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**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**The area planted estimate and third production forecast for summer crops for 2017 is hereby released.  
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.**

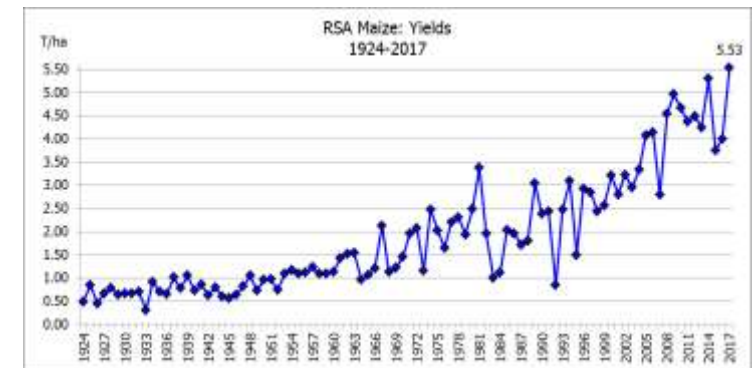
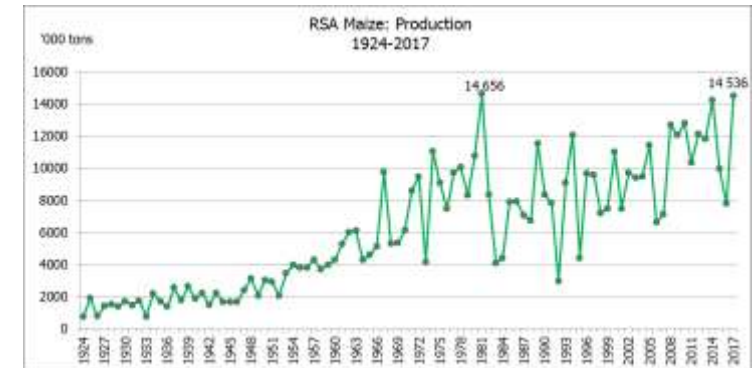
**SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**

**SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant <b>2017</b> Ha <b>(A)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting <b>2017</b> Tons <b>(B)</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2017 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	<b>1 643 100</b>	<b>8 618 400</b>	8 513 200	1 014 750	3 408 500	+1,24
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	<b>985 500</b>	<b>5 917 300</b>	5 810 300	932 000	4 370 000	+1,84
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	<b>2 628 600</b>	<b>14 535 700</b>	14 323 500	1 946 750	7 778 500	+1,48
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	<b>635 750</b>	<b>853 470</b>	896 060	718 500	755 000	-4,75
Soybeans/Sojabone	<b>573 950</b>	<b>1 233 130</b>	1 162 425	502 800	742 000	+6,08
Groundnuts/Grondbone	<b>56 000</b>	<b>86 600</b>	86 600	22 600	17 680	-
Sorghum	<b>42 350</b>	<b>153 480</b>	153 480	48 500	70 500	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	<b>45 050</b>	<b>67 150</b>	65 275	34 400	35 445	+2,87
<b>TOTAL/TOTAAL</b>	<b>3 981 700</b>	<b>16 929 530</b>	16 687 340	3 273 550	9 399 125	+1,45

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2016/17 = 2017

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2016/17 = 2017



**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); and Statistics SA.**

**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2017			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016			Final crop/ Finale oes 2016		
	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	200	2 000	2 200	2 000	20 000	22 000	500	4 000	4 500	5 000	40 000	45 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 500	45 000	48 500	43 750	643 500	687 250	3 750	50 000	53 750	35 000	675 000	710 000
Free State/Vrystaat	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	4 226 250	1 775 000	6 001 250	390 000	310 000	700 000	1 190 500	1 023 000	2 213 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	4 400	9 500	13 900	26 400	57 000	83 400	2 000	12 000	14 000	10 000	66 000	76 000
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	50 000	100 000	320 000	335 000	655 000	38 000	48 000	86 000	215 000	307 000	522 000
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 040 000	2 112 000	3 152 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	752 000	1 567 000	2 319 000
Limpopo	40 000	24 000	64 000	260 000	148 800	408 800	31 500	22 000	53 500	178 000	132 000	310 000
Gauteng	60 000	60 000	120 000	360 000	342 000	702 000	49 000	56 000	105 000	207 000	235 000	442 000
North West/Noordwes	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 340 000	484 000	2 824 000	340 000	100 000	440 000	816 000	325 000	1 141 000
Total/Totaal	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	8 618 400	5 917 300	14 535 700	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 408 500	4 370 000	7 778 500

