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The final production estimate for summer crops for 2015 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2015 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015
SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

CROP/GEWAS	**Area planted/ Opp beplant** **2015 Ha (A)**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting** **2015 Tons (B)**	7th forecast/ 7de skatting 2015 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2014 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	**1 448 050**	**4 702 700**	4 649 800	1 551 200	7 710 000	+1,14
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	**1 204 800**	**5 238 950**	5 188 700	1 137 000	6 540 000	+0,97
Maize/Mielies	**2 652 850**	**9 941 650**	9 838 500	2 688 200	14 250 000	+1,05
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	**576 000**	**660 900**	656 800	598 950	832 000	+0,62
Soybeans/Sojabone	**687 300**	**1 059 850**	1 041 600	502 900	948 000	+1,75
Groundnuts/Grondbone	**58 000**	**56 675**	56 675	52 125	74 500	-
Sorghum	**70 500**	**116 500**	114 700	78 850	265 000	+1,57
Dry beans/Droëbone	**64 000**	**73 390**	73 390	55 820	82 130	-
TOTAL/TOTAAL	**4 108 650**	**11 908 965**	11 781 665	3 976 845	16 451 630	+1,08

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2014/15 = 2015
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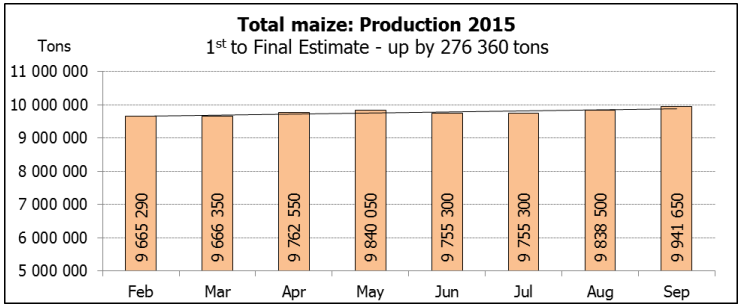

