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The area planted estimate and fourth production forecast for summer crops for 2018 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

29 May/Mei 2018

**SUMMER CROPS** – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

**SOMERGEWASSE** – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

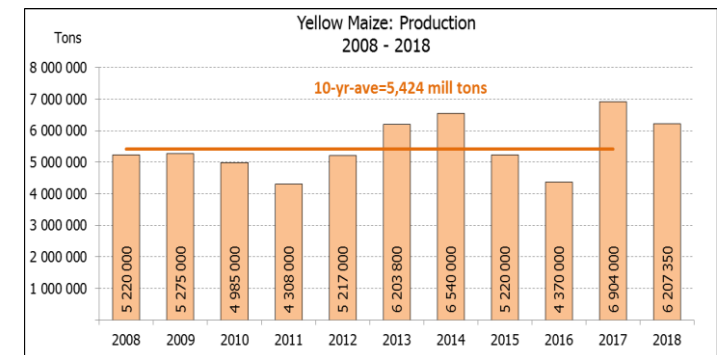
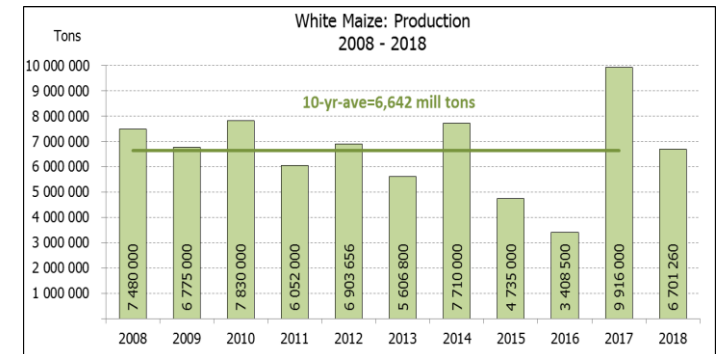
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2018 Tons (B)	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2018 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersiële:</b>						
White maize/Witmielies	1 268 100	6 701 260	6 629 660	1 643 100	9 916 000	+1,1
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 050 750	6 207 350	6 197 150	985 500	6 904 000	+0,2
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 318 850	12 908 610	12 826 810	2 628 600	16 820 000	+0,6
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	601 500	792 255	792 255	635 750	874 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	787 200	1 430 300	1 430 300	573 950	1 316 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 300	68 400	80 600	56 000	92 050	-15,1
Sorghum	28 800	83 070	84 750	42 350	152 000	-2,0
Dry beans/Droëbone	53 360	65 610	65 610	45 050	68 525	-
<b>Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersiële Mielies</b>						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	314 835	593 975	593 975	366 650	731 000	-
<b>Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersiël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersiël</b>						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 633 685	13 502 585	13 420 785	2 995 250	17 551 000	+0,6

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2017/18 = 2018

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2017/18 = 2018

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); BFAP, Statistics SA and CSIR.



**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018****WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018			4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2018			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			Final crop/ Finale oes 2017		
	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	0	3 750	3 750	0	33 750	33 750	200	2 000	2 200	2 000	20 000	22 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 600	43 000	46 600	41 760	636 400	678 160	3 500	45 000	48 500	46 200	666 000	712 200
Free State/Vrystaat	644 000	410 000	1 054 000	3 445 400	2 070 500	5 515 900	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	5 110 000	2 252 000	7 362 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 500	11 000	14 500	21 700	71 500	93 200	4 400	9 500	13 900	30 800	66 500	97 300
KwaZulu-Natal	45 000	50 000	95 000	292 500	390 000	682 500	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	390 000	740 000
Mpumalanga	140 000	340 000	480 000	840 000	2 040 000	2 880 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 342 500	3 430 500
Limpopo	12 000	21 000	33 000	86 400	147 000	233 400	40 000	24 000	64 000	300 000	192 000	492 000
Gauteng	50 000	62 000	112 000	290 000	378 200	668 200	60 000	60 000	120 000	390 000	414 000	804 000
North West/Noordwes	370 000	110 000	480 000	1 683 500	440 000	2 123 500	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 599 000	561 000	3 160 000
Total/Totaal	1 268 100	1 050 750	2 318 850	6 701 260	6 207 350	12 908 610	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 916 000	6 904 000	16 820 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018****SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	100	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 600	1 920	250	400
Free State/Vrystaat	314 000	455 300	330 000	478 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	300	300
Mpumalanga	2 300	2 185	2 200	2 300
Limpopo	45 000	36 000	90 000	85 500
Gauteng	5 500	5 500	3 000	3 000
North West/Noordwes	233 000	291 250	210 000	304 500
Total/Totaal	601 500	792 255	635 750	874 000

