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The area planted estimate and second production forecast for summer crops for 2021 is hereby released.  
 Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2021 vrygestel.

**SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2021**

**SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2021**

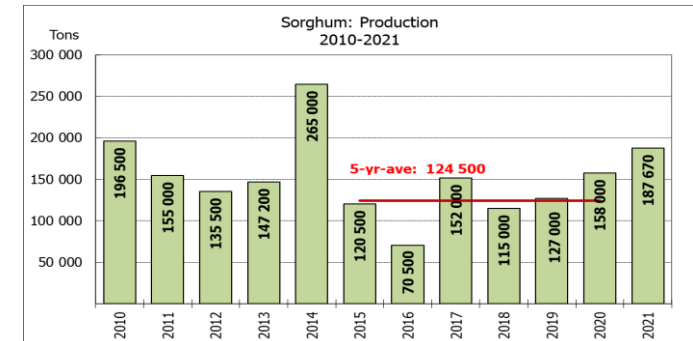
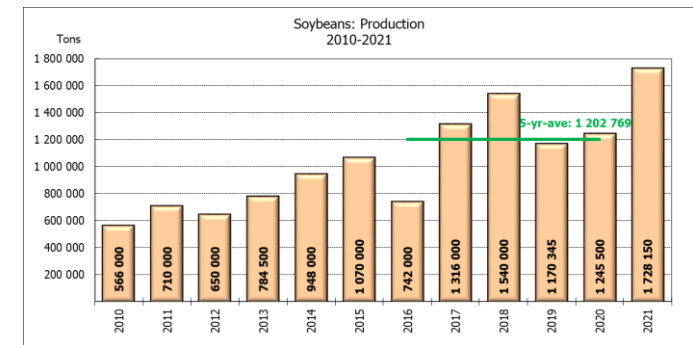
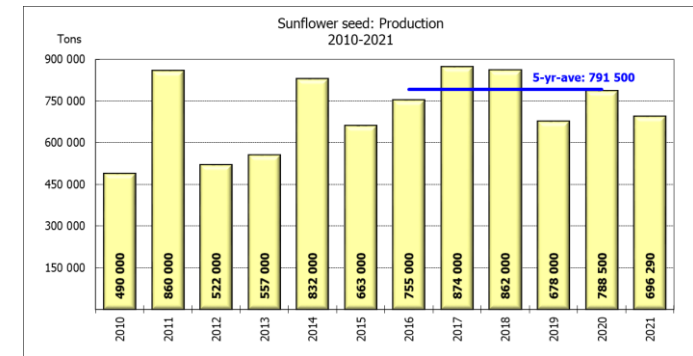
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant <b>2021 Ha (A)</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting <b>2021 Tons (B)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> skatting 2021 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2020 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2020 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieël:</b>						
White maize/Witmielies	<b>1 691 900</b>	<b>8 795 890</b>	8 799 360	1 616 300	8 547 500	-0,04
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	<b>1 063 500</b>	<b>7 125 900</b>	7 049 600	994 500	6 752 500	+1,08
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	<b>2 755 400</b>	<b>15 921 790</b>	15 848 960	2 610 800	15 300 000	+0,46
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	<b>477 800</b>	<b>696 290</b>	712 940	500 300	788 500	-2,34
Soybeans/Sojabone	<b>827 100</b>	<b>1 728 150</b>	1 620 900	705 000	1 245 500	+6,62
Groundnuts/Grondbone	<b>38 550</b>	<b>57 900</b>	58 425	37 500	50 080	-0,90
Sorghum	<b>49 200</b>	<b>187 670</b>	170 590	42 500	158 000	+10,01
Dry beans/Droëbone	<b>48 890</b>	<b>62 117</b>	65 467	50 150	64 800	-5,12
<b>TOTAL/TOTAAL</b>	<b>4 196 940</b>	<b>18 653 917</b>	18 477 282	3 946 250	17 606 880	+0,96

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2020/21 = 2021

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2020/210 = 2021

The Crop Estimates Committee comprises officials of the following institutions:

Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute); BFAP and Statistics SA.



**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2021****WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2021**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2021			2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2021			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2020			Final crop/ Finale oes 2020		
	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	500	3 500	4 000	4 500	31 500	36 000	400	3 400	3 800	3 600	30 600	34 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 400	41 000	44 400	40 290	615 000	655 290	3 400	43 100	46 500	40 300	633 900	674 200
Free State/Vrystaat	907 500	420 000	1 327 500	4 719 000	2 394 000	7 113 000	855 000	365 000	1 220 000	4 700 000	2 209 000	6 909 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 000	18 000	24 000	39 000	131 400	170 400	5 500	17 000	22 500	35 200	119 000	154 200
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	55 000	105 000	310 000	418 000	728 000	47 000	55 000	102 000	298 400	434 500	732 900
Mpumalanga	165 000	360 000	525 000	1 023 000	2 520 000	3 543 000	160 000	353 000	513 000	872 000	2 347 500	3 219 500
Limpopo	16 500	21 000	37 500	112 200	168 000	280 200	15 000	18 000	33 000	105 000	126 000	231 000
Gauteng	58 000	50 000	108 000	365 400	335 000	700 400	55 000	50 000	105 000	297 000	330 000	627 000
North West/Noordwes	485 000	95 000	580 000	2 182 500	513 000	2 695 500	475 000	90 000	565 000	2 196 000	522 000	2 718 000
Total/Totaal	1 691 900	1 063 500	2 755 400	8 795 890	7 125 900	15 921 790	1 616 300	994 500	2 610 800	8 547 500	6 752 500	15 300 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2021****SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2021**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2021	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2020
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 100	1 320	1 200	1 430
Free State/Vrystaat	235 000	364 250	260 000	444 600
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	300	450	300	750
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	3 500	4 900	2 800	3 920
Limpopo	76 500	84 150	65 000	65 000
Gauteng	4 400	5 720	4 000	5 600
North West/Noordwes	157 000	235 500	167 000	267 200
Total/Totaal	477 800	696 290	500 300	788 500

