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THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2019 PRODUCTION SEASON

At a meeting held on 7 May 2020, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial wheat, malting barley, canola and cereal oats for 2019.

The estimated total production figures as released by the national Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Services (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculations. The figures from the wheat utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the final calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the CEC during February 2020, the size of the commercial wheat crop is now 1 535 000 tons, which is 33 325 tons or 2,22% more than the final crop estimate figure of 1 501 675 tons. For malting barley the recalculated crop size is 345 000 tons, which is 80 tons or 0,02% less than the final crop estimate figure of 345 080 tons. The final recalculated canola crop estimate figure is 95 000 tons, which is slightly lower (1 200 tons or 1,25%) than the final crop estimate figure of 96 200 tons. The final recalculated cereal oats crop estimate figure is 16 500 tons, which is 960 tons or 6,18% higher than the final crop estimate figure of 15 540 tons

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2019 (please refer to the figures in the accompanying tables).

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provided information on a regular basis to improve the accuracy of the crop estimates. Producers, who do not participate in the Department's monthly survey, are requested as a matter of urgency to make an effort to contribute to the crop estimates process.

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CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED	FINAL CROP	CEC AREA PLANTED ¹⁾	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE %
	HA (A)	TONS (B)	HA (C)	TONS (D)	(B) ÷ (D)
Wheat	540 000	1 535 000	540 000	1 501 675	+2,22
Malting barley	131 960	345 000	131 960	345 080	-0,02
Canola	74 000	95 000	74 000	96 200	-1,25
Cereal oats	21 000	16 500	21 000	15 540	+6,18

1) As estimated by the CEC on 26 February 2020

THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2019 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

CROP	Final crop	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Oct 2019 - March 2020)	Estimated future deliveries (April – Sep 2020)	Retentions on farms for own use/seed
	Tons			
Wheat	1 535 000	1 457 436	45 564	32 000 ³⁾
Malting barley	345 000	342 968 ²⁾	932	1 100
Canola	95 000	94 784 ²⁾	116	100
Cereal oats	16 500	15 349	1 151	0

- 1) SAGIS producer deliveries relate to the current crop.
- 2) Early deliveries that took place during September 2019, were added to the malting barley (29 935 tons) and canola (7 706 tons) crops for the 2019 marketing season.
- 3) Based on a survey undertaken by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development.