

## Eastern Cape accounted for 5% of all exports in 2011

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24-04-2013 - The Eastern Cape accounted for 5% of all South African exports in 2011, according to figures provided by the Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism.

The figures show that 23% of all vehicles exported are from the Eastern Cape, while the province exports 100% of wool produced that was worth just under R2.9 billion in 2011, compared to a fraction over R1 billion 10 years earlier.

Most of the wool exported is, however, unprocessed.

The figures show that there has been massive growth of 3 786% in the export of fresh fruit over the past 10 years, with the Eastern Cape responsible for 5% of total exports – the department points to the fact that there has been exponential growth in this sector, particularly as far as citrus is concerned.

The Eastern Cape also accounts for 57% of exports of hides and leather and 28% of tyres.

The figures also show the “complete collapse” of exports of furniture and clothing that have dropped by 91% and 99% respectively over the past decade. The Eastern Cape accounts for 1% of exports in each case.

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