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

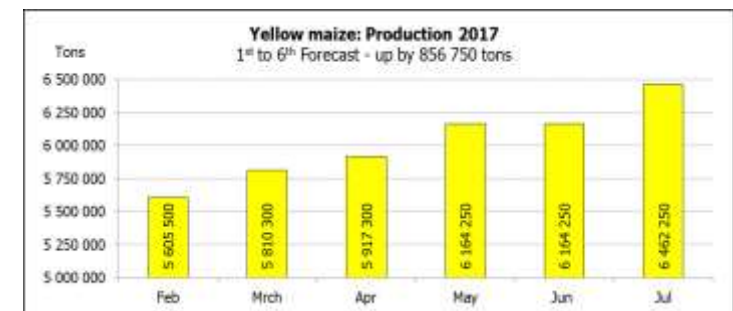
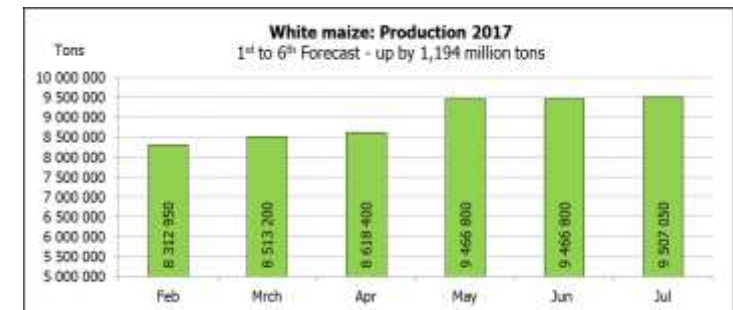
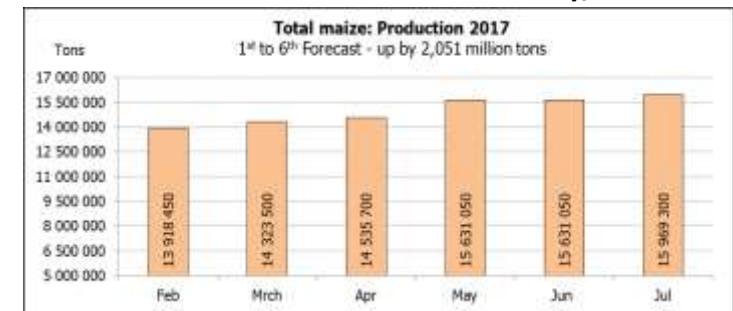
**SUMMER CROPS** – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017

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

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant	6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 6 <sup>de</sup> skatting	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting	Area planted/ Opp beplant	Final crop/ Finale oes	Change/ Verandering
	2017 Ha (A)	2017 Tons (B)	2017 Tons (C)	2016 Ha (D)	2016 Tons (E)	% (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 643 100	9 507 050	9 466 800	1 014 750	3 408 500	+0,43
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	985 500	6 462 250	6 164 250	932 000	4 370 000	+4,83
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 628 600	15 969 300	15 631 050	1 946 750	7 778 500	+2,16
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	635 750	821 970	821 970	718 500	755 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	573 950	1 340 370	1 340 370	502 800	742 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 000	90 550	90 550	22 600	17 680	-
Sorghum	42 350	151 335	151 335	48 500	70 500	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 050	68 525	68 450	34 400	35 445	+0,11
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 981 700	18 442 050	18 103 725	3 273 550	9 399 125	+1,87

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); BFAP and Statistics SA.

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

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 6 <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	45 500	652 500	698 000	3 750	50 000	53 750	35 000	675 000	710 000
Free State/Vrystaat	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	4 950 750	2 023 500	6 974 250	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	30 800	61 750	92 550	2 000	12 000	14 000	10 000	66 000	76 000
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	50 000	100 000	330 000	375 000	705 000	38 000	48 000	86 000	215 000	307 000	522 000
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 040 000	2 244 000	3 284 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	752 000	1 567 000	2 319 000
Limpopo	40 000	24 000	64 000	292 000	192 000	484 000	31 500	22 000	53 500	178 000	132 000	310 000
Gauteng	60 000	60 000	120 000	372 000	360 000	732 000	49 000	56 000	105 000	207 000	235 000	442 000
North West/Noordwes	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 444 000	533 500	2 977 500	340 000	100 000	440 000	816 000	325 000	1 141 000
Total/Totaal	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 507 050	6 462 250	15 969 300	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 408 500	4 370 000	7 778 500

