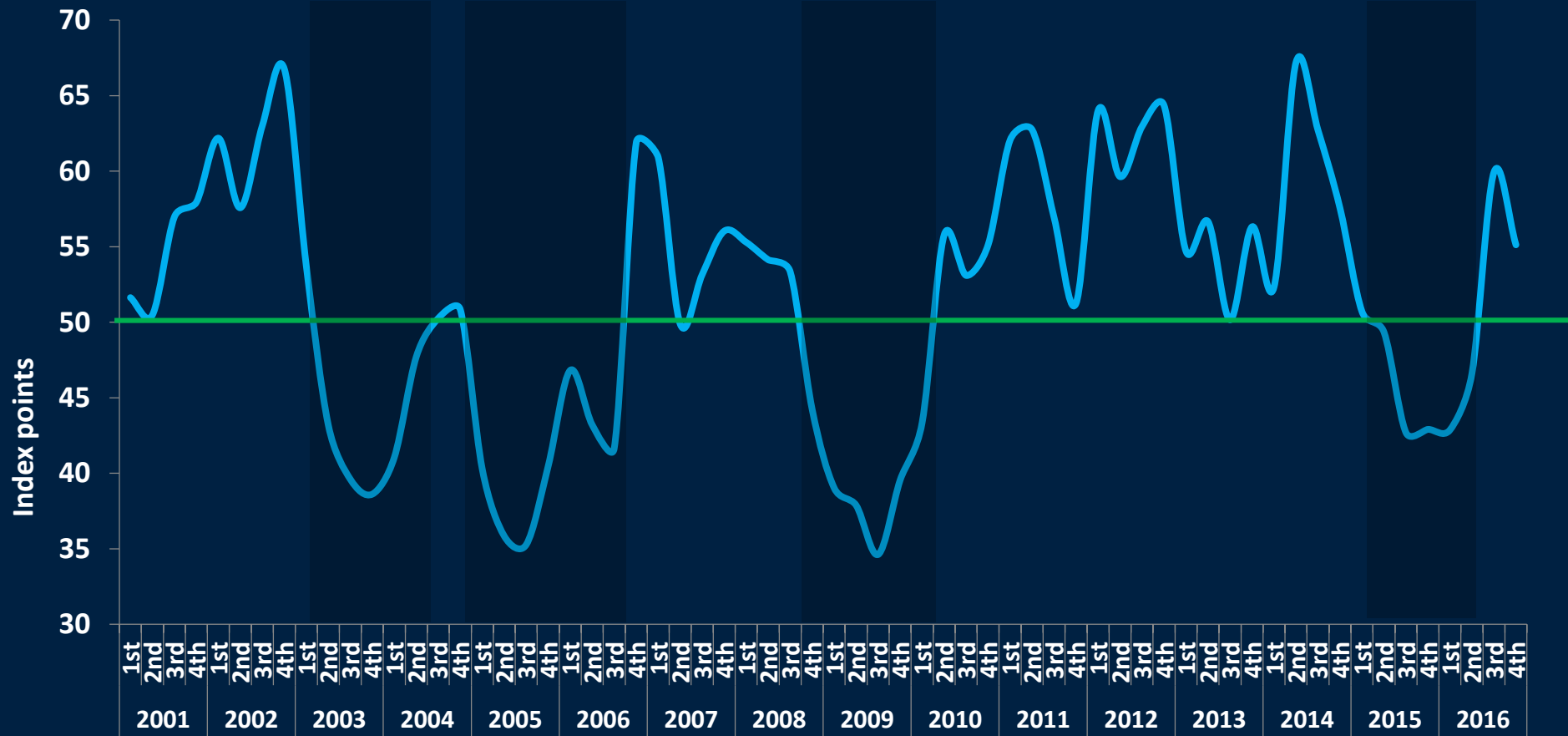
Pretoria, RSA



Perspective: RSA agricultural production performance (2011-2015)...



