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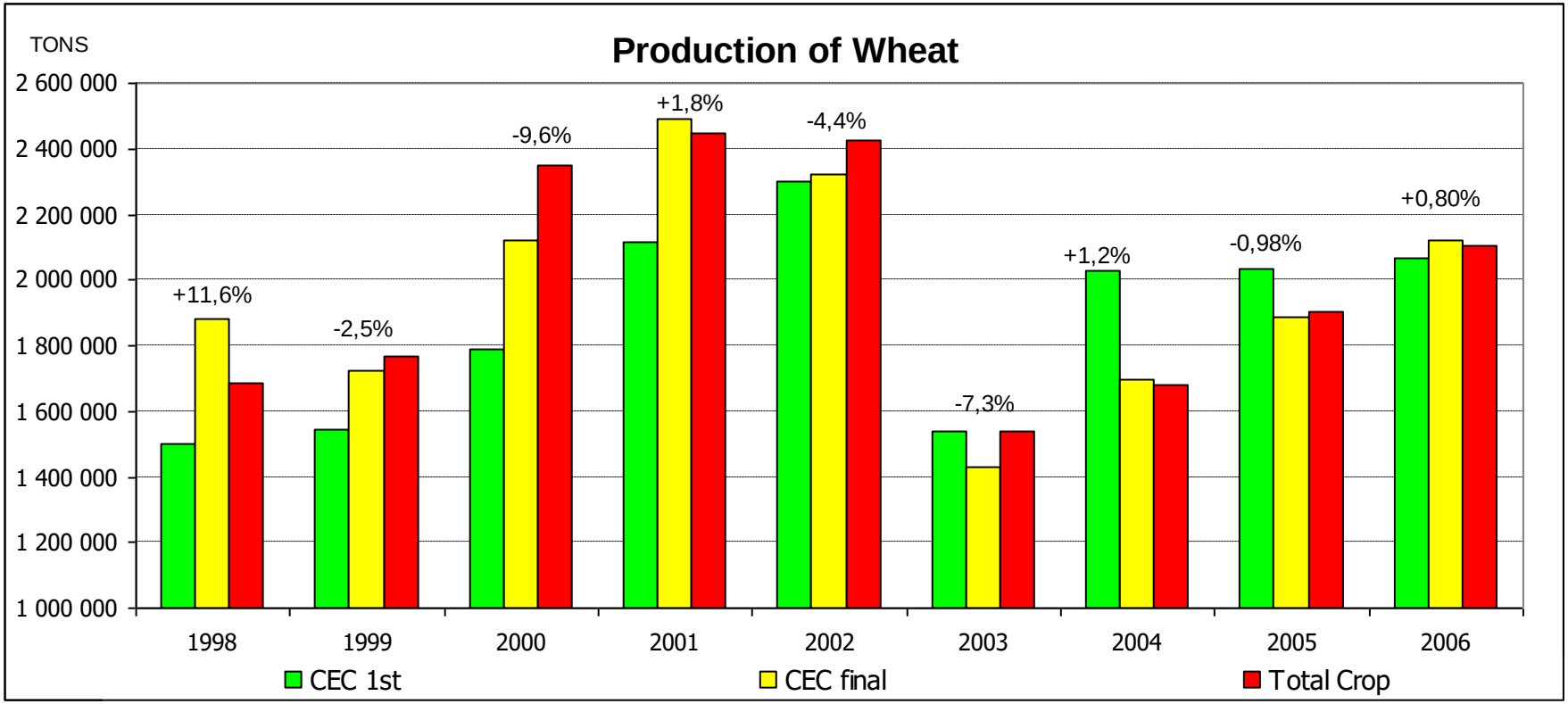
CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS: 2006 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	**FINAL AREA PLANTED 2006 HA (A)**	**FINAL CROP 2006 TONS (B)**	CEC FINAL AREA ESTIMATE 2006 HA (C)	CEC FINAL CROP ESTIMATE 2006 TONS (D)	DEVIATION OF FINAL ESTIMATE FROM FINAL CROP %
Wheat	**764 800**	**2 105 000**	764 800	2 121 800	+0,80
Malting barley	**89 780**	**236 000**	89 700	239 260	+1,38
Canola	**32 000**	**36 500**	34 700	38 050	+4,25
Sweet lupines	**16 000**	**14 400**	16 000	14 400	-

CALCULATION OF FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS: 2006 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS (Oct 2006 - March 2007) Tons	Future deliveries (April – Sept 2006) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use Tons
Wheat	2 105 000	2 013 367	42 183	49 450
Malting barley	236 000	230 769	3 071	2 160
Canola	36 500	35 582	418	500



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At its meeting held on 3 May 2007, which is chaired by the South Africa Grain Information Service (SAGIS), the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) discussed the finalisation of the wheat, malting barley and canola area planted and crop production figures for the 2006 production season.

The estimated production figures for wheat were revised, using the published figures of 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 the total figures.

Comparing the re-calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) during February 2007, the CEC has over-estimated the wheat crop by 0,8%, the malting barley crop by 1,4% and the canola crop by 4,2%, respectively. Please note that the area planted figures for malting barley and canola were also slightly revised.

The aim of the CEC is to set the final estimate within 5% of the final calculated crop. 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 six out of the nine years.