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The **revised** area planted estimate and **first** production forecast for summer crops for 2018 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die **heriene** oppervlakte- en **eerste** produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

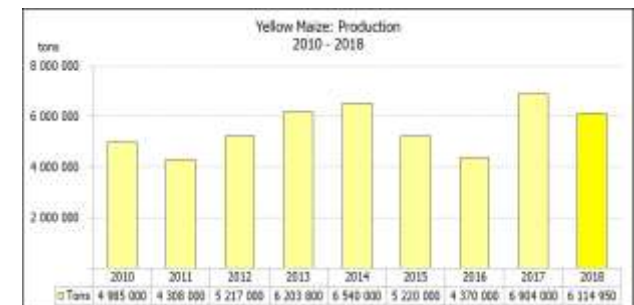
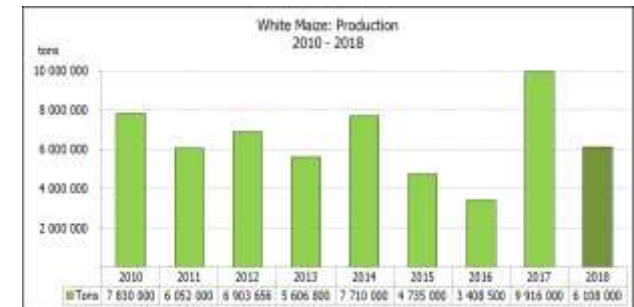
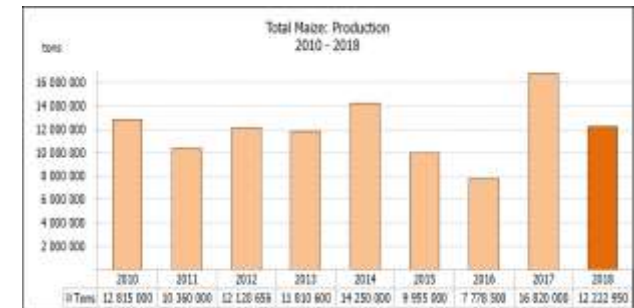
SUMMER CROPS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

SOMERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2018 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (D)
Commercial/Kommersieël:					
White maize/Witmielies	1 258 200	6 108 000	1 643 100	9 916 000	-38,4
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 044 500	6 114 950	985 500	6 904 000	-11,4
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 302 700	12 222 950	2 628 600	16 820 000	-27,3
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	584 900	731 505	635 750	874 000	-16,3
Soybeans/Sojabone	775 300	1 374 700	573 950	1 316 000	+4,5
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 300	88 850	56 000	92 050	-3,5
Sorghum	24 800	78 200	42 350	152 000	-48,6
Dry beans/Droëbone	56 600	70 770	45 050	68 525	+3,3
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 800 600	14 566 975	3 981 700	19 322 575	-24,6

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

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



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WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018			1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	1 500	1 500	0	13 500	13 500	200	2 000	2 200	2 000	20 000	22 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 200	43 000	46 200	36 800	629 950	666 750	3 500	45 000	48 500	46 200	666 000	712 200
Free State/Vrystaat	644 000	410 000	1 054 000	3 220 000	2 111 500	5 331 500	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	5 110 000	2 252 000	7 362 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	4 000	7 000	11 000	24 800	45 500	70 300	4 400	9 500	13 900	30 800	66 500	97 300
KwaZulu-Natal	45 000	50 000	95 000	261 000	350 000	611 000	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	390 000	740 000
Mpumalanga	140 000	340 000	480 000	791 000	2 040 000	2 831 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 342 500	3 430 500
Limpopo	12 000	21 000	33 000	80 400	136 500	216 900	40 000	24 000	64 000	300 000	192 000	492 000
Gauteng	50 000	62 000	112 000	290 000	403 000	693 000	60 000	60 000	120 000	390 000	414 000	804 000
North West/Noordwes	360 000	110 000	470 000	1 404 000	385 000	1 789 000	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 599 000	561 000	3 160 000
Total/Totaal	1 258 200	1 044 500	2 302 700	6 108 000	6 114 950	12 222 950	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 916 000	6 904 000	16 820 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