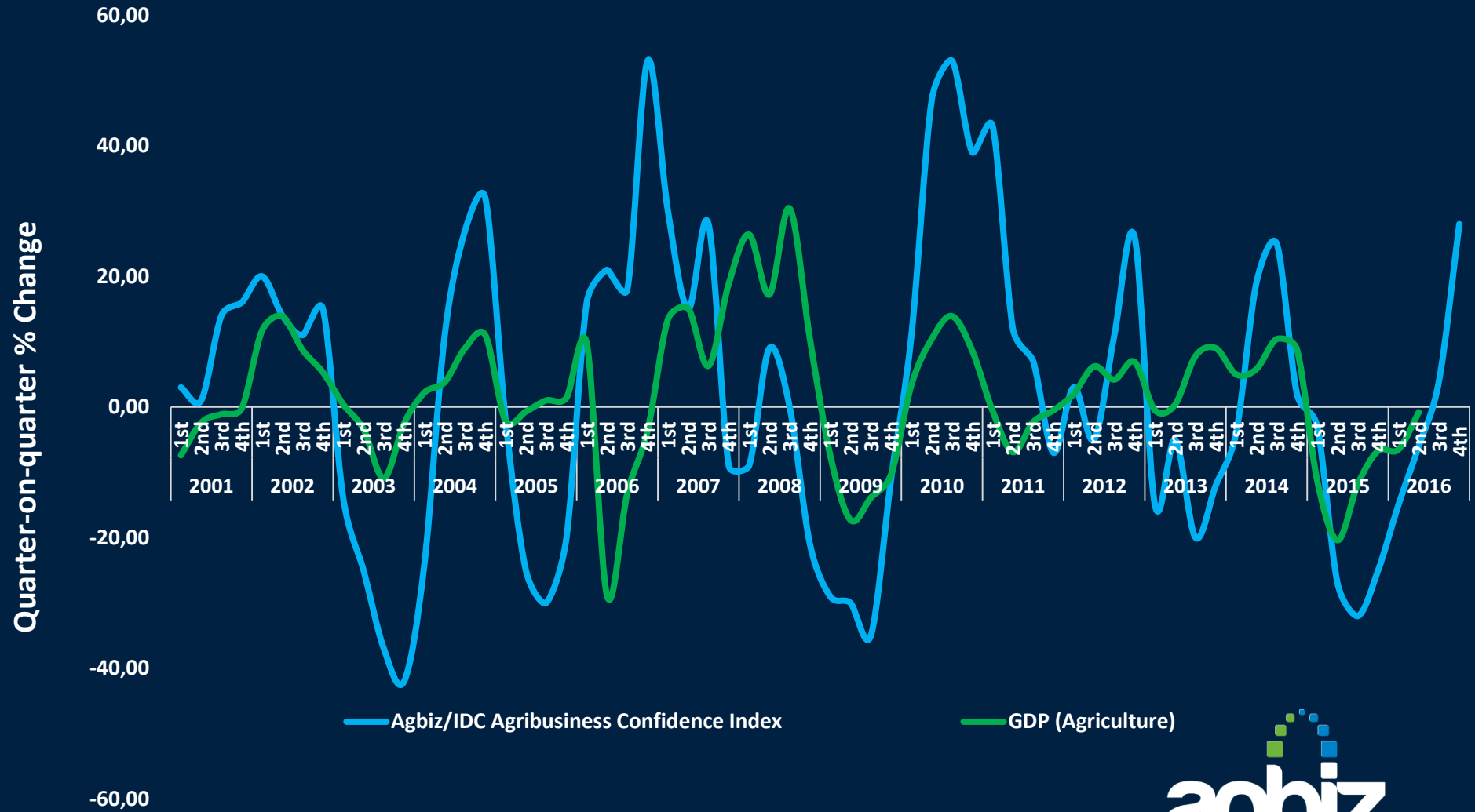
Agbiz/IDC Agribusiness Confidence Index remains above 50 index points, Q4, 2016...



