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**The sixth production forecast for summer crops for 2015 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die sesde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2015 vrygestel.**

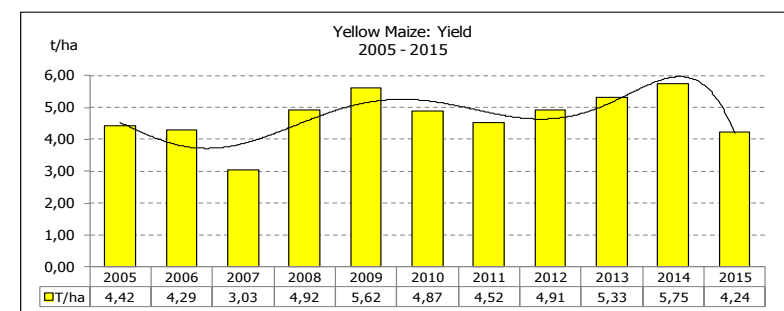
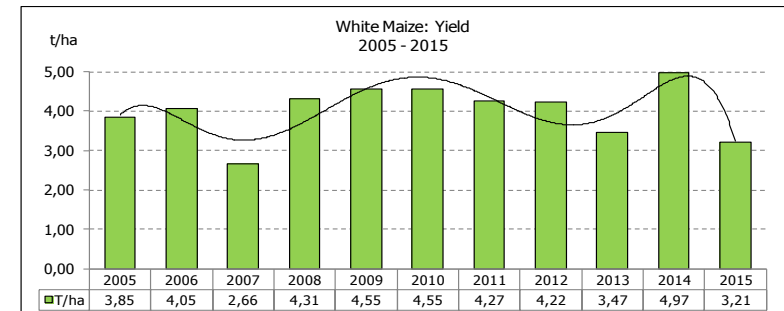
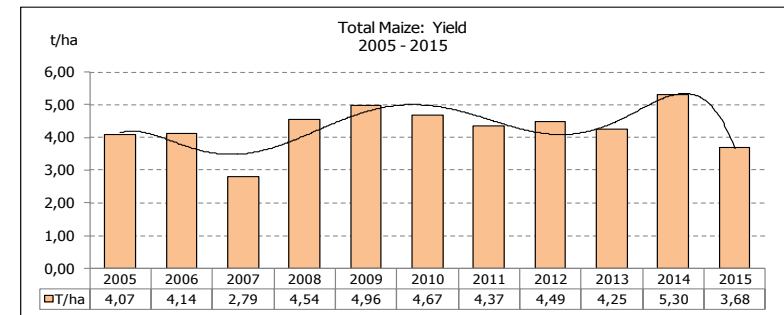
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2015 Tons (B)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2015 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2014 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ %
						(B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 448 050	4 649 800	4 649 800	1 551 200	7 710 000	-
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 204 800	5 105 500	5 105 500	1 137 000	6 540 000	-
Maize/Mielies	2 652 850	9 755 300	9 755 300	2 688 200	14 250 000	-
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	576 000	656 800	612 400	598 950	832 000	+7,25
Soybeans/Sojabone	687 300	1 041 600	1 008 100	502 900	948 000	+3,32
Groundnuts/Grondbone	58 000	56 675	62 855	52 125	74 500	-9,83
Sorghum	70 500	114 700	114 700	78 850	265 000	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	64 000	73 390	73 390	55 820	82 130	-
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 108 650	11 698 465	11 626 745	3 976 845	16 451 630	+0,62

