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The final production estimate for summer crops for 2012 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2012 Tons (B)	7th forecast/ 7de skatting 2012 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2011 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 636 200	6 505 800	6 362 300	1 418 300	6 052 000	+2,26
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 063 000	4 988 850	4 829 650	954 000	4 308 000	+3,30
Maize/Mielies	2 699 200	11 494 650	11 191 950	2 372 300	10 360 000	+2,70
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	453 350	527 110	527 110	642 700	860 000	-
Soya-beans/Sojabone	472 000	646 950	646 950	418 000	710 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	45 450	60 290	60 290	55 150	64 250	-
Sorghum	48 550	137 150	137 150	69 200	155 000	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 750	47 695	47 695	41 900	41 980	-
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 758 300	12 913 845	12 611 145	3 599 250	12 191 230	+2,40

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2011/12 = 2012
Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2011/12 = 2012

White maize: Production
1st to Final Estimate - down by 297 900 tons

Tons	Feb	Mrch	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Tons	6 803 700	6 539 200	6 415 200	6 359 300	6 359 300	6 193 100	6 362 300	6 505 800

Yellow maize: Production
1st to Final Estimate - up by 87 200 tons

Tons	Feb	Mrch	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Tons	4 901 650	4 766 350	4 705 850	4 696 250	4 696 250	4 643 500	4 829 250	4 988 850

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Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute); and Statistics SA

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			Final forecast/ Finale skatting 2012			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2011			Final crop/ Finale oes 2011		
	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	2 500	3 000	5 000	25 000	30 000	300	2 000	2 300	2 000	12 400	14 400
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 200	47 000	49 200	25 300	559 300	584 600	2 000	45 000	47 000	23 000	515 200	538 200
Free State/Vrystaat	710 000	450 000	1 160 000	2 982 000	1 755 000	4 737 000	595 000	395 000	990 000	2 590 000	1 461 500	4 051 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 500	13 500	17 000	17 500	74 250	91 750	3 000	12 000	15 000	10 500	57 600	68 100
KwaZulu-Natal	44 000	45 000	89 000	242 000	270 000	512 000	39 000	42 000	81 000	214 500	235 000	449 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	290 000	450 000	800 000	1 537 000	2 337 000	180 000	260 000	440 000	900 000	1 290 000	2 190 000
Limpopo	32 000	18 000	50 000	153 600	72 000	225 600	25 000	12 000	37 000	125 000	48 000	173 000
Gauteng	74 000	42 000	116 000	358 900	184 800	543 700	74 000	41 000	115 000	362 500	180 300	542 800
North West/Noordwes	610 000	155 000	765 000	1 921 500	511 500	2 433 000	500 000	145 000	645 000	1 824 500	508 000	2 332 500
Total/Totaal	1 636 200	1 063 000	2 699 200	6 505 800	4 988 850	11 494 650	1 418 300	954 000	2 372 300	6 052 000	4 308 000	10 360 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012
SONNEBLOMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final forecast/ Finale skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	210	500	680
Free State/Vrystaat	190 000	247 000	300 000	434 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	200	220
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	10 000	13 500	10 000	12 000
Limpopo	100 000	90 000	98 000	98 000
Gauteng	3 000	3 900	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	150 000	172 500	230 000	310 300
Total/Totaal	453 350	527 110	642 700	860 000

SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final forecast/ Finale skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	1 500	500	1 500
Free State/Vrystaat	175 000	192 500	135 000	190 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	500	750	1 000	1 500
KwaZulu-Natal	34 000	81 600	34 000	92 000
Mpumalanga	200 000	260 000	190 000	294 500
Limpopo	22 000	50 600	23 500	58 800
Gauteng	19 000	28 500	14 000	21 700
North West/Noordwes	21 000	31 500	20 000	50 000
Total/Totaal	472 000	646 950	418 000	710 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012

GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final forecast/ Finale skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	6 500	16 900	7 500	18 950
Free State/Vrystaat	20 000	22 000	23 000	20 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	150	150	200
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 800	3 640	2 500	3 500
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	16 000	17 600	22 000	20 900
Total/Totaal	45 450	60 290	55 150	64 250

