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

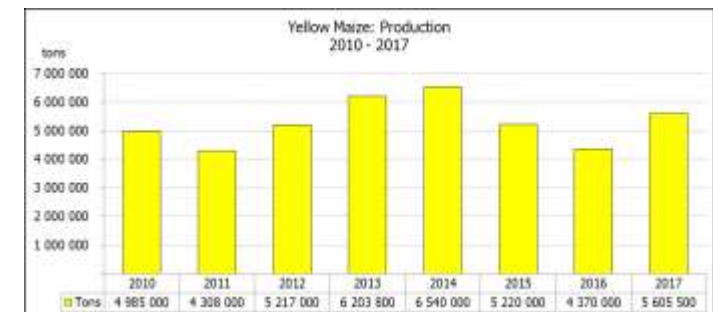
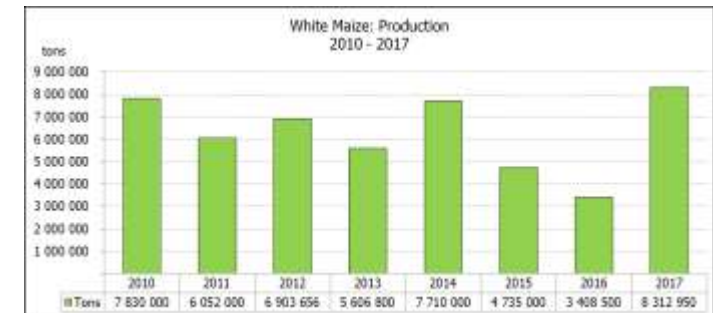
SUMMER CROPS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017

SOMERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting	Area planted/ Opp beplant	Final crop/ Finale oes	Change/ Verandering/
	2017 Ha (A)	2017 Tons (B)	2016 Ha (C)	2016 Tons (D)	% (B) ÷ (D)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
White maize/Witmielies	1 643 100	8 312 950	1 014 750	3 408 500	+143,89
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	985 500	5 605 500	932 000	4 370 000	+28,27
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 628 600	13 918 450	1 946 750	7 778 500	+78,93
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	635 750	928 620	718 500	755 000	+23,00
Soybeans/Sojabone	565 850	1 070 495	502 800	742 000	+44,27
Groundnuts/Grondbone	52 500	88 175	22 600	17 680	+398,73
Sorghum	42 350	140 950	48 500	70 500	+99,93
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 550	64 345	34 400	35 445	+81,53
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 970 600	16 211 035	3 273 550	9 399 125	+72,47

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

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



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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 – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	1 800	18 000	19 800	500	4 000	4 500	5 000	40 000	45 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 500	45 000	48 500	42 000	607 500	649 500	3 750	50 000	53 750	35 000	675 000	710 000
Free State/Vrystaat	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	4 145 750	1 704 000	5 849 750	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	310 000	325 000	635 000	38 000	48 000	86 000	215 000	307 000	522 000
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	960 000	1 980 000	2 940 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	752 000	1 567 000	2 319 000
Limpopo	40 000	24 000	64 000	240 000	144 000	384 000	31 500	22 000	53 500	178 000	132 000	310 000
Gauteng	60 000	60 000	120 000	351 000	330 000	681 000	49 000	56 000	105 000	207 000	235 000	442 000
North West/Noordwes	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 236 000	440 000	2 676 000	340 000	100 000	440 000	816 000	325 000	1 141 000
Total/Totaal	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	8 312 950	5 605 500	13 918 450	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 408 500	4 370 000	7 778 500

SUNFLOWER SEED – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SONNEBLMSAAD – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	528 000	400 000	440 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 200	2 420	4 000	4 400
Limpopo	90 000	90 000	65 000	48 750
Gauteng	3 000	3 150	4 000	4 000
North West/Noordwes	210 000	304 500	245 000	257 250
Total/Totaal	635 750	928 620	718 500	755 000

SOYBEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SOJABONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	230 000	402 500	174 000	148 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 850	2 775	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	30 500	85 400	28 000	66 000
Mpumalanga	241 000	433 800	240 000	408 000
Limpopo	10 400	31 200	16 000	38 400
Gauteng	25 400	58 420	23 000	50 600
North West/Noordwes	23 000	44 850	15 500	14 100
Total/Totaal	565 850	1 070 495	502 800	742 000

GROUNDNUTS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**GRONDBONE** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	39 600	6 500	2 920
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 500	3 375	1 600	1 440
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	24 000	31 200	9 500	3 320
Total/Totaal	52 500	88 175	22 600	17 680

SORGHUM – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SORGHUM** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	23 100	28 000	24 150
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	400	1 600	500	1 650
Mpumalanga	12 000	60 000	10 000	32 500
Limpopo	18 000	43 200	7 000	9 800
Gauteng	750	2 550	-	-
North West/Noordwes	3 500	10 500	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	42 350	140 950	48 500	70 500

DRY BEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**DRÖEBONE** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	1 495	350	630
Free State/Vrystaat	18 000	25 200	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	5 000	10 000	3 000	3 750
Gauteng	1 500	1 950	2 500	2 500
North West/Noordwes	10 000	12 000	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	45 550	64 345	34 400	35 445

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**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2017 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2017 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
25 FEBRUARY 2016 / 25 FEBRUARIE 2016**

Summer field crops – 2017

Commercial maize: The revised area estimate for maize is 2,629 mill. ha, which is 35,03% or 681 850 ha more than the 1,947 mill. ha planted for the previous season and also 3,11% or 79 400 ha more than the preliminary area estimate of 2,549 mill. ha released in January 2017.

