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The **preliminary** area planted estimate for summer crops for 2018 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die **voorlopige** oppervlakteskating vir somergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2018

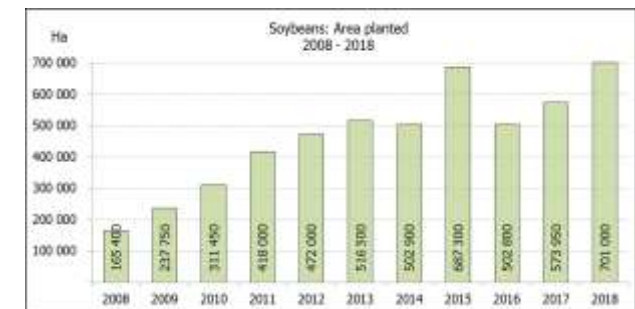
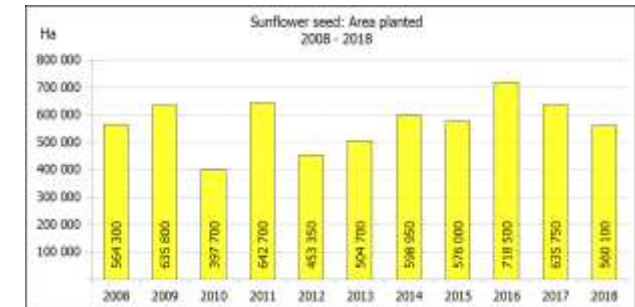
SOMERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant	Intentions ¹⁾ / Voorname ¹⁾	Area planted/ Opp beplant	Final estimate/ Finale skatting	Change/ Verandering/ 2018 vs 2017
	2018 Ha (A)	2018 Ha (B)	2017 Ha (C)	2017 Tons (D)	% (A) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersiële					
White maize/Witmielies	1 284 700	1 404 100	1 643 100	9 892 750	-21,8
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 024 500	1 066 300	985 500	6 851 250	+4,0
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 309 200	2 470 400	2 628 600	16 744 000	-12,2
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	560 100	665 500	635 750	874 595	-11,9
Soybeans/Sojabone	701 000	720 000	573 950	1 316 370	+22,1
Groundnuts/Grondbone	53 000	65 500	56 000	92 050	-5,4
Sorghum	25 000	43 700	42 350	151 335	-41,0
Dry beans/Droëbone	52 000	60 000	45 050	68 525	+15,4
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 700 300	4 025 100	3 981 700	19 246 875	-7,1

1) Soos middel Oktober 2017/ As mid October 2017

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 – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2018
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Preliminary area planted Voorlopige oppervlakte beplant 2018			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ 2017		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Geel/ Yellow Tons	Totaal/ Total Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	1 500	1 500	200	2 000	2 200	2 000	20 000	22 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 700	43 000	45 700	3 500	45 000	48 500	46 200	657 000	703 200
Free State/Vrystaat	620 000	405 000	1 025 000	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	5 111 750	2 218 750	7 330 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	4 000	9 000	13 000	4 400	9 500	13 900	30 800	66 500	97 300
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	47 000	87 000	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	385 000	735 000
Mpumalanga	133 000	330 000	463 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 343 000	3 431 000
Limpopo	25 000	22 000	47 000	40 000	24 000	64 000	300 000	192 000	492 000
Gauteng	50 000	62 000	112 000	60 000	60 000	120 000	390 000	408 000	798 000
North West/Noordwes	410 000	105 000	515 000	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 574 000	561 000	3 135 000
Total/Totaal	1 284 700	1 024 500	2 309 200	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 892 750	6 851 250	16 744 000

1) 28 September 2017

SUNFLOWER SEED – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2018
SONNEBLMSAAD – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	100	250	375
Free State/Vrystaat	310 000	330 000	478 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	300	300
Mpumalanga	2 000	2 200	2 420
Limpopo	75 000	90 000	85 500
Gauteng	3 000	3 000	3 000
North West/Noordwes	170 000	210 000	304 500
Total/Totaal	560 100	635 750	874 595

SOYBEANS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2018
SOJABONE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	300	700	1 050
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	310 000	240 000	504 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 000	1 850	2 775
KwaZulu-Natal	35 000	30 500	89 975
Mpumalanga	275 000	241 000	554 300
Limpopo	15 000	8 500	29 750
Gauteng	30 700	25 400	71 120
North West/Noordwes	30 000	23 000	52 900
Total/Totaal	701 000	573 950	1 316 370

**PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2018 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2018 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
30 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2018**

Summer field crops – 2018

The preliminary area estimate of today is mainly 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. Less favorable rainfall and warm temperatures in the western producing areas over the past few weeks prevented producers from planting their intended area with summer crops, especially in the Free State and North West provinces.

