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The area planted estimate and third production forecast for summer crops for 2018 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

25 April 2018

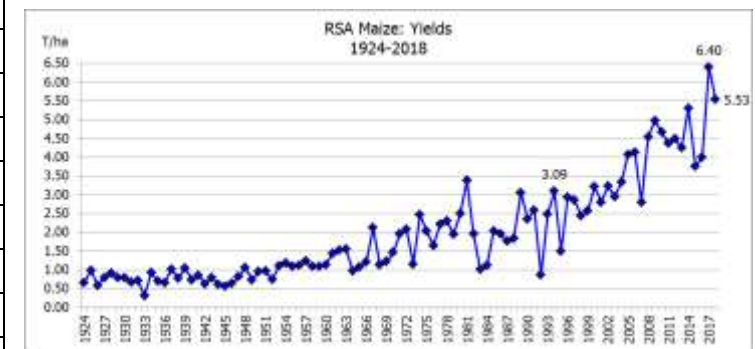
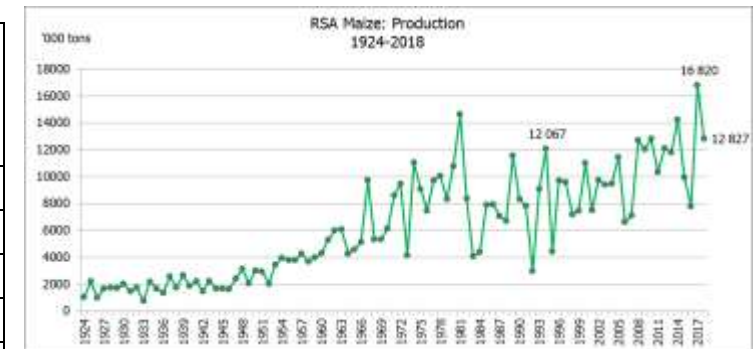
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2018 Tons (B)	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2018 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersiële:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 268 100	6 629 660	6 363 100	1 643 100	9 916 000	+4,2
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 050 750	6 197 150	6 057 400	985 500	6 904 000	+2,3
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 318 850	12 826 810	12 420 500	2 628 600	16 820 000	+3,3
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	601 500	792 255	749 205	635 750	874 000	+5,8
Soybeans/Sojabone	787 200	1 430 300	1 394 800	573 950	1 316 000	+2,6
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 300	80 600	80 600	56 000	92 050	-
Sorghum	28 800	84 750	84 750	42 350	152 000	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	53 360	65 610	68 210	45 050	68 525	-3,8
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersiële Mielies						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	314 835	593 975	N/a	366 650	731 000	
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersiël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersiël						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 633 685	13 420 785	N/a	2 995 250	17 551 000	

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2017/18 = 2018

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2017/18 = 2018



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); BFAP and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018			3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2018			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			Final crop/ Finale oes 2017		
	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	0	3 750	3 750	0	33 750	33 750	200	2 000	2 200	2 000	20 000	22 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 600	43 000	46 600	41 760	636 400	678 160	3 500	45 000	48 500	46 200	666 000	712 200
Free State/Vrystaat	644 000	410 000	1 054 000	3 413 200	2 091 000	5 504 200	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	5 110 000	2 252 000	7 362 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 500	11 000	14 500	21 700	71 500	93 200	4 400	9 500	13 900	30 800	66 500	97 300
KwaZulu-Natal	45 000	50 000	95 000	292 500	380 000	672 500	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	390 000	740 000
Mpumalanga	140 000	340 000	480 000	840 000	2 040 000	2 880 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 342 500	3 430 500
Limpopo	12 000	21 000	33 000	84 000	142 800	226 800	40 000	24 000	64 000	300 000	192 000	492 000
Gauteng	50 000	62 000	112 000	290 000	378 200	668 200	60 000	60 000	120 000	390 000	414 000	804 000
North West/Noordwes	370 000	110 000	480 000	1 646 500	423 500	2 070 000	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 599 000	561 000	3 160 000
Total/Totaal	1 268 100	1 050 750	2 318 850	6 629 660	6 197 150	12 826 810	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 916 000	6 904 000	16 820 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	100	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 600	1 920	250	400
Free State/Vrystaat	314 000	455 300	330 000	478 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	300	300
Mpumalanga	2 300	2 185	2 200	2 300
Limpopo	45 000	36 000	90 000	85 500
Gauteng	5 500	5 500	3 000	3 000
North West/Noordwes	233 000	291 250	210 000	304 500
Total/Totaal	601 500	792 255	635 750	874 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 200	700	1 050
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	9 900	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	345 000	517 500	240 000	504 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 400	2 400	1 850	2 775
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	124 000	30 500	89 605
Mpumalanga	310 000	604 500	241 000	554 300
Limpopo	20 000	55 000	8 500	29 750
Gauteng	30 000	60 000	25 400	71 120
North West/Noordwes	36 000	55 800	23 000	52 900
Total/Totaal	787 200	1 430 300	573 950	1 316 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 800	8 400	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	33 000	22 000	34 100
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 500	7 000	3 000	4 800
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	28 000	32 200	27 000	39 150
Total/Totaal	56 300	80 600	56 000	92 050