SONNEBLMSAAD – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	100	120	250	400
Free State/Vrystaat	310 000	418 500	330 000	478 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	300	300
Mpumalanga	2 300	2 185	2 200	2 300
Limpopo	45 000	38 250	90 000	85 500
Gauteng	5 500	6 050	3 000	3 000
North West/Noordwes	222 000	266 400	210 000	304 500
Total/Totaal	584 900	731 505	635 750	874 000

SOYBEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

SOJABONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	300	450	700	1 050
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	9 000	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	345 000	517 500	240 000	504 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 000	3 000	1 850	2 775
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	124 000	30 500	89 605
Mpumalanga	300 000	555 000	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	35 000	50 750	23 000	52 900
Total/Totaal	775 300	1 374 700	573 950	1 316 000

GROUNDNUTS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**GRONDBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	9 800	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	37 400	22 000	34 100
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 500	5 250	3 000	4 800
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	28 000	36 400	27 000	39 150
Total/Totaal	56 300	88 850	56 000	92 050

SORGHUM – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SORGHUM – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	1 000	400	1 520
Mpumalanga	7 500	37 500	12 000	62 400
Limpopo	5 000	7 500	18 000	50 400
Gauteng	1 500	4 500	750	2 400
North West/Noordwes	4 000	8 800	3 500	10 640
Total/Totaal	24 800	78 200	42 350	152 000

DRY BEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**DROëBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	30 000	36 000	20 000	32 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	40	60	300	450
KwaZulu-Natal	2 500	3 000	4 500	5 400
Mpumalanga	6 000	7 200	5 500	8 525
Limpopo	8 000	12 000	7 000	12 950
Gauteng	1 500	1 800	1 500	2 250
North West/Noordwes	8 000	9 600	5 500	5 500
Total/Totaal	56 600	70 770	45 050	68 525

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**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2018 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2018 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
27 FEBRUARY 2018 / 27 FEBRUARIE 2018**

Summer field crops – 2018

Commercial maize: The revised area estimate for maize is 2 302 700 ha, which is 12,40% or 325 900 ha less than the 2 628 600 ha planted for the previous season and also 0,28% or 6 500 ha less than the preliminary area estimate of 2 309 200 ha released in January 2018.

The expected commercial maize crop is 12 222 950 tons, which is 27,33% or 4 597 050 tons less than the 16 820 000 tons of the previous season (2017).

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 2018; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2018. The current yield figures are mainly obtained from producers in the different provinces.

The area estimate for **white maize** is 1 258 200 ha, which represents a decrease of 23,43% or 384 900 ha compared to the 1 643 100 ha planted last season. The production forecast of white maize is 6 108 000 tons, which is 38,40% or 3 808 000 tons less than the 9 916 000 tons of last season. The yield for white maize is 4,85 t/ha.

In the case of **yellow maize**, the area estimate is 1 044 500 ha, which is 5,99% or 59 000 ha more than the 985 000 ha planted last season. The yellow maize production forecast is 6 114 950 tons, which is 11,43% or 789 050 tons less than the 6 904 000 tons of last season. The yield for yellow maize is 5,85 t/ha.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 584 900 ha, which is 8,00% or 50 850 ha less than the 635 750 ha planted the previous season. The production forecast for sunflower seed is 731 505 tons, which is 16,30% or 142 495 tons less than the 874 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,25 t/ha.