The revised area planted and production figures, which will be released by the Crop Estimates Committee on, DV, 27 February 2018, will mainly be based, on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) survey for the Northern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces.

Commercial maize: The preliminary area estimate for maize is 2,309 mill. ha, which is 12,15% or 319 400 ha less than the 2,629 mill. ha planted for the previous season, and also 6,53% or 161 200 ha less than the intentions to plant figure of 2,470 mill. ha released in October 2017.

The preliminary area estimate for white maize is 1,285 mill. ha, which represents a decrease of 21,81% or 358 400 ha compared to the 1,643 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 1,024 mill. ha, which is 3,96% or 39 000 ha more than the 985 500 ha planted last season.

Other summer crops:

Please note that only provisional national area planted figures of groundnuts, sorghum and dry beans for the current production season are being released today.

Sunflower seed: The preliminary area estimate for sunflower seed is 560 100 ha, which is 11,90% or 75 650 ha less than the 635 750 ha planted the previous season. As some producers have not yet finished plantings, mainly because of unfavourable weather conditions, rainfall within the next two weeks can still influence farmers' decisions to plant sunflower seed.

It is estimated that 701 000 ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents an increase of 22,14% or 127 050 ha compared to the 573 950 ha planted last season.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 53 000 ha, which is 5,36% or 3 000 ha less than the 56 000 ha planted for the previous season.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 40,97%, from 42 350 ha to 25 000 ha against the previous season.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 52 000 ha, which is 15,43% or 6 950 ha more than the 45 050 ha planted for the previous season.

Please note that the revised area estimate and first production forecast for summer field crops for 2018 will be released on 27 February 2018.

Somergewasse – 2018

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van vandag is hoofsaaklik 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. Minder gunstige reënvalneerslae en warm temperature in die westelike produserende gebiede die afgelope paar weke het produsente verhinder om hul beoogde oppervlakte met somergewasse aan te plant, veral in die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies.

Die hersiene aangeplante oppervlakte en produksiesyfers sal deur die Oesskattingskomitee op, DV, 27 Februarie 2018 vrygestel word en sal hoofsaaklik, gebaseer wees op inligting verkry vanaf die "PICES"-opname vir die Noord-Kaap, Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

Kommersiële mielies: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,309 milj. ha, wat 12,15% of 319 400 ha minder is as die 2,629 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, en ook 6,53% of 161 200 ha minder as die voornemens om te plant syfer van 2,470 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Oktober 2017.

Die voorlopige oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,285 milj. ha, wat 'n afname van 21,81% of 358 400 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,643 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 1,024 milj. ha, wat 3,96% of 39 000 ha meer is as die 985 500 ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Ander somergewasse:

Let asb. daarop dat net die nasionale aangeplante area vir die voorlopige oppervlakte van die grondbone, sorghum en droëbone vir die huidige produksieseisoen vandag vrygestel word.

Sonneblomsaad: Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 560 100 ha, wat 11,90% of 75 650 ha minder is as die 635 750 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen. Aangesien sommige produsente nog nie klaar geplant is nie, hoofsaaklik weens ongunstige weersomstandighede, kan reënval binne die volgende twee weke steeds produsente se besluite om sonneblomsaad te plant, beïnvloed.

Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 701 000 ha, wat 'n toename van 22,14% of 127 050 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 573 950 ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 53 000 ha, wat 5,36% of 3 000 ha minder is as die 56 000 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het afgeneem met 40,97%, van 42 350 ha tot 25 000 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 52 000 ha, wat 15,43% of 6 950 ha meer is as die 45 050 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die hersiene oppervlakte- en eerste produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018, op 27 Februarie 2018 vrygestel sal word.