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012

DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final forecast/ Finale skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	500	1 000	100	320
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	750	1 500	500	1 000
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	17 600	15 000	10 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	240	100	100
KwaZulu-Natal	4 000	5 200	4 000	4 800
Mpumalanga	6 300	8 505	10 000	8 500
Limpopo	5 000	6 250	5 200	9 360
Gauteng	2 000	2 400	2 000	1 900
North West/Noordwes	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 500
Total/Totaal	39 750	47 695	41 900	41 980

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012

SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final forecast/ Finale skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	60 500	43 000	81 550
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	200	800	200	600
Mpumalanga	11 500	49 450	13 000	46 500
Limpopo	10 000	15 000	8 000	14 000
Gauteng	350	1 050	1 000	2 750
North West/Noordwes	4 500	10 350	4 000	9 600
Total/Totaal	48 550	137 150	69 200	155 000

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Summer field crops – 2012

Based on the physical maize producer deliveries to silo's as monitored by SAGIS, the expected farm retentions and the fact that the season turned out to be better than initially anticipated, the size of the maize crop was increased to reflect the better crop yields.

Commercial maize: The size of the commercial maize crop for 2012 has been set at 11,495 mill. tons, which is 2,70% or 302 700 tons higher than the previous forecast of 11,192 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,699 mill. ha, whilst the expected yield is 4,26 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,636 mill. ha and for yellow maize it is 1,063 mill. ha.

The production estimate of white maize is 6,506 mill. tons, which is 143 500 tons more than the 6,362 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,98 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production estimate is 4,989 mill. tons, which is 159 200 tons more than the 4,830 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,69 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production estimate for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 527 110 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 453 350 ha, with an expected yield of 1,16 t/ha.

Other crops: The production estimate for **soya-beans** also remained unchanged at 646 950 tons. It is estimated that 472 000 ha were planted to soya-beans, whilst the expected yield is 1,37 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 60 290 tons. For groundnuts the area estimate is 45 450 ha, whilst the expected yield is 1,33 t/ha.

The production estimate for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 137 150 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 48 550 ha and the expected yield is 2,82 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans** the production estimate also remained unchanged at 47 695 tons. The area estimate is 39 750 ha and the expected yield is 1,20 t/ha.

Please note that the 'intentions of farmers' to plant summer grain crops for 2013 will be released on 25 October 2012 at <u>15:30</u>.

Somergewasse – 2012

Gebaseer op die fisiese produsentelewerings van mielies by silo's, soos gemonitor deur SAGIS, die verwagte terughoudings op plase en die feit dat die seisoen beter blyk te gewees het as wat aanvanklik verwag is, is die grootte van die mielie-oes opwaarts aangepas om die beter opbrengste te weerspieël.

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 11,495 milj. ton gestel, wat 2,70% of 302 700 ton hoër is as die vorige skatting van 11,192 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,699 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,26 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,636 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is dit 1,063 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,506 milj. ton, 143 500 ton meer as die 6,362 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,98 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,989 milj. ton, wat 159 200 ton meer is as die 4,830 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,69 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 527 110. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 453 350 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,16 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 646 950 ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 472 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,37 t/ha is.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 60 290 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 45 450 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,33 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 137 150 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 48 550 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,82 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting ook onveranderd gelaat op 47 695 ton. Vir droëbone is die oppervlakte beplant 39 750 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,20 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die 'voorneme van produsente om somergraangewasse te plant' vir 2013, op 25 Oktober 2012 om <u>15:30</u> vrygestel sal word.

The preliminary non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2012 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die voorlopige nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2012 vrygestel.