Source: Agbiz Research



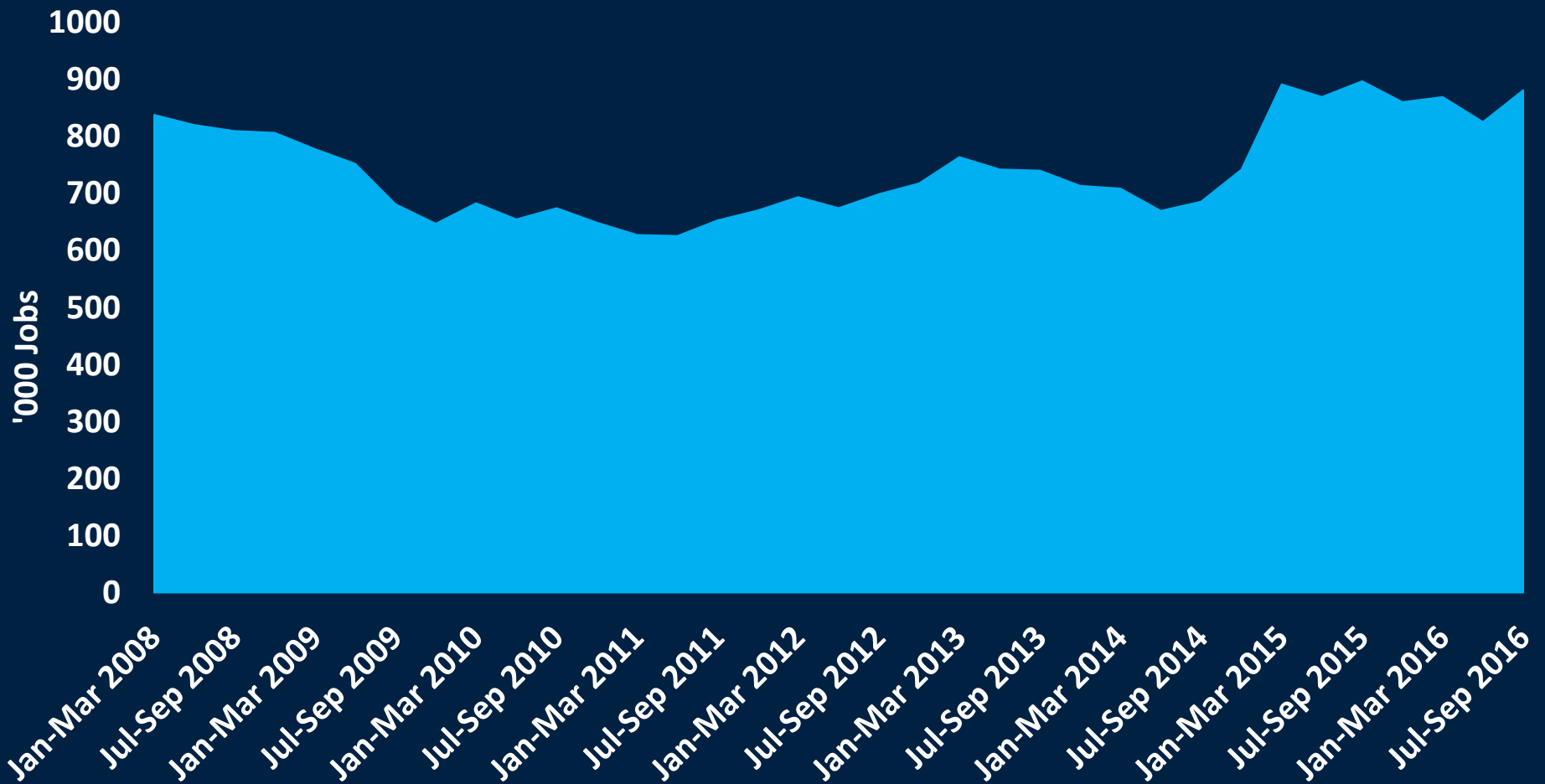
RSA agricultural sector likely to show positive growth over the coming months...



