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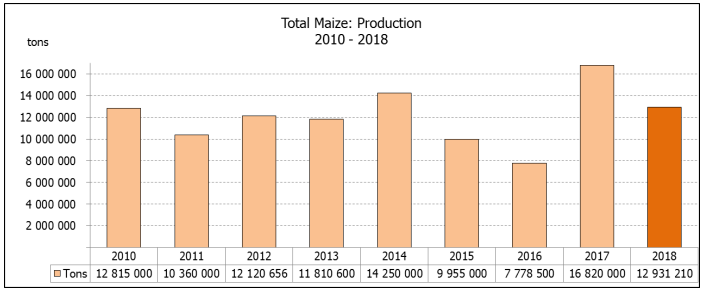
The area planted and final production estimate for summer crops for 2018 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

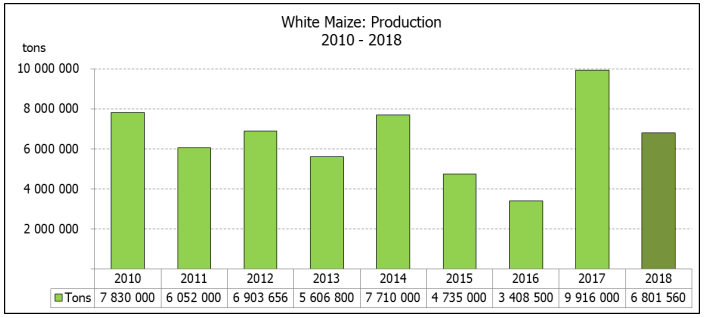
26 September 2018

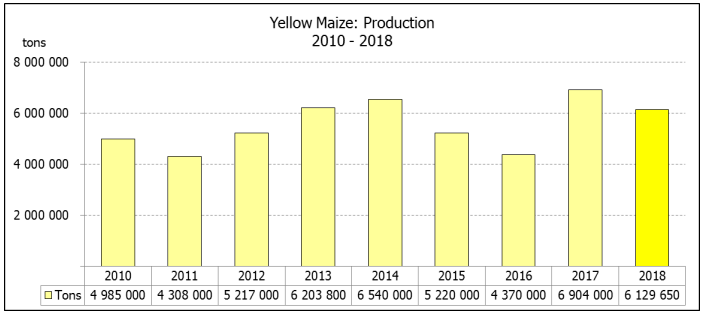
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018
SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	**Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2018 Tons (B)**	7th forecast/ 7de skatting 2018 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	**1 268 100**	**6 801 560**	6 879 960	1 643 100	9 916 000	-1,14
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	**1 050 750**	**6 129 650**	6 327 350	985 500	6 904 000	-3,12
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	**2 318 850**	**12 931 210**	13 207 310	2 628 600	16 820 000	-2,09
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	**601 500**	**858 605**	858 605	635 750	874 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	**787 200**	**1 550 800**	1 550 800	573 950	1 316 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	**56 300**	**53 750**	52 000	56 000	92 050	+3,37
Sorghum	**28 800**	**109 855**	105 120	42 350	152 000	+4,50
Dry beans/Droëbone	**53 360**	**69 360**	65 610	45 050	68 525	+5,72
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersiële Mielies						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	**314 835**	**593 975**	593 975	366 650	731 000	-
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersieël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersieël						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	**2 633 685**	**13 525 185**	13 801 285	2 995 250	17 551 000	-2,00

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2017/18 = 2018
Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2017/18 = 2018







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WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Provinsie/ Province	**Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018**			**Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2018**			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			Final crop/ Finale oes 2017		
	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	**0**	**3 750**	**3 750**	**0**	**33 750**	**33 750**	200	2 000	2 200	2 000	20 000	22 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**3 600**	**43 000**	**46 600**	**41 760**	**636 400**	**678 160**	3 500	45 000	48 500	46 200	666 000	712 200
Free State/Vrystaat	**644 000**	**410 000**	**1 054 000**	**3 477 600**	**2 009 000**	**5 486 600**	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	5 110 000	2 252 000	7 362 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**3 500**	**11 000**	**14 500**	**21 700**	**71 500**	**93 200**	4 400	9 500	13 900	30 800	66 500	97 300
KwaZulu-Natal	**45 000**	**50 000**	**95 000**	**301 500**	**380 000**	**681 500**	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	390 000	740 000
Mpumalanga	**140 000**	**340 000**	**480 000**	**840 000**	**2 040 000**	**2 880 000**	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 342 500	3 430 500
Limpopo	**12 000**	**21 000**	**33 000**	**90 000**	**147 000**	**237 000**	40 000	24 000	64 000	300 000	192 000	492 000
Gauteng	**50 000**	**62 000**	**112 000**	**290 000**	**372 000**	**662 000**	60 000	60 000	120 000	390 000	414 000	804 000
North West/Noordwes	**370 000**	**110 000**	**480 000**	**1 739 000**	**440 000**	**2 179 000**	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 599 000	561 000	3 160 000
Total/Totaal	**1 268 100**	**1 050 750**	**2 318 850**	**6 801 560**	**6 129 650**	**12 931 210**	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 916 000	6 904 000	16 820 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018

SONNEBLOMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha** **2018**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting** **Tons 2018**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**100**	**100**	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**1 600**	**1 920**	250	400
Free State/Vrystaat	**314 000**	**486 700**	330 000	478 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	**-**	**-**	300	300
Mpumalanga	**2 300**	**2 185**	2 200	2 300
Limpopo	**45 000**	**36 000**	90 000	85 500
Gauteng	**5 500**	**5 500**	3 000	3 000
North West/Noordwes	**233 000**	**326 200**	210 000	304 500
Total/Totaal	**601 500**	**858 605**	635 750	874 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018

SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha** **2018**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting** **Tons 2018**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**800**	**1 200**	700	1 050
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**3 000**	**10 500**	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	**345 000**	**552 000**	240 000	504 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**2 400**	**2 400**	1 850	2 775
KwaZulu-Natal	**40 000**	**124 000**	30 500	89 605
Mpumalanga	**310 000**	**682 000**	241 000	554 300
Limpopo	**20 000**	**56 000**	8 500	29 750
Gauteng	**30 000**	**61 500**	25 400	71 120
North West/Noordwes	**36 000**	**61 200**	23 000	52 900

Total/Totaal	**787 200**	**1 550 800**	573 950	1 316 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018
GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2018**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**2 800**	**7 000**	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	**22 000**	**19 800**	22 000	34 100
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	**-**	**-**	-	-
Mpumalanga	**-**	**-**	-	-
Limpopo	**3 500**	**7 350**	3 000	4 800
Gauteng	**-**	**-**	-	-
North West/Noordwes	**28 000**	**19 600**	27 000	39 150
Total/Totaal	**56 300**	**53 750**	56 000	92 050

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018
DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2018**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**20**	**30**	100	150
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**540**	**1 080**	650	1 300
Free State/Vrystaat	**26 000**	**28 600**	20 000	32 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**300**	**450**	300	450
KwaZulu-Natal	**3 000**	**3 600**	4 500	5 400
Mpumalanga	**7 000**	**9 800**	5 500	8 525
Limpopo	**7 500**	**15 000**	7 000	12 950
Gauteng	**1 000**	**1 200**	1 500	2 250
North West/Noordwes	**8 000**	**9 600**	5 500	5 500
Total/Totaal	**53 360**	**69 360**	45 050	68 525

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018
SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018**	**Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2018**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	**6 300**	**22 680**	7 700	24 640
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**-**	**-**	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	**500**	**2 100**	400	1 520
Mpumalanga	**7 500**	**40 125**	12 000	62 400
Limpopo	**5 000**	**15 500**	18 000	50 400
Gauteng	**1 500**	**4 650**	750	2 400
North West/Noordwes	**8 000**	**24 800**	3 500	10 640
Total/Totaal	**28 800**	**109 855**	42 350	152 000

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AREA ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2018 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2018 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
26 SEPTEMBER 2018

Summer field crops – 2018

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 12,931 mill. tons, which is 2,09% or 276 100 tons less than the previous forecast of 13,207 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,319 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,58 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,268 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,051 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,802 mill. tons, which is 1,14% or 78 400 tons less than the 6,880 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,36 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,130 mill. tons, which is 3,12% or 197 700 tons less than the 6,327 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,83 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 858 605 tons, with an estimated planted area of 601 500 ha and an expected yield of 1,43 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** also remained unchanged at 1,551 mill. tons, with an estimated planted area of 787 200 ha and an expected yield of 1,97 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop was increased by 3,37% or 1 750 tons to 53 750 tons. The area estimate is 56 300 ha and the expected yield is 0,95 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** was also increased by 4,50% or 4 735 tons to 109 855 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 28 800 ha. The expected yield is 3,81 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans,** the production forecast is 69 360 tons, which is 5,72% or 3 750 tons more than the previous forecast of 65 610 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 53 360 ha, with an expected yield of 1,30 t/ha.

Please note that the 'intentions of farmers' to plant summer grain crops for 2019 will be released on 25 October 2018.

