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FINAL AREA AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS: 2007 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2007	FINAL CROP 2007	AREA PLANTED (CEC February 2008)	FINAL ESTIMATE (CEC February 2008)	DEVIATION OF FINAL ESTIMATE FROM FINAL CROP
	HA (A)	TONS (B)	HA (C)	TONS (D)	% (D) ÷ (B)
Wheat	632 000	1 905 000	632 000	1 843 900	-3,21
Malting barley	73 360	222 500	73 360	218 224	-1,92
Canola	33 200	38 150	33 200	39 840	+4,43
Sweet lupines	14 000	13 300	14 000	13 300	-

The calculation of the final winter cereal crops for the 2007 production season is as follows:

CROP	Total	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Oct 2007 - Mrch 2008)	Estimated future deliveries (April – Sept 2008)	Retentions on farms for own use
	Tons			
Wheat	1 905 000	1 828 542	36 958	39 500 ²⁾
Malting barley	222 500	216 550	2 659	3 291
Canola	38 150	37 507	79	564

- 1) SAGIS deliveries relate to the current crop.
- 2) Based on a survey undertaken by the Directorate: Agricultural Statistics from the Department of Agriculture.

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At a meeting held on 8 May 2008, which is chaired by the National Agricultural Marketing Council, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop sizes of wheat, malting barley and canola for the 2007 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 Directorate: Agricultural Statistics of the Department of Agriculture 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 2008, the CEC has under-estimated the wheat crop by 3,2%, and the malting barley crop by 1,9%, respectively. With regard to canola, the crop was over-estimated by 4,4%.

The aim of the CEC is to set the final estimate within 5% of the final crop. The graph represents the first and final CEC estimates, as well as the final re-calculated crop figures since 1999 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.

