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The final production estimate for summer crops for 2016 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.

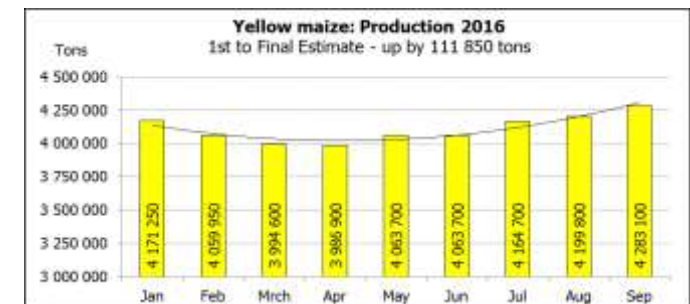
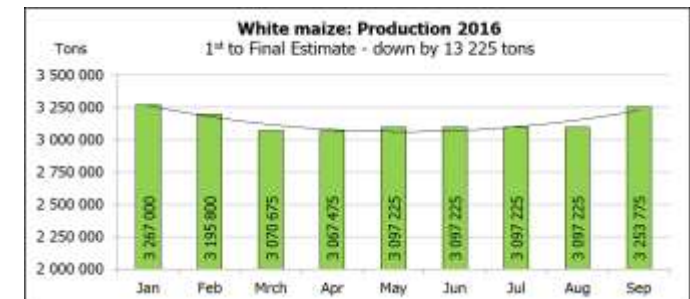
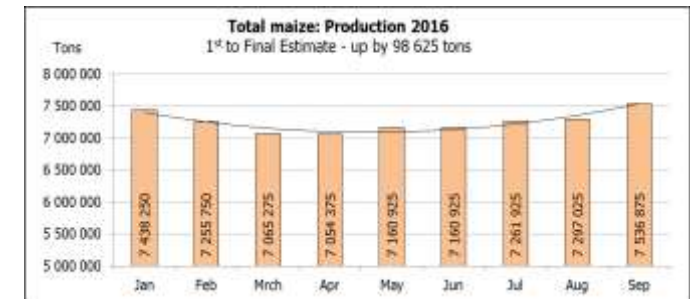
**SUMMER CROPS** – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016

**SOMERGEWASSE** – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2016  Ha (A)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2016  Tons (B)	8 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 8 <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	3 253 775	3 097 225	1 448 050	4 735 000	+5,05
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	932 000	4 283 100	4 199 800	1 204 800	5 220 000	+1,98
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	1 946 750	7 536 875	7 297 025	2 652 850	9 955 000	+3,29
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	718 500	755 000	742 750	576 000	663 000	+1,65
Soybeans/Sojabone	502 800	741 550	750 250	687 300	1 070 000	-1,16
Groundnuts/Grondbone	22 600	18 850	26 550	58 000	62 300	-29,00
Sorghum	48 500	74 150	82 000	70 500	120 500	-9,57
Dry beans/Droëbone	34 400	35 445	35 445	64 000	73 390	-
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 273 550	9 161 870	8 934 020	4 108 650	11 944 190	+2,55

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 FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES** – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016			Final estimate/ Finale 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	675 000	709 875	3 500	46 000	49 500	35 000	644 000	679 000
Free State/Vrystaat	390 000	310 000	700 000	1 111 500	1 007 500	2 119 000	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	9 200	66 000	75 200	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600
KwaZulu-Natal	38 000	48 000	86 000	209 000	304 800	513 800	40 000	45 000	85 000	224 000	283 500	507 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	720 000	1 551 000	2 271 000	154 000	315 000	469 000	824 000	1 605 300	2 429 300
Limpopo	31 500	22 000	53 500	176 400	129 800	306 200	28 500	21 000	49 500	156 750	124 000	280 750
Gauteng	49 000	56 000	105 000	205 800	224 000	429 800	44 000	65 000	109 000	193 600	292 500	486 100
North West/Noordwes	340 000	100 000	440 000	782 000	285 000	1 067 000	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 046 000	444 000	1 490 000
Total/Totaal	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 253 775	4 283 100	7 536 875	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 735 000	5 220 000	9 955 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED** AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016**SONNEBLOMSAAD** – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final estimate/ Finale 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	257 250	200 000	220 000
Total/Totaal	718 500	755 000	576 000	663 000