Somergewasse – 2018

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 12,931 milj. ton gestel, wat 2,09% of 276 100 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 13,207 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,319 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,58 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,268 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,051 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,802 milj. ton, wat 1,14% of 78 400 ton minder is as die 6,880 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,36 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,130 milj. ton, wat 3,12% of 197 700 ton minder is as die 6,327 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,83 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is overanderd gelaat op 858 605 ton, met 'n geskatte oppervlakte van 601 500 ha en 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,43 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 1,551 milj. ton met 'n geskatte oppervlakte van 787 200 ha en 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,97 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is verhoog met 3,37% of 1 750 ton na 53 750 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 56 300 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 0,95 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is ook opwaarts aangepas met 4,50% of 4 735 ton na 109 855 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met sorghum is 28 800 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,81 t/ha.

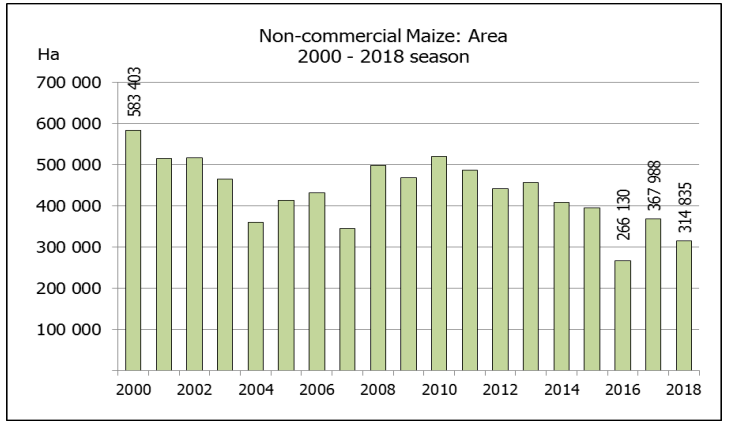
In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 69 360 ton, wat 5,72% of 3 750 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 65 610 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 53 360 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,30 t/ha.

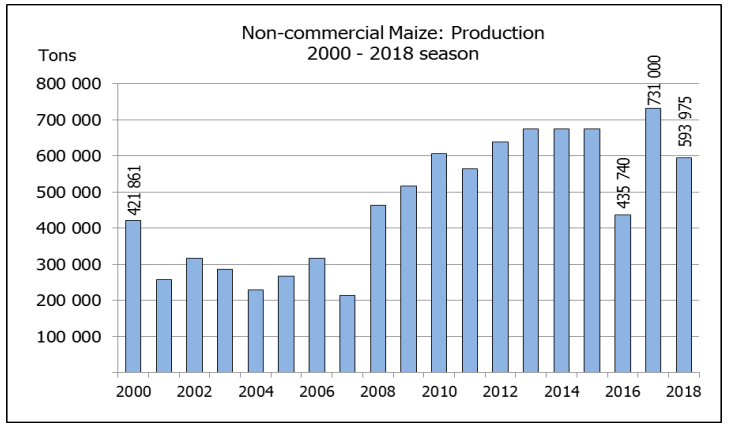
Neem asseblief kennis dat die 'voorneme van produsente om somergraangewasse te plant' vir 2019, op 25 Oktober 2018 vrygestel sal word.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2018 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2018 vrygestel.

NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018
NIE-KOMMERSIëLE MIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2018 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	236 644	414 162	248 500	463 600	-10,66
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	78 191	179 813	118 150	267 400	-32,76
Maize/Mielies	314 835	593 975	366 650	731 000	-18,74





The preliminary area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 314 835 ha, which represents a decrease of 14,13%, compared to the 366 650 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 593 975 tons, which is 18,74% less than the 731 000 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 40% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 314 835 ha, wat 'n afname van 14,13 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 366 650 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 593 975 ton, wat 18,74% minder is as die 731 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 40% van die mielies wat geproduseer 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 2018 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

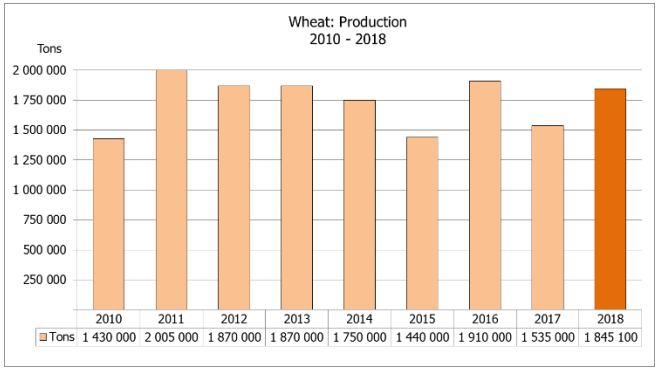
WINTER CEREALS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018 PRODUCTION SEASON
WINTERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

