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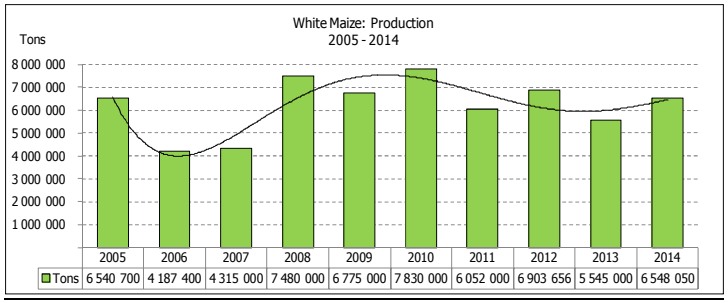
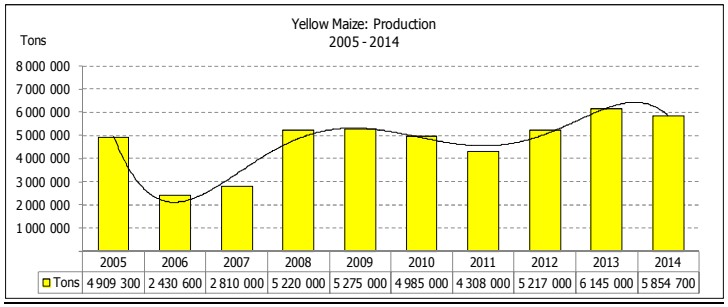
The first production forecast for summer crops for 2014 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die eerste produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2014 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014
SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

CROP/GEWAS	**Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (A)**	**1st forecast/ 1ste skatting 2014 Tons (B)**	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2013 Ha (C)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2013 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (D)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
White maize/Witmielies	**1 531 200**	**6 548 050**	1 617 200	5 545 000	+18,09
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	**1 137 000**	**5 854 700**	1 164 000	6 145 000	-4,72
Maize/Mielies	**2 668 200**	**12 402 750**	2 781 200	11 690 000	+6,10
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	**598 950**	**778 175**	504 700	557 000	+39,71
Soya-beans/Sojabone	**502 900**	**832 350**	516 500	784 500	+6,10
Groundnuts/Grondbone	**52 525**	**82 365**	46 900	41 500	+98,47
Sorghum	**86 850**	**239 650**	62 620	147 200	+62,81
Dry beans/Droëbone	**55 670**	**76 570**	43 550	60 200	+27,19
TOTAL/TOTAAL	**3 965 095**	**14 411 860**	3 955 470	13 280 400	+8,52

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2013/14 = 2014
Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2013/14 = 2014





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WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

Provinsie/ Province	**Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2014**			**1st forecast/ 1ste skatting 2014**			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2013			Final crop/ Finale oes 2013		
	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**	**3 000**	**3 500**	**4 250**	**28 500**	**32 750**	300	3 000	3 300	2 500	30 000	32 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**2 200**	**48 000**	**50 200**	**25 300**	**576 000**	**601 300**	2 200	51 000	53 200	25 300	650 000	675 300
Free State/Vrystaat	**710 000**	**465 000**	**1 175 000**	**3 195 000**	**2 139 000**	**5 334 000**	725 000	505 000	1 230 000	2 518 000	2 292 000	4 810 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**2 500**	**16 000**	**18 500**	**12 500**	**94 400**	**106 900**	3 700	15 000	18 700	18 200	87 000	105 200
KwaZulu-Natal	**43 000**	**45 000**	**88 000**	**249 400**	**270 000**	**519 400**	47 000	48 000	95 000	280 000	312 000	592 000
Mpumalanga	**168 000**	**332 000**	**500 000**	**873 600**	**1 792 800**	**2 666 400**	170 000	300 000	470 000	1 024 000	1 990 000	3 014 000
Limpopo	**30 000**	**20 000**	**50 000**	**180 000**	**120 000**	**300 000**	30 000	23 500	53 500	165 000	137 000	302 000
Gauteng	**65 000**	**53 000**	**118 000**	**325 000**	**291 500**	**616 500**	74 000	43 500	117 500	362 000	242 000	604 000
North West/Noordwes	**510 000**	**155 000**	**665 000**	**1 683 000**	**542 500**	**2 225 500**	565 000	175 000	740 000	1 150 000	405 000	1 555 000
Total/Totaal	**1 531 200**	**1 137 000**	**2 668 200**	**6 548 050**	**5 854 700**	**12 402 750**	1 617 200	1 164 000	2 781 200	5 545 000	6 145 000	11 690 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014
SONNEBLOMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014**	**1st forecast/ 1ste skatting Tons 2014**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**900**	**450**	200	100
Free State/Vrystaat	**280 000**	**392 000**	220 000	297 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**550**	**825**	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	**-**	**-**	-	-
Mpumalanga	**3 500**	**5 250**	6 600	9 900
Limpopo	**90 000**	**77 400**	99 000	85 000
Gauteng	**3 000**	**3 900**	3 900	4 000
North West/Noordwes	**221 000**	**298 350**	175 000	161 000
Total/Totaal	**598 950**	**778 175**	504 700	557 000

SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014**	**1st forecast/ 1ste skatting Tons 2014**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**3 900**	**13 650**	2 000	7 000
Free State/Vrystaat	**201 000**	**281 400**	215 000	249 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**2 000**	**3 000**	500	750
KwaZulu-Natal	**35 000**	**91 000**	32 000	82 000
Mpumalanga	**203 000**	**304 500**	205 000	335 000
Limpopo	**22 000**	**66 000**	20 000	53 500
Gauteng	**20 000**	**44 000**	20 000	34 000
North West/Noordwes	**16 000**	**28 800**	22 000	22 750
Total/Totaal	**502 900**	**832 350**	516 500	784 500

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014
GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014**	**1st forecast/ 1ste skatting Tons 2014**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**8 000**	**20 000**	7 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	**20 000**	**30 000**	18 000	15 100
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	**75**	**90**	150	150
Mpumalanga	**50**	**75**	750	750
Limpopo	**2 400**	**3 600**	1 000	1 500
Gauteng	**-**	**-**	-	-
North West/Noordwes	**22 000**	**28 600**	20 000	10 000
Total/Totaal	**52 525**	**82 365**	46 900	41 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014
DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014**	**1st forecast/ 1ste skatting Tons 2014**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**300**	**450**	200	400
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**850**	**2 040**	850	1 700
Free State/Vrystaat	**26 000**	**33 800**	16 000	19 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**770**	**1 155**	100	200
KwaZulu-Natal	**5 000**	**6 500**	6 000	7 800
Mpumalanga	**8 750**	**11 375**	7 000	11 900
Limpopo	**5 500**	**11 000**	5 400	10 800
Gauteng	**3 000**	**4 200**	2 000	3 400
North West/Noordwes	**5 500**	**6 050**	6 000	4 800
Total/Totaal	**55 670**	**76 570**	43 550	60 200

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014
SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014**	**1st forecast/ 1ste skatting Tons 2014**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	**50 000**	**140 000**	32 000	68 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	**850**	**3 400**	320	1 280
Mpumalanga	**11 000**	**44 000**	11 500	42 620
Limpopo	**14 000**	**25 900**	12 000	21 000
Gauteng	**1 500**	**4 500**	500	1 500
North West/Noordwes	**9 500**	**21 850**	6 300	12 000
Total/Totaal	**86 850**	**239 650**	62 620	147 200

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REVISED AREA AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2014)/
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2014)
27 FEBRUARY / FEBRUARIE 2014

Summer field crops – 2014

Commercial maize: The revised area estimate for maize is 2,668 mill. ha, which is 4,06% or 113 000 ha less than the 2,781 mill. ha planted for the previous season and also 1,56% less than the preliminary area estimate of 2,710 mill. ha released in January 2014.

The expected commercial maize crop is 12,403 mill. tons, which is 6,10% more than the 11,690 mill. tons of the previous season, with an expected yield of 4,65 t/ha.

The area planted figures are mainly based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES), conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC) for Northern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,531 mill. ha, which represents a decrease of 5,32% or 86 000 ha compared to the 1,617 mill. ha planted last season and also 2,56% less than the preliminary area estimate of 1,572 mill. ha. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 1,137 mill. ha, which is 2,32% or 27 000 ha less than the 1,164 mill. ha planted last season and also 0,18% less than the preliminary area estimate of 1,139 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,548 mill. tons, which is 18,09% more than the 5,545 mill. tons of last season. The yield for white maize is 4,28 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,855 mill. tons, which is 4,72% less than the 6,145 mill. tons of last season. The yield for yellow maize is 5,15 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 598 950 ha, which is 18,67% more than the 504 700 ha planted the previous season, but 3,15% less than the preliminary area estimate of 618 400 ha. The production forecast for sunflower seed is 778 175 tons, which is 39,71% more than the 557 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,30 t/ha.

Other crops: It is estimated that 502 900 ha have been planted to **soya-beans**, which represents a decrease of 2,63% compared to the 516 500 ha planted last season. It is also 2,54% less than the preliminary area estimate of 516 000 ha. The production forecast for soya-beans is 832 350 tons, which is 6,10% more than the 784 500 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,66 t/ha.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 52 525 ha, which is 11,99% more than the 46 900 ha planted for the previous season and also 5,05% higher than the preliminary area estimate of 50 000 ha. The expected groundnut crop is 82 365 tons, which is 98,47% more than the 41 500 tons of last season. The expected yield is 1,57 t/ha.

The area estimate for **sorghum** increased by 38,69%, from 62 620 ha to 86 850 ha against the previous season. The production forecast for sorghum is 239 650 tons, which is 62,81% higher than the 147 200 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 2,76 t/ha.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 55 670 ha, which is 27,83% more than the 43 550 ha planted for the previous season, but 0,89% lower than the preliminary area estimate of 56 170 ha. In the case of dry beans the production forecast is 76 570 tons, which is 27,19% more than the 60 200 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,38 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for summer field crops for 2014 will be released on 27 March 2014.