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	6 300	18 900	7 700	24 640
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	1 750	400	1 520
Mpumalanga	7 500	36 000	12 000	62 400
Limpopo	5 000	6 000	18 000	50 400
Gauteng	1 500	4 500	750	2 400
North West/Noordwes	8 000	17 600	3 500	10 640
Total/Totaal	28 800	84 750	42 350	152 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	20	30	100	150
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	540	1 080	650	1 300
Free State/Vrystaat	26 000	28 600	20 000	32 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	300	450	300	450
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	3 600	4 500	5 400
Mpumalanga	7 000	9 800	5 500	8 525
Limpopo	7 500	11 250	7 000	12 950
Gauteng	1 000	1 200	1 500	2 250
North West/Noordwes	8 000	9 600	5 500	5 500
Total/Totaal	53 360	65 610	45 050	68 525

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- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
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- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
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**AREA ESTIMATE AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2018 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEMASSE (2018 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
25 APRIL 2018**

Summer field crops – 2018

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 12,827 mill. tons, which is 3,27% or 406 310 tons more than the previous forecast of 12,420 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,319 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,53 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 24% smaller than the 2017 crop, which was the highest crop ever (16,820 mill. tons). The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 82% of the 2018 crop.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,268 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,051 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,630 mill. tons, which is 4,19% or 266 560 tons more than the 6,363 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,23 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,197 mill. tons, which is 2,31% or 139 750 tons more than the 6,057 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,90 t/ha.

The yield per ha for the Mpumalanga province was based on scientific and objective results provided by the ARC. Please note that the objective results for the Free State and North West provinces will be available in May 2018.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 792 255 tons, which is 5,75% or 43 050 tons more than the 749 205 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 601 500 ha, while the expected yield is 1,32 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** is 1,430 mill. tons, which is 2,55% or 35 500 tons more than the 1,395 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 787 200 ha and the expected yield is 1,82 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 80 600 tons. The area estimate is 56 300 ha and the expected yield is 1,43 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** also remained unchanged at 84 750 tons, whilst the area estimate for sorghum is 28 800 ha. The expected yield is 2,94 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 65 610 tons, which is 3,81% or 2 600 tons less than the 68 210 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 53 360 ha, with an expected yield of 1,23 t/ha.

Please note that the fourth production forecast for summer field crops for 2018 will be released on 29 May 2018.

Somergewasse – 2018

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 12,827 milj. ton gestel, wat 3,27% of 406 310 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 12,420 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,319 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,53 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 24% kleiner as die 2017-oes, wat die grootste oes nog ooit was (16,820 milj. ton). Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 82% van die 2018-oes produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,268 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,051 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,630 milj. ton, wat 4,19% of 266 560 ton meer is as die 6,363 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,23 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,197 milj. ton, wat 2,31% of 139 750 ton meer is as die 6,057 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,90 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Mpumalanga provinsie is gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrek deur die LNR. Neem kennis dat die objektiewe resultate vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies, in Mei 2018 gerapporteer sal word.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 792 255 ton, wat 5,75% of 43 050 ton meer is as die 749 205 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 601 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,32 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 1,430 milj. ton, wat 2,55% of 35 500 ton meer is as die 1,395 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 787 200 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,82 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 80 600 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 56 300 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,43 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 84 750 ton, terwyl die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum 28 800 ha is. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,94 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 65 610 ton, wat 3,81% of 2 600 ton minder is as die 68 210 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 53 360 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,23 t/ha.

