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CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYA BEANS AND GROUNDNUTS: 2006/07 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP ¹⁾	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2006/07 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2006/07 TONS (B)	AREA PLANTED (CEC AUGUST 2007) 2006/07 HA (C)	FINAL ESTIMATE (CEC AUGUST 2007) 2006/07 TONS (D)	FINAL ESTIMATE vs FINAL CROP % (D) ÷ (B)
Sunflower seed	316 350	300 000	316 350	308 580	+2,86
Soya beans	183 000	205 000	183 000	205 850	+0,41
Groundnuts	40 770	58 000	40 770	50 360	-13,17

1) Commercial

At its meeting held on 2 October 2007, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) finalised the area planted and crop production figures of sunflower seed, soya beans and groundnuts for the 2006/07 production season.

The Crop Estimates Committee's (CEC) estimated production figures were revised, using the published figures of the South African Grain Information Service (SAGIS) of actual deliveries up to the end of August 2007 as the basis for the calculations. Provision was also made for sunflower seed, soya beans and groundnuts still expected to be delivered during the rest of the season (September to December 2007 for sunflower seed and soya beans, and September to February 2008 in the case of groundnuts). Provision was also made for retentions on farms, as well as deliveries/sales by commercial producers to the informal sector.

In the case of sunflower seed, the SAGIS delivery figures from January to August 2007 came to 296 525 tons. Provision was made for an estimated 3 475 tons of sunflower seed still to be delivered until the end of the season. The total sunflower seed crop is therefore 300 000 tons. Comparing the re-calculated sunflower seed figure with the figure set by the CEC during August 2007, the CEC has over-estimated the commercial sunflower seed crop by 8 580 tons or 2,86%. The area planted to sunflower seed was 316 350 ha, with an average yield of 0,95 t/ha.

The re-calculated soya bean crop is 205 000 tons – consisting of actual deliveries of 184 309 tons, projected deliveries of 6 691 tons and retentions on farms/seed/etc. of 14 000 tons. Comparing the re-calculated soya bean crop figure with the final CEC estimate, the Committee has over-estimated the commercial soya bean crop by 850 tons or 0,41%. The area planted was 183 000 ha, with an average yield of 1,12 t/ha.

The re-calculated groundnut crop is 58 000 tons – consisting of actual deliveries of 50 178 tons, projected deliveries of 1 822 tons, as well as 6 000 tons for retentions on farms and the informal sector. Comparing the re-calculated groundnut crop figure with the figure estimated by the CEC during August 2007, the Committee has under-estimated the size of the commercial groundnut crop by 7 640 tons or 13,17%. The area planted was 40 770 ha, with an average yield of 1,42 t/ha.

Please note that the final calculated production figures of the other summer crops will be released on 29 November 2007.

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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