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The second production forecast for summer crops for 2015 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2015 vrygestel.

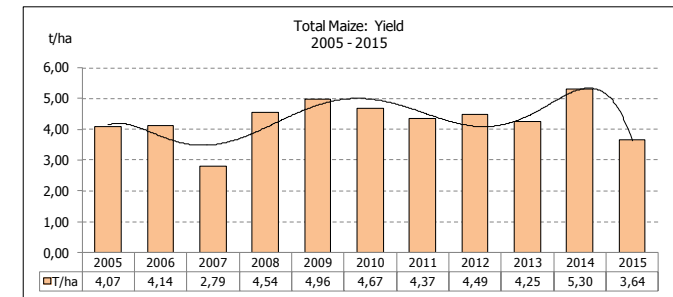
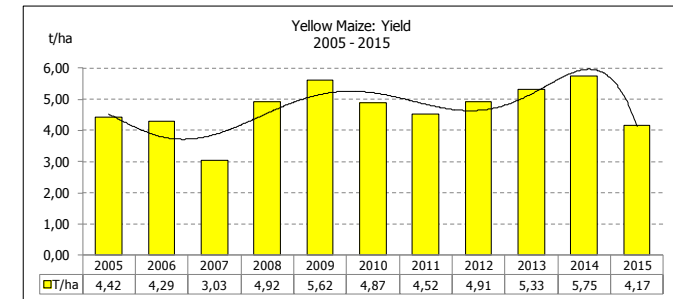
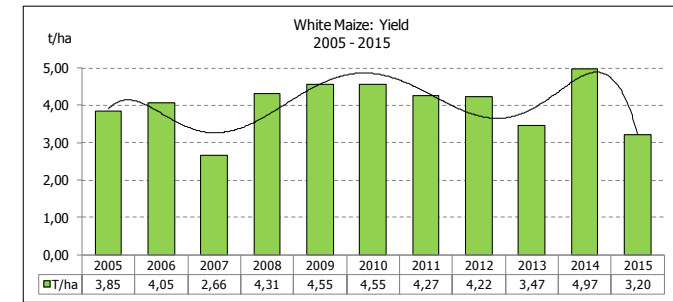
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2015 Tons (B)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2015 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2014 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ %
						(B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 448 050	4 639 400	4 696 390	1 551 200	7 710 000	-1,21
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 204 800	5 026 950	4 968 900	1 137 000	6 540 000	+1,17
Maize/Mielies	2 652 850	9 666 350	9 665 290	2 688 200	14 250 000	+0,01
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	576 000	578 600	574 300	598 950	832 000	+0,75
Soybeans/Sojabone	687 300	942 850	938 350	502 900	948 000	+0,48
Groundnuts/Grondbone	58 000	66 225	67 845	52 125	74 500	-2,39
Sorghum	70 500	158 300	178 700	78 850	265 000	-11,42
Dry beans/Droëbone	64 000	75 815	79 940	55 820	82 130	-5,16
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 108 650	11 488 140	11 504 425	3 976 845	16 451 630	-0,14

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2014/15 = 2015

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2014/15 = 2015



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: 2015
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2015			2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2015			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2014			Final crop/ Finale oes 2014		
	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	450	3 800	4 250	4 050	34 200	38 250	500	3 000	3 500	4 500	28 500	33 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 500	46 000	49 500	36 750	598 000	634 750	2 200	48 000	50 200	25 300	638 400	663 700
Free State/Vrystaat	710 000	510 000	1 220 000	2 165 500	1 683 000	3 848 500	730 000	465 000	1 195 000	3 759 500	2 487 750	6 247 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600	2 500	16 000	18 500	13 750	97 600	111 350
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	45 000	85 000	220 000	270 000	490 000	43 000	45 000	88 000	266 600	292 500	559 100
Mpumalanga	154 000	315 000	469 000	754 600	1 496 250	2 250 850	168 000	332 000	500 000	907 200	1 875 000	2 782 200
Limpopo	28 500	21 000	49 500	171 000	126 000	297 000	30 000	20 000	50 000	183 000	124 000	307 000
Gauteng	44 000	65 000	109 000	202 400	273 000	475 400	65 000	53 000	118 000	357 150	291 250	648 400
North West/Noordwes	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 069 500	462 500	1 532 000	510 000	155 000	665 000	2 193 000	705 000	2 898 000
Total/Totaal	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 639 400	5 026 950	9 665 350	1 551 200	1 137 000	2 688 200	7 710 000	6 540 000	14 250 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	500	900	450
Free State/Vrystaat	285 000	313 500	280 000	448 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	550	825
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 500	3 000	3 500	4 550
Limpopo	82 000	65 600	90 000	76 275
Gauteng	6 000	6 000	3 000	3 900
North West/Noordwes	200 000	190 000	221 000	298 000
Total/Totaal	576 000	578 600	598 950	832 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 600	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	14 000	3 900	14 040
Free State/Vrystaat	305 000	305 000	201 000	352 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 500	2 100	2 000	3 600
KwaZulu-Natal	42 000	92 400	35 000	98 000
Mpumalanga	245 000	355 250	203 000	335 000
Limpopo	24 000	72 000	22 000	66 000
Gauteng	30 000	48 000	20 000	47 360
North West/Noordwes	35 000	52 500	16 000	32 000
Total/Totaal	687 300	942 850	502 900	948 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	7 100	20 235	7 000	18 200
Free State/Vrystaat	22 500	22 500	20 000	23 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	100	100	75	90
Mpumalanga	-	-	50	100
Limpopo	2 500	2 750	3 000	4 110
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	25 800	20 640	22 000	28 500
Total/Totaal	58 000	66 225	52 125	74 500