**SOYBEANS** – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016**SOJABONE** – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final estimate/ Finale 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	147 900	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	741 550	687 300	1 070 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final estimate/ Finale 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	11 000	7 100	22 700
Free State/Vrystaat	6 500	2 925	22 500	21 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	100	100
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	1 600	1 600	2 500	3 250
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	9 500	3 325	25 800	14 450
Total/Totaal	22 600	18 850	58 000	62 300

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final estimate/ Finale 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	25 200	36 000	45 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	1 750	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	2 400	6 000	5 100
Total/Totaal	48 500	74 150	70 500	120 500

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016****DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final estimate/ Finale 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	2 400	7 500	6 750
Total/Totaal	34 400	35 445	64 000	73 390

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**AREA AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2016 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEGASSE (2016 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
27 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Summer field crops – 2016**

The forecast is mainly based on actual producer deliveries, as reported by SAGIS.

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 7,537 million tons, which is 3,29% or 239 850 tons more than the previous forecast of 7,297 million tons. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 1,947 million ha, while the estimated yield is 3,87 t/ha.

The production estimate of white maize is 3,254 million tons, which is 5,05% or 156 550 tons more than the 3,097 million tons of last month. The estimated yield for white maize is 3,21 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production estimate is 4,283 million tons, which is 1,98% or 83 300 tons more than the 4,200 million tons of the previous forecast. The estimated yield for yellow maize is 4,60 t/ha.

**Other summer crops:**

**Sunflower seed:** The production estimate for sunflower seed is 755 000 tons, which is 1,65% or 12 250 tons more than the 742 750 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 718 500 ha, while the estimated yield is 1,05 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production estimate for **soybeans** is 741 550 tons, which is 1,16% or 8 700 tons less than the 750 250 tons of the previous forecast. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 502 800 ha, with an estimated yield of 1,47 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 18 850 tons, which is 29,00% or 7 700 tons less than the 26 550 tons of the previous forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 22 600 ha, with an estimated yield of 0,83 t/ha.

The production estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 9,57%, from 82 000 tons to 74 150 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 48 500 ha and the estimated yield is 1,53 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production estimate remained unchanged at 35 445 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 34 400 ha, with an estimated yield of 1,03 t/ha.

**Please note that the 'intentions of farmers' to plant summer grain crops for 2017 will be released on 26 October 2016.**

**Somergewasse – 2016**

Die skatting is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op werklike produsentelewerings, soos gerapporteer deur SAGIS.

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 7,537 miljoen ton gestel, wat 3,29% of 239 850 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 7,297 miljoen ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 1,947 miljoen ha, terwyl die geskatte opbrengs 3,87 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 3,254 miljoen ton, wat 5,05% of 156 550 ton meer is as die 3,097 miljoen ton van verlede maand. Die geskatte opbrengs van witmielies is 3,21 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,283 miljoen ton, wat 1,98% of 83 300 ton meer is as die 4,200 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,60 t/ha.

**Ander somergewasse:**

**Sonneblomsaad** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 755 000 ton, wat 1,65% of 12 250 ton meer is as die 742 750 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 718 500 ha, terwyl die geskatte opbrengs 1,05 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 741 550 ton, wat 1,16% of 8 700 ton minder is as die 750 250 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 502 800 ha, met 'n geskatte opbrengs van 1,47 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 18 850 ton, wat 29,00% of 7 700 ton minder is as die 26 550 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 22 600 ha, terwyl die geskatte opbrengs 0,83 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is verminder met 9,57%, van 82 000 ton na 74 150 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 48 500 ha, en die geskatte opbrengs is 1,53 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 35 445 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 34 400 ha, en die geskatte opbrengs is 1,03 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die 'voorneme van produsente om somergraangewasse te plant' vir 2017, op 26 Oktober 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.**