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2014/15 = 2015

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2014/15 = 2015



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); and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2015			6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2015			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2014			Final crop/ Finale oes 2014		
	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	450	3 800	4 250	4 050	34 200	38 250	500	3 000	3 500	4 500	28 500	33 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 500	46 000	49 500	35 000	611 800	646 800	2 200	48 000	50 200	25 300	638 400	663 700
Free State/Vrystaat	710 000	510 000	1 220 000	2 201 000	1 683 000	3 884 000	730 000	465 000	1 195 000	3 759 500	2 487 750	6 247 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600	2 500	16 000	18 500	13 750	97 600	111 350
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	45 000	85 000	220 000	274 500	494 500	43 000	45 000	88 000	266 600	292 500	559 100
Mpumalanga	154 000	315 000	469 000	800 800	1 575 000	2 375 800	168 000	332 000	500 000	907 200	1 875 000	2 782 200
Limpopo	28 500	21 000	49 500	156 750	126 000	282 750	30 000	20 000	50 000	183 000	124 000	307 000
Gauteng	44 000	65 000	109 000	193 600	273 000	466 600	65 000	53 000	118 000	357 150	291 250	648 400
North West/Noordwes	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 023 000	444 000	1 467 000	510 000	155 000	665 000	2 193 000	705 000	2 898 000
Total/Totaal	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 649 800	5 105 500	9 755 300	1 551 200	1 137 000	2 688 200	7 710 000	6 540 000	14 250 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	500	900	450
Free State/Vrystaat	285 000	370 500	280 000	448 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	550	825
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 500	3 000	3 500	4 550
Limpopo	82 000	57 400	90 000	76 275
Gauteng	6 000	5 400	3 000	3 900
North West/Noordwes	200 000	220 000	221 000	298 000
Total/Totaal	576 000	656 800	598 950	832 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 600	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	14 000	3 900	14 040
Free State/Vrystaat	305 000	350 750	201 000	352 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 500	2 100	2 000	3 600
KwaZulu-Natal	42 000	102 900	35 000	98 000
Mpumalanga	245 000	379 750	203 000	335 000
Limpopo	24 000	72 000	22 000	66 000
Gauteng	30 000	66 000	20 000	47 360
North West/Noordwes	35 000	52 500	16 000	32 000
Total/Totaal	687 300	1 041 600	502 900	948 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	7 100	21 300	7 000	18 200
Free State/Vrystaat	22 500	19 125	20 000	23 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	100	100	75	90
Mpumalanga	-	-	50	100
Limpopo	2 500	3 250	3 000	4 110
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	25 800	12 900	22 000	28 500
Total/Totaal	58 000	56 675	52 125	74 500

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	36 000	43 200	42 000	139 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	2 200	850	4 400
Mpumalanga	11 000	44 000	11 000	54 000
Limpopo	16 000	17 600	14 000	32 200
Gauteng	1 000	2 600	1 500	4 800
North West/Noordwes	6 000	5 100	9 500	30 400
Total/Totaal	70 500	114 700	78 850	265 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	300	390	300	450
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	900	2 160	1 000	2 000
Free State/Vrystaat	28 000	22 400	26 000	37 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	800	1 040	770	1 155
KwaZulu-Natal	6 500	7 800	5 000	6 500
Mpumalanga	9 000	11 250	8 750	12 250
Limpopo	7 000	16 800	5 500	9 625
Gauteng	4 000	4 800	3 000	4 200
North West/Noordwes	7 500	6 750	5 500	8 250
Total/Totaal	64 000	73 390	55 820	82 130

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**AREA AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2015)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2015)**

Summer field crops – 2015

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop remained unchanged at 9,755 mill. tons, against the previous forecast. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,653 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 3,68 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,448 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,205 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize remained unchanged at 4,650 mill. tons. The yield for white maize is 3,21 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast remained unchanged at 5,106 mill. tons. The yield for yellow maize is 4,24 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed was increased upwards by 7,25% or 44 400 tons to 656 800 tons, against the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 576 000 ha, while the expected yield is 1,14 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** is 1,042 mill. tons, which is 3,32% or 33 500 tons more than the previous forecast of 1,008 mill. tons. It is estimated that 687 300 ha have been planted to soybeans, with an expected yield of 1,52 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop was adjusted downwards by 6 180 tons to 56 675 tons, against the previous forecast of 62 855 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 58 000 ha, with an expected yield of 0,98 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 114 700 tons, against the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 70 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,63 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 73 390 tons, as against the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 64 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,15 t/ha.

Please note that the seventh production forecast for summer field crops for 2015, as well as the revised area estimate and first production forecast of the winter cereal crops for 2015, will be released on 26 August 2015.

Somergewasse – 2015

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 9,755 milj. ton, teenoor die vorige skatting. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,653 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,68 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,448 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,205 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is onveranderd gelaat op 4,650 milj. ton. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,21 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 5,106 milj. ton. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,24 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is opwaarts aangepas met 7,25% of 44 400 ton na 656 800 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 576 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,14 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 1,042 mij. ton wat 3,32% of 33 500 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 1,008 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 687 300 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,52 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 6 180 ton na 56 675 ton teenoor die vorige skatting van 62 855 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 58 000 ha, terwyl the verwagte opbrengs 0,98 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 114 700 ton, teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 70 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,63 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting ook onveranderd gelaat op 73 390 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 64 000 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,15 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die sewende produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2015, sowel as die hersiene oppervlakte- en eerste produksieskatting van die wintergewasse vir 2015 op 26 Augustus 2015 vrygestel sal word.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2015 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2015 vrygestel.