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018****SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 200	700	1 050
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	9 900	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	345 000	517 500	240 000	504 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 400	2 400	1 850	2 775
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	124 000	30 500	89 605
Mpumalanga	310 000	604 500	241 000	554 300
Limpopo	20 000	55 000	8 500	29 750
Gauteng	30 000	60 000	25 400	71 120
North West/Noordwes	36 000	55 800	23 000	52 900
Total/Totaal	787 200	1 430 300	573 950	1 316 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>2 800</b>	<b>7 000</b>	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>22 000</b>	<b>26 400</b>	22 000	34 100
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	<b>3 500</b>	<b>7 000</b>	3 000	4 800
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	<b>28 000</b>	<b>28 000</b>	27 000	39 150
Total/Totaal	<b>56 300</b>	<b>68 400</b>	56 000	92 050

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>6 300</b>	<b>18 270</b>	7 700	24 640
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>500</b>	<b>1 500</b>	400	1 520
Mpumalanga	<b>7 500</b>	<b>36 000</b>	12 000	62 400
Limpopo	<b>5 000</b>	<b>6 000</b>	18 000	50 400
Gauteng	<b>1 500</b>	<b>4 500</b>	750	2 400
North West/Noordwes	<b>8 000</b>	<b>16 800</b>	3 500	10 640
Total/Totaal	<b>28 800</b>	<b>83 070</b>	42 350	152 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018****DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>20</b>	<b>30</b>	100	150
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>540</b>	<b>1 080</b>	650	1 300
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>26 000</b>	<b>28 600</b>	20 000	32 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>300</b>	<b>450</b>	300	450
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>3 000</b>	<b>3 600</b>	4 500	5 400
Mpumalanga	<b>7 000</b>	<b>9 800</b>	5 500	8 525
Limpopo	<b>7 500</b>	<b>11 250</b>	7 000	12 950
Gauteng	<b>1 000</b>	<b>1 200</b>	1 500	2 250
North West/Noordwes	<b>8 000</b>	<b>9 600</b>	5 500	5 500
Total/Totaal	<b>53 360</b>	<b>65 610</b>	45 050	68 525

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**AREA ESTIMATE AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2018 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2018 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
29 MAY/MEI 2018**

**Summer field crops – 2018**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 12,909 mill. tons, which is 0,64% or 81 800 tons more than the previous forecast of 12,827 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,319 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,57 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 23% smaller than the 2017 crop, which was the highest crop ever (16,820 mill. tons). The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 81% of the 2018 crop.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,268 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,051 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,701 mill. tons, which is 1,08% or 71 600 tons more than the 6,630 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,28 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,207 mill. tons, which is 0,16% or 10 200 tons more than the 6,197 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,91 t/ha.

The yield per ha for the Free State and North West provinces was based on scientific and objective results provided by the Agricultural Research Council (ARC).

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 792 255 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 601 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,32 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** also remained unchanged at 1,430 mill. tons, which is the largest soybean crop produced in the history of SA. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 787 200 ha and the expected yield is 1,82 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop was decreased by 15,14% or 12 200 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 56 300 ha and the expected yield is 1,21 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** was also adjusted downwards by 1,98% or 1 680 tons, from 84 750 tons to 83 070 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 28 800 ha. The expected yield is 2,88 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 65 610 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 53 360 ha, with an expected yield of 1,23 t/ha.

**Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for 2018 will be released on 27 June 2018.**

**Somergewasse – 2018**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 12,909 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,64% of 81 800 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 12,827 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,319 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,57 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 23% kleiner as die 2017-oes, wat die grootste oes nog ooit was (16,820 milj. ton). Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 81% van die 2018-oes produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,268 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,051 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,701 milj. ton, wat 1,08% of 71 600 ton meer is as die 6,630 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,28 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,207 milj. ton, wat 0,16% of 10 200 ton meer is as die 6,197 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,91 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies is gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrekk deur die LNR.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 792 255 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 601 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,32 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 1,430 milj. ton, wat die grootste sojaboon-oes is wat nóg geproduseer is in die geskiedenis van SA. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 787 200 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,82 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 15,14% of 12 200 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 56 300 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,21 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is ook afwaarts aangepas met 1,98% of 1 680 ton, vanaf 84 750 ton na 83 070 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met sorghum is 28 800 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,88 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 65 610 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 53 360 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,23 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018, op 27 Junie 2018 vrygestel sal word.**

**The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2018 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2018 vrygestel.**

**NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE** – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018

**NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2018 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	236 644	414 162	248 500	463 600	-10,66
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	78 191	179 813	118 150	267 400	-32,76
Maize/Mielies	314 835	593 975	366 650	731 000	-18,74

The preliminary area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 314 835 ha, which represents a decrease of 14,13%, compared to the 366 650 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 593 975 tons, which is 18,74% less than the 731 000 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 40% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 314 835 ha, wat 'n afname van 14,13 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 366 650 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 593 975 ton, wat 18,74% minder is as die 731 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 40% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.

