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

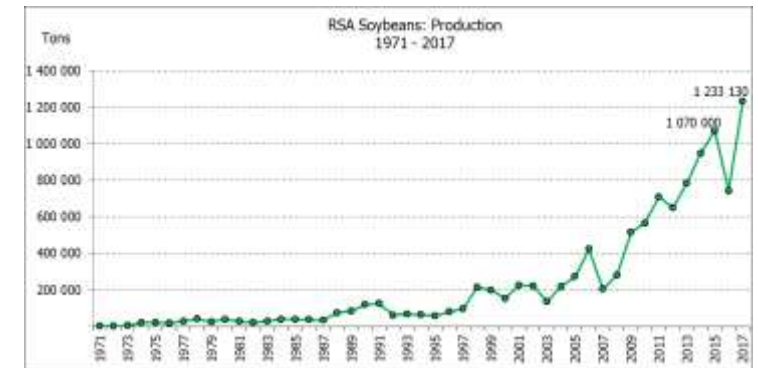
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2017 Tons (B)	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{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:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 643 100	9 466 800	8 618 400	1 014 750	3 408 500	+9,84
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	985 500	6 164 250	5 917 300	932 000	4 370 000	+4,17
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 628 600	15 631 050	14 535 700	1 946 750	7 778 500	+7,54
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	635 750	853 470	853 470	718 500	755 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	573 950	1 233 130	1 233 130	502 800	742 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 000	86 600	86 600	22 600	17 680	-
Sorghum	42 350	153 480	153 480	48 500	70 500	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 050	68 450	67 150	34 400	35 445	+1,94
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 981 700	18 026 180	16 929 530	3 273 550	9 399 125	+6,48

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); and Statistics SA.

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

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} 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	4 910 500	1 917 000	6 827 500	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	355 000	685 000	38 000	48 000	86 000	215 000	307 000	522 000
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 040 000	2 112 000	3 152 000	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	348 000	720 000	49 000	56 000	105 000	207 000	235 000	442 000
North West/Noordwes	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 444 000	506 000	2 950 000	340 000	100 000	440 000	816 000	325 000	1 141 000
Total/Totaal	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 466 800	6 164 250	15 631 050	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 408 500	4 370 000	7 778 500

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} 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	462 000	400 000	440 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 200	2 420	4 000	4 400
Limpopo	90 000	81 000	65 000	48 750
Gauteng	3 000	3 000	4 000	4 000
North West/Noordwes	210 000	304 500	245 000	257 250
Total/Totaal	635 750	853 470	718 500	755 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} 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	480 000	174 000	148 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 850	2 775	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	30 500	86 925	28 000	66 000
Mpumalanga	241 000	506 100	240 000	408 000
Limpopo	8 500	28 900	16 000	38 400
Gauteng	25 400	68 580	23 000	50 600
North West/Noordwes	23 000	48 300	15 500	14 100
Total/Totaal	573 950	1 233 130	502 800	742 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} 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	33 000	6 500	2 920
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 000	4 500	1 600	1 440
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	27 000	35 100	9 500	3 320
Total/Totaal	56 000	86 600	22 600	17 680

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} 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	26 180	28 000	24 150
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	400	1 600	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	10 500	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	42 350	153 480	48 500	70 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} 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	8 250	6 000	6 000
Limpopo	7 000	13 300	3 000	3 750
Gauteng	1 500	2 100	2 500	2 500
North West/Noordwes	5 500	5 500	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	45 050	68 450	34 400	35 445

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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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2017 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2017 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
26 MAY 2017**

Summer field crops – 2017

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 15,631 mill. tons, which is 7,54% or 1,095 mill. tons more than the previous forecast of 14,536 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 5,95 t/ha – also the highest yield ever.

The estimated maize crop is 101% bigger than the 2016 crop, which was the smallest crop since 2007. 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 9,467 mill. tons, which is 9,84% or 848 400 tons more than the 8,618 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,76 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,164 mill. tons, which is 4,17% or 246 950 tons more than the 5,917 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 6,25 t/ha.

The yield per ha for the Free State and North West provinces was based on scientific and objective results provided by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), which is led by the ARC.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 853 470 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 635 750 ha, while the expected yield is 1,34 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** also remained unchanged at 1,233 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 573 950 ha and the expected yield is 2,15 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 86 600 tons. The area estimate is 56 000 ha and the expected yield is 1,55 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** also remained unchanged at 153 480 tons, whilst the area estimate for sorghum is 42 350 ha. The expected yield is 3,62 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 68 450 tons, which is 1,94% or 1 300 tons more than the 67 150 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 45 050 ha, with an expected yield of 1,52 t/ha.

Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for 2017 will be released on 28 June 2017.

Somergewasse – 2017

Kommerisiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 15,631 milj. ton gestel, wat 7,54% of 1,095 milj. ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 14,536 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 5,95 t/ha is – ook die hoogste opbrengs ooit.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 101% groter as die 2016-oes, wat die kleinste oes was sedert 2007. 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 9,467 miljoen ton, wat 9,84% of 848 400 ton meer is as die 8,618 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,76 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,164 milj. ton, wat 4,17% of 246 950 ton meer is as die 5,917 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,25 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies is gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrekk deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium, gelei deur die LNR.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 853 470 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 635 750 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,34 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 1,233 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 573 950 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,15 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 86 600 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 56 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,55 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 153 480 ton, terwyl die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum 42 350 ha is. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,62 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 68 450 ton, wat 1,94% of 1 300 ton meer is as die 67 150 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 45 050 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,52 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017, op 28 Junie 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.