Source: Statistics South Africa, Agbiz Research



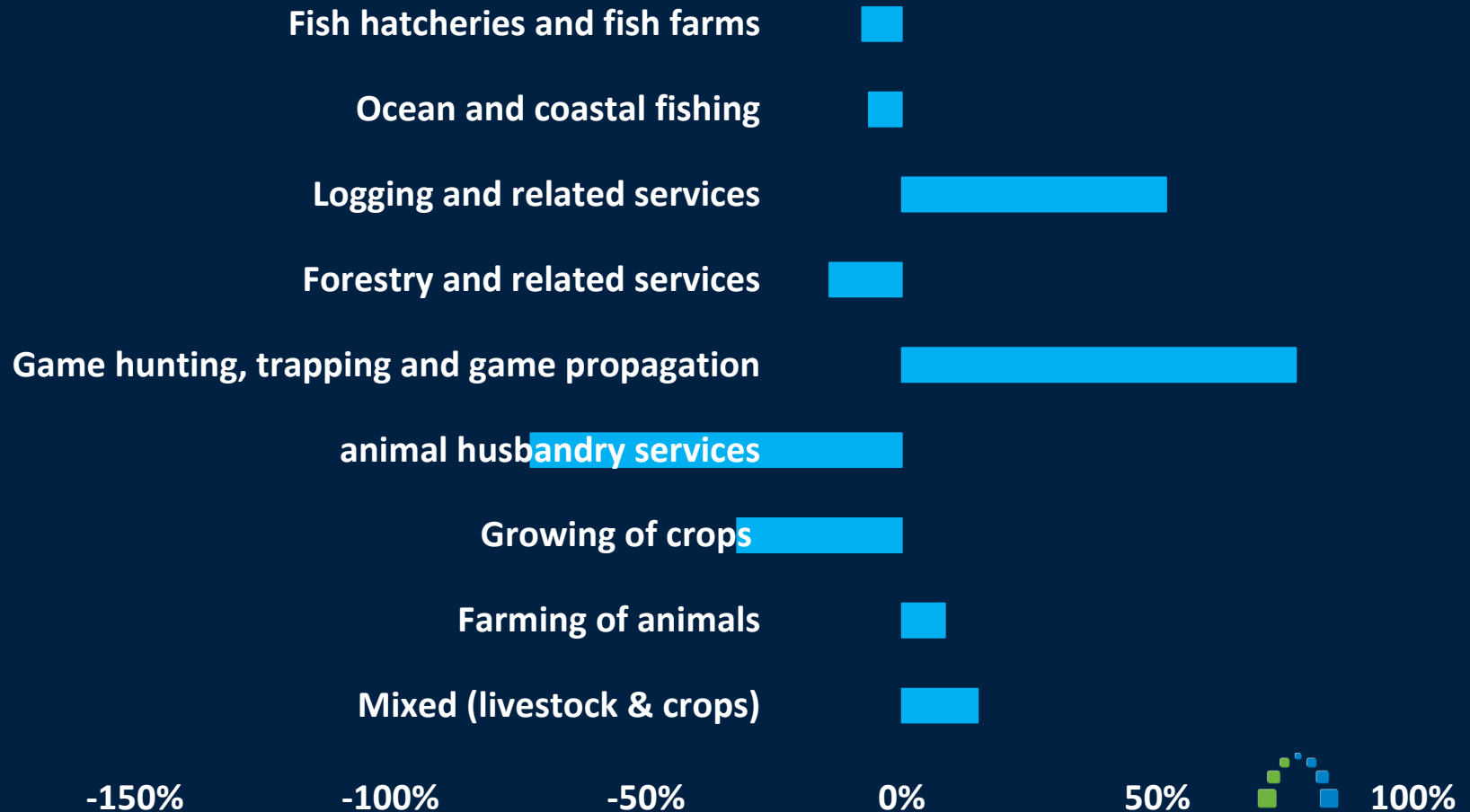
Jobs in South Africa's agricultural sector...