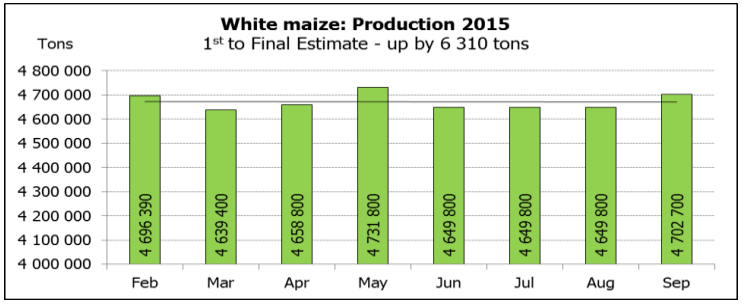

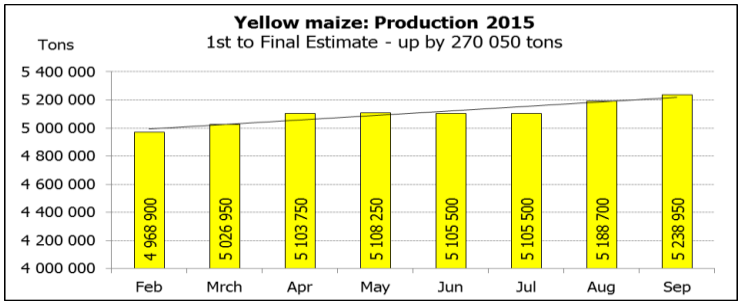

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WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Provinsie/ Province	**Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2015**			**Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2015**			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2014			Final crop/ Finale oes 2014		
	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	**450**	**3 800**	**4 250**	**4 050**	**34 200**	**38 250**	500	3 000	3 500	4 500	28 500	33 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**3 500**	**46 000**	**49 500**	**35 000**	**644 000**	**679 000**	2 200	48 000	50 200	25 300	638 400	663 700
Free State/Vrystaat	**710 000**	**510 000**	**1 220 000**	**2 236 500**	**1 708 500**	**3 945 000**	730 000	465 000	1 195 000	3 759 500	2 487 750	6 247 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**2 600**	**14 000**	**16 600**	**15 600**	**84 000**	**99 600**	2 500	16 000	18 500	13 750	97 600	111 350
KwaZulu-Natal	**40 000**	**45 000**	**85 000**	**222 000**	**283 500**	**505 500**	43 000	45 000	88 000	266 600	292 500	559 100
Mpumalanga	**154 000**	**315 000**	**469 000**	**816 200**	**1 622 250**	**2 438 450**	168 000	332 000	500 000	907 200	1 875 000	2 782 200
Limpopo	**28 500**	**21 000**	**49 500**	**156 750**	**126 000**	**282 750**	30 000	20 000	50 000	183 000	124 000	307 000
Gauteng	**44 000**	**65 000**	**109 000**	**193 600**	**292 500**	**486 100**	65 000	53 000	118 000	357 150	291 250	648 400
North West/Noordwes	**465 000**	**185 000**	**650 000**	**1 023 000**	**444 000**	**1 467 000**	510 000	155 000	665 000	2 193 000	705 000	2 898 000
Total/Totaal	**1 448 050**	**1 204 800**	**2 652 850**	**4 702 700**	**5 238 950**	**9 941 650**	1 551 200	1 137 000	2 688 200	7 710 000	6 540 000	14 250 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015
SONNEBLOMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2015**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**500**	**500**	900	450
Free State/Vrystaat	**285 000**	**370 500**	280 000	448 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**-**	**-**	550	825
KwaZulu-Natal	**-**	**-**	-	-
Mpumalanga	**2 500**	**3 000**	3 500	4 550
Limpopo	**82 000**	**61 500**	90 000	76 275
Gauteng	**6 000**	**5 400**	3 000	3 900
North West/Noordwes	**200 000**	**220 000**	221 000	298 000
Total/Totaal	**576 000**	**660 900**	598 950	832 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2015**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**800**	**1 600**	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**4 000**	**14 000**	3 900	14 040
Free State/Vrystaat	**305 000**	**366 000**	201 000	352 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**1 500**	**2 100**	2 000	3 600
KwaZulu-Natal	**42 000**	**102 900**	35 000	98 000
Mpumalanga	**245 000**	**379 750**	203 000	335 000
Limpopo	**24 000**	**72 000**	22 000	66 000
Gauteng	**30 000**	**69 000**	20 000	47 360
North West/Noordwes	**35 000**	**52 500**	16 000	32 000
Total/Totaal	**687 300**	**1 059 850**	502 900	948 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015
GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2015**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**7 100**	**21 300**	7 000	18 200
Free State/Vrystaat	**22 500**	**19 125**	20 000	23 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	**100**	**100**	75	90
Mpumalanga	**-**	**-**	50	100
Limpopo	**2 500**	**3 250**	3 000	4 110
Gauteng	**-**	**-**	-	-
North West/Noordwes	**25 800**	**12 900**	22 000	28 500
Total/Totaal	**58 000**	**56 675**	52 125	74 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015
DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2015**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**300**	**390**	300	450
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**900**	**2 160**	1 000	2 000
Free State/Vrystaat	**28 000**	**22 400**	26 000	37 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**800**	**1 040**	770	1 155
KwaZulu-Natal	**6 500**	**7 800**	5 000	6 500
Mpumalanga	**9 000**	**11 250**	8 750	12 250
Limpopo	**7 000**	**16 800**	5 500	9 625
Gauteng	**4 000**	**4 800**	3 000	4 200
North West/Noordwes	**7 500**	**6 750**	5 500	8 250
Total/Totaal	**64 000**	**73 390**	55 820	82 130

SORGHUM AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015
SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2015**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	**36 000**	**45 000**	42 000	139 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	**500**	**2 200**	850	4 400
Mpumalanga	**11 000**	**44 000**	11 000	54 000
Limpopo	**16 000**	**17 600**	14 000	32 200
Gauteng	**1 000**	**2 600**	1 500	4 800
North West/Noordwes	**6 000**	**5 100**	9 500	30 400
Total/Totaal	**70 500**	**116 500**	78 850	265 000

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AREA AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2015)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2015)

Summer field crops – 2015

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop was adjusted upwards by 1,0% or 103 150 tons to 9,942 mill. tons, against the previous forecast. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,653 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 3,75 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,448 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,205 mill. ha.

The production estimate of white maize increased by 1,1% or 52 900 tons to 4,703 mill. tons. The yield for white maize is 3,25 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production estimate also increased by 1,0% or 50 250 tons to 5,239 mill. tons. The yield for yellow maize is 4,35 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production estimate for sunflower was adjusted upwards by 0,6% or 4 100 tons to 660 900 tons, against the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 576 000 ha, while the expected yield is 1,15 t/ha.

Other crops: The production estimate for **soybeans** was also adjusted upwards by 1,7%, from 1,042 mill. tons to 1,060 mill. tons. It is estimated that 687 300 ha have been planted to soybeans, with an expected yield of 1,54 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 56 675 tons, against the previous forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 58 000 ha, with an expected yield of 0,98 t/ha.

The production estimate for **sorghum** increased by 1,6% or 1 800 tons to 116 500 tons, against the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 70 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,65 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans,** the production forecast remained unchanged at 73 390 tons, as against the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 64 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,15 t/ha.

