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

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

SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

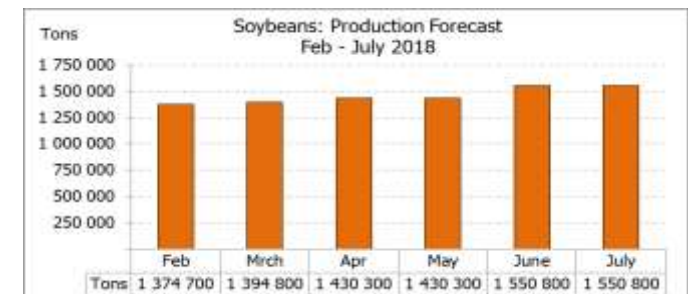
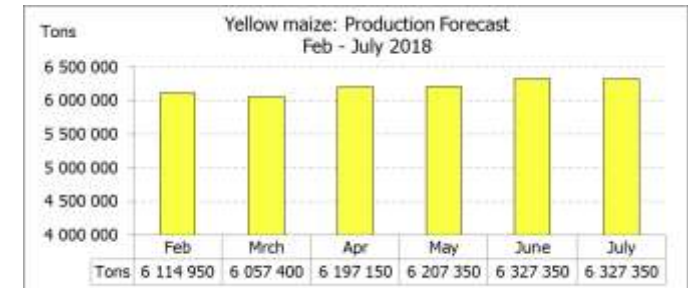
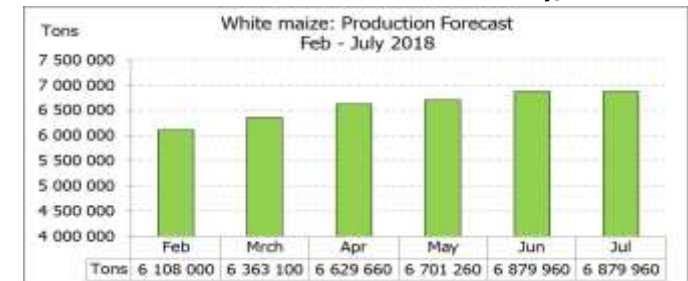
SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2018 Tons (B)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{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	6 879 960	6 879 960	1 643 100	9 916 000	-
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 050 750	6 327 350	6 327 350	985 500	6 904 000	-
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 318 850	13 207 310	13 207 310	2 628 600	16 820 000	-
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	601 500	792 255	792 255	635 750	874 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	787 200	1 550 800	1 550 800	573 950	1 316 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 300	52 000	60 600	56 000	92 050	-14,2
Sorghum	28 800	83 070	83 070	42 350	152 000	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	53 360	65 610	65 610	45 050	68 525	-
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersiële Mielies						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	314 835	593 975	593 975	366 650	731 000	-
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersiël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersiël						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 633 685	13 801 285	13 801 285	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

26 July/Julie 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, Statistics SA and CSIR.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018			6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	3 542 000	2 111 500	5 653 500	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	301 500	390 000	691 500	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	390 000	740 000
Mpumalanga	140 000	340 000	480 000	854 000	2 108 000	2 962 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 342 500	3 430 500
Limpopo	12 000	21 000	33 000	90 000	147 000	237 000	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	1 739 000	451 000	2 190 000	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	6 879 960	6 327 350	13 207 310	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 916 000	6 904 000	16 820 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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 SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	10 500	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	345 000	552 000	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	682 000	241 000	554 300
Limpopo	20 000	56 000	8 500	29 750
Gauteng	30 000	61 500	25 400	71 120
North West/Noordwes	36 000	61 200	23 000	52 900
Total/Totaal	787 200	1 550 800	573 950	1 316 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	7 000	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	19 800	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	18 200	27 000	39 150
Total/Totaal	56 300	52 000	56 000	92 050

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	18 270	7 700	24 640
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	1 500	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	16 800	3 500	10 640
Total/Totaal	28 800	83 070	42 350	152 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**DRÖËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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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**AREA ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2018 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2018 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
26 JULY/JULIE 2018**

Summer field crops – 2018

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop remained unchanged at 13,207 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,319 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,70 t/ha.

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 6,880 mill. tons, whilst the yield is 5,43 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,327 mill. tons and the yield is 6,02 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed also remained unchanged at 792 255 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 601 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,32 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** is 1,551 mill. tons, with an estimated planted area of 787 200 ha and an expected yield of 1,97 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop was decreased by 14,19% or 8 600 tons to 52 000 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 56 300 ha and the expected yield is 0,92 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 83 070 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 28 800 ha. The expected yield is 2,88 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast also remained unchanged at 65 610 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 53 360 ha, with an expected yield of 1,23 t/ha.

