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The area planted estimate and final production estimate for summer crops for 2017 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.

28 September 2017

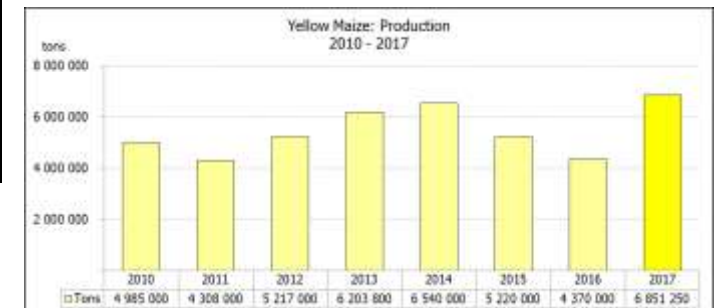
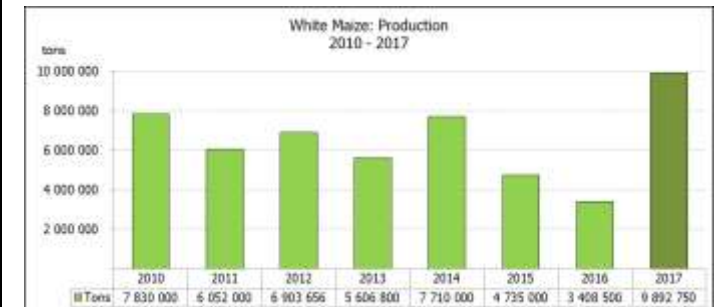
**SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017**

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

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2017 Tons (B)	7 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 7 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2017 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieël</b>						
White maize/Witmielies	1 643 100	9 892 750	9 653 550	1 014 750	3 408 500	+2,48
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	985 500	6 851 250	6 759 925	932 000	4 370 000	+1,35
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	2 628 600	16 744 000	16 413 475	1 946 750	7 778 500	+2,01
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	635 750	874 595	870 095	718 500	755 000	+0,52
Soybeans/Sojabone	573 950	1 316 370	1 316 370	502 800	742 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 000	92 050	90 550	22 600	17 680	+1.66
Sorghum	42 350	151 335	151 335	48 500	70 500	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 050	68 525	68 525	34 400	35 445	-
<b>Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersieële Mielies</b>						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	366 650	731 000	731 000	266 130	435 740	-
<b>Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersieël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersieël</b>						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 995 250	17 475 000	17 144 475	2 212 880	8 214 240	+1,93

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 FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			Final estimate/ Finale 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	46 200	657 000	703 200	3 750	50 000	53 750	35 000	675 000	710 000
Free State/Vrystaat	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	5 111 750	2 218 750	7 330 500	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	66 500	97 300	2 000	12 000	14 000	10 000	66 000	76 000
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	385 000	735 000	38 000	48 000	86 000	215 000	307 000	522 000
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 343 000	3 431 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	752 000	1 567 000	2 319 000
Limpopo	40 000	24 000	64 000	300 000	192 000	492 000	31 500	22 000	53 500	178 000	132 000	310 000
Gauteng	60 000	60 000	120 000	390 000	408 000	798 000	49 000	56 000	105 000	207 000	235 000	442 000
North West/Noordwes	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 574 000	561 000	3 135 000	340 000	100 000	440 000	816 000	325 000	1 141 000
Total/Totaal	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 892 750	6 851 250	16 744 000	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 408 500	4 370 000	7 778 500

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	250	375	500	600
Free State/Vrystaat	330 000	478 500	400 000	440 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 200	2 420	4 000	4 400
Limpopo	90 000	85 500	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	874 595	718 500	755 000

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final estimate/ Finale 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	504 000	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	1 316 370	502 800	742 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final estimate/ Finale 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	4 800	1 600	1 440
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	27 000	39 150	9 500	3 320
Total/Totaal	56 000	92 050	22 600	17 680

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final estimate/ Finale 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 FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017****DRÖËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final estimate/ Finale 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 FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2017 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2017 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
28 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Summer field crops – 2017**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 16,744 mill. tons, which is 2,01 % or 330 525 tons more than the previous forecast of 16,413 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,629 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 6,37 t/ha.

The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces 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 9,893 mill. tons, which is 2,48 % or 239 200 tons more than the 9,654 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 6,02 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,851 mill. tons, which is 1,35% or 91 325 tons more than the 6,760 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 6,95 t/ha.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed increased slightly by 0,52% or 4 500 tons and amounts to 874 595 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 635 750 ha, while the expected yield is 1,38 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** remained unchanged at 1,316 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 573 950 ha and the expected yield is 2,29 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop increased by 1,66% or 1 500 tons and is 92 050 tons. The area estimate is 56 000 ha and the expected yield is 1,64 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** also 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 is 68 525 tons, the same as 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 'intentions of farmers' to plant summer grain crops for 2018 will be released on 26 October 2017.**

**Somergewasse – 2017**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 16,744 milj. ton gestel, wat 2,01% of 330 525 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 16,413 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,629 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 6,37 t/ha is.

Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies produseer 83% van die 2017-oes.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,643 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 985 500 ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 9,893 milj. ton, wat 2,48% of 239 200 ton meer is as die 9,654 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 6,02 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,851 milj. ton, wat 1,35% of 91 325 ton meer is as die 6,760 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,95 t/ha.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad het effens gestyg met 0,52 % of 4 500 ton en beloop 874 595 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 635 750 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,38 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is onveranderd gelaat op 1,316 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 573 950 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,29 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is met 1,66% of 1 500 ton verhoog en beloop 92 050 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 56 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,64 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is ook 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** is die produksieskatting 68 525 ton, dieselfde as 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 'voorneme van produsente om somergraangewasse te plant' vir 2018, op 26 Oktober 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.**

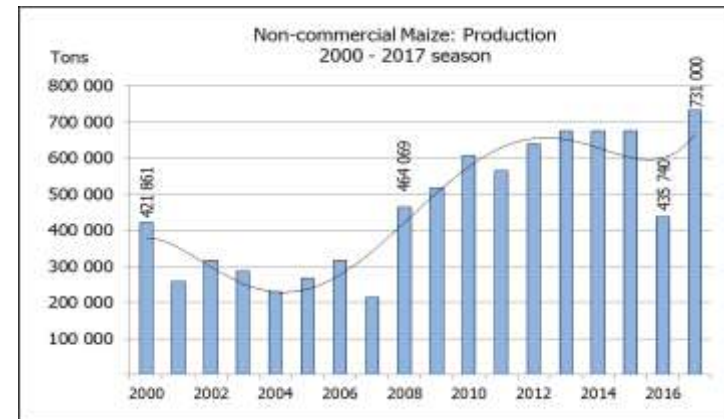
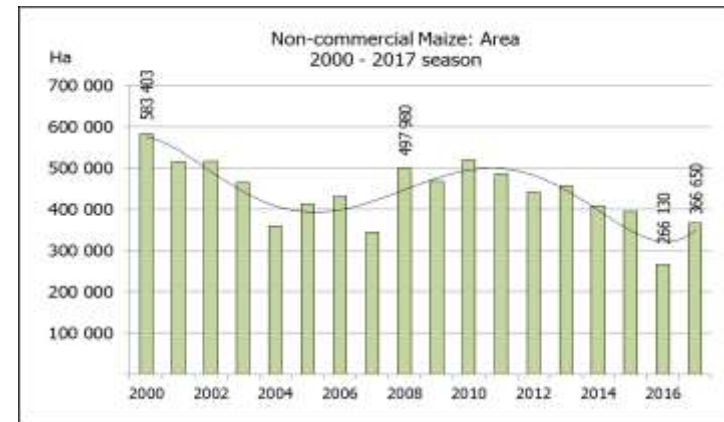
**NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017**

**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 revised area estimate and second production forecast for winter cereals for the 2017 is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.

**WINTER CEREALS** – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017 PRODUCTION SEASON

**WINTERGEWASSE** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2017 Tons (B)	1st forecast/ 1ste skatting 2017 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieel:</b>						
Wheat/Koring	491 600	1 716 650	1 603 700	508 365	1 910 000	+7,04
Malting barley/Moutgars	91 380	268 309	265 990	88 695	355 000	+0,87
Canola/Kanola	84 000	100 800	109 200	68 075	105 000	-7,69

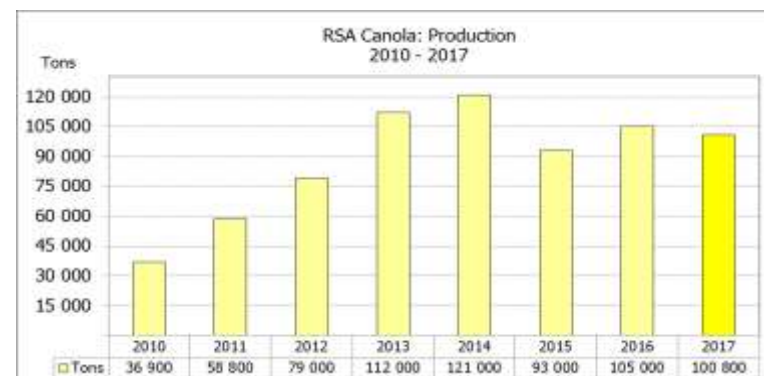
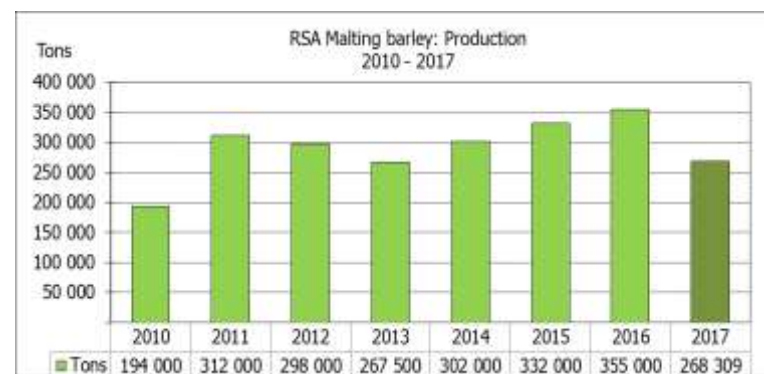
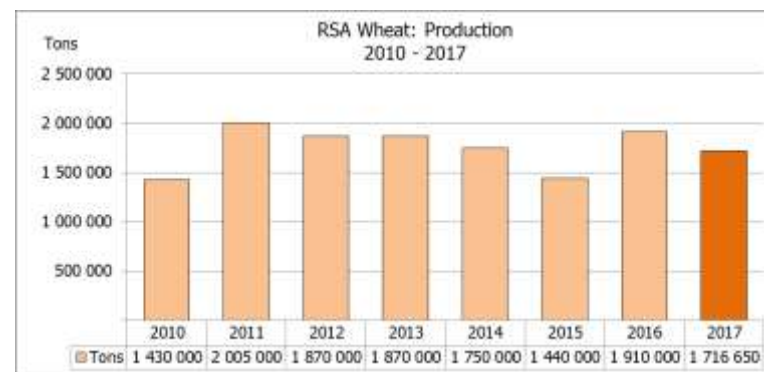
\* Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2017/18 = 2017

\* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2017/18 = 2017

**WHEAT** – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017

**KORING** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2017 Tons	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> skatting 2017 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	326 000	815 000	861 250	323 000	1 098 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	300 200	285 000	35 000	266 000
Free State/Vrystaat	80 000	320 000	182 000	110 000	308 460
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 900	9 500	9 500	2 200	11 000
KwaZulu-Natal	7 500	42 750	42 750	6 500	37 050
Mpumalanga	4 000	24 000	19 800	2 300	13 800
Limpopo	20 000	120 000	120 000	17 000	103 700
Gauteng	700	4 200	2 400	365	2 190
North West/Noordwes	13 500	81 000	81 000	12 000	69 600
Total/Totaal	491 600	1 716 650	1 603 700	508 365	1 910 000



**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2017) /  
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2017)  
28 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Winter cereal crops - 2017 production season**

**Wheat:** The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,717 mill. tons, which is 7,04% or 112 950 tons more than the previous forecast of 1,604 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,49 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 815 000 tons (47%), in the Free State 320 000 tons (19%) and in the Northern Cape 300 200 tons (17%).

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 491 600 ha, which is 12 000 ha more than the 479 600 ha of the previous estimate. The reason for the increase in the area planted was because of an upward revision in the area of the Free State, from 70 000 ha to 80 000 ha, followed by the Western Cape, from 325 000 ha to 326 000 ha, Mpumalanga, from 3 300 ha to 4 000 ha and Gauteng, from 400 ha to 700 ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **malting barley** is 268 309 tons, which is 0,87% or 2 319 tons more than the previous forecast of 265 990 tons. The area planted estimate was increased by 0,14% or 130 ha to 91 380 ha, while the expected yield is 2,94 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop was adjusted downwards by 7,69% or 8 400 tons, from 109 200 tons to 100 800 tons. The area estimate for canola is 84 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,20 t/ha.

**Please note that the third production forecast for winter cereals for 2017 will be released on 26 October 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**

**Koring:** Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,717 milj. ton, wat 7,04% of 112 950 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 1,604 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,49 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 815 000 ton (47%), in die Vrystaat 320 000 ton (19%) en in die Noord-Kaap 300 200 ton (17%).

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is hersien na 491 600 ha, wat 12 000 ha meer is as die 479 600 ha van die vorige skatting. Die rede vir die toename in die oppervlakte beplant was as gevolg van 'n opwaartse aanpassing in die oppervlakte van die Vrystaat, vanaf 70 000 ha tot 80 000 ha, gevolg deur die Wes-Kaap, vanaf 325 000 ha tot 326 000 ha, Mpumalanga, vanaf 3 300 ha tot 4 000 ha en Gauteng, vanaf 400 ha tot 700 ha.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 268 309 ton, wat 0,87% of 2 319 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 265 990 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant skatting is opwaarts aangepas met 0,14% of 130 ha, na 91 380 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 2,94 t/ha behoort.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 7,69% of 8 400 ton, vanaf 109 200 ton tot 100 800 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 84 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,20 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 op 26 Oktober 2017 vrygestel sal word.**

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