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THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2016 PRODUCTION SEASON

At a meeting held on 12 May 2017, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial wheat, malting barley and canola for 2016.

The estimated total production figures as released by the national Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Services (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculations. The figures from the wheat utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the final calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the CEC during February 2017, the size of the commercial wheat crop is now 1 910 000 tons, which is 460 tons or 0,02% more than the final crop estimate figure of 1 909 540 tons. For malting barley the recalculated crop size is 355 000 tons, which is 935 tons or 0,26% more than the final crop estimate figure of 354 065 tons. The final recalculated canola crop estimate figure is 105 000 tons, which is lower (460 tons or 0,44%) than the final crop estimate figure of 105 460 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2016 (please refer to the figures in the accompanying tables).

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provided information on a regular basis to improve the accuracy of the crop estimates. Producers, who do not participate in the Department's monthly survey, are requested as a matter of urgency to make an effort to contribute to the crop estimates process.

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CROP	**FINAL AREA PLANTED HA (A)**	**FINAL CROP TONS (B)**	CEC AREA PLANTED[1] HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE[1] TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
Wheat	**508 365**	**1 910 000**	508 365	1 909 540	+0,02
Malting barley	**88 695**	**355 000**	88 695	354 065	+0,26
Canola	**68 075**	**105 000**	68 075	105 460	-0,44

1) As estimated by the CEC on 28 February 2017

THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2016 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

CROP	Final crop	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS[1] (Oct 2016 - March 2017)	Estimated future deliveries (April – Sep 2017)	Retentions on farms for own use
	Tons			
Wheat	1 910 000	1 835 166	39 834	35 000[2]
Malting barley	355 000	352 017	1 483	1 500
Canola	105 000	103 979	921	100

1) SAGIS deliveries relate to the current crop.
2) Based on a survey undertaken by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.