The expected commercial maize crop is 13,918 mill. tons, which is 78,93% or 6,140 mill. tons more than the 7,778 mill. tons of the previous season (2016), which was a drought year.

The area planted figures are mainly based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES), conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC) for Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the NCSC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2017; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2017. The current yield figures are mainly obtained from producers in the different provinces.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,643 mill. ha, which represents an increase of 61,92% or 628 350 ha compared to the 1,015 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 985 500 ha, which is also 5,74% or 53 500 ha more than the 932 000 ha planted last season.

The production forecast of white maize is 8,313 mill. tons, which is 143,89% or 4,904 mill. tons more than the 3,408 mill. tons of last season. The yield for white maize is 5,06 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,605 mill. tons, which is 28,27% or 1,235 mill. tons more than the 4,370 mill. tons of last season. The yield for yellow maize is 5,69 t/ha.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 635 750 ha, which is 11,52% or 82 750 ha less than the 718 500 ha planted the previous season. The production forecast for sunflower seed is 928 620 tons, which is 23,00% or 173 620 tons more than the 755 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,46 t/ha.

Other crops: It is estimated that 565 850 ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents an increase of 12,54% or 63 050 ha compared to the 502 800 ha planted last season. The production forecast is 1,070 mill. tons, which is 44,27% or 328 495 tons more than the 742 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,89 t/ha.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 52 500 ha, which is 132,30% or 29 900 ha more than the 22 600 ha planted for the previous season. The expected crop is 88 175 tons – which is 398,73% or 70 495 tons more than the 17 680 tons of last season. The expected yield is 1,68 t/ha.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 12,68% or 6 150 ha, from 48 500 ha to 42 350 ha against the previous season. The production forecast for sorghum is 140 950 tons, which is 99,93% or 70 450 tons more than the 70 500 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 3,33 t/ha.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 45 550 ha, which is 32,41% or 11 150 ha more than the 34 400 ha planted for the previous season. The production forecast is 64 345 tons, which is 81,53% or 28 900 tons more than the 35 445 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,41 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for summer field crops for 2017 will be released on 28 March 2017.

Somergewasse – 2017

Kommersiële mielies: Die hersiene skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,629 milj. ha, wat 35,03% of 681 850 ha meer is as die 1,947 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, maar ook 3,11% of 79 400 ha meer as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 2,549 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Januarie 2017.

Die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is 13,918 milj. ton wat 78,93% of 6,140 milj. ton meer is as die 7,778 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen (2016), wat 'n droogte jaar was.

Die oppervlakte beplant syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf die Producente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel (PICES), soos deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium gerapporteer vir Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die Konsortium vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2017 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2017. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,643 milj. ha, wat 'n toename van 61,92% of 628 350 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,015 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 985 500 ha, wat ook 5,74% of 53 500 ha meer is as die 932 000 ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 8,313 milj. ton, 143,89% of 4,904 milj. ton meer is as die 3,408 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,06 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,605 miljoen ton, wat 28,27% of 1,235 milj. ton meer is as die 4,370 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,69 t/ha.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 635 750 ha, wat 11,52% of 82 750 ha minder is as die 718 500 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 928 620 ton, wat 23,00% of 173 620 ton meer is as die 755 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,46 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 565 850 ha, wat 'n toename van 12,54% of 63 050 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 502 800 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting is 1,070 mill. tons, wat 44,27% of 328 495 ton meer is as die 742 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,89 t/ha.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 52 500 ha, wat 132,30% of 29 900 ha meer is as die 22 600 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte grondbone-oes is 88 175 ton – 398,73% of 70 495 ton meer is as die 17 680 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,68 t/ha.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het afgeneem met 12,68% of 6 150 ha, van 48 500 ha tot 42 350 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van sorghum is 140 950 ton – 99,93% of 70 450 ton meer is as die 70 500 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,33 t/ha.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 45 550 ha, wat 32,41% of 11 150 ha meer is as die 34 400 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting is 64 345 ton, wat 81,53% of 28 900 ton meer is as die 35 445 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,41 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016, op 28 Maart 2017 vrygestel sal word.

