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FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2017

At a meeting held on 15 February 2018, 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 2017.

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 September 2017, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 16,820 mill. tons, which is 0,45% or 76 000 tons more than the final crop estimate figure of 16,744 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 9,916 mill. tons, which is 0,24% or 23 250 tons higher than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 6,904 mill. tons, which is 0,77% or 52 750 tons more than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of the commercial sunflower seed crop, the final calculated crop figure is now 874 000 tons, a decrease of 595 tons or 0,07% compared to the final crop estimate figure. The sorghum crop were adjusted upward by 0,44% (or 665 tons). The soybeans crop was slightly adjusted downward, from 1 316 370 tons to 1 316 000 tons, which is 0,03% or 370 tons less. The groundnuts crop remained unchanged at 92 050 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2017 (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 2017:

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2017 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2017 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED SEP 2017 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾ SEP 2017 TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
White Maize	1 643 100	9 916 000	1 643 100	9 892 750	+0,24
Yellow Maize	985 500	6 904 000	985 500	6 851 250	+0,77
Total Maize	2 628 600	16 820 000	2 628 600	16 744 000	+0,45
Sunflower seed	635 750	874 000	635 750	874 595	-0,07
Soybeans	573 950	1 316 000	573 950	1 316 370	-0,03
Groundnuts	56 000	92 050	56 000	92 050	-
Sorghum	42 350	152 000	42 350	151 335	+0,44

1) As estimated by the CEC on 28 September 2017

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

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar-Dec 2017) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Jan 2018 - Feb 2018) Tons	On-farm for own use/direct sales, etc. Tons
White Maize	9 916 000	9 545 530	141 470	229 000
Yellow Maize	6 904 000	6 447 695	104 305	352 000
Total Maize	16 820 000	15 993 225	245 775	581 000
Sorghum	152 000	148 687	813	2 500
Sunflower seed	874 000	866 955	7 045	-
Soybeans	1 316 000	1 279 302	9 698	27 000
Groundnuts	92 050	90 889	411	750

2) SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the current crop.

3) Projected deliveries for maize are based on the weekly producer deliveries (02 January 2018 to 9 February 2018), as recorded by SAGIS and for sorghum, sunflower seed, soybeans and groundnuts on the historic trend of producer deliveries, as recorded by SAGIS.