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	250	250	500	600
Free State/Vrystaat	330 000	462 000	400 000	440 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 200	2 420	4 000	4 400
Limpopo	90 000	81 000	65 000	48 750
Gauteng	3 000	3 000	4 000	4 000
North West/Noordwes	210 000	304 500	245 000	257 250
Total/Totaal	635 750	853 470	718 500	755 000

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	700	1 050	800	1 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	10 500	4 000	13 600
Free State/Vrystaat	240 000	480 000	174 000	148 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 850	2 775	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	30 500	86 925	28 000	66 000
Mpumalanga	241 000	506 100	240 000	408 000
Limpopo	8 500	28 900	16 000	38 400
Gauteng	25 400	68 580	23 000	50 600
North West/Noordwes	23 000	48 300	15 500	14 100
Total/Totaal	573 950	1 233 130	502 800	742 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	14 000	5 000	10 000
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	33 000	6 500	2 920
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 000	4 500	1 600	1 440
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	27 000	35 100	9 500	3 320
Total/Totaal	56 000	86 600	22 600	17 680

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	7 700	26 180	28 000	24 150
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	400	1 600	500	1 650
Mpumalanga	12 000	62 400	10 000	32 500
Limpopo	18 000	50 400	7 000	9 800
Gauteng	750	2 400	-	-
North West/Noordwes	3 500	10 500	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	42 350	153 480	48 500	70 500

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017****DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	150	100	150
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	650	1 300	350	630
Free State/Vrystaat	20 000	30 000	17 000	17 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	300	450	250	375
KwaZulu-Natal	4 500	5 400	2 200	2 640
Mpumalanga	5 500	7 700	6 000	6 000
Limpopo	7 000	14 000	3 000	3 750
Gauteng	1 500	2 100	2 500	2 500
North West/Noordwes	5 500	6 050	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	45 050	67 150	34 400	35 445

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**AREA ESTIMATE AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2017 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2017 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
25 APRIL 2017**

**Summer field crops – 2017**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 14,536 mill. tons, which is 1,48% or 212 200 tons more than the previous forecast of 14,324 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,629 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,53 t/ha – the highest yield ever.

The estimated maize crop is 87% bigger than the 2016 crop, which was the smallest crop since 2007. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 82% of the 2017 crop.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,643 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 985 500 ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 8,618 mill. tons, which is 1,24% or 105 200 tons more than the 8,513 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,25 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,917 mill. tons, which is 1,84% or 107 000 tons more than the 5,810 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 6,00 t/ha.

The yield per ha for the Mpumalanga province was based on scientific and objective results provided by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), which is led by the ARC. Please note that the objective results for the Free State and North West provinces will be available in May 2017.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 853 470 tons, which is 4,75% or 42 590 tons less than the 896 060 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 635 750 ha, while the expected yield is 1,34 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** is 1,233 mill. tons, which is 6,08% or 70 705 tons more than the 1,162 mill. tons of the previous forecast. It is the largest soybean crop produced in the history of SA. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 573 950 ha and the expected yield is 2,15 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 86 600 tons. The area estimate is 56 000 ha and the expected yield is 1,55 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** also remained unchanged at 153 480 tons, whilst the area estimate for sorghum is 42 350 ha. The expected yield is 3,62 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 67 150 tons, which is 2,87% or 1 875 tons more than the 65 275 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 45 050 ha, with an expected yield of 1,49 t/ha.

