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THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2014 PRODUCTION SEASON

At a meeting held on 7 May 2015, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial wheat, malting barley and canola for 2014.

The estimated total production figures as released by the national Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Services (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculations. The figures from the wheat utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the final calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the CEC during February 2015, the size of the commercial wheat crop is now 1,750 mill. tons, which is 25 534 tons or 1,44% less than the final crop estimate figure of 1,776 mill. tons. For malting barley the recalculated crop size is 302 000 tons, which is 4 786 tons or 1,56% less than the final crop estimate figure of 306 786 tons. The final recalculated canola crop estimate figure is 121 000 tons, which is also slightly lower (2 500 tons or 2,02%) than the final crop estimate figure of 123 500 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2014 (please refer to the figures in the accompanying tables).

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provided information on a regular basis to improve the accuracy of the crop estimates. Producers, who do not participate in the Department's monthly survey, are requested as a matter of urgency to make an effort to contribute to the crop estimates process.

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CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED HA (A)	FINAL CROP TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED ¹⁾ HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾ TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
Wheat	476 570	1 750 000	476 570	1 775 534	-1,44
Malting barley	85 125	302 000	85 125	306 786	-1,56
Canola	95 000	121 000	95 000	123 500	-2,02

1) As estimated by the CEC on 26 February 2015

THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2014 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

CROP	Final crop	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Oct 2014 - March 2015)	Estimated future deliveries (April – Sept 2015)	Retentions on farms for own use
	Tons			
Wheat	1 750 000	1 673 467	41 533	35 000 ²⁾
Malting barley	302 000	298 674 ³⁾	1 826	1 500
Canola	121 000	120 197	703	100

- 1) SAGIS deliveries relate to the current crop.
- 2) Based on a survey undertaken by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.
- 3) Please note that 8 074 tons of malting barley delivered during the latter part of the 2013/14 season (September month), was confirmed as early deliveries for the 2014/15 season and does not form part of the 2013/14 season. It is therefore included in the October 2014 figure for actual deliveries, as monitored by the South African Grain Information Services (SAGIS).