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

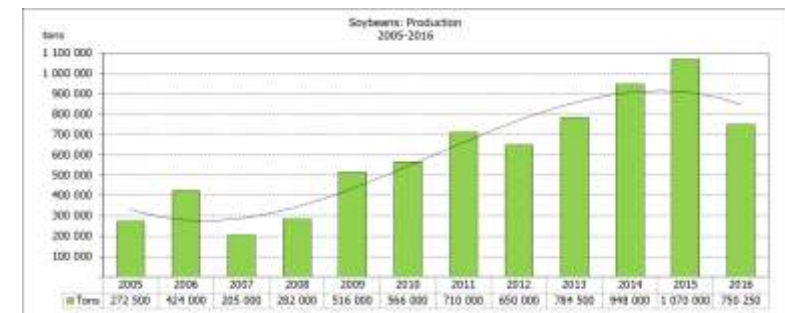
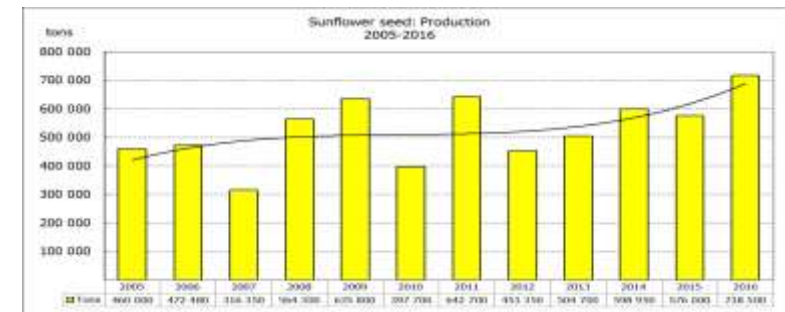
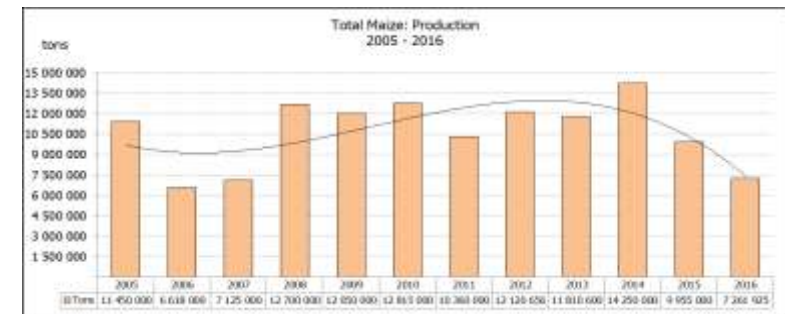
**SUMMER CROPS** – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016

**SOMERGEWASSE** – OPPERVLAKE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2016 Ha (A)	7 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 7 <sup>de</sup> skatting  2016 Tons (B)	6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 6 <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	3 097 225	3 097 225	1 448 050	4 735 000	-
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	932 000	4 164 700	4 063 700	1 204 800	5 220 000	+2,49
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	1 946 750	7 261 925	7 160 925	2 652 850	9 955 000	+1,41
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	718 500	742 750	742 750	576 000	663 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	502 800	750 250	728 650	687 300	1 070 000	+2,96
Groundnuts/Grondbone	22 600	29 285	31 600	58 000	62 300	-7,33
Sorghum	48 500	88 500	88 500	70 500	120 500	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	34 400	35 745	38 095	64 000	73 390	-6,17
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 273 550	8 908 455	8 790 520	4 108 650	11 944 190	+1,34

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 – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016****WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016			7 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 7 <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	34 875	670 000	704 875	3 500	46 000	49 500	35 000	644 000	679 000
Free State/Vrystaat	390 000	310 000	700 000	1 072 500	992 000	2 064 500	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	9 000	60 000	69 000	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600
KwaZulu-Natal	38 000	48 000	86 000	193 800	288 000	481 800	40 000	45 000	85 000	224 000	283 500	507 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	672 000	1 501 500	2 173 500	154 000	315 000	469 000	824 000	1 605 300	2 429 300
Limpopo	31 500	22 000	53 500	173 250	129 800	303 050	28 500	21 000	49 500	156 750	124 000	280 750
Gauteng	49 000	56 000	105 000	205 800	218 400	424 200	44 000	65 000	109 000	193 600	292 500	486 100
North West/Noordwes	340 000	100 000	440 000	731 000	265 000	996 000	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 046 000	444 000	1 490 000
Total/Totaal	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 097 225	4 164 700	7 261 925	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 735 000	5 220 000	9 955 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016****SONNEBLOMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 7 <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	440 000	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	245 000	200 000	220 000
Total/Totaal	718 500	742 750	576 000	663 000