Please note that the 'intentions of farmers' to plant summer grain crops for 2016 will be released on 27 October 2015.

Somergewasse – 2015

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is opwaarts aangepas met 1,0% of 103 150 ton na 9,942 milj. ton, teenoor die vorige skatting. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,653 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,75 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,448 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,205 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies het met 1,1% of 52 900 ton toegeneem na 4,703 milj. ton. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,25 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies het die produksieskatting ook toegeneem met 1,0% of 50 250 ton na 5,239 milj. ton. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,35 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is opwaarts aangepas met 0,6% of 4 100 ton na 660 900 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 576 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,15 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is ook opwaarts aangepas met 1,7%, vanaf 1,042 milj. ton na 1,060 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 687 300 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,54 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is is onveranderd gelaat op 56 675 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 58 000 ha, terwyl the verwagte opbrengs 0,98 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** het met 1,6% of 1 800 ton toegeneem na 116 500 ton, teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 70 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,65 t/ha.

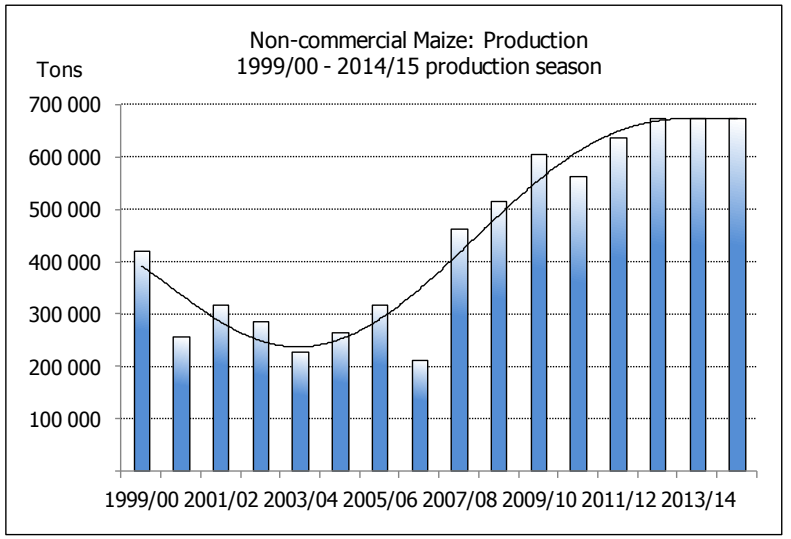
In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 73 390 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 64 000 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,15 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die 'voorneme van produsente om somergraangewasse te plant' vir 2016, op 27 Oktober 2015 vrygestel sal word.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2015 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2015 vrygestel.

NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015
NIE-KOMMERSIëLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2015 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2014 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	278 000	442 200	288 100	447 500	-1,18
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	117 200	231 600	119 900	227 500	+1,80
Maize/Mielies	395 200	673 800	408 000	675 000	-0,18



The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 395 200 ha, which represents a decrease of 3,14% compared to the 408 000 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 673 800 tons, which is 0,18% less than the 675 000 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 395 200 ha, wat 'n afname van 3,14 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 408 000 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 673 800 ton, wat 0,18% minder is as die 675 000 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 2015 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2015 vrygestel.

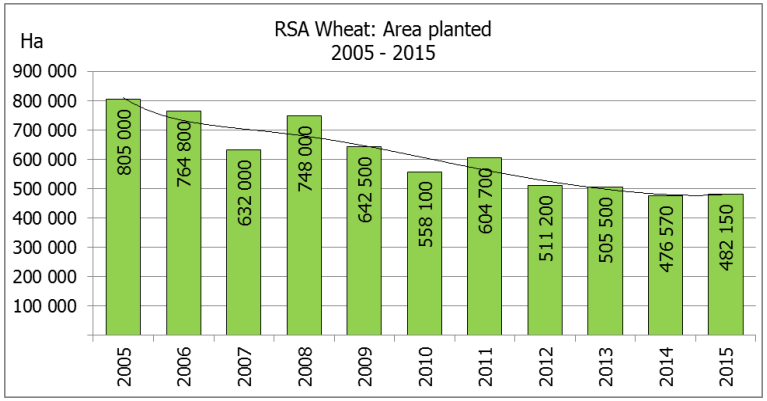
WINTER CEREALS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015 PRODUCTION SEASON
WINTERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