Neem aseblief kennis dat die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018, op 29 Mei 2018 vrygestel sal word.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2018 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2018 vrygestel.

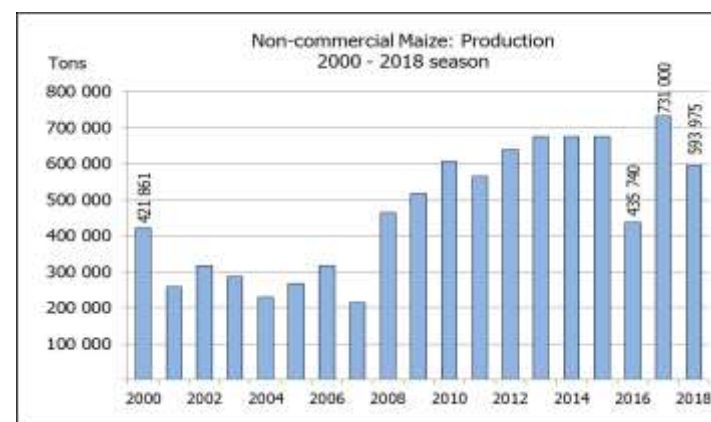
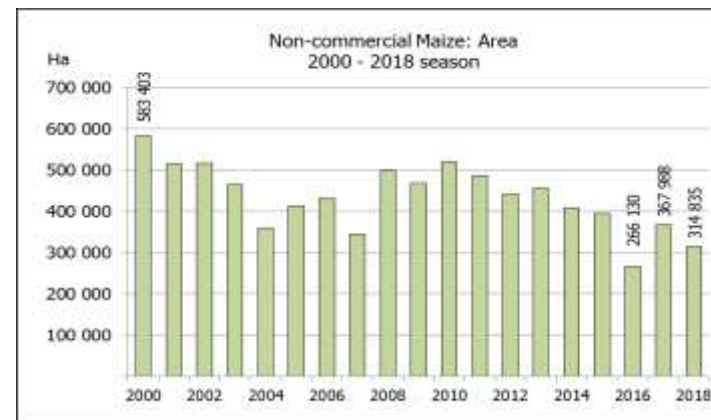
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2018 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	236 644	414 162	248 500	463 600	-10,66
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	78 191	179 813	118 150	267 400	-32,76
Maize/Mielies	314 835	593 975	366 650	731 000	-18,74

The preliminary area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 314 835 ha, which represents a decrease of 14,13%, compared to the 366 650 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 593 975 tons, which is 18,74% less than the 731 000 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 40% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 314 835 ha, wat 'n afname van 14,13 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 366 650 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 593 975 ton, wat 18,74% minder is as die 731 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 40% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.



The intentions to plant winter cereals for the 2018 production season is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir die 2018 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

WINTERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2018

WINTER CEREALS –INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2018

GEWAS/CROP	Voorname/ Intentions* 2018 Ha (A)	Opp beplant/ Area planted 2017 Ha (B)	Finale skatting/ Final estimate 2017 Tons (C)	Verandering/ Change %
Koring/Wheat	500 500	491 600	1 524 750	+1,8
Moutgars/Malting barley	95 700	91 380	307 064	+4,7
Kanola/Canola	78 500	84 000	93 468	-6,6
Totaal/Total	674 700	666 980	1 925 282	+1,2

