



crop estimates committee oesskattingskomitee

From/Van: M. Ellen Matsei
Tel: 012 319 8454 · Fax/Faks: 012 319 8031 · E-mail/E-pos: DAS@daff.gov.za

Web page/Webblad: www.daff.gov.za/statistics and economic reports or
www.sagis.org.za/CEC: Crop Estimates

EMBARGO: 15:30



agriculture, forestry & fisheries

Department:
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

The area planted estimate and second production forecast for summer crops for 2017 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017

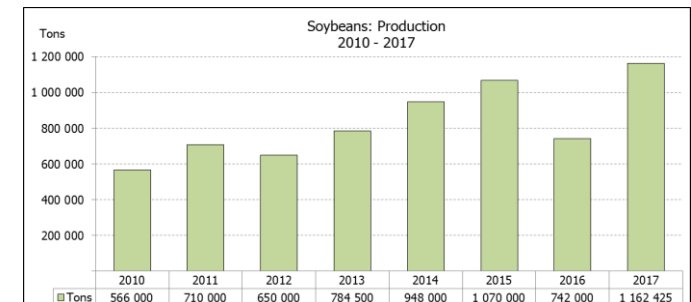
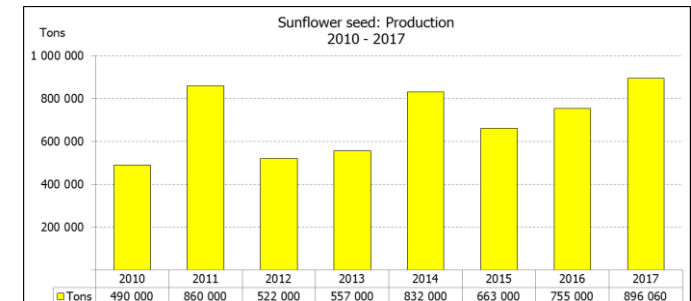
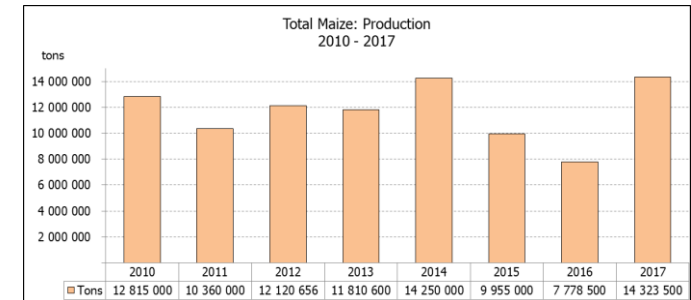
SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2017 Tons (B)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2017 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 643 100	8 513 200	8 312 950	1 014 750	3 408 500	+2,41
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	985 500	5 810 300	5 605 500	932 000	4 370 000	+3,65
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 628 600	14 323 500	13 918 450	1 946 750	7 778 500	+2,91
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	635 750	896 060	928 620	718 500	755 000	-3,51
Soybeans/Sojabone	573 950	1 162 425	1 070 495	502 800	742 000	+8,59
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 000	86 600	88 175	22 600	17 680	-1,79
Sorghum	42 350	153 480	140 950	48 500	70 500	+8,89
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 050	65 275	64 345	34 400	35 445	+1,45
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 981 700	16 687 340	16 211 035	3 273 550	9 399 125	+2,94

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2016/17 = 2017

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2016/17 = 2017

28 March 2017 / 28 Maart 2017



The Crop Estimates Committee comprises officials of the following institutions:

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute); and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2017			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016			Final crop/ Finale oes 2016		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Total/ Totaal Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Yellow/ Geel Tons	Total/ Totaal Tons	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Total/ Totaal Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Yellow/ Geel Tons	Total/ Totaal Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	200	2 000	2 200	1 800	18 000	19 800	500	4 000	4 500	5 000	40 000	45 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 500	45 000	48 500	43 750	643 500	687 250	3 750	50 000	53 750	35 000	675 000	710 000
Free State/Vrystaat	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	4 226 250	1 775 000	6 001 250	390 000	310 000	700 000	1 190 500	1 023 000	2 213 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	4 400	9 500	13 900	26 400	57 000	83 400	2 000	12 000	14 000	10 000	66 000	76 000
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	50 000	100 000	315 000	330 000	645 000	38 000	48 000	86 000	215 000	307 000	522 000
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	960 000	2 046 000	3 006 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	752 000	1 567 000	2 319 000
Limpopo	40 000	24 000	64 000	240 000	148 800	388 800	31 500	22 000	53 500	178 000	132 000	310 000
Gauteng	60 000	60 000	120 000	360 000	330 000	690 000	49 000	56 000	105 000	207 000	235 000	442 000
North West/Noordwes	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 340 000	462 000	2 802 000	340 000	100 000	440 000	816 000	325 000	1 141 000
Total/Totaal	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	8 513 200	5 810 300	14 323 500	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 408 500	4 370 000	7 778 500