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	36 000	68 400	42 000	139 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	2 100	850	4 400
Mpumalanga	11 000	44 000	11 000	54 000
Limpopo	16 000	32 000	14 000	32 200
Gauteng	1 000	2 800	1 500	4 800
North West/Noordwes	6 000	9 000	9 500	30 400
Total/Totaal	70 500	158 300	78 850	265 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**DRÖËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	300	390	300	450
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	900	2 160	1 000	2 000
Free State/Vrystaat	28 000	25 200	26 000	37 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	800	1 040	770	1 155
KwaZulu-Natal	6 500	7 800	5 000	6 500
Mpumalanga	9 000	11 250	8 750	12 250
Limpopo	7 000	16 800	5 500	9 625
Gauteng	4 000	4 800	3 000	4 200
North West/Noordwes	7 500	6 375	5 500	8 250
Total/Totaal	64 000	75 815	55 820	82 130

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- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
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- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
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**REVISED AREA AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2015)/
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2015)**

Summer field crops – 2015

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 9,666 mill. tons, which is 0,01% or 1 060 tons more than the previous forecast of 9,665 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize decreased by 11 950 ha or 0,45% to 2,653 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 3,64 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 32% smaller than the 2014 crop, which was the biggest crop in 33 years. The two main maize producing areas, namely the Free State and North West produced 64% of the 2014 harvest. This season, the two provinces have not received sufficient rains - resulting in the worst drought in 22 years - causing extensive damage to the maize crop, producing only 56% of the 2015 crop.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,448 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,205 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 4,639 mill. tons, which is 1,21% less than the 4,696 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,20 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,027 mill. tons, which is 1,17% more than the 4,969 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,17 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 578 600 tons, which is 0,75% more than the 574 300 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 576 000 ha, while the expected yield is 1,00 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 942 850 tons, which is 0,48% more than the 938 350 tons of the previous forecast. It is estimated that 687 300 ha have been planted to soya-beans, with an expected yield of 1,37 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 66 225 tons, which is 2,39% less than the 67 845 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 58 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,14 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 158 300 tons, which is 11,42% lower than the 178 700 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 70 500 ha and the expected yield is 2,25 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 75 815 tons, which is 5,16% less than the 79 940 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 64 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,18 t/ha.

Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2015 will be released on 29 April 2015.

Somergewasse – 2015

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 9,666 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,01% of 1 060 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 9,665 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is met 11 950 ha of 0,45% verlaag na 2,653 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,64 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 32% kleiner as die 2014-oes, wat die grootste oes was in 33 jaar. Die twee belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat en Noordwes, het 64 % van die 2014-oes geproduseer. Hierdie seisoen het die twee provinsies nie voldoende reën ontvang nie – die ergste droogte in 22 jaar - wat tot gevolg gehad het dat dit groot skade aan die mielie-oes veroorsaak het en slegs 56% van die 2015-oes kon produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,448 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,205 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 4,639 miljoen ton, 1,21% minder as die 4,696 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,20 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,027 miljoen ton, wat 1,17% meer is as die 4,969 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,17 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 578 600 ton, wat 0,75% meer is as die 574 300 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 576 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,00 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 942 850 ton, wat 0,48% meer is as die 938 350 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 687 300 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,37 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 66 225 ton, wat 2,39% minder is as die 67 845 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 58 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,14 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 158 300 ton, wat 11,42% laer is as die 178 700 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 70 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,25 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 75 815 ton, wat 5,16% minder is as die 79 940 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 64 000 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,18 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2015, op 29 April 2015 vrygestel sal word.