**Please note that the fourth production forecast for summer field crops for 2017 will be released on 26 May 2017.**

**Somergewasse – 2017**

**Kommerisiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 14,536 milj. ton gestel, wat 1,48% of 212 200 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 14,324 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,629 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,53 t/ha is – die hoogste opbrengs ooit.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 87% groter as die 2016-oes, wat die kleinste oes was sedert 2007. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 82% van die 2017-oes produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,643 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 985 500 ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 8,618 miljoen ton, wat 1,24% of 105 200 ton meer is as die 8,513 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,25 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,917 milj. ton, wat 1,84% of 107 000 ton meer is as die 5,810 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,00 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Mpumalanga provinsie is gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrekk deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium, gelei deur die LNR. Neem kennis dat die objektiewe resultate vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies, in Mei 2017 gerapporteer sal word.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 853 470 ton, wat 4,75% of 42 590 ton minder is as die 896 060 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 635 750 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,34 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 1,233 milj. ton, wat 6,08% of 70 705 ton meer is as die 1,162 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Dit is die grootste sojaboon-oes nog geproduseer in die geskiedenis van SA. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 573 950 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,15 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 86 600 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 56 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,55 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 153 480 ton, terwyl die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum 42 350 ha is. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,62 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 67 150 ton, wat 2,87% of 1 875 ton meer is as die 65 275 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 45 050 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,49 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017, op 26 Mei 2017 vrygestel sal word.**

The intentions to plant winter cereals for the 2017 production season is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir die 2017 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

**WINTERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2017**

**WINTER CEREALS – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2017**

GEWAS/CROP	<b>Voorneme/ Intentions* 2017 Ha (A)</b>	Opp beplant/ Area planted 2016 Ha (B)	Finale skatting/ Final estimate 2016 Tons (C)	Verandering/ Change %
				(A) ÷ (B)
Koring/Wheat	<b>496 350</b>	508 365	1 909 540	-2,36
Moutgars/Malting barley	<b>96 000</b>	88 695	354 065	+8,24
Kanola/Canola	<b>90 000</b>	68 075	105 460	+32,21
Totaal/Total	<b>682 350</b>	665 135	2 369 065	+2,59

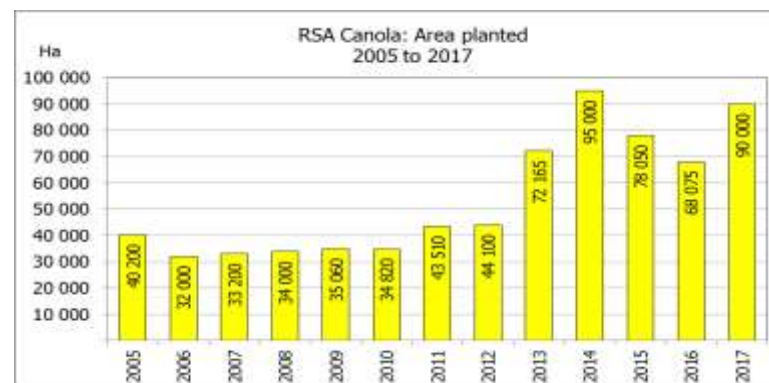
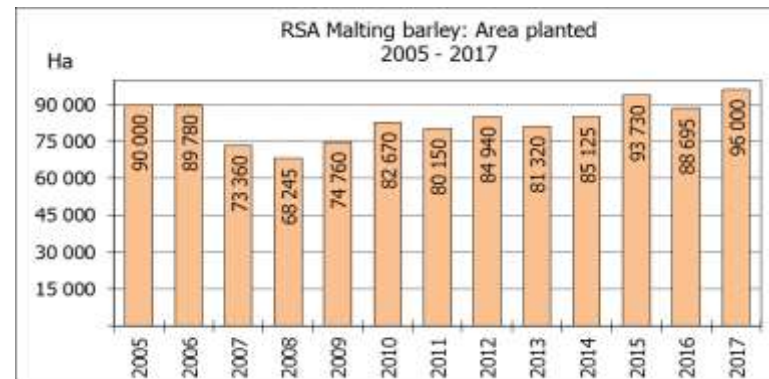
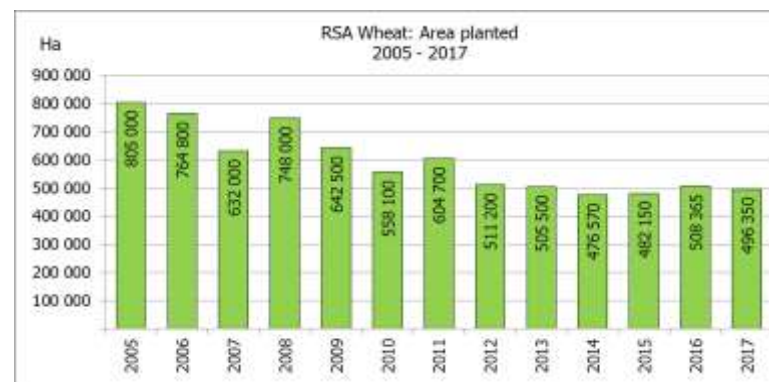
\* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2017 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2017.