Other crops: It is estimated that 775 300 ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents an increase of 35,08% or 201 350 ha compared to the 573 950 ha planted last season. The production forecast is 1 374 700 tons, which is 4,46% or 58 700 tons more than the 1 316 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,77 t/ha.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 56 300 ha, which is 0,54% or 300 ha more than the 56 000 ha planted for the previous season. The expected crop is 88 850 tons – which is 3,48% or 3 200 tons less than the 92 050 tons of last season. The expected yield is 1,58 t/ha.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 41,44% or 17 550 ha, from 42 350 ha to 24 800 ha against the previous season. The production forecast for sorghum is 78 200 tons, which is 48,55% or 73 800 tons less than the 152 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 3,15 t/ha.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 56 600 ha, which is 25,64% or 11 550 ha more than the 45 050 ha planted for the previous season. The production forecast is 70 770 tons, which is 3,28% or 2 245 tons more than the 68 525 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,25 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for summer field crops for 2018 will be released on 28 March 2018.

Somergewasse – 2018

Kommersiële mielies: Die hersiëne skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2 302 700 ha, wat 12,40% of 325 900 ha minder is as die 2 628 600 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, maar ook 0,28% of 6 500 ha minder as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 2 309 200 ha soos vrygestel in Januarie 2018.

Die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is 12 222 950 ton, wat 27,33% of 4 597 050 ton minder is as die 16 820 000 ton van die vorige seisoen (2017).

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 2018 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2018. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies.

Die oppervlak onder **witmielies** is 1 258 200 ha, wat 'n afname van 23,43% of 384 900 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1 643 100 ha die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6 108 000 ton, wat 38,40% of 3 808 000 ton minder is as die 9 916 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,85 t/ha.

In die geval van **geelmielies** is die oppervlakteskatting 1 044 500 ha, wat 5,99% of 59 000 ha meer is as die 985 000 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van geelmielies is 6 114 950 ton, wat 11,43% of 789 050 ton minder is as die 6 904 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,85 t/ha.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die hersiëne oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 584 900 ha, wat 8,00% of 50 850 ha minder is as die 635 750 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 731 505 ton, wat 16,30% of 142 495 ton minder is as die 874 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,25 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 775 300 ha, wat 'n toename van 35,08% of 201 350 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 573 950 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting is 1 374 700 ton, wat 4,46% of 58 700 ton meer is as die 1 316 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,77 t/ha.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 56 300 ha, wat 0,54% of 300 ha meer is as die 56 000 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte grondbone-oes is 88 850 ton – 3,48% of 3 200 ton minder as die 92 050 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,58 t/ha.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het afgeneem met 41,44% of 17 550 ha, van 42 350 ha tot 24 800 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van sorghum is 78 200 ton – 48,55% of 73 800 ton minder as die 152 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,15 t/ha.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 56 600 ha, wat 25,64% of 11 550 ha meer is as die 45 050 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting is 70 770 ton, wat 3,28% of 2 245 ton meer is as die 68 525 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,25 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018, op 28 Maart 2018 vrygestel sal word.

The area estimate and final production forecast for winter cereals for the 2017 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakteskatting en finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017

WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2017 Tons (B)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2017 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	491 600	1 524 750	1 475 450	508 365	1 910 000	+3,3
Malting barley/Moutgars	91 380	307 064	307 064	88 695	355 000	-
Canola/Kanola	84 000	93 468	93 468	68 075	105 000	-
Total/Totaal	666 980	1 925 282	1 875 982	665 135	2 370 000	+2,6

