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The revised area planted estimate and second production forecast for summer crops for 2019 is hereby released.  
 Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2019 vrygestel.

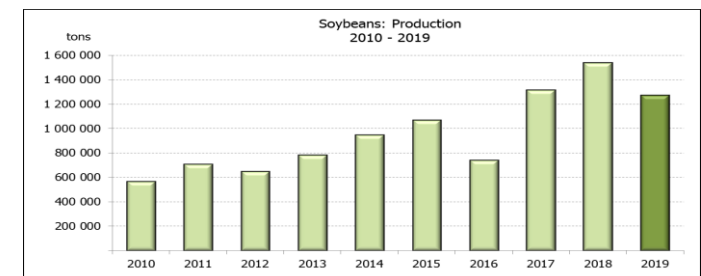
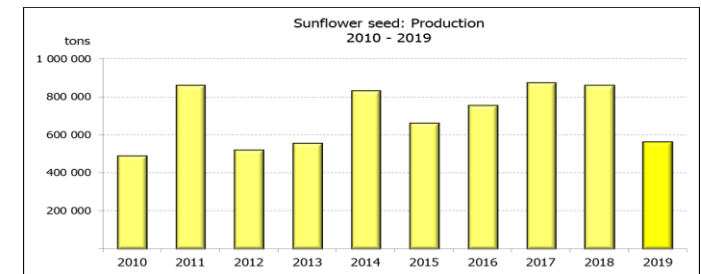
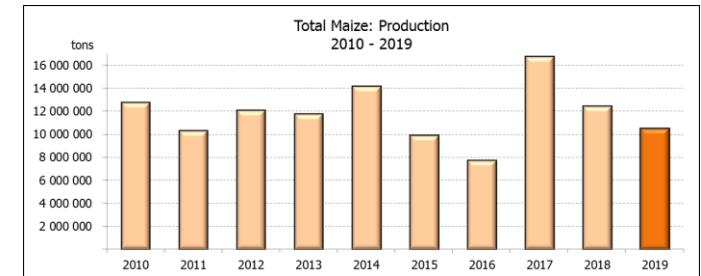
**SUMMER CROPS** – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019

**SOMERGEWASSE** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant <b>2019 Ha (A)</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting <b>2019 Tons (B)</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> skatting 2019 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2018 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieël:</b>						
White maize/Witmielies	<b>1 298 400</b>	<b>5 220 540</b>	5 152 900	1 268 100	6 540 000	+1,31
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	<b>1 002 100</b>	<b>5 340 170</b>	5 357 120	1 050 750	5 970 000	-0,32
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	<b>2 300 500</b>	<b>10 560 710</b>	10 510 020	2 318 850	12 510 000	+0,48
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	<b>515 350</b>	<b>563 590</b>	563 590	601 500	862 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	<b>730 500</b>	<b>1 276 035</b>	1 276 035	787 200	1 540 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	<b>20 050</b>	<b>20 100</b>	20 100	56 300	57 000	-
Sorghum	<b>50 500</b>	<b>163 400</b>	168 400	28 800	115 000	-2,97
Dry beans/Droëbone	<b>59 300</b>	<b>70 950</b>	70 950	53 360	69 360	-
<b>TOTAL/TOTAAL</b>	<b>3 676 200</b>	<b>12 654 785</b>	12 609 095	3 846 010	15 153 360	+0,36

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2018/19 = 2019

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2018/19 = 2019



**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2019			2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2019			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018			Final crop/ Finale oes 2018		
	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	400	3 400	3 800	3 600	30 600	34 200	0	3 750	3 750	0	33 750	33 750
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 400	43 500	46 900	39 440	622 050	661 490	3 600	43 000	46 600	41 300	628 000	669 300
Free State/Vrystaat	650 000	380 000	1 030 000	2 535 000	1 596 000	4 131 000	644 000	410 000	1 054 000	3 350 000	1 925 000	5 275 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 800	10 200	14 000	22 800	67 320	90 120	3 500	11 000	14 500	21 700	71 500	93 200
KwaZulu-Natal	45 000	54 000	99 000	265 500	378 000	643 500	45 000	50 000	95 000	280 000	380 000	660 000
Mpumalanga	145 000	338 000	483 000	783 000	1 825 200	2 608 200	140 000	340 000	480 000	812 000	2 005 000	2 817 000
Limpopo	12 800	18 000	30 800	83 200	117 000	200 200	12 000	21 000	33 000	90 000	141 700	231 700
Gauteng	48 000	60 000	108 000	240 000	324 000	564 000	50 000	62 000	112 000	275 000	356 500	631 500
North West/Noordwes	390 000	95 000	485 000	1 248 000	380 000	1 628 000	370 000	110 000	480 000	1 670 000	428 550	2 098 550
Total/Totaal	1 298 400	1 002 100	2 300 500	5 220 540	5 340 170	10 560 710	1 268 100	1 050 750	2 318 850	6 540 000	5 970 000	12 510 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	100	100
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	950	1 140	1 600	1 920
Free State/Vrystaat	270 000	324 000	314 000	490 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	250	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	4 500	4 500	2 300	2 180
Limpopo	61 000	54 900	45 000	36 000
Gauteng	3 800	3 800	5 500	5 600
North West/Noordwes	175 000	175 000	233 000	326 200
Total/Totaal	515 350	563 590	601 500	862 000

**SOYBEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**
**SOJABONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	200	800	1 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 550	5 425	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	301 000	436 450	345 000	552 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 150	1 380	2 400	2 900
KwaZulu-Natal	33 000	102 300	40 000	124 000
Mpumalanga	310 000	573 500	310 000	672 700
Limpopo	16 200	46 980	20 000	54 000
Gauteng	31 500	63 000	30 000	61 500
North West/Noordwes	36 000	46 800	36 000	61 200
Total/Totaal	730 500	1 276 035	787 200	1 540 000

**GROUNDNUTS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019****GRONDBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>1 200</b>	<b>2 400</b>	2 800	7 000
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>8 000</b>	<b>6 800</b>	22 000	21 150
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	<b>1 850</b>	<b>3 700</b>	3 500	7 350
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	<b>9 000</b>	<b>7 200</b>	28 000	21 500
Total/Totaal	<b>20 050</b>	<b>20 100</b>	56 300	57 000

**SORGHUM – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019****SORGHUM – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>8 000</b>	<b>28 800</b>	6 300	25 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>500</b>	<b>1 750</b>	500	2 200
Mpumalanga	<b>7 500</b>	<b>37 500</b>	7 500	40 500
Limpopo	<b>25 000</b>	<b>67 500</b>	5 000	15 500
Gauteng	<b>1 000</b>	<b>3 200</b>	1 500	4 950
North West/Noordwes	<b>8 500</b>	<b>24 650</b>	8 000	26 650
Total/Totaal	<b>50 500</b>	<b>163 400</b>	28 800	115 000

**DRY BEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019****DROëBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	20	30
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>1 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	540	1 080
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>27 000</b>	<b>28 350</b>	26 000	28 600
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>400</b>	<b>800</b>	300	450
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>3 500</b>	<b>4 200</b>	3 000	3 600
Mpumalanga	<b>7 500</b>	<b>6 000</b>	7 000	9 800
Limpopo	<b>7 800</b>	<b>15 600</b>	7 500	15 000
Gauteng	<b>1 500</b>	<b>2 250</b>	1 000	1 200
North West/Noordwes	<b>10 500</b>	<b>11 550</b>	8 000	9 600
Total/Totaal	<b>59 300</b>	<b>70 950</b>	53 360	69 360

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- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
- No member is allowed to leave the meeting before 12:00 in order to prevent disclosure of the information
- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 14:30
- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
- Only the Chairperson, or a member appointed by the Chairperson, may release the figures to the media
- 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 ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2019 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2019 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
26 MARCH 2019 / 26 MAART 2019**

**Summer field crops – 2019**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 10,561 mill. tons, which is 0,48% or 50 690 tons more than the previous forecast of 10,510 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize was slightly adjusted downward by 1 300 ha to 2,301 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 4,59 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 16% smaller than the 2018 crop. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 79% of the 2019 crop.

The area estimate for white maize was increased by 200 ha to 1,298 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate was decreased by 1 500 ha to 1,002 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 5,221 mill. tons, which is 1,31% or 67 640 tons more than the 5,153 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 4,02 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,340 mill. tons, which is 0,32% or 16 950 tons less than the 5,357 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,33 t/ha.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the ARC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2019; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2019. The current yield figures are mainly obtained from producers in the different provinces.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 563 590 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 515 350 ha, while the expected yield is 1,09 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** also remained unchanged at 1,276 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 730 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,75 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 20 100 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 20 050 ha, with an expected yield of 1,00 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 163 400 tons, which is 2,97% or 5 000 tons less than the 168 400 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 50 500 ha and the expected yield is 3,24 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 70 950 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 59 300 ha, with an expected yield of 1,20 t/ha.

**Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2019 will be released on 25 April 2019.**

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics\\_and\\_economic\\_reports](http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics_and_economic_reports) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **14:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

**Somergewasse – 2019**

**Kommerciële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 10,561 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,48% of 50 690 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 10,510 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is effens afwaarts aangepas met 1 300 ha na 2,301 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,59 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 16% kleiner as die 2018-oes. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 79% van die 2019-oes produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is met 200 ha verhoog na 1,298 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak verlaag met 1 500 ha na 1,002 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 5,221 milj. ton, 1,31% of 67 640 ton meer as die 5,153 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,02 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,340 milj. ton, wat 0,32% of 16 950 ton minder is as die 5,357 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,33 t/ha.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die LNR vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2019 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2019. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 563 590 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 515 350 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,09 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 1,276 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 730 500 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,75 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 20 100 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 20 050 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,00 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 163 400 ton, wat 2,97% of 5 000 ton minder is as die 168 400 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 50 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,24 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 70 950 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 59 300 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,20 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2019, op 25 April 2019 vrygestel sal word.**

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by [http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics\\_and\\_economic\\_reports](http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics_and_economic_reports) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **14:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingkomitee.