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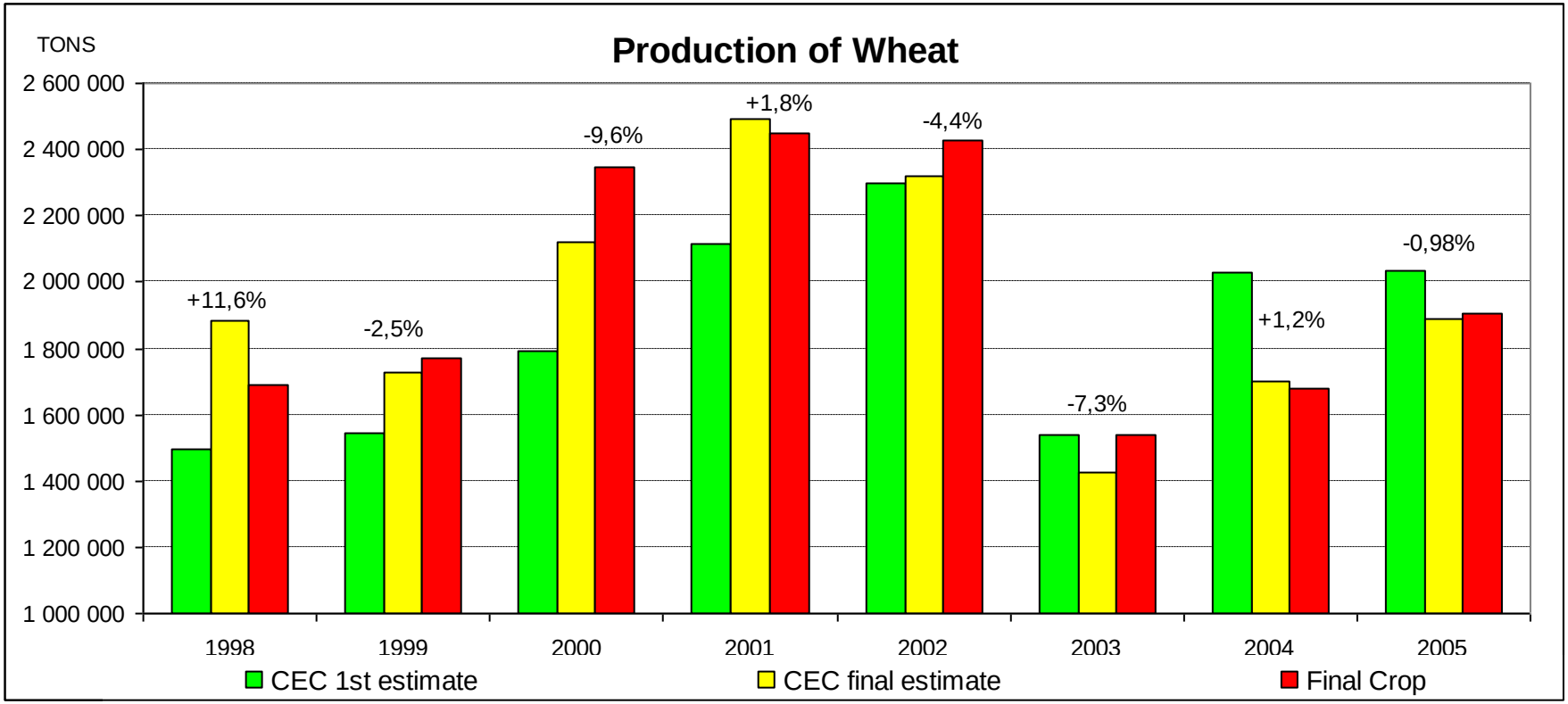
CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS: 2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2005/06 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2005/06 TONS (B)	CEC FINAL AREA ESTIMATE 2005/06 HA (C)	CEC FINAL CROP ESTIMATE 2005/06 TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (D) ÷ (B)
Wheat	805 000	1 905 000	800 500	1 886 400	-0,98
Malting barley	90 000	225 000	91 950	231 768	+3,01
Canola	40 200	44 200	41 200	45 310	+2,51
Sweet lupines	14 100	14 100	14 100	14 100	-

CALCULATION OF FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS: 2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS (Oct 2005 - March 2006) Tons	Future deliveries (April – Sept 2006) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use Tons
Wheat	1 905 000	1 834 411	32 889	37 700
Malting barley	225 000	221 558	1 942	1 500
Canola	44 200	42 388	712	1 100



CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS 2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

At its meeting held on 4 May 2006, which is chaired by the NAMC, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) discussed the finalisation of the wheat, malting barley and canola area planted and crop production figures for the 2005/06 production season.

The estimated production figures for wheat were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Service (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculation. The figures from the wheat utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture (DoA), were added to the SAGIS figures to calculate total figures.

Comparing the re-calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) during February 2006, the CEC has under-estimated the wheat, by 1,0%, and over-estimated the malting barley and canola crops by 3,0%, and 2,5%, respectively. Please note that the area planted figures were also slightly revised. The final calculated area and crop figures are attached.

The aim of the CEC is to set the final estimate within 5% of the final calculated crop. In the case of wheat, malting barley and canola the CEC has reached this aim in the last two production seasons. The graph represents the first and final CEC estimates, as well as the final re-calculated crop figures since 1998 for wheat. From the graph it can be seen that the CEC's final estimates were within the 5% goal for five out of the eight years.