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COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS: CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES - 2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2007/08 HA (A)	**FINAL CROP 2007/08 TONS (B)**	CEC AREA PLANTED 2007/08 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE 2007/08 TONS (D)	FINAL ESTIMATE vs FINAL CROP % (D) ÷ (B)
White Maize	1 737 000	**7 480 000**	1 737 000	7 098 250	-5,10
Yellow Maize	1 062 000	**5 220 000**	1 062 000	4 922 900	-5,69
Total Maize	2 799 000	**12 700 000**	2 799 000	12 021 150	-5,35
Sunflower seed	564 300	**872 000**	564 300	885 560	+1,56
Soya-beans	165 400	**282 000**	165 400	308 295	+9,32
Groundnuts	54 200	**88 800**	54 200	85 360	-3,87
Sorghum	86 800	**255 000**	86 800	260 425	+2,13

COMMERCIAL MAIZE: CALCULATED FINAL CROP - 2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS[1)] (Mar-Oct 2008) Tons	Projected deliveries (Nov 2008 - Feb 2009) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ Seed Tons
White Maize	7 480 000	7 206 888	153 219	119 893
Yellow Maize	5 220 000	4 670 429	115 688	433 883
Total Maize	12 700 000	11 877 317	268 907	553 776

SUNFLOWER SEED AND SOYA-BEANS: CALCULATED FINAL CROP - 2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS[1)] (Jan-Oct 2008) Tons	Projected deliveries (Nov - Dec 2008) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc. Tons
Sunflower seed	872 000	866 778	5 222	-
Soya-beans	282 000	261 509	4 391	16 100

GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM: CALCULATED FINAL CROP - 2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS[1)] (Mar-Oct 2008) Tons	Projected deliveries (Nov 2008 - Feb 2009) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc. Tons
Groundnuts	88 800	83 661	2 439	2 700
Sorghum	255 000	243 485	9 515	2 000

1) SAGIS deliveries relates to the current crop

CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYA-BEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM 2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON

At its meeting held on 27 November 2008, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) discussed the finalisation of the commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soya-beans, groundnuts, as well as sorghum crop production figures for the 2007/08 production season.

The estimated total production figures 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 maize utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions that was conducted by the Department of Agriculture (DoA) and National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), 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 at its final estimate in August 2008, the CEC has under-estimated the commercial maize and groundnuts crops by 5,4, and 3,9%, respectively. In the case of commercial sunflower seed, soya-beans and sorghum, the CEC has over-estimated the crops by 1,6, 9,3 and 2,1%, respectively.

The final calculated crop production figures are attached.

Producers and industry role-players are once again requested to actively participate in the crop estimates process in order to continuously improve the accuracy of the estimates.

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