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The area planted estimate and eighth production forecast for summer crops for 2016 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en agtste produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.

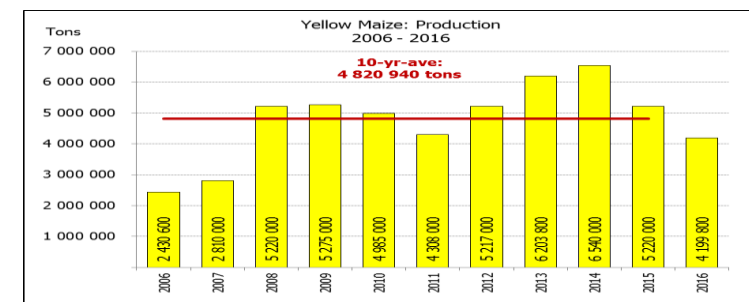
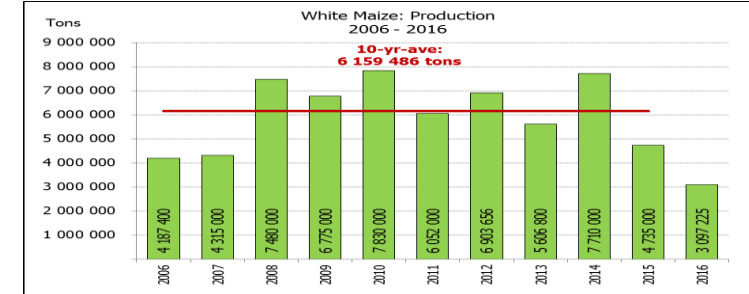
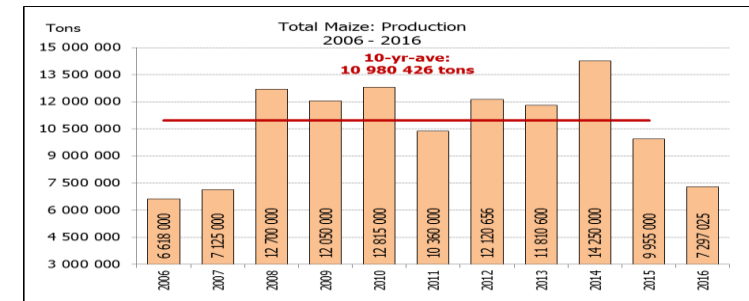
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND EIGHTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN AGTSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A)	8 th forecast/ 8 ^{ste} skatting 2016 Tons (B)	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting 2016 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ %
						(B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 014 750	3 097 225	3 097 225	1 448 050	4 735 000	-
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	932 000	4 199 800	4 164 700	1 204 800	5 220 000	+0,84
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	1 946 750	7 297 025	7 261 925	2 652 850	9 955 000	+0,48
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	718 500	742 750	742 750	576 000	663 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	502 800	750 250	750 250	687 300	1 070 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	22 600	26 550	29 285	58 000	62 300	-9,34
Sorghum	48 500	82 000	88 500	70 500	120 500	-7,34
Dry beans/Droëbone	34 400	35 445	35 745	64 000	73 390	-0,84
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 273 550	8 934 020	8 908 455	4 108 650	11 944 190	+0,29

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2015/16 = 2016

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2015/16 = 2016



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 EIGHTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN AGTSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016			8 th forecast/ 8 ^{ste} skatting 2016			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2015			Final crop/ Finale oes 2015		
	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	4 000	4 500	5 000	40 000	45 000	450	3 800	4 250	4 050	34 200	38 250
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 750	50 000	53 750	34 875	675 000	709 875	3 500	46 000	49 500	35 000	644 000	679 000
Free State/Vrystaat	390 000	310 000	700 000	1 072 500	1 007 500	2 080 000	710 000	510 000	1 220 000	2 236 000	1 708 500	3 944 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 000	12 000	14 000	9 000	62 400	71 400	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600
KwaZulu-Natal	38 000	48 000	86 000	193 800	295 200	489 000	40 000	45 000	85 000	224 000	283 500	507 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	672 000	1 501 500	2 173 500	154 000	315 000	469 000	824 000	1 605 300	2 429 300
Limpopo	31 500	22 000	53 500	173 250	129 800	303 050	28 500	21 000	49 500	156 750	124 000	280 750
Gauteng	49 000	56 000	105 000	205 800	218 400	424 200	44 000	65 000	109 000	193 600	292 500	486 100
North West/Noordwes	340 000	100 000	440 000	731 000	270 000	1 001 000	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 046 000	444 000	1 490 000
Total/Totaal	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 097 225	4 199 800	7 297 025	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 735 000	5 220 000	9 955 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND EIGHTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN AGTSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	8 th forecast/ 8 ^{ste} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	600	500	500
Free State/Vrystaat	400 000	440 000	285 000	370 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	4 000	4 400	2 500	3 300
Limpopo	65 000	48 750	82 000	61 500
Gauteng	4 000	4 000	6 000	7 200
North West/Noordwes	245 000	245 000	200 000	220 000
Total/Totaal	718 500	742 750	576 000	663 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND EIGHTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN AGTSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	8 th forecast/ 8 ^{ste} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 200	800	1 600
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	13 600	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	174 000	156 600	305 000	366 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 500	2 100	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	28 000	65 800	42 000	102 900
Mpumalanga	240 000	408 000	245 000	389 900
Limpopo	16 000	38 400	24 000	72 000
Gauteng	23 000	50 600	30 000	69 000
North West/Noordwes	15 500	13 950	35 000	52 500
Total/Totaal	502 800	750 250	687 300	1 070 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND EIGHTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN AGTSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	8 th forecast/ 8 ^{ste} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	5 000	15 000	7 100	22 700
Free State/Vrystaat	6 500	5 200	22 500	21 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	100	100
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	1 600	1 600	2 500	3 250
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	9 500	4 750	25 800	14 450
Total/Totaal	22 600	26 550	58 000	62 300