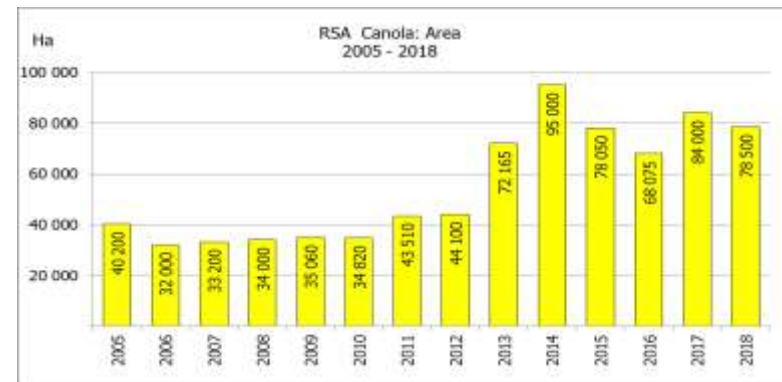
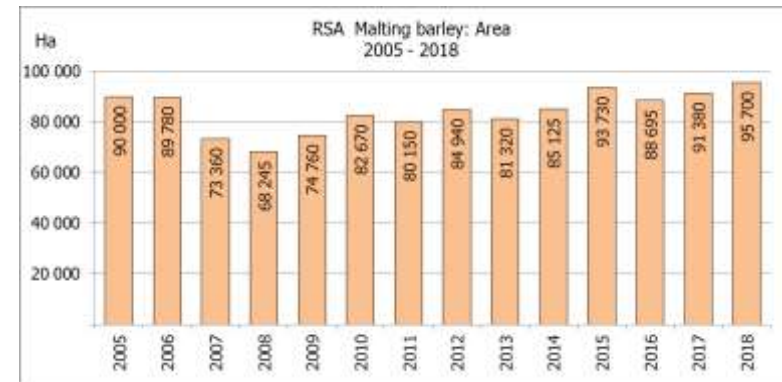
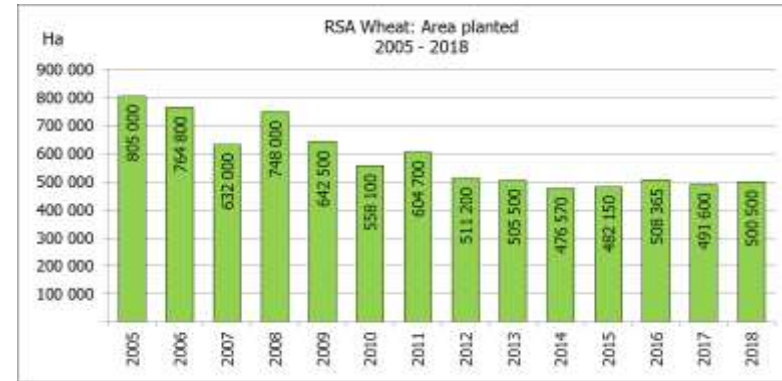
* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2018 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2018.

KORING – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2018

WHEAT – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2018

Provinsie/ Province	Voorname/ Intentions Ha 2018	Opp beplant/ Area planted Ha 2017	Finale skatting/ Final estimate Tons 2017
Wes-Kaap/Western Cape	320 000	326 000	586 800
Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape	37 000	38 000	311 600
Vrystaat/Free State	95 000	80 000	328 000
Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape	2 000	1 900	9 500
KwaZulu-Natal	6 500	7 500	45 750
Mpumalanga	3 500	4 000	25 200
Limpopo	22 000	20 000	130 000
Gauteng	500	700	4 200
Noordwes/North West	14 000	13 500	83 700
Totaal/Total	500 500	491 600	1 524 750

* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2018 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2018.



INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS FOR 2018 / VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE AAN TE PLANT VIR 2018

Winter cereal crops – 2018

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 2018.

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 500 500 ha of **wheat** for the 2018 production season. This is 1,81% or 8 900 ha more than 491 600 ha planted to wheat in 2017.

The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 320 000 ha (64%), followed by the Free State with 95 000 ha (19%) and the Northern Cape with 37 000 ha (7%).

The expected area planted to **malting barley** is 95 700 ha, which is 4,73% or 4 320 ha more than the 91 380 ha of the previous year. The expected area planted to **canola** is 78 500 ha, which is 6,55% or 5 500 ha less than the 84 000 ha planted in 2017.

Please note that the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for 2018 will be released on 26 July 2018.

Wintergewasse – 2018

Produsente se voorneme om wintergewasse te plant is gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direktooraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van April 2018.

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 500 500 ha **koring** te plant vir die 2018-produksie-seisoen. Dit is 1,81% of 8 900 ha meer koring aangeplant as in 2017.

Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 320 000 ha (64%), gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 95 000 ha (19%) en die Noord-Kaap met 37 000 ha (7%).

Die verwagte aanplantings van **moutgars** is 95 700 ha – 4,73% of 4 320 ha meer as die 91 380 ha van die vorige jaar. Die verwagte aanplantings van **kanola** is 78 500 ha, wat 6,55% of 5 500 ha minder is as die 84 000 ha wat aangeplant was in 2017.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2018 op 26 Julie 2018 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30 on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.**

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