PRELIMINARY NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012
VOORLOPIGE NIE-KOMMERSIëLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2012 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2011 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	302 316	429 329	346 917	395 887	+8,45
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	139 798	209 134	139 843	168 448	+24,15
Maize/Mielies	442 114	638 463	486 760	564 335	+13,14

Non-commercial Maize: Production
2007/08 - 2011/12 production season

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 442 114 ha, which represents a decrease of 9,17% compared to the 486 760 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 638 463 tons, which is 13,14 % higher than the 564 335 tons of last season. The increase in production can mainly be attributed to the higher yield of maize for the Eastern Cape, as compared to the previous season. It is important to note that about 60% of the maize planted 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 442 114 ha, wat 'n afname van 9,17 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 486 760 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 638 463 ton, wat 13,14 % hoër is as die 564 335 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die toename in produksie vir mielies kan hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan die hoër opbrengs wat vir die Oos-Kaap verwag word, in vergelyking met die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 60% van die mielies wat aangeplant 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 2012 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakteskatting en tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2012 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – REVISED AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
WINTERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	2nd forecast/ 2de skatting 2012 Tons (B)	1st forecast/ 1ste skatting 2012 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2011 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Wheat/Koring	511 200	1 761 860	1 763 960	604 700	2 005 000	-0,12
Malting barley/Moutgars	84 940	300 662	300 638	80 150	312 000	+0,01
Canola/Kanola	44 100	66 135	66 135	43 510	58 800	-
Total/Totaal	640 240	2 128 657	2 130 733	728 360	2 375 800	-0,10

WHEAT – REVISED AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
KORING – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	2nd forecast/ 2de skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	272 000	734 400	265 000	710 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	42 000	277 200	42 000	336 000
Free State/Vrystaat	130 000	383 500	225 000	550 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	4 500	20 250	5 000	21 000
KwaZulu-Natal	6 500	32 500	7 500	40 500
Mpumalanga	4 700	27 260	5 500	34 200
Limpopo	30 000	165 000	31 000	176 000
Gauteng	1 500	9 750	1 700	11 300
North West/Noordwes	20 000	112 000	22 000	125 500
Total/Totaal	511 200	1 761 860	604 700	2 005 000

RSA Wheat: Area planted 2005 - 2012

Ha	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Ha	805 000	764 800	632 000	748 000	642 500	558 100	604 700	511 200

RSA Wheat: Production 2005 - 2012

Tons	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Tons	1 905 000	2 105 000	1 905 000	2 130 000	1 958 000	1 430 000	2 005 000	1 761 860

**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2012) /
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2012)
26 SEPTEMBER 2012**

Winter cereal crops - 2012 production season

Wheat: The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,762 mill. tons, which is 0,12% less than the previous forecast of 1,764 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,45 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 734 400 tons (42%), in the Free State 383 500 tons (22%) and in the Northern Cape 277 200 tons (16%).

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 511 200 ha, which is 40 000 ha less than the 551 200 ha of the previous estimate. The main reason for the decrease in the area was because of a downward revision in the area planted for the Free State, from 170 000 ha to 130 000 ha.

The revised area estimate for the Free State 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.

An estimated 272 000 ha or 53% is planted in the Western Cape, 130 000 ha or 25% in the Free State and 42 000 ha or 8% in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 300 662 tons, which is 24 tons more than the previous forecast of 300 638 tons. The area planted is estimated at 84 940 ha, while the expected yield is 3,54 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop remained unchanged at 66 135 tons. The area estimate for canola is 44 100 ha, with an expected yield of 1,50 t/ha.

Please note that the third production forecast for winter cereals for 2012 will be released on 25 October 2012.

Wintergewasse - 2012 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,762 milj. ton, wat 0,12% minder is as die vorige skatting van 1,764 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,45 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 734 400 ton (42%), in die Vrystaat 383 500 ton (22%) en in die Noord-Kaap 277 200 ton (16%).

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is hersien na 511 200 ha, wat 40 000 ha minder is as die 551 200 ha teenoor die vorige skatting. Die vernaamste rede vir die afname in die oppervlakte beplant was as gevolg van 'n afwaartse afname in die oppervlakte vir die Vrystaat, vanaf 170 000 ha tot 130 000 ha.

Die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir die Vrystaat is gebaseer op inligting soos verkry vanaf die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES") , soos deur die LNR-geleide Konsortium gerapporteer.

Die beraamde oppervlakte geplant in die Wes-Kaap is 272 000 ha of 53%, die Vrystaat is 130 000 ha of 25% en 42 000 ha of 8% is in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 300 662 ton, wat 24 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 300 638 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 84 940 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,54 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 66 135 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 44 100 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,50 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2012 op 25 Oktober 2012 vrygestel sal word.