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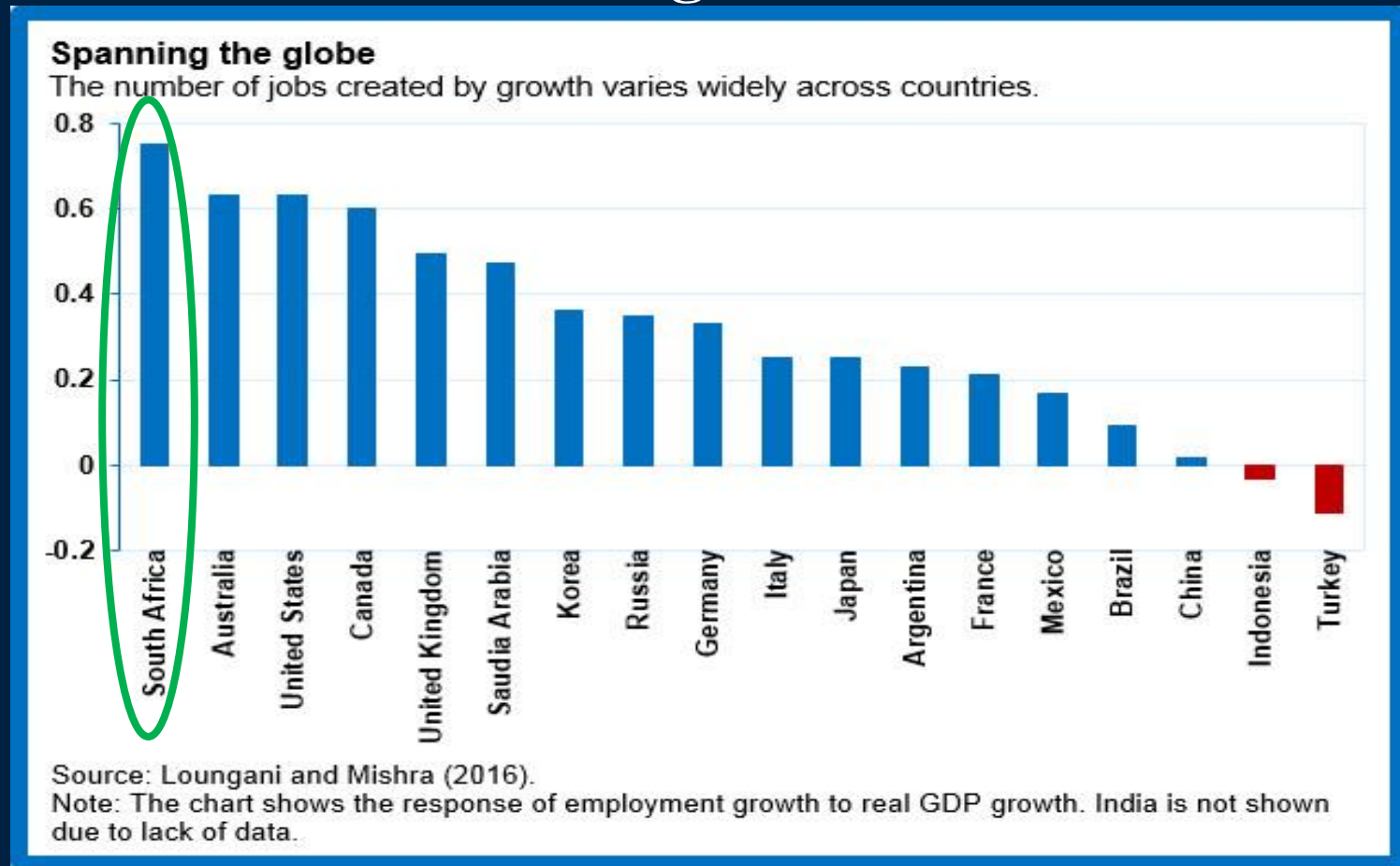


Q-o-Q percentage change in South Africa's agricultural employment



Source: Statistics South Africa, Agbiz Research

RSA: 1% increase in GDP = employment of 0.6% or higher



Concluding remarks...

- Agricultural production set to recover, but some enterprises will take more than one season to return to normal levels.
- Agribusinesses' confidence likely to remain positive between January 2017 and June 2017.
- GDP (agriculture) likely to escape the current mediocre growth path and maintain positive growth in 2017.
- Outlook for the agricultural jobs market remains a bit lacklustre.
- Going forward, the key driver of inflation will probably be meat prices (assuming that weather conditions improve).

Thank you for your attention...