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 6 <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	445 500	400 000	440 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 200	2 420	4 000	4 400
Limpopo	90 000	76 500	65 000	48 750
Gauteng	3 000	3 000	4 000	4 000
North West/Noordwes	210 000	294 000	245 000	257 250
Total/Totaal	635 750	821 970	718 500	755 000

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 6 <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	528 000	174 000	148 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 850	2 775	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	30 500	89 975	28 000	66 000
Mpumalanga	241 000	554 300	240 000	408 000
Limpopo	8 500	29 750	16 000	38 400
Gauteng	25 400	71 120	23 000	50 600
North West/Noordwes	23 000	52 900	15 500	14 100
Total/Totaal	573 950	1 340 370	502 800	742 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 6 <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	34 100	6 500	2 920
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 000	4 650	1 600	1 440
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	27 000	37 800	9 500	3 320
Total/Totaal	56 000	90 550	22 600	17 680

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 6 <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	24 640	28 000	24 150
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	400	1 520	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	9 975	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	42 350	151 335	48 500	70 500

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017****DRÖËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 6 <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	32 000	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	8 525	6 000	6 000
Limpopo	7 000	12 950	3 000	3 750
Gauteng	1 500	2 250	2 500	2 500
North West/Noordwes	5 500	5 500	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	45 050	68 525	34 400	35 445

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**AREA ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2017 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2017 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
26 JULY 2017**

**Summer field crops – 2017**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 15,969 mill. tons, which is 2,16% or 338 250 tons more than the previous forecast of 15,631 mill. tons. It is the largest maize crop produced in the history of SA. The area estimate for maize is 2,629 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 6,08 t/ha – also the highest yield ever.

The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 83% 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 9,507 mill. tons, which is 0,43% or 40 250 tons more than the 9,467 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,79 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,462 mill. tons, which is 4,83% or 298 000 tons more than the 6,164 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 6,56 t/ha.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 821 970 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 635 750 ha, while the expected yield is 1,29 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans also** remained unchanged at 1,340 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 573 950 ha and the expected yield is 2,34 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 90 550 tons. The area estimate is 56 000 ha and the expected yield is 1,62 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 151 335 tons, whilst the area estimate for sorghum is 42 350 ha. The expected yield is 3,57 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast showed a slight increase of 0,11% or 75 tons to 68 525 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 45 050 ha, with an expected yield of 1,52 t/ha.

**Please note that the seventh production forecast for summer field crops for 2017 will be released on 29 August 2017.**

**Somergewasse – 2017**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 15,969 milj. ton gestel, wat 2,16% of 338 250 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 15,631 milj. ton. Dit is die grootste mielie-oes nog geproduseer in die geskiedenis van SA. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,629 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 6,08 t/ha is – ook die hoogste opbrengs ooit.

Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 83% 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 9,507 milj. ton, wat 0,43% of 40 250 ton meer is as die 9,467 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,79 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,462 milj. ton, wat 4,83% of 298 000 ton meer is as die 6,164 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,56 t/ha.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 821 970 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 635 750 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,29 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 1,340 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 573 950 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,34 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 90 550 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 56 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,62 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 151 335 ton, terwyl die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum 42 350 ha is. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,57 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** dui die produksieskatting op 'n geringe styging van 0,11% of 75 ton na 68 525 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 45 050 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,52 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die sewende produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017, op 29 Augustus 2017 vrygestel sal word.**

**The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2017 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2017 vrygestel.**

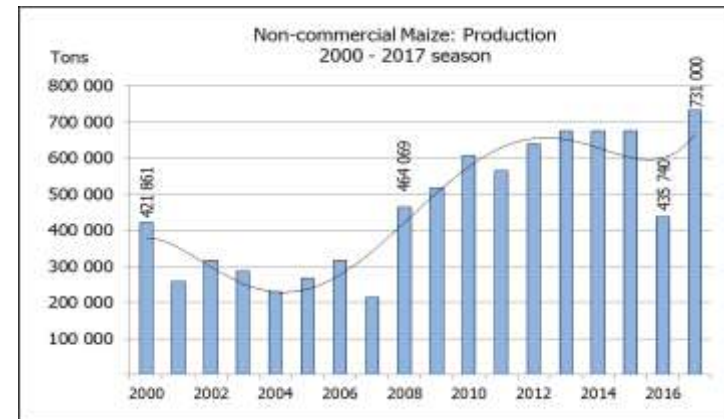
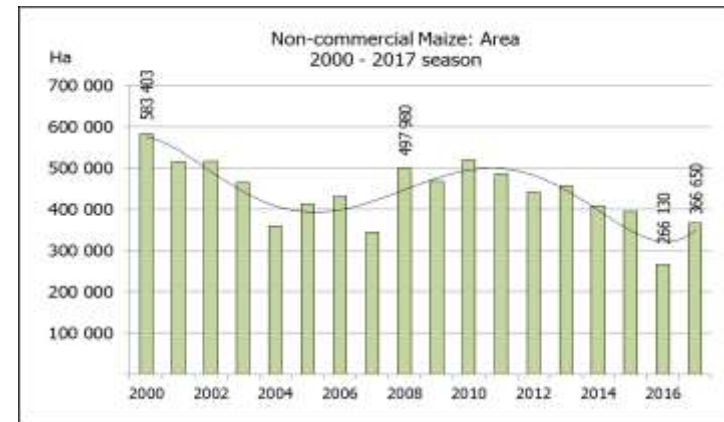
**NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017**

**NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2017 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	248 500	463 600	191 225	286 175	+62,00
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	118 150	267 400	74 905	149 565	+78,79
Maize/Mielies	366 650	731 000	266 130	435 740	+67,76

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 366 650 ha, which represents an increase of 37,77%, compared to the 266 130 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 731 000 tons, which is 67,76% more than the 435 740 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 64% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape.

Die oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 366 650 ha, wat 'n toename van 37,77 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 266 130 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 731 000 ton, wat 67,76% meer is as die 435 740 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 64% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.



The preliminary area estimate for winter cereals for the 2017 is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.

**WINTER CEREALS** – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2017 PRODUCTION SEASON

**WINTERGEWASSE** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2017-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	Intentions/ Voorneme* Mid April 2017 Ha (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (A) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieel:</b>					
Wheat/Koring	<b>498 850</b>	496 350	508 365	1 910 000	-1,87
Malting barley/Moutgars	<b>98 800</b>	96 000	88 695	355 000	+11,39
Canola/Kanola	<b>87 000</b>	90 000	68 075	105 000	+27,80
Total/Totaal	<b>684 650</b>	682 350	665 135	2 370 000	+2,93

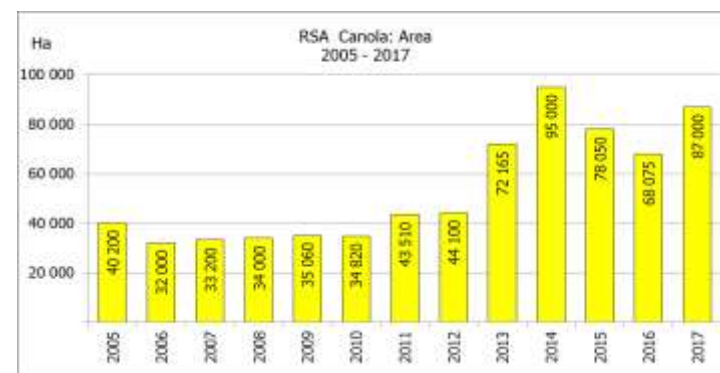
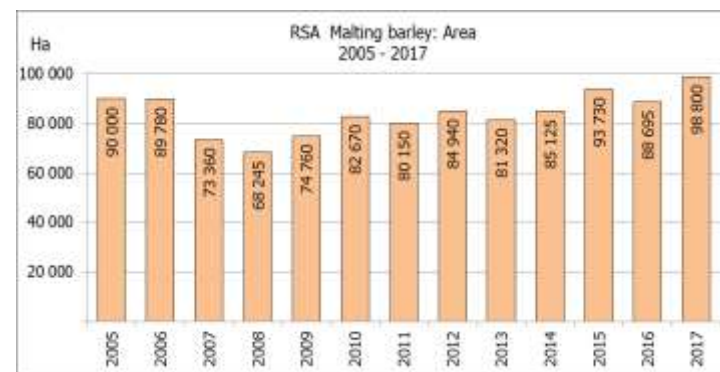
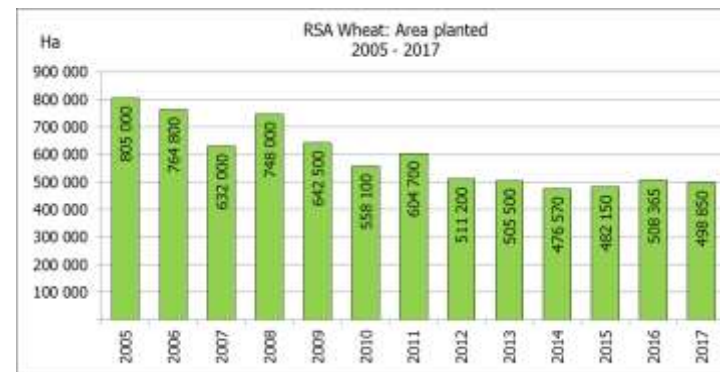
\* Intentions based on conditions at the middle of April 2017 / Voorneme gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2017.