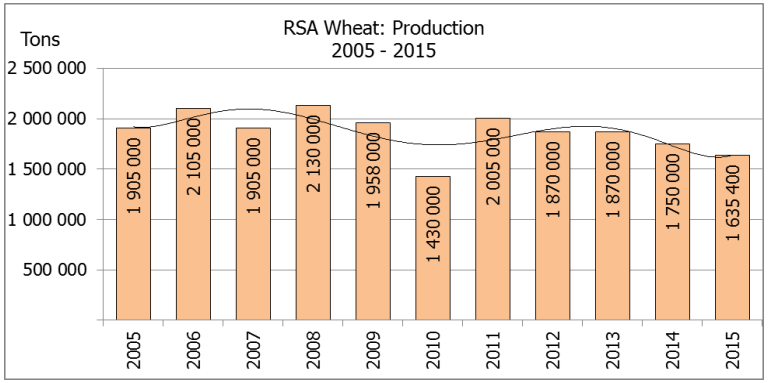
CROP/GEWAS	**Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)**	**2nd forecast/ 2de skatting 2015 Tons** (B)	1st forecast/ 1ste skatting 2015 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2014 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	**482 150**	**1 635 400**	1 690 975	476 570	1 750 000	-3,29
Malting barley/Moutgars	**93 730**	**347 083**	334 033	85 125	302 000	+3,91
Canola/Kanola	**78 050**	**105 400**	112 000	95 000	121 000	-5,89
Total/Totaal	**653 930**	**2 087 883**	2 137 008	656 695	2 173 000	-2,30

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2015/16 = 2015
Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2015/16 = 2015

WHEAT – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015
KORING – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015**	**2nd forecast/ 2de skatting 2015** 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**310 000**	**775 000**	310 000	899 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**36 000**	**270 000**	38 000	285 000
Free State/Vrystaat	**80 000**	**264 000**	69 500	245 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**3 100**	**15 500**	3 000	12 000
KwaZulu-Natal	**7 300**	**43 800**	6 500	39 000
Mpumalanga	**3 500**	**21 350**	3 500	21 350
Limpopo	**27 000**	**151 200**	27 500	137 500
Gauteng	**250**	**1 550**	570	3 550
North West/Noordwes	**15 000**	**93 000**	18 000	107 100
Total/Totaal	**482 150**	**1 635 400**	476 570	1 750 000





REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2015) /
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2015)
29 SEPTEMBER 2015

Winter cereal crops - 2015 production season

Please note that the revised area estimate for the Western Cape and Free State provinces 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 27 October 2015 and for the Free State on 15 December 2015.

Wheat: The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,635 mill. tons, which is 3,3% or 55 575 tons less than the previous forecast of 1,691 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,39 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 775 000 tons (47%), in the Northern Cape 270 000 tons (17%) and in the Free State 264 000 tons (16%).

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 482 150 ha, which is 4 500 ha more than the 477 650 ha of the previous estimate. The main reason for the increase in the area was because of an upward revision in the area planted for the Free State, from 73 000 ha to 80 000 ha. The area planted in the Western Cape was revised slightly downwards by 2 500 ha to 310 000 ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 347 083 tons, which is 3,9% more than the previous forecast of 334 033 tons. The area planted is estimated at 93 730 ha, while the expected yield is 3,70 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop was adjusted downwards by 6 600 tons to 105 400 tons. The area estimate for canola was also adjusted downwards by 1 950 ha to 78 050 ha, with an expected yield of 1,35 t/ha.

Please note that the third production forecast for winter cereals for 2015 will be released on 27 October 2015.

Information is available on the internet at 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 - 2015 produksie-seisoen

Let wel, die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir die Wes-Kaap en die Vrystaat provinsies 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 27 Oktober 2015 beskikbaar wees en vir die Vrystaat op 15 Desember 2015.

Koring: Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,635 milj. ton, wat 3,3% of 55 575 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 1,691 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,39 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 775 000 ton (47%), in die Noord-Kaap 270 000 ton (17%) en in die Vrystaat 264 000 ton (16%).

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is hersien na 482 150 ha, wat 4 500 ha meer is as die 477 650 ha teenoor die vorige skatting. Die vernaamste rede vir die toename in die oppervlakte beplant was as gevolg van 'n opwaartse aanpassing in die oppervlakte vir die Vrystaat, vanaf 73 000 ha tot 80 000 ha. Die oppervlakte beplant in die Wes-Kaap is effens afwaarts aangepas met 2 500 ha na 310 000 ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 347 083 ton, wat 3,9% meer is as die vorige skatting van 334 033 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 93 730 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,70 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 6 600 ton na 105 400 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is ook afwaarts aangepas met 1 950 ha na 78 050 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,35 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2015 op 27 Oktober 2015 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop estimates of by http://www.sagis.org.za, vanaf 15:30 op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.