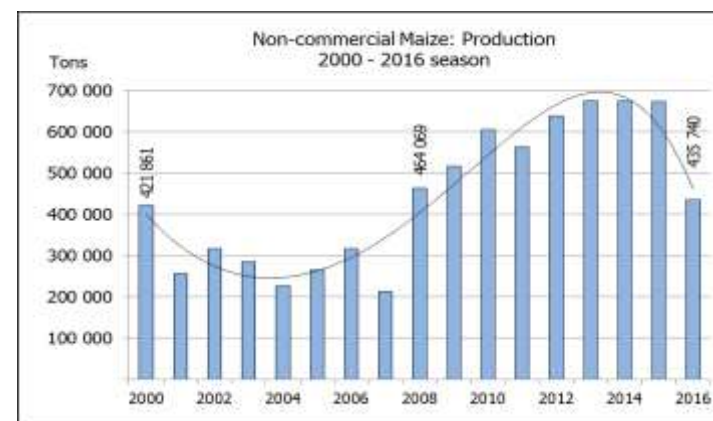
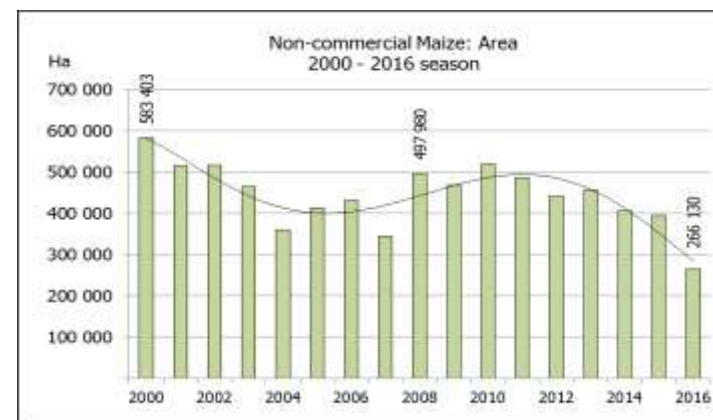
**NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE** – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016

**NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES** – OPPERVLAKTE- 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 revised area estimate and second production forecast for winter cereals for the 2016 is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.

**WINTER CEREALS** – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016 PRODUCTION SEASON

**WINTERGEWASSE** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016-PRODUKSEISEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A)	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2016 Tons (B)	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> skatting 2016 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieel:</b>						
Wheat/Koring	508 150	1 700 390	1 683 040	482 150	1 440 000	+1,03
Malting barley/Moutgars	88 695	291 595	287 385	93 730	332 000	+1,46
Canola/Kanola	68 075	102 060	102 000	78 050	93 000	+0,06
Total/Totaal	664 920	2 094 045	2 072 425	653 930	1 865 000	+1,04

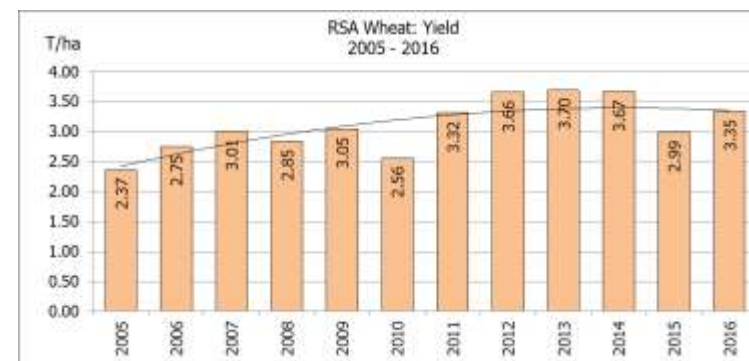
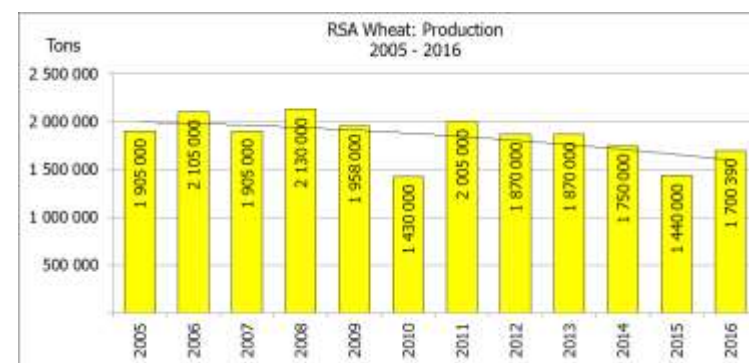
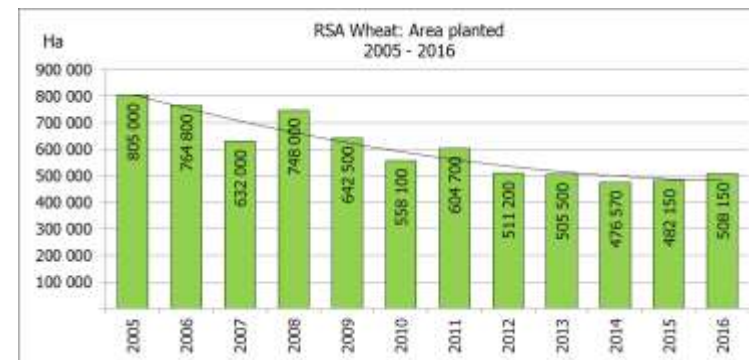
\* Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2016 = 2016

\* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2016 = 2016

**WHEAT** – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016

**KORING** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2016 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	323 000	904 400	310 000	697 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	35 000	252 000	36 000	259 200
Free State/Vrystaat	110 000	308 000	80 000	176 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 200	11 440	3 100	14 880
KwaZulu-Natal	6 500	37 050	7 300	41 000
Mpumalanga	2 300	13 800	3 500	19 500
Limpopo	17 000	102 000	27 000	144 420
Gauteng	150	900	250	1 500
North West/Noordwes	12 000	70 800	15 000	85 500
Total/Totaal	508 150	1 700 390	482 150	1 440 000



**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2016) /  
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2016)  
27 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Winter cereal crops - 2016 production season**

Please note that the revised area estimate for the Free State province is based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) as conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), which is led by the ARC. Information on the objective yields for the Western Cape will be available on 26 October 2016 and for the Free State on 20 December 2016.

**Wheat:** The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,700 mill. tons, which is 1,0% or 17 350 tons more than the previous forecast of 1,683 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,35 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 904 400 tons (53%), in the Free State 308 000 tons (18%) and in the Northern Cape 252 000 tons (15%).

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 508 150 ha, which is 10 000 ha more than the 498 150 ha of the previous estimate. The reason for the increase in the area was because of an upward revision in the area planted for the Free State, from 100 000 ha to 110 000 ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **malting barley** is 291 595 tons, which is 1,5% more than the previous forecast of 287 385 tons. The area planted is estimated at 88 695 ha, while the expected yield is 3,29 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop was adjusted upwards by 60 tons to 102 060 tons. The area estimate for canola is 68 075 ha, with an expected yield of 1,50 t/ha.

**Please note that the third production forecast for winter cereals for 2016 will be released on 26 October 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**

Let wel, die heriene oppervlakteskatting vir die Vrystaat provinsie is gebaseer op inligting soos verkry vanaf die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES"), soos deur die LNR-begeleide Konsortium gerapporteer. Inligting oor die objektiewe opbrengste vir die Wes-Kaap sal op 26 Oktober 2016 beskikbaar wees en vir die Vrystaat op 20 Desember 2016.

**Koring:** Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,700 milj. ton, wat 1,0% of 17 350 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 1,683 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,35 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 904 400 ton (53%), in die Vrystaat 308 000 ton (18%) en in die Noord-Kaap 252 000 ton (15%).

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is hersien na 508 150 ha, wat 10 000 ha meer is as die 498 150 ha teenoor die vorige skatting. Die rede vir die toename in die oppervlakte beplant was as gevolg van 'n opwaartse aanpassing in die oppervlakte vir die Vrystaat, vanaf 100 000 ha tot 110 000 ha.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 291 595 ton, wat 1,5% meer is as die vorige skatting van 287 385 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 88 695 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,29 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is opwaarts aangepas met 60 ton na 102 060 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 68 075 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,50 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 op 26 Oktober 2016 vrygestel sal word.**

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