Please note that the seventh production forecast for summer field crops for 2018, will be released on 28 August 2018.

Somergewasse – 2018

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 13,207 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,319 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,70 t/ha is.

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

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,880 milj. ton, terwyl die opbrengs 5,43 t/ha is. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,327 milj. ton, en die opbrengs is 6,02 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 792 255 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 601 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,32 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 1,551 milj. ton met 'n geskatte oppervlakte van 787 200 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,97 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 14,19% of 8 600 ton na 52 000 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 56 300 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 0,92 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 83 070 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met sorghum is 28 800 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,88 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting ook onveranderd gelaat op 65 610 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 53 360 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,23 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die sewende produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018, op 28 Augustus 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.

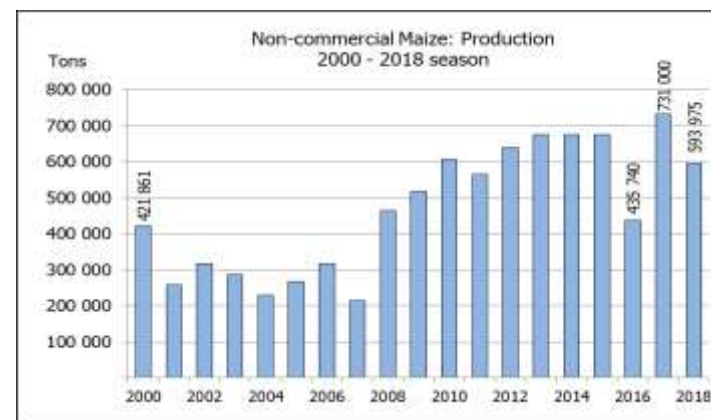
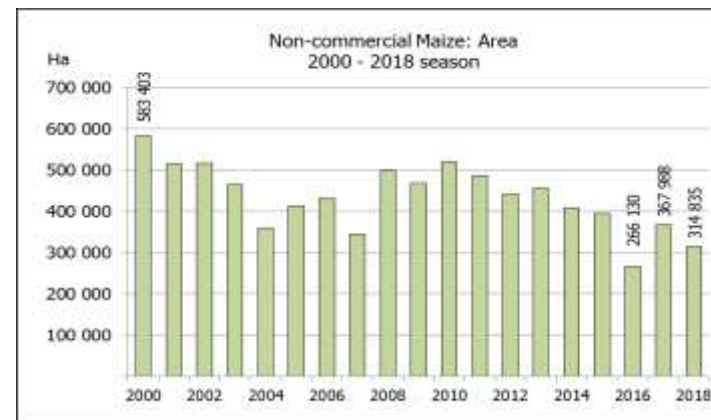
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018

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 preliminary area estimate for winter cereals for the 2018 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die voorlopige oppervlakeskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2018 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2018-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	Intentions/ Voorneme* Mid April 2018 Ha (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (A) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
Wheat/Koring	505 000	500 500	491 600	1 535 000	+2,73
Malting barley/Moutgars	106 150	95 700	91 380	307 000	+16,16
Canola/Kanola	80 000	78 500	84 000	93 500	-4,76
Total/Totaal	691 150	674 700	666 980	1 935 500	+3,62