The area estimate and final production estimate for winter cereals for the 2016 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakteskatting en finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016

WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2016 Tons (B)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2016 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	508 365	1 909 540	1 893 390	482 150	1 440 000	+0,85
Malting barley/Moutgars	88 695	354 065	354 065	93 730	332 000	-
Canola/Kanola	68 075	105 460	105 460	78 050	93 000	-
Total/Totaal	665 135	2 369 065	2 352 915	653 930	1 865 000	+0,69

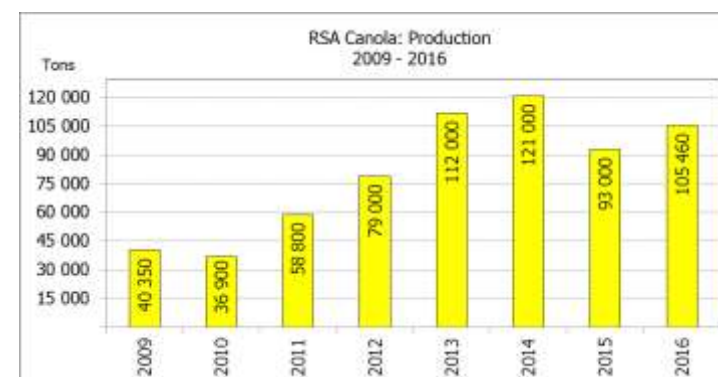
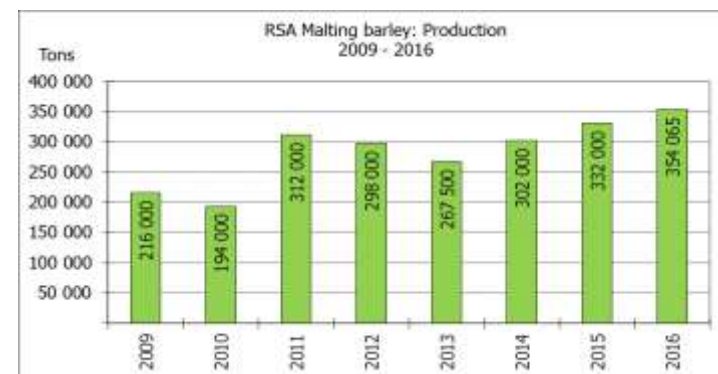
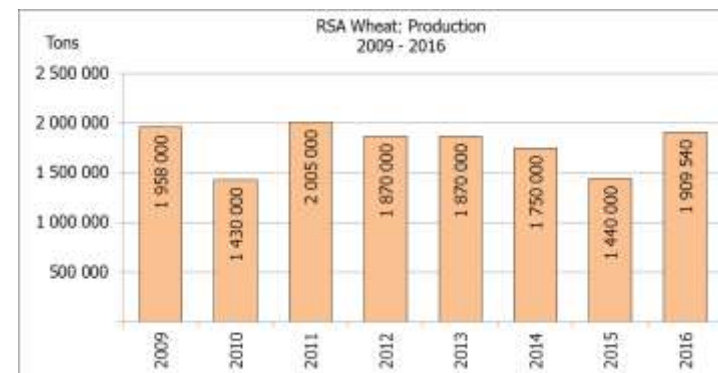
* Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2016 = 2016

* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2016 = 2016

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2016 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	323 000	1 098 200	310 000	697 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	35 000	266 000	36 000	259 200
Free State/Vrystaat	110 000	308 000	80 000	176 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 200	11 000	3 100	14 880
KwaZulu-Natal	6 500	37 050	7 300	41 000
Mpumalanga	2 300	13 800	3 500	19 500
Limpopo	17 000	103 700	27 000	144 420
Gauteng	365	2 190	250	1 500
North West/Noordwes	12 000	69 600	15 000	85 500
Total/Totaal	508 365	1 909 540	482 150	1 440 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF WINTER CROPS (2016) /
OPPERVLAKTESKATTING EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2016)
28 FEBRUARY 2017 / 28 FEBRUARIE 2017**

Winter cereal crops - 2016 production season

Wheat: The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,910 mill. tons, which is 0,85% or 16 150 tons more than the previous forecast of 1,893 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,76 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape increased by 1,49 % or 16 150 tons, from 1,082 mill. tons to 1,098 mill. tons against the previous forecast.

The production forecast for the Free State remained unchanged at 308 000 tons. In the Northern Cape, the expected production forecast also remained unchanged at 266 000 tons.

The area estimate for wheat 508 365 ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** remained unchanged at 354 065 tons. The area planted is estimated at 88 695 ha, while the expected yield is 3,99 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop also remained unchanged at 105 460 tons. The area estimate for canola is 68 075 ha, with an expected yield of 1,55 t/ha.

Please note that the intentions to plant winter cereals for 2017 will be released on 25 April 2017.

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

Wintergewasse - 2016 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,910 milj. ton, wat 0,85% of 16 150 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 1,893 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,76 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap het met 1,49 % of 16 150 ton toegeneem, van 1,082 milj. ton tot 1,098 milj. ton teenoor die vorige skatting.

Die produksieskatting vir die Vrystaat is onveranderd gelaat op 308 000 ton. In die Noord-Kaap is die verwagte produksie ook onveranderd gelaat op 266 000 ton.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is 508 365 ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is onveranderd gelaat op 354 065 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 88 695 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,99 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is ook onveranderd gelaat op 105 460 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 68 075 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,55 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir 2017 op 25 April 2017 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by [http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics and economic reports](http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics_and_economic_reports) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **15:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.