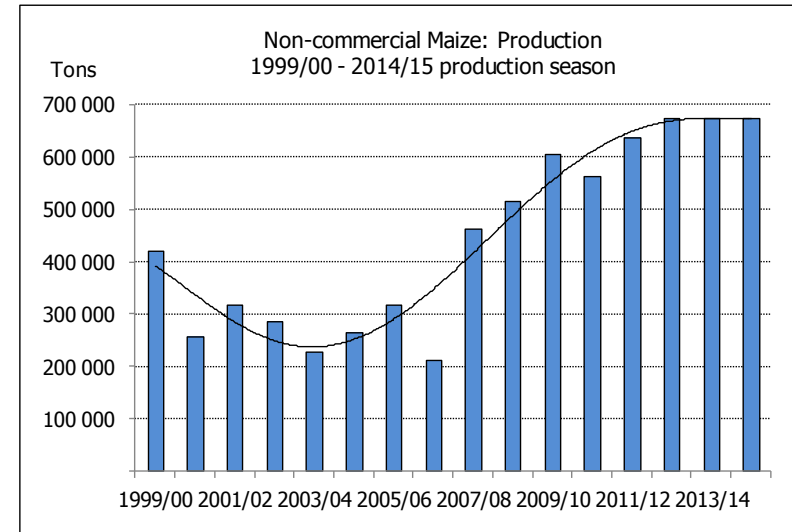
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2015 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2014 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	278 000	442 200	288 100	447 500	-1,18
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	117 200	231 600	119 900	227 500	+1,80
Maize/Mielies	395 200	673 800	408 000	675 000	-0,18

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 395 200 ha, which represents a decrease of 3,14% compared to the 408 000 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 673 800 tons, which is 0,18% less than the 675 000 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 60% 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 395 200 ha, wat 'n afname van 3,14 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 408 000 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 673 800 ton, wat 0,18% minder is as die 675 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 60% 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 2015 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die voorlopige oppervlakeskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2015 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2015 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2015-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)	Intentions/ Voorneme* Mid April 2015 Ha (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2014 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (A) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
Wheat/Koring	478 300	481 300	476 570	1 750 000	+0,36
Malting barley/Moutgars	90 350	95 800	85 125	302 000	+6,14
Canola/Kanola	87 000	85 000	95 000	121 000	-8,42
Total/Totaal	655 650	662 100	656 695	2 173 000	-0,16

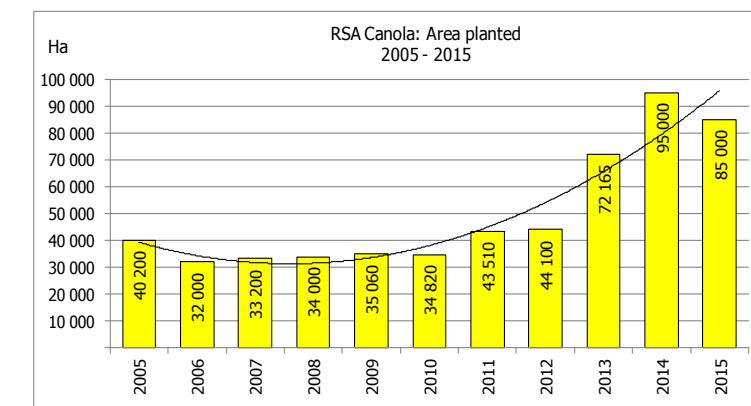
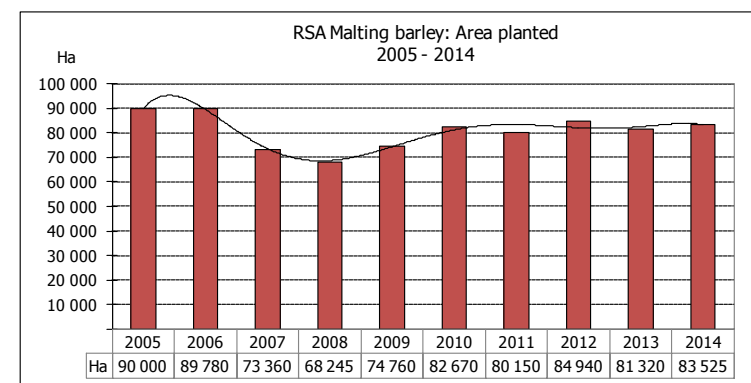
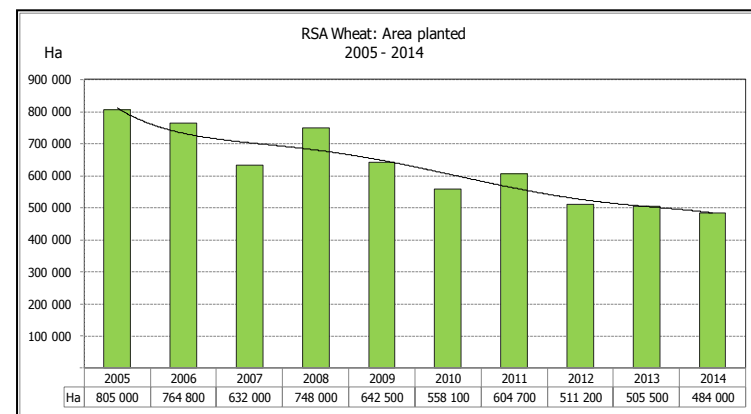
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WHEAT – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2015