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2021****SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2021**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2021	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2020
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 000	3 500	2 000	7 000
Free State/Vrystaat	365 000	693 500	315 000	519 750
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 100	7 750	1 500	3 000
KwaZulu-Natal	36 000	118 800	35 000	101 500
Mpumalanga	290 000	594 500	260 000	416 000
Limpopo	20 500	71 750	15 500	48 050
Gauteng	42 000	92 400	36 000	70 200
North West/Noordwes	69 500	145 950	40 000	80 000
Total/Totaal	827 100	1 728 150	705 000	1 245 500

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2021****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2021**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2021	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2020
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 500	3 750	1 200	2 580
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	23 200	11 000	15 400
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	50	50	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 000	6 600	2 900	5 220
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	18 000	24 300	22 400	26 880
Total/Totaal	38 550	57 900	37 500	50 080

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2021****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2021**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2021	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2020
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	10 500	39 900	8 000	35 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	2 250	1 200	4 200
Mpumalanga	9 400	52 640	8 500	46 340
Limpopo	17 000	52 700	16 000	41 950
Gauteng	300	1 080	300	960
North West/Noordwes	11 500	39 100	8 500	29 350
Total/Totaal	49 200	187 670	42 500	158 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2021****DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2021**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2021	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2021	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2020
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	150	100	150
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	700	350	700
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	17 600	24 000	30 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	300	200	300
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	3 600	2 900	3 480
Mpumalanga	6 500	10 075	6 600	8 250
Limpopo	9 500	19 000	8 400	13 440
Gauteng	840	1 092	600	780
North West/Noordwes	6 400	9 600	7 000	7 700
Total/Totaal	48 890	62 117	50 150	64 800

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**AREA ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2021 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2021 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
25 MARCH / MAART 2021**

**Summer field crops – 2021**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 15,922 mill. tons, which is 0,46% or 72 830 tons more than the previous forecast of 15,849 mill. tons. The revised area estimate for maize is 2,755 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,78 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 4% bigger than the 2020 crop. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 84% of the 2021 crop.

The revised area estimate for white maize is 1,692 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,063 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 8,796 mill. tons, which is 0,04% or 3 470 tons less than the 8,799 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,20 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 7,126 mill. tons, which is 1,08% or 76 300 tons more than the 7,050 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 6,70 t/ha.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the ARC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2021; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2021. The current yield figures are mainly obtained from producers in the different provinces.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 696 290 tons, which is 2,34% or 16 650 tons less than the previous forecast of 712 940 tons. The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 477 800 ha, while the expected yield is 1,46 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** increased by 6,62% or 107 250 tons to 1,728 mill. tons. The revised estimated area planted to soybeans is 827 100 ha and the expected yield is 2,09 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop has been set at 57 900 tons, which is 0,90% or 525 tons less than the previous forecast of 58 425 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 38 550 ha, with an expected yield of 1,50 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 187 670 tons, which is 10,01% or 17 080 tons more than the 170 590 tons of the previous forecast. The revised area estimate for sorghum is 49 200 ha and the expected yield is 3,81 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 62 117 tons. The revised area estimate of dry beans is 48 890 ha, with an expected yield of 1,27 t/ha.

**Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2021 will be released on 29 April 2021.**

**Somergewasse – 2021**

**Kommerciële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 15,922 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,46% of 72 830 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 15,849 milj. ton. Die hersiene skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,755 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,78 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 4% groter as die 2020-oes. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 84% van die 2021-oes produseer.

Die hersiene oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,692 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,063 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 8,796 milj. ton, 0,04% of 3 470 ton minder is as die 8,799 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,20 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 7,126 milj. ton, wat 1,08% of 76 300 ton meer is as die 7,050 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,70 t/ha.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die LNR vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2021 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2021. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 696 290 ton, wat 2,34% of 16 650 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 712 940 ton. Die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 477 800 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,46 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is verhoog met 6,62% of 107 250 ton na 1,728 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 827 100 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,09 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is op 57 900 ton gestel, wat 0,90% of 525 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 58 425 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 38 550 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,50 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 187 670 ton, wat 10,01% of 17 080 ton meer is as die 170 590 ton van die vorige skatting. Die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 49 200 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,81 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 62 117 ton. Die hersiene oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 48 890 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,27 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2021, op 29 April 2021 vrygestel sal word.**