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016****SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 7 <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	13 600	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	65 800	42 000	102 900
Mpumalanga	240 000	408 000	245 000	389 900
Limpopo	16 000	38 400	24 000	72 000
Gauteng	23 000	50 600	30 000	69 000
North West/Noordwes	15 500	13 950	35 000	52 500
Total/Totaal	502 800	750 250	687 300	1 070 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 7 <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	5 000	15 500	7 100	22 700
Free State/Vrystaat	6 500	5 850	22 500	21 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	100	100
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	1 600	1 760	2 500	3 250
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	9 500	6 175	25 800	14 450
Total/Totaal	22 600	29 285	58 000	62 300

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 7 <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	28 000	37 800	36 000	45 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	2 000	500	2 200
Mpumalanga	10 000	35 000	11 000	48 000
Limpopo	7 000	9 800	16 000	17 600
Gauteng	-	-	1 000	2 600
North West/Noordwes	3 000	3 900	6 000	5 100
Total/Totaal	48 500	88 500	70 500	120 500

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016****DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	7 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 7 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	150	300	390
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	630	900	2 160
Free State/Vrystaat	17 000	17 000	28 000	22 400
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	250	375	800	1 040
KwaZulu-Natal	2 200	2 640	6 500	7 800
Mpumalanga	6 000	6 000	9 000	11 250
Limpopo	3 000	3 750	7 000	16 800
Gauteng	2 500	2 500	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	3 000	2 700	7 500	6 750
Total/Totaal	34 400	35 745	64 000	73 390

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**AREA ESTIMATE AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2016 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2016 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
27 JULY/JULIE 2016**

**Summer field crops – 2016**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 7,262 million tons, which is 1,41% or 101 000 tons more than the previous forecast of 7,161 million tons. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 1,947 million ha, while the expected yield is 3,73 t/ha.

The production forecast of white maize remained unchanged at 3,097 million tons, while the expected yield is 3,05 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,165 million tons, which is 2,49% or 101 000 tons more than the 4,064 million tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,47 t/ha.

**Other summer crops:**

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 742 750 tons, with an area estimate of 718 500 ha. The expected yield is 1,03 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** is 750 250 tons, which is 2,96% or 21 600 tons more than the 728 650 tons of the previous forecast. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 502 800 ha, with an expected yield of 1,49 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 29 285 tons, which is 7,33% or 2 315 tons less than the 31 600 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 22 600 ha, with an expected yield of 1,30 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 88 500 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 48 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,82 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 35 745 tons, which is 6,17% or 2 350 tons less than the 38 095 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 34 400 ha, with an expected yield of 1,04 t/ha.

**Please note that the eighth production forecast for summer field crops for 2016 will be released on 25 August 2016.**

**Somergewasse – 2016**

**Komersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte komersiële mielie-oes is op 7,262 miljoen ton gestel, wat 1,41% of 101 000 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 7,161 miljoen ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 1,947 miljoen ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,73 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is onveranderd gelaat op 3,097 miljoen ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,05 t/ha is. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,165 miljoen ton, wat 2,49% of 101 000 ton meer is as die 4,064 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,47 t/ha.

**Ander somergewasse:**

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 742 750 ton, met 'n oppervlakteskatting van 718 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,03 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 750 250 ton, wat 2,96% of 21 600 ton meer is as die 728 650 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 502 800 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,49 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 29 285 ton, wat 7,33% of 2 315 ton minder is as die 31 600 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 22 600 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,30 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 88 500 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 48 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,82 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 35 745 ton, wat 6,17% of 2 350 ton minder is as die 38 095 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 34 400 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,04 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die agtste produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016, op 25 Augustus 2016 vrygestel sal word.**

**The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2016 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2016 vrygestel.**