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

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017

WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2017 Tons (B)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{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	1 475 450	1 475 450	508 365	1 910 000	-
Malting barley/Moutgars	91 380	307 064	298 564	88 695	355 000	+2,8
Canola/Kanola	84 000	93 468	92 400	68 075	105 000	+1,2
Total/Totaal	666 980	1 875 982	1 866 414	665 135	2 370 000	+0,5

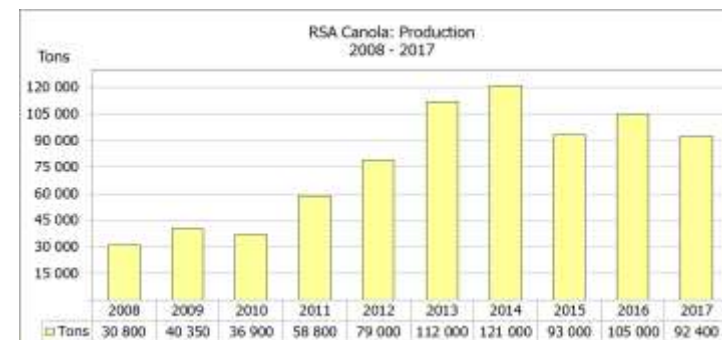
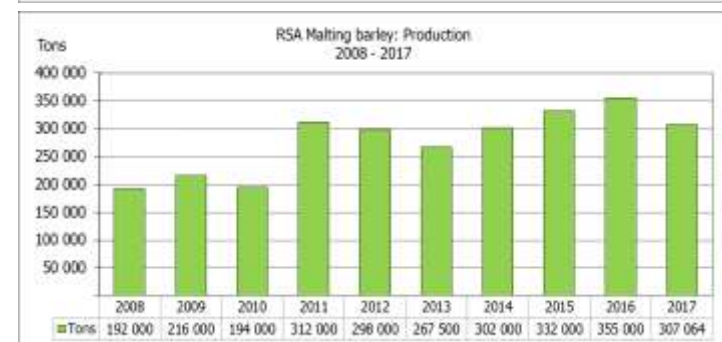
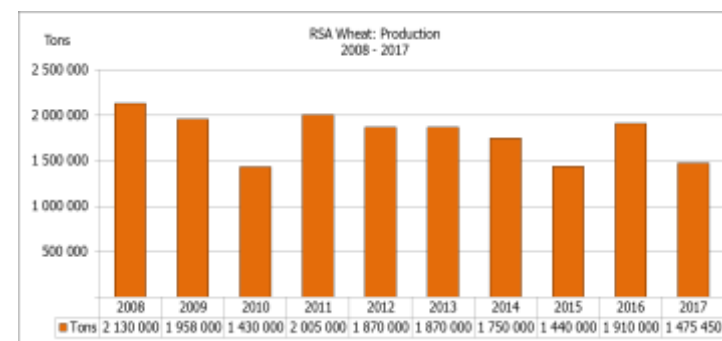
* Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2017 = 2017

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

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	326 000	586 800	323 000	1 098 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	304 000	35 000	266 000
Free State/Vrystaat	80 000	296 000	110 000	308 460
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 900	9 500	2 200	11 000
KwaZulu-Natal	7 500	42 750	6 500	37 050
Mpumalanga	4 000	25 200	2 300	13 800
Limpopo	20 000	126 000	17 000	103 700
Gauteng	700	4 200	365	2 190
North West/Noordwes	13 500	81 000	12 000	69 600
Total/Totaal	491 600	1 475 450	508 365	1 910 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2017) /
OPPERVLAKTESKATTING EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2017)
30 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2018**

Winter cereal crops - 2017 production season

Wheat: The expected commercial production of wheat remained unchanged at 1,475 mill. tons, with an expected yield of 3,00 t/ha.

The area estimate for wheat is 491 600 ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 307 064 tons, which is 2,85% or 8 500 tons more than the previous forecast of 298 564 tons. The area planted is estimated at 91 380 ha, while the expected yield is 3,36 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop was adjusted slightly upwards by 1,16% or 1 068 tons to 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 final production estimate for winter cereals for 2017 will be released on 27 February 2018.

Wintergewasse - 2017 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is onveranderd gelaat op 1,475 milj. ton, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 3,00 t/ha.

Die oppervlakeskatting vir koring is 491 600 ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 307 064 ton, wat 2,85% of 8 500 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 298 564 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 91 380 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,36 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is effens opwaarts aangepas met 1,16% of 1 068 ton na 93 468 ton. Die oppervlakeskatting vir kanola is 84 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,11 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 op 27 Februarie 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.

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

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- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 15:30

- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
- Only the Chairperson, or a member appointed by the Chairperson, may release the figures to the media
- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
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