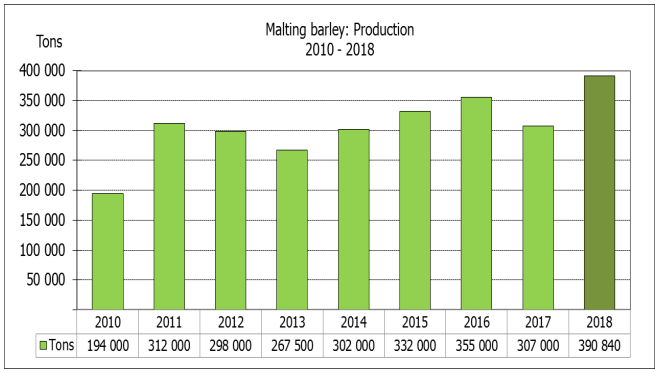
CROP/GEWAS	**Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)**	**2nd forecast/ 2de skatting 2018 Tons (B)**	1st forecast/ 1ste skatting 2018 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	**508 350**	**1 845 100**	1 808 050	491 600	1 535 000	+2,05
Malting barley/Moutgars	**119 000**	**390 840**	390 840	91 380	307 000	-
Canola/Kanola	**77 000**	**111 650**	112 000	84 000	93 500	-0,31

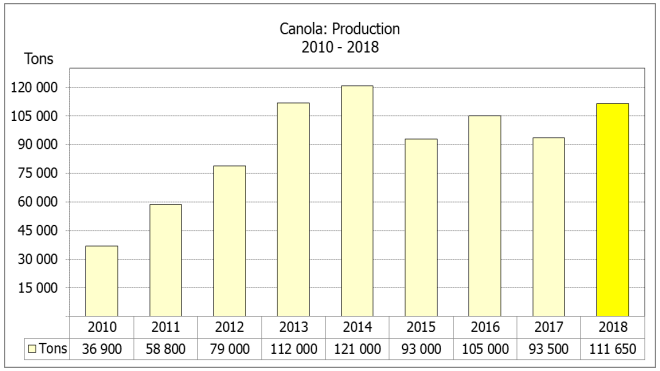
* Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2018/19 = 2018
* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2018/19 = 2018

WHEAT – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
KORING – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	**Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018**	**2nd forecast/ 2de skatting Tons 2018**	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	**318 000**	**890 400**	326 000	586 800
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	**38 000**	**292 600**	38 000	311 650
Free State/Vrystaat	**105 000**	**367 500**	80 000	336 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	**1 650**	**10 725**	1 900	9 500
KwaZulu-Natal	**7 000**	**43 400**	7 500	45 750
Mpumalanga	**3 500**	**21 875**	4 000	25 400
Limpopo	**20 000**	**124 000**	20 000	132 000
Gauteng	**1 200**	**7 800**	700	4 200
North West/Noordwes	**14 000**	**86 800**	13 500	83 700
Total/Totaal	**508 350**	**1 845 100**	491 600	1 535 000







REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2018) /
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2018)
26 SEPTEMBER 2018

Winter cereal crops - 2018 production season

Wheat: The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,845 mill. tons, which is 2,05% or 37 050 tons more than the previous forecast of 1,808 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,63 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 890 400 tons (48%), in the Free State 367 500 tons (20%) and in the Northern Cape 292 600 tons (16%).

The area estimate for wheat remained unchanged at 508 350 ha. An estimated 318 000 ha or 63% is planted in the Western Cape, 105 000 ha or 21% in the Free State and 38 000 ha or 7% in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** remained unchanged at 390 840 tons. The area planted is estimated at 119 000 ha, while the expected yield is 3,28 t/ha.

The expected **canola crop** is 111 650 tons, which is 0,31% or 350 tons less than the previous forecast of 112 000 tons. The area estimate for canola was revised downwards by 3 000 ha to 77 000 ha and the expected yield is 1,45 t/ha.

Please note that the third production forecast for winter cereals for 2018 will be released on 25 October 2018.

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

Wintergewasse - 2018 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,845 milj. ton, wat 2,05% of 37 050 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 1,808 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,63 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 890 400 ton (48%), in die Vrystaat 367 500 ton (20%) en in die Noord-Kaap 292 600 ton (16%).

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is onveranderd gelaat op 508 350 ha. Die beraamde oppervlakte geplant in die Wes-Kaap is 318 000 ha of 63%, die Vrystaat is 105 000 ha of 21% en 38 000 ha of 7% is in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is onveranderd gelaat op 390 840 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 119 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,28 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is 111 650 ton, wat 0,31% of 350 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 112 000 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is afwaarts aangepas met 3 000 ha na 77 000 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,45 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2018 op 25 Oktober 2018 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop estimates of by http://www.sagis.org.za, vanaf 15:30 op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.