Somergewasse – 2014

Kommersiële mielies: Die hersiene skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,668 milj. ha, wat 4,06% of 113 000 ha minder is as die 2,781 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, maar ook 1,56% minder as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 2,710 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Januarie 2014.

Die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is 12,403 milj. ton wat 6,10% meer is as die 11,690 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 4,65 t/ha.

Die oppervlakte beplant syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel (PICES), soos deur die Nasionale Oesskattingskonsortium gerapporteer vir Noord-Kaap, Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,531 milj. ha, wat 'n afname van 5,32% of 86 000 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,617 milj. ha die vorige seisoen en ook 2,56% minder as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 1,572 milj. ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 1,137 milj. ha, wat 2,32% of 27 000 ha minder is as die 1,164 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen en ook 0,18% minder as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 1,139 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,548 miljoen ton, 18,09% meer is as die 5,545 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,28 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,855 miljoen ton, wat 4,72% minder is as die 6,145 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,15 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 598 950 ha, wat 18,67% meer is as die 504 700 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen, maar 3,15% minder as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 618 400 ha. Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 778 175 ton, wat 39,71% meer is as die 557 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,30 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 502 900 ha, wat 'n afname van 2,63% verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 516 500 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Dit is ook 2,54% minder as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 516 000 ha. Die produksieskatting van sojabone is 832 350 ton, wat 6,10% meer is as die 784 500 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,66 t/ha.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 52 525 ha, wat 11,99% meer is as die 46 900 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen en ook 5,05% hoër as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 50 000 ha. Die verwagte grondbone-oes is 82 365 ton – 98,47% meer as die 41 500 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,57 t/ha.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het toegeneem met 38,69%, van 62 620 ha tot 86 850 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van sorghum is 239 650 ton – 62,81% meer as die 147 200 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,76 t/ha.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 55 670 ha, wat 27,83% meer is as die 43 550 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen, maar 0,89% minder as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 56 170 ha. In die geval van droëbone is die produksieskatting 76 570 ton, wat 27,19% meer is as die 60 200 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,38 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2014, op 27 Maart 2014 vrygestel sal word.

The area estimate and final production estimate for winter cereals for the 2013 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakteskatting en finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2013 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2013
WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013

CROP/GEWAS	**Area planted/ Opp beplant 2013 Ha (A)**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2013 Tons (B)**	6th forecast/ 6de skatting 2013 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2012 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	**505 500**	**1 804 450**	1 795 150	511 200	1 870 000	+0,52
Malting barley/Moutgars	**81 320**	**266 002**	263 602	84 940	298 000	+0,91
Canola/Kanola	**72 165**	**112 041**	112 041	44 100	79 000	-
Total/Totaal	**658 985**	**2 182 493**	2 170 793	640 240	2 247 000	+0,54

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2013/14 = 2013
Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2013/14 = 2013

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2013
KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2013**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**310 000**	**914 500**	272 000	897 600
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**42 000**	**298 200**	42 000	272 600
Free State/Vrystaat	**90 000**	**252 000**	130 000	360 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**4 500**	**19 800**	4 500	18 500
KwaZulu-Natal	**7 000**	**37 800**	6 500	32 500
Mpumalanga	**4 500**	**27 900**	4 700	25 380
Limpopo	**28 000**	**142 800**	30 000	141 000
Gauteng	**1 000**	**6 000**	1 500	8 420
North West/Noordwes	**18 500**	**105 450**	20 000	114 000
Total/Totaal	**505 500**	**1 804 450**	511 200	1 870 000

AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF WINTER CEREALS (2013 PRODUCTION SEASON) /
OPPERVLAK- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR WINTERGEWASSE (2013 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
27 FEBRUARY/ FEBRUARIE 2014

Winter cereal crops - 2013 production season

Wheat: The estimated final commercial production of wheat is 1,804 mill. tons, which is 9 300 tons or 0,52% more than the previous forecast of 1,795 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,57 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 914 500 tons (51%), in the Northern Cape 298 200 tons (16%) and in the Free State 252 000 tons (14%).

The area estimate for wheat stayed unchanged at 505 500 ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** also increased slightly by 2 400 tons to 266 002 tons. The estimated area planted is 81 320 ha, while the expected yield is 3,27 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop also remained unchanged at 112 041 tons. The area estimate for canola is 72 165 ha, with an expected yield of 1,55 t/ha.

Please note that the intentions to plant winter cereals for 2014 will be released on 24 April 2014.

Wintergewasse - 2013 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die geskatte finale kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,804 milj. ton, wat 9 300 ton of 0,52% meer is as die vorige skatting van 1,795 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,57 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 914 500 ton (51%), in die Noord-Kaap 298 200 ton (16%) en in die Vrystaat 252 000 ton (14%).

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is onveranderd gelaat op 505 500 ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** het ook effens verhoog met 2 400 ton tot 266 002 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 81 320 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,27 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 112 041 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 72 165 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,55 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir 2014 op 24 April 2014 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at http://www.daff.gov.za/crop estimates or http://www.sagis.org.za, as from 15:30 on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

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