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The revised area planted estimate and third production forecast for summer crops for 2016 is hereby released.  
 Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakte- en derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.

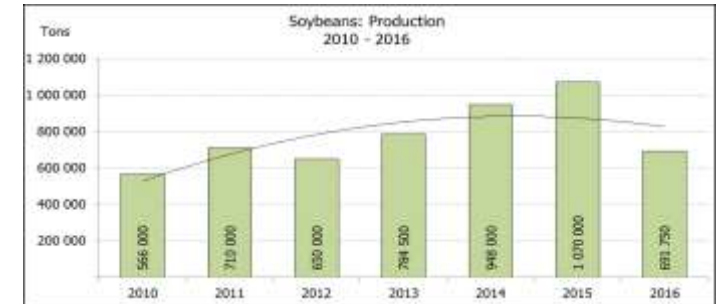
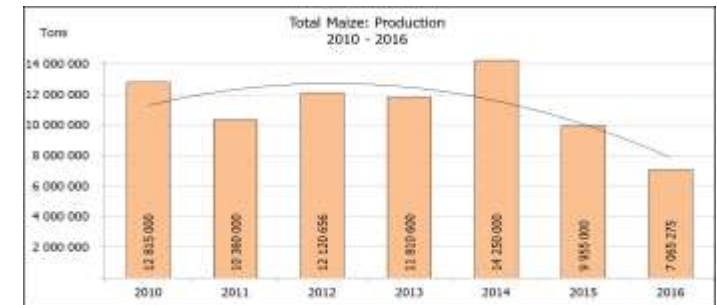
**SUMMER CROPS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**

**SOMERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant <b>2016</b> Ha <b>(A)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting <b>2016</b> Tons <b>(B)</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2016 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ %
						(B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 014 750	3 070 675	3 195 800	1 448 050	4 735 000	-3,92
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	932 000	3 994 600	4 059 950	1 204 800	5 220 000	-1,61
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	1 946 750	7 065 275	7 255 750	2 652 850	9 955 000	-2,63
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	718 500	710 500	687 150	576 000	663 000	+3,40
Soybeans/Sojabone	502 800	691 750	724 600	687 300	1 070 000	-4,53
Groundnuts/Grondbone	22 600	33 550	34 120	58 000	62 300	-1,67
Sorghum	48 500	92 700	93 400	70 500	120 500	-0,75
Dry beans/Droëbone	34 400	38 195	44 095	64 000	73 390	-13,38
<b>TOTAL/TOTAAL</b>	<b>3 273 550</b>	<b>8 631 970</b>	8 839 115	4 108 650	11 944 190	-2,34

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2015/16 = 2016

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2015/16 = 2016



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 – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016			3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2016			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2015			Final crop/ Finale oes 2015		
	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	500	4 000	4 500	5 000	40 000	45 000	450	3 800	4 250	4 050	34 200	38 250
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 750	50 000	53 750	35 625	650 000	685 625	3 500	46 000	49 500	35 000	644 000	679 000
Free State/Vrystaat	390 000	310 000	700 000	1 131 000	961 000	2 092 000	710 000	510 000	1 220 000	2 236 000	1 708 500	3 944 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 000	12 000	14 000	10 000	60 000	70 000	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600
KwaZulu-Natal	38 000	48 000	86 000	190 000	268 800	458 800	40 000	45 000	85 000	224 000	283 500	507 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	640 000	1 452 000	2 092 000	154 000	315 000	469 000	824 000	1 605 300	2 429 300
Limpopo	31 500	22 000	53 500	173 250	127 600	300 850	28 500	21 000	49 500	156 750	124 000	280 750
Gauteng	49 000	56 000	105 000	205 800	235 200	441 000	44 000	65 000	109 000	193 600	292 500	486 100
North West/Noordwes	340 000	100 000	440 000	680 000	200 000	880 000	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 046 000	444 000	1 490 000
Total/Totaal	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 070 675	3 994 600	7 065 275	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 735 000	5 220 000	9 955 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	600	500	500
Free State/Vrystaat	400 000	420 000	285 000	370 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	4 000	4 400	2 500	3 300
Limpopo	65 000	48 750	82 000	61 500
Gauteng	4 000	4 000	6 000	7 200
North West/Noordwes	245 000	232 750	200 000	220 000
Total/Totaal	718 500	710 500	576 000	663 000

**SOYBEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**
**SOJABONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 200	800	1 600
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	12 400	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	174 000	156 600	305 000	366 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 500	2 100	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	28 000	58 800	42 000	102 900
Mpumalanga	240 000	360 000	245 000	389 900
Limpopo	16 000	38 400	24 000	72 000
Gauteng	23 000	48 300	30 000	69 000
North West/Noordwes	15 500	13 950	35 000	52 500
Total/Totaal	502 800	691 750	687 300	1 070 000

**GROUNDNUTS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016****GRONDBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>5 000</b>	<b>16 500</b>	7 100	22 700
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>6 500</b>	<b>6 500</b>	22 500	21 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	100	100
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	<b>1 600</b>	<b>2 000</b>	2 500	3 250
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	<b>9 500</b>	<b>8 550</b>	25 800	14 450
Total/Totaal	<b>22 600</b>	<b>33 550</b>	58 000	62 300

**SORGHUM – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016****SORGHUM – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>28 000</b>	<b>40 600</b>	36 000	45 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>500</b>	<b>2 000</b>	500	2 200
Mpumalanga	<b>10 000</b>	<b>35 000</b>	11 000	48 000
Limpopo	<b>7 000</b>	<b>11 200</b>	16 000	17 600
Gauteng	-	-	1 000	2 600
North West/Noordwes	<b>3 000</b>	<b>3 900</b>	6 000	5 100
Total/Totaal	<b>48 500</b>	<b>92 700</b>	70 500	120 500

**DRY BEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016****DRÖËBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>100</b>	<b>150</b>	300	390
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>350</b>	<b>630</b>	900	2 160
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>17 000</b>	<b>15 300</b>	28 000	22 400
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>250</b>	<b>375</b>	800	1 040
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>2 200</b>	<b>2 640</b>	6 500	7 800
Mpumalanga	<b>6 000</b>	<b>6 900</b>	9 000	11 250
Limpopo	<b>3 000</b>	<b>5 400</b>	7 000	16 800
Gauteng	<b>2 500</b>	<b>3 500</b>	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	<b>3 000</b>	<b>3 300</b>	7 500	6 750
Total/Totaal	<b>34 400</b>	<b>38 195</b>	64 000	73 390

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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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- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
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**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2016 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2016 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
30 MARCH 2016 / 30 MAART 2016**

**Summer field crops – 2016**

**Commercial maize:** As a result of the continued drought in the western and central parts of the Free State, as well as in the western and northern parts of the North West province, the size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 7,065 million tons, which is 2,63% or 190 475 tons less than the previous forecast of 7,256 million tons. The area estimate for maize decreased by 0,97% or 19 000 ha to 1,947 million ha, while the expected yield is 3,63 t/ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 3,071 million tons, which is 3,92% or 125 125 tons less than the 3,196 million tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,03 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 3,995 million tons, which is 1,61% or 65 350 tons less than the 4,060 million tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,29 t/ha.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the NCSC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2016; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2016. The current yield figures are mainly obtained from producers in the different provinces.

**Other summer crops:**

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 710 500 tons, which is 3,40% or 23 350 tons more than the 687 150 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed was increased to 718 500 ha, while the expected yield is 0,99 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** is 691 750 tons, which is 4,53% or 32 850 tons less than the 724 600 tons of the previous forecast. The estimated area planted to soybeans was decreased to 502 800 ha, with an expected yield of 1,38 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 33 550 tons, which is 1,67% or 570 tons less than the 34 120 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate was decreased to 22 600 ha, with an expected yield of 1,48 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 92 700 tons, which is 0,75% or 700 tons less than the 93 400 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is unchanged at 48 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,91 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 38 195 tons, which is 13,38% or 5 900 tons less than the 44 095 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans was decreased to 34 400 ha, with an expected yield of 1,11 t/ha.

**Please note that the fourth production forecast for summer field crops for 2016 will be released on 26 April 2016.**

**Somergewasse – 2016**

**Kommersiële mielies:** As gevolg van die voortgesette droogte in die westelike en sentrale gedeeltes van die Vrystaat, asook in die westelike en noordelike gedeeltes van die Noordwes provinsie, is die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes op 7,065 miljoen ton gestel, wat 2,63% of 190 475 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 7,256 miljoen ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is met 0,97% of 19 000 ha verlaag na 1,947 miljoen ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,63 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 3,071 miljoen ton, wat 3,92% of 125 125 ton minder is as die 3,196 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,03 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 3,995 miljoen ton, wat 1,61% of 65 350 ton minder is as die 4,060 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,29 t/ha.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die Konsortium vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2016 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2016. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies.

**Ander somergewasse:**

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 710 500 ton, wat 3,40% of 23 350 ton meer is as die 687 150 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is verhoog na 718 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 0,99 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 691 750 ton, wat 4,53% of 32 850 ton minder is as die 724 600 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is verminder na 502 800 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,38 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 33 550 ton, wat 1,67% of 570 ton minder is as die 34 120 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting verminder na 22 600 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,48 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 92 700 ton, wat 0,75% of 700 ton laer is as die 93 400 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is onveranderd gelaat op 48 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,91 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 38 195 ton, wat 13,38% of 5 900 ton minder is as die 44 095 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is verminder na 34 400 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,11 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016, op 26 April 2016 vrygestel sal word.**