KORING – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha	Intentions/ Voorneme* Ha Mid April 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	312 500	316 000	310 000	899 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	37 000	42 000	38 000	285 000
Free State/Vrystaat	73 000	70 000	69 500	245 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 800	2 800	3 000	12 000
KwaZulu-Natal	7 500	7 500	6 500	39 000
Mpumalanga	3 000	3 500	3 500	21 350
Limpopo	27 000	24 000	27 500	137 500
Gauteng	500	500	570	3 550
North West/Noordwes	15 000	15 000	18 000	107 100
Total/Totaal	478 300	481 300	476 570	1 750 000

* Intentions based on conditions at the middle of April 2015 / Voorneme gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2015.



**PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF WINTER CROPS (2015) /
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2015)
28 JULY/ 28 JULIE 2015**

Winter cereal crops - 2015 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 2015, 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 and Free State provinces will be available in September 2015.

Wheat: The preliminary area estimate for wheat is 478 300 ha, which is 0,36% or 1 730 ha more than the 476 570 ha planted for the previous season. On record, this is the second smallest area planted to wheat.

An estimated 312 500 ha is planted in the Western Cape, which is 2 500 ha more than the 310 000 ha planted for the previous season. In the Free State, 73 000 ha is planted, which is 3 500 ha more than the 69 500 ha planted for the previous season. The area planted in the Northern Cape is 37 000 ha, which is 1 000 ha less than the 38 000 ha for the previous season.

Other crops: The preliminary area estimate for malting barley is 90 350 ha, which is 6,14% or 5 225 ha more than the 85 125 ha of last season. The area planted to canola is 87 000 ha, which is 8,42% or 8 000 ha less than the 95 000 ha planted for the previous season.

Please note that the revised area planted estimate and first production forecast for winter cereals for 2015 will be released on 26 August 2015.

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 - 2015 produksie-seisoen

Die voorlopige oppervlakeskatting 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 2015, sowel as insette van die PDL verteenwoordigers. Let wel, inligting van die Producente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES"), soos deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium gerapporteer vir die Wes-Kaap en Vrystaat provinsies, sal in September 2015 gerapporteer word.

Koring: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder koring beloop 478 300 ha, wat 0,36% of 1 730 ha meer is as die 476 570 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Volgens rekords, is dit die tweede kleinste oppervlakte beplant met koring.

Die beraamde oppervlakte beplant in die Wes-Kaap is 312 500 ha, wat 2 500 ha meer is as die 310 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Vir die Vrystaat is die aanplantings 73 000 ha, wat 3 500 ha meer is as die 69 500 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Die oppervlakte beplant in die Noord-Kaap is 37 000 ha, wat 1 000 ha minder is as die 38 000 ha wat die vorige seisoen aangeplant is.

Ander gewasse: Die voorlopige oppervlakeskatting vir moutgars is 90 350 ha, wat 6,14% of 5 225 ha meer is as die 85 125 ha van verlede seisoen. Die oppervlakte onder kanola is 87 000 ha, wat 8,42% of 8 000 ha minder is as die 95 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die hersiene oppervlakte beplant en eerste produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2015 op 26 Augustus 2015 vrygestel sal word.

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