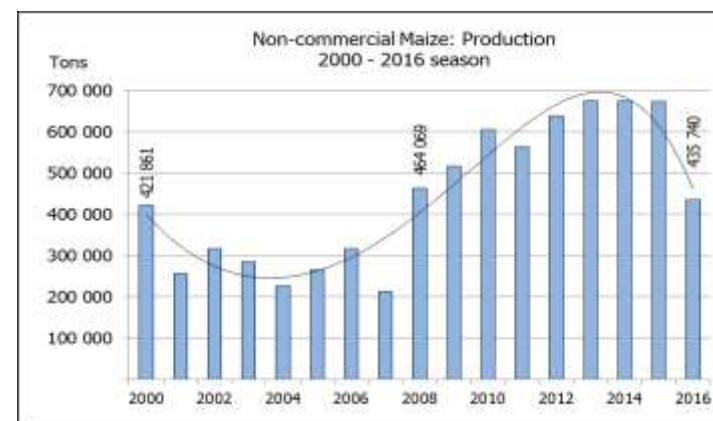
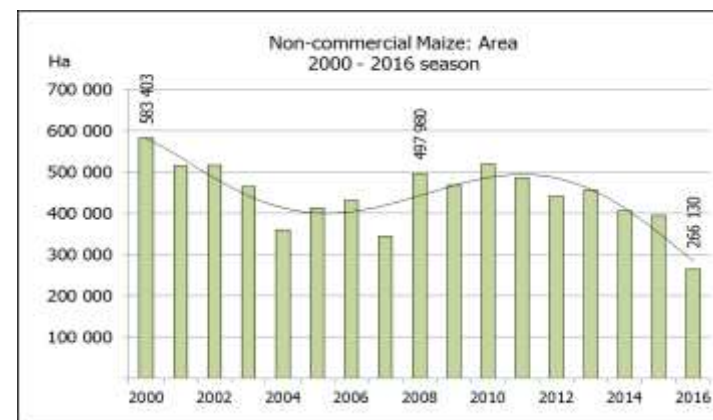
**NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE** – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016

**NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES** – OPPERVLAKE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2016 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	191 225	286 175	278 000	442 200	-35,28
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	74 905	149 565	117 200	231 600	-35,42
Maize/Mielies	266 130	435 740	395 200	673 800	-35,33

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 266 130 ha, which represents a decrease of 32,7% compared to the 395 200 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 435 740 tons, which is 35,3% less than the 673 800 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 266 130 ha, wat 'n afname van 32,7 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 395 200 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 435 740 ton, wat 35,3% minder is as die 673 800 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 2016 is hereby released. /**  
**Hiermee word die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.**

**WINTER CEREALS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2016 PRODUCTION SEASON**

**WINTERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2016-PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A)	Intentions/ Voorname* Mid April 2016 Ha (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (A) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieel:</b>					
Wheat/Koring	<b>486 350</b>	481 850	482 150	1 440 000	+0,87
Malting barley/Moutgars	<b>88 400</b>	92 000	93 730	332 000	-5,69
Canola/Kanola	<b>70 500</b>	71 050	78 050	93 000	-9,67
Total/Totaal	<b>645 250</b>	644 900	653 930	1 865 000	-1,33

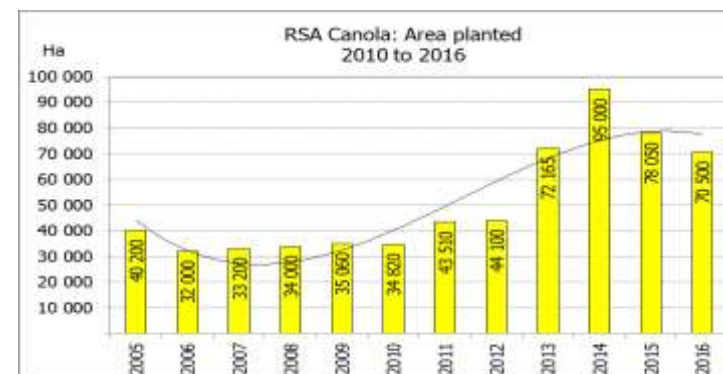
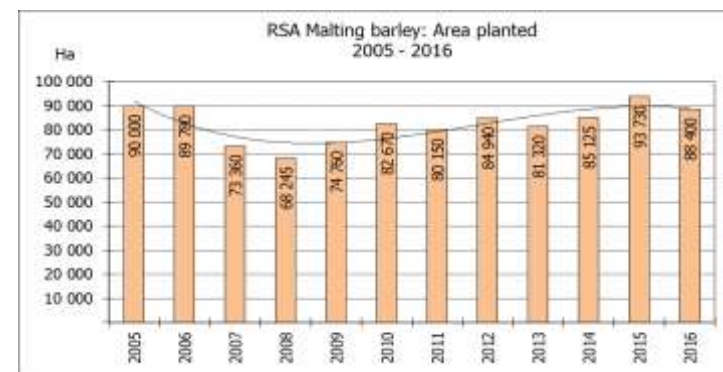
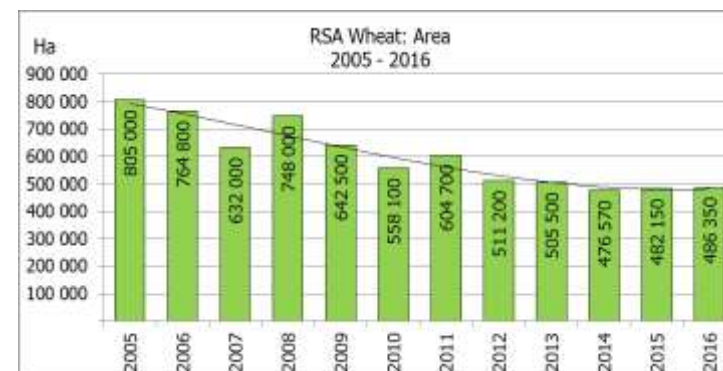
\* Intentions based on conditions at the middle of April 2016 / Voorname gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2016.