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND EIGHTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN AGTSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	8 th forecast/ 8 ^{ste} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	28 000	32 200	36 000	45 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	2 000	500	2 200
Mpumalanga	10 000	35 000	11 000	48 000
Limpopo	7 000	9 800	16 000	17 600
Gauteng	-	-	1 000	2 600
North West/Noordwes	3 000	3 000	6 000	5 100
Total/Totaal	48 500	82 000	70 500	120 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND EIGHTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN AGTSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	8 th forecast/ 8 ^{ste} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	150	300	390
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	630	900	2 160
Free State/Vrystaat	17 000	17 000	28 000	22 400
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	250	375	800	1 040
KwaZulu-Natal	2 200	2 640	6 500	7 800
Mpumalanga	6 000	6 000	9 000	11 250
Limpopo	3 000	3 750	7 000	16 800
Gauteng	2 500	2 500	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	3 000	2 400	7 500	6 750
Total/Totaal	34 400	35 445	64 000	73 390

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**AREA ESTIMATE AND EIGHTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2016 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN AGTSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2016 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
25 AUGUST/AUGUSTUS 2016**

Summer field crops – 2016

The forecast is mainly based on actual producer deliveries, as reported by SAGIS.

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 7,297 million tons, which is 0,48% or 35 100 tons more than the previous forecast of 7,262 million tons. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 1,947 million ha, while the expected yield is 3,75 t/ha.

The production forecast of white maize remained unchanged at 3,097 million tons, while the expected yield is 3,05 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,2 million tons, which is 0,84% or 35 100 tons more than the 4,165 million tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,51 t/ha.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 742 750 tons, with an area estimate of 718 500 ha, whilst the expected yield is 1,03 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** also remained unchanged at 750 250 tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 502 800 ha, with an expected yield of 1,49 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 26 550 tons, which is 9,34% or 2 735 tons less than the 29 285 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 22 600 ha, with an expected yield of 1,17 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** decreased by 7,34% from 88 500 tons to 82 000 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 48 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,69 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 35 445 tons, which is 0,84% or 300 tons less than the 35 745 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 34 400 ha, with an expected yield of 1,03 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for summer field crops for 2016 will be released on 27 September 2016.

Somergewasse – 2016

Die skatting is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op werklike produsentelewerings, soos gemonitor deur SAGIS.

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 7,297 miljoen ton gestel, wat 0,48% of 35 100 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 7,262 miljoen ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 1,947 miljoen ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,75 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is onveranderd gelaat op 3,097 miljoen ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,05 t/ha is. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,2 miljoen ton, wat 0,84% of 35 100 ton meer is as die 4,165 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,51 t/ha.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 742 750 ton, met 'n oppervlakteskatting van 718 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,03 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 750 250 ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 502 800 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,49 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 26 550 ton, wat 9,34% of 2 735 ton minder is as die 29 285 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 22 600 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,17 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is verminder met 7,34% van 88 500 ton na 82 000 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 48 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,69 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 35 445 ton, wat 0,84% of 300 ton minder is as die 35 745 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 34 400 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,03 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016, op 27 September 2016 vrygestel sal word.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2016 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2016 vrygestel.