**WHEAT** – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2017

**KORING** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha	Intentions/ Voorneme* Ha Mid April 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>325 000</b>	325 000	323 000	1 098 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>38 000</b>	35 500	35 000	266 000
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>90 000</b>	90 000	110 000	308 460
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>1 900</b>	1 900	2 200	11 000
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>7 500</b>	7 500	6 500	37 050
Mpumalanga	<b>3 300</b>	3 300	2 300	13 800
Limpopo	<b>20 000</b>	20 000	17 000	103 700
Gauteng	<b>350</b>	350	365	2 190
North West/Noordwes	<b>12 800</b>	12 800	12 000	69 600
Total/Totaal	<b>498 850</b>	496 350	508 365	1 910 000

\* Intentions based on conditions at the middle of April 2017 / Voorneme gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2017.



**PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF WINTER CROPS (2017) /  
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2017)  
27 JULY/ 27 JULIE 2017**

**Winter cereal crops - 2017 production season**

The preliminary area estimate is based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Econ. Analysis and reflects the position as at the middle of July 2017, as well as inputs from the PDA representatives. Please note that the information from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES), as conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), for the Western Cape will be available in August 2017 and for the Free State in September 2017.

**Wheat:** The preliminary area estimate for wheat is 498 850 ha, which is 1,87% or 9 515 ha less than the 508 365 ha planted for the previous season. On record, this is the third smallest area planted to wheat (since the 1930's). The smallest area planted to wheat was during 2014, when 476 570 ha was planted, whereas the second smallest area was planted during 2015, namely 482 150 ha.

An estimated 325 000 ha is planted in the Western Cape, which is 2 000 ha more than the 323 000 ha planted for the previous season. In the Free State, 90 000 ha is planted, which is 20 000 ha less than the 110 000 ha planted for the previous season. The area planted in the Northern Cape is 38 000 ha, which is 3 000 ha more than the 35 000 ha for the previous season.

**Other crops:** The preliminary area estimate for malting barley is 98 800 ha, which is 11,39% or 10 105 ha more than the 88 695 ha of last season. The area planted to canola is 87 000 ha, which is 27,80% or 18 925 ha more than the 68 075 ha planted for the previous season.

**Please note that the revised area planted estimate and first production forecast for winter cereals for 2017 will be released on 29 August 2017.**

**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.**

**Wintergewasse - 2017 produksie-seisoen**

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskattings is gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direktooraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van Julie 2017, sowel as insette van die PDL verteenwoordigers. Let wel, inligting van die Producente Onafhanklike Oesskattingsstelsel ("PICES"), soos gedoen deur die Nasionale Oesskattingskonsortium, sal vir die Wes-Kaap in Augustus 2017 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat in September 2017.

**Koring:** Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder koring beloop 498 850 ha, wat 1,87% of 9 515 ha minder is as die 508 365 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Volgens rekords, is dit die derde kleinste oppervlakte beplant met koring (sedert die 1930's). Die kleinste oppervlakte beplant met koring was gedurende 2014, toe 476 570 ha geplant was, terwyl die tweede kleinste oppervlakte gedurende 2015 geplant was, naamlik 482 150 ha.

Die beraamde oppervlakte beplant in die Wes-Kaap is 325 000 ha, wat 2 000 ha meer is as die 323 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Vir die Vrystaat is die aanplantings 90 000 ha, wat 20 000 ha minder is as die 110 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Die oppervlakte beplant in die Noord-Kaap is 38 000 ha, wat 3 000 ha meer is as die 35 000 ha wat die vorige seisoen aangeplant is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die voorlopige oppervlakteskattings vir moutgars is 98 800 ha, wat 11,39% of 10 105 ha meer is as die 88 695 ha van verlede seisoen. Die oppervlakte onder kanola is 87 000 ha, wat 27,80% of 18 925 ha meer is as die 68 075 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die hersiene oppervlakte beplant en eerste produksieskattings vir wintergewasse vir 2017 op 29 Augustus 2017 vrygestel sal word.**

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