**WHEAT – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2016**

**KORING – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha	Intentions/ Voorname* Ha Mid April 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>320 000</b>	320 000	310 000	697 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>35 500</b>	34 000	36 000	259 200
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>90 000</b>	80 000	80 000	176 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>2 200</b>	2 600	3 100	14 880
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>7 000</b>	7 000	7 300	41 000
Mpumalanga	<b>2 500</b>	3 000	3 500	19 500
Limpopo	<b>15 000</b>	22 000	27 000	144 420
Gauteng	<b>150</b>	250	250	1 500
North West/Noordwes	<b>14 000</b>	13 000	15 000	85 500
Total/Totaal	<b>486 350</b>	481 850	482 150	1 440 000

\* Intentions based on conditions at the middle of April 2016 / Voorname gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2016.



**PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF WINTER CROPS (2016) /  
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2016)  
27 JULY/ 27 JULIE 2016**

**Winter cereal crops - 2016 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 2016, 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 2016 and for the Free State in September 2016.

**Wheat:** The preliminary area estimate for wheat is 486 350 ha, which is 0,87% or 4 200 ha more than the 482 150 ha planted for the previous season. On record, this is the third smallest area planted to wheat. The smallest area planted to wheat was during 2014, when 476 570 ha was planted, whereas the second smallest area was planted during 2015, namely 482 150 ha.

An estimated 320 000 ha is planted in the Western Cape, which is 10 000 ha more than the 310 000 ha planted for the previous season. In the Free State, 90 000 ha is planted, which is also 10 000 ha more than the 80 000 ha planted for the previous season. The area planted in the Northern Cape is 35 500 ha, which is 500 ha less than the 36 000 ha for the previous season.

**Other crops:** The preliminary area estimate for malting barley is 88 400 ha, which is 5,69% or 5 330 ha less than the 93 730 ha of last season. The area planted to canola is 70 500 ha, which is 9,67% or 7 550 ha less than the 78 050 ha planted for the previous season.

**Please note that the revised area planted estimate and first production forecast for winter cereals for 2016 will be released on 25 August 2016.**

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 - 2016 produksie-seisoen**

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting is gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direktooraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van Julie 2016, sowel as insette van die PDL verteenwoordigers. Let wel, inligting van die Producente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES"), soos gedoen deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium, sal vir die Wes-Kaap in Augustus 2016 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat in September 2016.

**Koring:** Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder koring beloop 486 350 ha, wat 0,87% of 4 200 ha meer is as die 482 150 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Volgens rekords, is dit die derde kleinste oppervlakte beplant met koring. Die kleinste oppervlakte beplant met koring was gedurende 2014, toe 476 570 ha geplant was, terwyl die tweede kleinste oppervlakte gedurende 2015 geplant was, naamlik 482 150 ha.

Die beraamde oppervlakte beplant in die Wes-Kaap is 320 000 ha, wat 10 000 ha meer is as die 310 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Vir die Vrystaat is die aanplantings 90 000 ha, wat ook 10 000 ha meer is as die 80 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Die oppervlakte beplant in die Noord-Kaap is 35 500 ha, wat 500 ha minder is as die 36 000 ha wat die vorige seisoen aangeplant is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die voorlopige oppervlakskatting vir moutgars is 88 400 ha, wat 5,69% of 5 330 ha minder is as die 93 730 ha van verlede seisoen. Die oppervlakte onder kanola is 70 500 ha, wat 9,67% of 7 550 ha minder is as die 78 050 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die hersiene oppervlakte beplant en eerste produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 op 25 Augustus 2016 vrygestel sal word.**

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