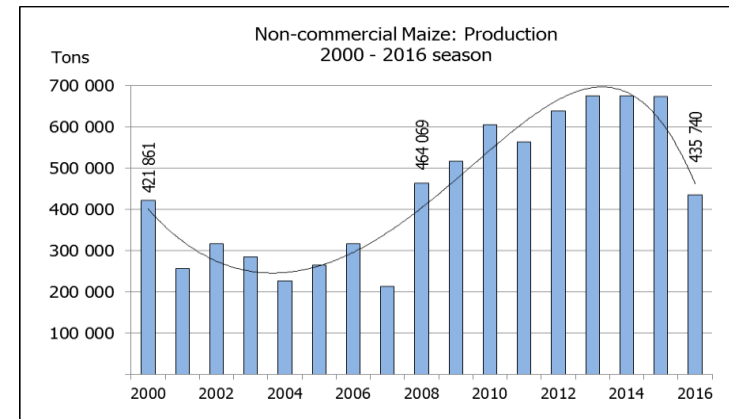
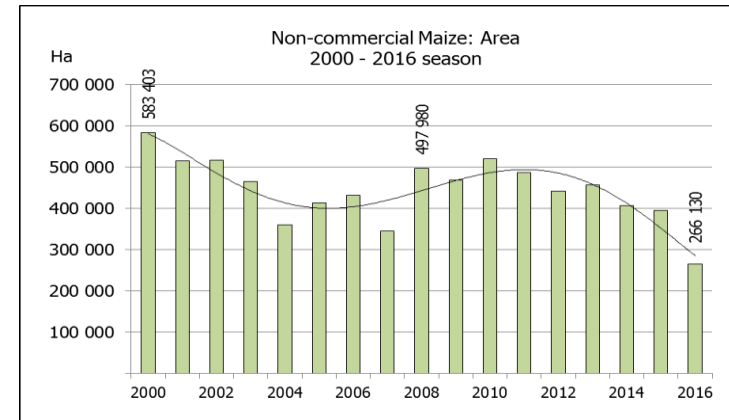
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2016 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	191 225	286 175	278 000	442 200	-35,28
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	74 905	149 565	117 200	231 600	-35,42
Maize/Mielies	266 130	435 740	395 200	673 800	-35,33

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 266 130 ha, which represents a decrease of 32,7% compared to the 395 200 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 435 740 tons, which is 35,3% less than the 673 800 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 60% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape.

Die oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 266 130 ha, wat 'n afname van 32,7 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 395 200 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 435 740 ton, wat 35,3% minder is as die 673 800 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 60% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.



The revised area estimate and first production forecast for winter cereals for the 2016 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakte- en eerste produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2016 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
Wheat/Koring	498 150	1 683 040	482 150	1 440 000	+16,88
Malting barley/Moutgars	88 685	287 385	93 730	332 000	-13,44
Canola/Kanola	68 000	102 000	78 050	93 000	+9,68
Total/Totaal	654 835	2 072 425	653 930	1 865 000	+11,12

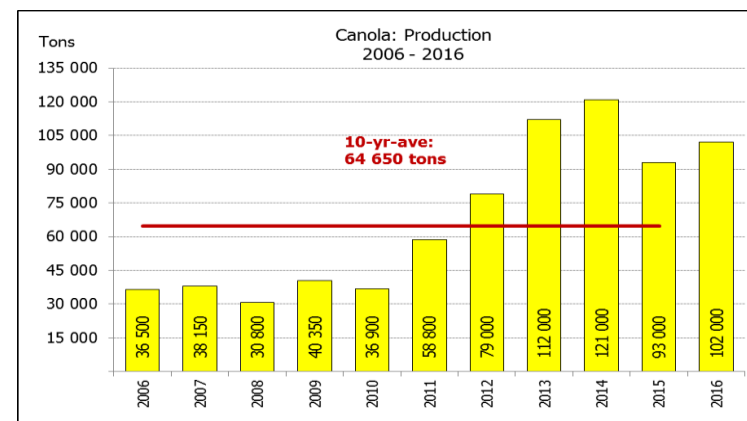
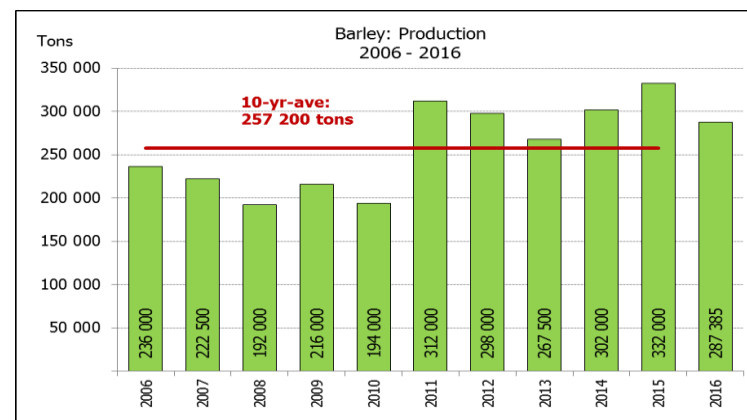
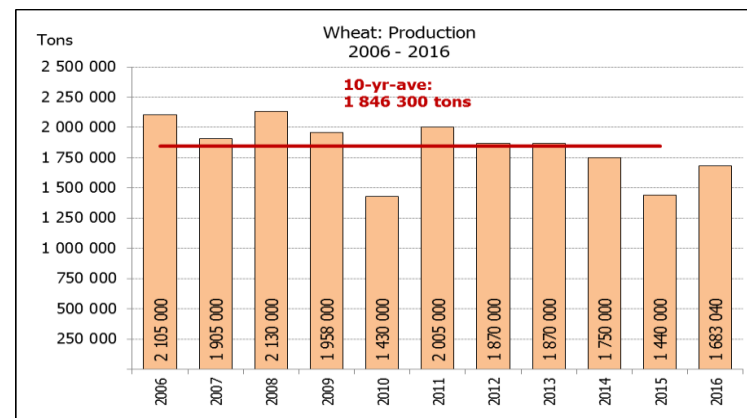
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* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2016/17 = 2016