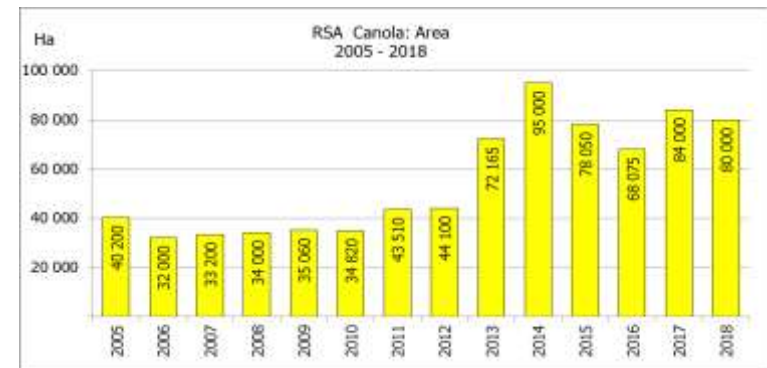
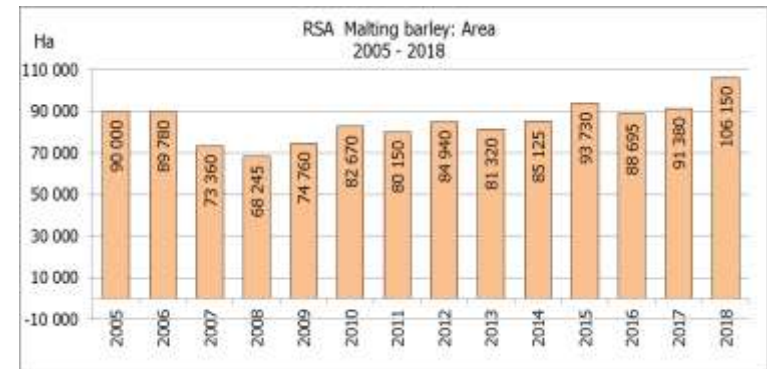
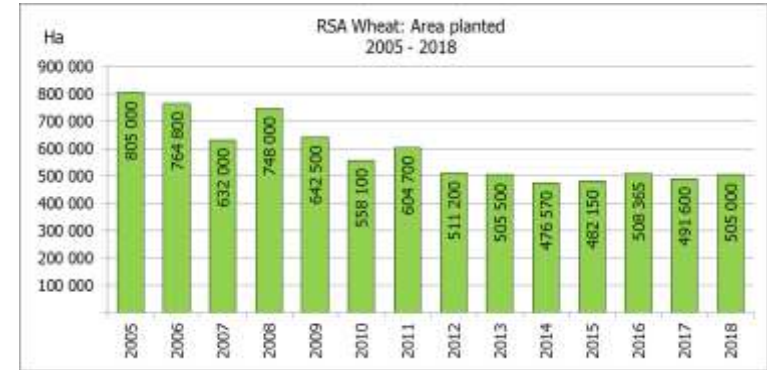
* Intentions based on conditions at the middle of April 2018 / Voorneme gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2018.

WHEAT – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2018

KORING – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha	Intentions/ Voorneme* Ha Mid April 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	318 000	320 000	326 000	586 800
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	37 000	38 000	311 650
Free State/Vrystaat	100 000	95 000	80 000	336 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 750	2 000	1 900	9 500
KwaZulu-Natal	7 000	6 500	7 500	45 750
Mpumalanga	3 500	3 500	4 000	25 400
Limpopo	22 000	22 000	20 000	132 000
Gauteng	750	500	700	4 200
North West/Noordwes	14 000	14 000	13 500	83 700
Total/Totaal	505 000	500 500	491 600	1 535 000

* Intentions based on conditions at the middle of April 2018 / Voorneme gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2018.



**PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF WINTER CROPS (2018) /
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2018)
26 JULY/ 26 JULIE 2018**

Winter cereal crops - 2018 production season

The preliminary area estimate is based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis and reflects the position as at the middle of July 2018, 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 2018 and for the Free State in September 2018.

Wheat: The preliminary area estimate for wheat is 505 000 ha, which is 2,73% or 13 400 ha more than the 491 600 ha planted for the previous season.

An estimated 318 000 ha is planted in the Western Cape, which is 8 000 ha less than the 326 000 ha planted for the previous season. In the Free State, 100 000 ha is planted, which is 20 000 ha more than the 80 000 ha planted for the previous season. The area planted in the Northern Cape is 38 000 ha, which is the same area than the previous season.

Other crops: The preliminary area estimate for **malting barley** is 106 150 ha, which is 16,16% or 14 770 ha more than the 91 380 ha of last season. The area planted to **canola** is 80 000 ha, which is 4,76% or 4 000 ha less than the 84 000 ha planted for the previous season.

Please note that the revised area planted estimate and first production forecast for winter cereals for 2018 will be released on 28 August 2018.

Information is available on the internet at 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 - 2018 produksie-seisoen

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting is gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van Julie 2018, sowel as insette van die PDL verteenwoordigers. Let wel, inligting van die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES"), soos gedoen deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium, sal vir die Wes-Kaap in Augustus 2018 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat in September 2018.

Koring: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder koring beloop 505 000 ha, wat 2,73% of 13 400 ha meer is as die 491 600 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is.

Die beraamde oppervlakte beplant in die Wes-Kaap is 318 000 ha, wat 8 000 ha minder is as die 326 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Vir die Vrystaat is die aanplantings 100 000 ha, wat 20 000 ha meer is as die 80 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Die oppervlakte beplant in die Noord-Kaap is 38 000 ha, wat dieselfde oppervlakte is as die vorige seisoen.

Ander gewasse: Die voorlopige oppervlakskatting vir moutgars is 106 150 ha, wat 16,16% of 14 770 ha meer is as die 91 380 ha van verlede seisoen. Die oppervlakte onder kanola is 80 000 ha, wat 4,76% of 4 000 ha minder is as die 84 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die hersiene oppervlakte beplant en eerste produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2018 op 28 Augustus 2018 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **15:30 op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingkomitee.**