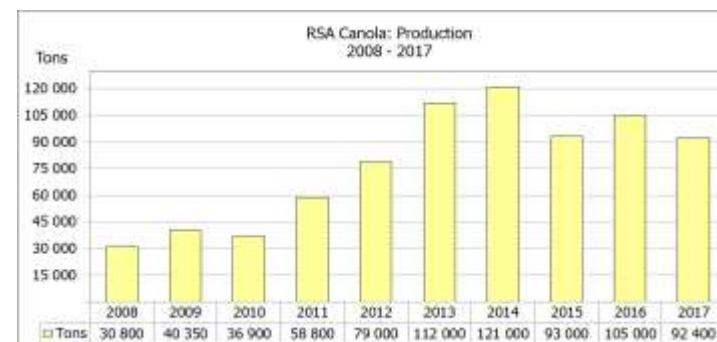
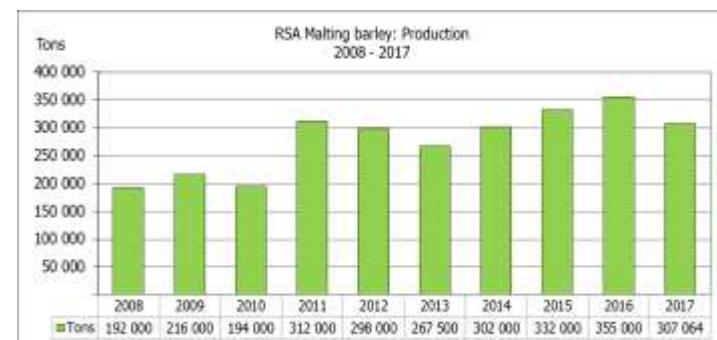
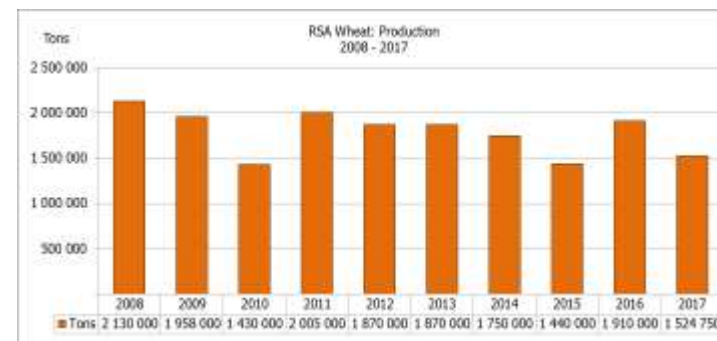
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* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2017 = 2017

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2017 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	326 000	586 800	323 000	1 098 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	311 600	35 000	266 000
Free State/Vrystaat	80 000	328 000	110 000	308 460
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 900	9 500	2 200	11 000
KwaZulu-Natal	7 500	45 750	6 500	37 050
Mpumalanga	4 000	25 200	2 300	13 800
Limpopo	20 000	130 000	17 000	103 700
Gauteng	700	4 200	365	2 190
North West/Noordwes	13 500	83 700	12 000	69 600
Total/Totaal	491 600	1 524 750	508 365	1 910 000



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

27 FEBRUARY / 27 FEBRUARIE 2018

Winter cereal crops - 2017 production season

Wheat: The expected commercial production of wheat is 1 524 750 tons, which is 3,34% or 49 300 tons more than the previous forecast of 1 475 450 tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,10 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape remained unchanged at 586 800 tons. The production estimate for the Free State increased by 10,81% or 32 000 tons, from 296 000 tons to 328 000 tons; and in the Northern Cape, the expected production estimate also increased by 2,50% or 7 600 tons.

The area estimate for wheat 491 600 ha.

Other crops: The production estimate for **malting barley** remained unchanged at 307 064 tons. The area planted is estimated at 91 380 ha, while the expected yield is 3,36 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop also remained unchanged at 93 468 tons. The area estimate for canola is 84 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,11 t/ha.

Please note that the intentions to plant winter cereals for 2018 will be released on 25 April 2018.

Wintergewasse - 2017 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1 524 750 ton, wat 3,34% of 49 300 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 1 475 450 ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,10 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is onveranderd gelaat op 586 800 ton. Die produksieskatting vir die Vrystaat het met 10,81 % of 32 000 ton toegeneem, van 296 000 ton tot 328 000 ton teenoor die vorige skatting; en in die Noord-Kaap het die verwagte produksie ook toegeneem met 2,50% of 7 600 ton.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is 491 600 ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is onveranderd gelaat op 307 064 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 91 380 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,36 t/ha behoop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is ook onveranderd gelaat op 93 468 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 84 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,11 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir 2018 op 25 April 2018 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at <http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics> and [economic reports](http://www.daff.gov.za/economic-reports) 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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