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**FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE,  
SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2019**

At a meeting held on 13 February 2020, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soybeans, groundnuts and sorghum 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 maize utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the telephonic survey conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), 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 November 2019, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 11,275 mill. tons, which is 0,15% or 17 150 tons more than the final crop estimate figure of 11,258 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 5,545 mill. tons, which is 0,12% or 6 760 tons more than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 5,730 mill. tons, which is 0,18% or 10 390 tons more than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of the commercial sunflower seed crop, the final calculated crop figure is now 678 000 tons, a decrease of 2 940 tons or 0,43% compared to the final crop estimate figure. The sorghum crop were adjusted downward by 2,96% (or 3 875 tons). The soybeans crop remained unchanged at 1 170 000 tons, whilst the groundnuts crop were adjusted slightly downward by 3,15% (or 630 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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**SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR 2019:**

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2019 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2019 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED NOV 2019 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE <sup>1)</sup> NOV 2019 TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
White Maize	1 298 400	5 545 000	1 298 400	5 538 240	+0,12
Yellow Maize	1 002 100	5 730 000	1 002 100	5 719 610	+0,18
Total Maize	2 300 500	11 275 000	2 300 500	11 257 850	+0,15
Sunflower seed	515 350	678 000	515 350	680 940	-0,43
Soybeans	730 500	1 170 345	730 500	1 170 345	-
Groundnuts	20 050	19 400	20 050	20 030	-3,15
Sorghum	50 500	127 000	50 500	130 875	-2,96

1) As estimated by the CEC on 26 November 2019

**CALCULATION SUMMARY: COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM**

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS <sup>2)</sup> (Mar 2019 - Dec 2019) Tons	Projected deliveries <sup>3)</sup> (Jan 2020 -Feb 2020) Tons	On-farm for own use/direct sales, etc. Tons
White Maize	5 545 000	5 304 783	80 217	160 000
Yellow Maize	5 730 000	5 278 629	97 371	354 000
Total Maize	11 275 000	10 583 412	177 588	514 000
Sorghum	127 000	119 849	6 151	1 000
Sunflower seed	678 000	674 475	3 525	-
Soybeans	1 170 345	1 125 171	9 174	36 000
Groundnuts	19 400	19 072	128	200

2) SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the current crop.

3) Projected deliveries for maize, sunflower seed and soybeans are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries (as recorded by SAGIS) for the month of February. With regard to sorghum and groundnuts, projected deliveries are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries for the month of January and February.