**KORING – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2017**

**WHEAT – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2017**

Provinsie/ Province	<b>Voorneme/ Intentions Ha 2017</b>	Opp beplant/ Area planted Ha 2016	Finale skatting/ Final estimate Tons 2016
Wes-Kaap/Western Cape	<b>325 000</b>	323 000	1 098 200
Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape	<b>35 500</b>	35 000	266 000
Vrystaat/Free State	<b>90 000</b>	110 000	308 000
Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape	<b>1 900</b>	2 200	11 000
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>7 500</b>	6 500	37 050
Mpumalanga	<b>3 300</b>	2 300	13 800
Limpopo	<b>20 000</b>	17 000	103 700
Gauteng	<b>350</b>	365	2 190
Noordwes/North West	<b>12 800</b>	12 000	69 600
Totaal/Total	<b>496 350</b>	508 365	1 909 540

\* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2017 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2017.



## INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS FOR 2017 / VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE AAN TE PLANT VIR 2017

### **Winter cereal crops – 2017**

Producers' intentions to plant winter cereals are based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and reflects the position as at the middle of April 2017.

The figures for wheat represent the total number of hectares that are intended to be planted for grain, excluding any hectares that will be planted for fodder and grazing.

Early indications are that producers intend to plant 496 350 ha of **wheat** for the 2017 season. This is 2,36% or 12 015 ha less than 508 365 ha planted to wheat in 2016. The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 325 000 ha (65%), followed by the Free State with 90 000 ha (18%) and the Northern Cape with 35 500 ha (7%).

The expected area planted to **malting barley** is 96 000 ha, which is 8,24% or 7 305 ha more than the 88 695 ha of the previous year. The expected area planted to **canola** is 90 000 ha, which is 32,21 or 21 925 ha more than the 68 075 ha planted in 2016.

Please note that the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for 2017 will be released on 26 July 2017.

### **Wintergewasse – 2017**

Produsente se voorneme om wintergewasse te plant is gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van April 2017.

Die syfers vir koring verteenwoordig die totale aantal hektare wat werklik beplant gaan word vir graan, uitgesluit alle hektare wat beplant gaan word vir groenvoer en weiding.

Vroeë aanduidings is dat produsente van voorneme is om 496 350 ha **koring** te plant vir die 2017-produksie-seisoen. Dit is 2,36 of 12 015 ha minder koring aangeplant as in 2016. Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 325 000 ha (65%), gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 90 000 ha (18%) en die Noord-Kaap met 35 500 ha (7%).

Die verwagte aanplantings van **moutgars** is 96 000 ha – 8,24% of 7 305 ha meer as die 88 695 ha van die vorige jaar. Die verwagte aanplantings van **kanola** is 90 000 ha, wat 32,21% of 21 925 ha meer is as die 68 075 ha wat aangeplant was in 2016.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 op 26 Julie 2017 vrygestel sal word.

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