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	250	250	500	600
Free State/Vrystaat	330 000	495 000	400 000	440 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 200	2 860	4 000	4 400
Limpopo	90 000	90 000	65 000	48 750
Gauteng	3 000	3 150	4 000	4 000
North West/Noordwes	210 000	304 500	245 000	257 250
Total/Totaal	635 750	896 060	718 500	755 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	700	1 050	800	1 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	10 500	4 000	13 600
Free State/Vrystaat	240 000	444 000	174 000	148 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 850	2 775	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	30 500	85 400	28 000	66 000
Mpumalanga	241 000	482 000	240 000	408 000
Limpopo	8 500	27 200	16 000	38 400
Gauteng	25 400	63 500	23 000	50 600
North West/Noordwes	23 000	46 000	15 500	14 100
Total/Totaal	573 950	1 162 425	502 800	742 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	14 000	5 000	10 000
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	33 000	6 500	2 920
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 000	4 500	1 600	1 440
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	27 000	35 100	9 500	3 320
Total/Totaal	56 000	86 600	22 600	17 680

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	7 700	26 180	28 000	24 150
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	400	1 600	500	1 650
Mpumalanga	12 000	62 400	10 000	32 500
Limpopo	18 000	50 400	7 000	9 800
Gauteng	750	2 400	-	-
North West/Noordwes	3 500	10 500	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	42 350	153 480	48 500	70 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	150	100	150
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	650	1 300	350	630
Free State/Vrystaat	20 000	28 000	17 000	17 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	300	450	250	375
KwaZulu-Natal	4 500	5 400	2 200	2 640
Mpumalanga	5 500	7 425	6 000	6 000
Limpopo	7 000	14 000	3 000	3 750
Gauteng	1 500	1 950	2 500	2 500
North West/Noordwes	5 500	6 600	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	45 050	65 275	34 400	35 445

CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES that CEC members are committed to adhere to on the day of the meeting

- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
- No member is allowed to leave the meeting before 12:00 in order to prevent disclosure of the information
- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 15:30
- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
- Only the Chairperson, or a member appointed by the Chairperson, may release the figures to the media
- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
- Individual information received for crop estimate purposes is treated strictly confidential, and is not divulged for any other purposes

**AREA ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2017 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2017 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
28 MARCH 2017 / 28 MARCH 2017**

Summer field crops – 2017

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 14,324 mill. tons, which is 2,91% or 405 050 tons more than the previous forecast of 13,918 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,629 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,45 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 84% bigger than the 2016 crop, which was the smallest crop since 2007. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 82% of the 2017 crop.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,643 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 985 500 ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 8,513 mill. tons, which is 2,41% or 200 250 tons more than the 8,313 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,18 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,810 mill. tons, which is 3,65% or 204 800 tons more than the 5,605 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,90 t/ha.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the NCSC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2017; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2017. The current yield figures are mainly obtained from producers in the different provinces, as well as from the IDSS-model (Inter Decision Support System), maintained by the ARC-Institute for Grain Crops Institute.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 896 060 tons, which is 3,51% or 32 560 tons less than the 928 620 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 635 750 ha, while the expected yield is 1,41 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** is 1,162 mill. tons, which is 8,59% or 91 930 tons more than the 1,070 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The estimated area planted to soybeans was increased by 8 100 ha to 573 950 ha and the expected yield is 2,03 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 86 600 tons, which is 1,79% or 1 575 tons less than the 88 175 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate was increased by 3 500 ha to 56 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,55 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 153 480 tons, which is 8,89% or 12 530 tons more than the 140 950 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 42 350 ha and the expected yield is 3,62 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 65 275 tons, which is 1,45% or 930 tons more than the 64 345 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans was decreased by 500 ha to 45 050 ha, with an expected yield of 1,45 t/ha.

Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2017 will be released on 25 April 2017.

Somergewasse – 2017

Kommerciële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 14,324 milj. ton gestel, wat 2,91% of 405 050 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 13,918 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,629 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,45 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 84% groter as die 2016-oes, wat die kleinste oes was sedert 2007. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 82% van die 2017-oes produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,643 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 985 500 ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 8,513 miljoen ton, 2,41% of 200 250 ton meer is as die 8,313 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,18 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,810 miljoen ton, wat 3,65% of 204 800 ton meer is as die 5,605 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,90 t/ha.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die Konsortium vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2017 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2017. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies, asook vanaf die IDSS-model ("*Inter Decision Support System*"), soos saamgestel deur die LNR-Instituut vir Graangewasse.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 896 060 ton, wat 3,51% of 32 560 ton minder is as die 928 620 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 635 750 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,41 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 1,162 milj. ton, wat 8,59% of 91 930 ton meer is as die 1,070 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is verhoog met 8 100 ha na 573 950 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,03 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 86 600 ton, wat 1,79% of 1 575 ton minder is as die 88 175 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting verhoog met 3 500 ha na 56 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,55 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 153 480 ton, wat 8,89% of 12 530 ton meer is as die 140 950 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 42 350 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,62 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 65 275 ton, wat 1,45% of 930 ton meer is as die 64 345 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is verminder met 500 ha na 45 050 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,45 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017, op 25 April 2017 vrygestel sal word.