WHEAT – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016

KORING – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2016 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	323 000	904 400	310 000	697 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	35 000	252 000	36 000	259 200
Free State/Vrystaat	100 000	290 000	80 000	176 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 200	11 440	3 100	14 880
KwaZulu-Natal	6 500	37 700	7 300	41 000
Mpumalanga	2 300	13 800	3 500	19 500
Limpopo	17 000	102 000	27 000	144 420
Gauteng	150	900	250	1 500
North West/Noordwes	12 000	70 800	15 000	85 500
Total/Totaal	498 150	1 683 040	482 150	1 440 000



**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2016) /
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2016)
25 AUGUST/ AUGUSTUS 2016**

Winter cereal crops - 2016 production season

The area planted figure for the Western Cape is mainly based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES), conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC) for the Western Cape. Information for the Free State province will be available in September 2016.

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 1,683 mill. tons, which is 16,88% or 243 040 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 1,440 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,38 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 904 400 tons (54%), which is 206 900 tons higher than the 697 500 tons produced in the previous season. In the Northern Cape, the expected production is 252 000 tons (15%), which is 7 200 tons less than the previous seasons' crop of 259 200 tons. In the Free State, 290 000 tons (17%) is expected to be produced – 113 500 tons more than the previous season.

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 498 150 ha, which is 11 800 ha more than the 486 350 ha of the previous forecast. An estimated 323 000 ha or 65% is planted in the Western Cape, 100 000 ha or 20% in the Free State and 35 000 ha or 7% in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 287 385 tons, which is 13,44% or 44 615 tons less than the previous seasons' crop of 332 000 tons. The area planted is estimated at 88 685 ha, while the expected yield is 3,24 t/ha.

The expected **canola crop** is 102 000 tons, which is 9,68% or 9 000 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 93 000 tons. The area estimate for canola is 68 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,50 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for winter cereals for 2016 will be released on 27 September 2016.

Wintergewasse - 2016 produksie-seisoen

Die oppervlakte beplant syfer vir die Wes-Kaap is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel (PICES), soos deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium gerapporteer. Inligting vir die Vrystaat provinsie sal in September 2015 gerapporteer word.

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 1,683 milj. ton, wat 16,88% of 243 040 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 1,440 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,38 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 904 400 ton (54%), wat 206 900 ton hoër is as die 697 500 ton geproduseer in die vorige seisoen. In die Noord-Kaap is die verwagte produksie 252 000 ton (15%), wat 7 200 ton minder is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 259 200 ton. In die Vrystaat is die beraamde produksie 290 000 ton (17%) – 113 500 ton meer as die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakeskatting vir koring is hersien na 498 150 ha, wat 11 800 ha meer is as die 486 350 ha teenoor die vorige skatting. Die beraamde oppervlakte geplant in die Wes-Kaap is 323 000 ha of 65%, die Vrystaat is 100 000 ha of 20% en 35 000 ha of 7% is in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 271 885 ton, wat 18,11% of 60 115 ton minder is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 332 000 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 88 685 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,07 t/ha behoop.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is 102 000 ton, wat 9,68% of 9 000 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 93 000 ton. Die oppervlakeskatting vir kanola is 68 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,50 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 op 27 September 2016 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

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