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SOMERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2008/09-SEISOEN

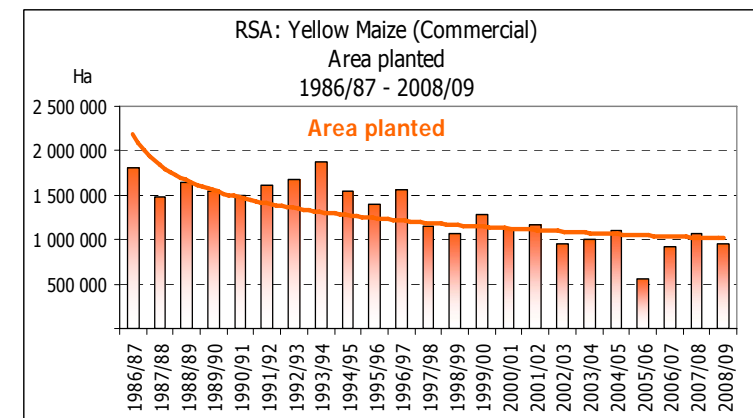
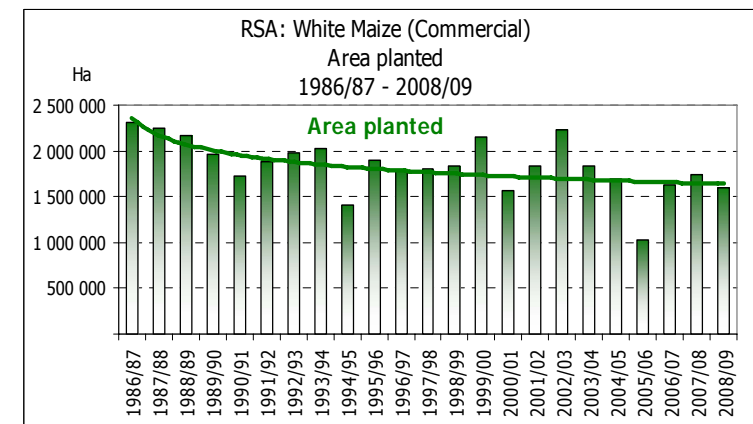
SUMMER CROPS – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2008/09 SEASON

EWAS/CROP	Voorname/ Intentions 2008/09 Ha	Opp beplant/ Area planted 2007/08 Ha	Finale skatting <sup>1)</sup> / Final estimate <sup>1)</sup> 2007/08 Tons	Verandering/ Change %
	soos middel Oktober 2008/ as mid October 2008			
	(A)		(B)	(C)
<b>Kommersieël/Commercial:</b>				
Witmielies/White maize	1 600 000	1 737 000	7 098 250	-7,9
Geelmielies/Yellow maize	962 000	1 062 000	4 922 900	-9,4
Mielies/Maize	2 562 000	2 799 000	12 021 150	-8,5
Sonneblomsaad/Sunflower seed	586 400	564 300	885 560	+3,9
Sojabone/Soya-beans	227 500	165 400	308 295	+37,5
Grondbone/Groundnuts	57 500	54 200	85 360	+6,1
Sorghum	94 900	86 800	260 425	+9,3
Droëbone/Dry beans	54 000	43 800	58 975	+23,3
<b>TOTAAL/TOTAL</b>	<b>3 582 300</b>	<b>3 713 500</b>	<b>13 619 765</b>	<b>-3,5</b>

1) August 2008

\* Inligting gebaseer op 'n opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Landboustatistiek van die nasionale Departement van Landbou/ Saadmaatskappye/ Provinsiale Departemente van Landbou.

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WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2008/09-SEISOEN  
 WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2008/09 SEASON

Provinsie/ Province	Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted 2008/09			Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted 2007/08			Finale skatting <sup>1)</sup> / Final estimate <sup>1)</sup> 2007/08		
	Wit/ White Ha	Geel/ Yellow Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	Wit/ White Ha	Geel/ Yellow Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	Wit/ White Tons	Geel/ Yellow Tons	Totaal/ Total Tons
Wes-Kaap/Western Cape	1 000	3 500	4 500	1 000	3 000	4 000	10 000	30 000	40 000
Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape	3 000	48 000	51 000	3 000	52 000	55 000	36 750	637 000	673 750
Vrystaat/Free State	640 000	420 000	1 060 000	690 000	480 000	1 170 000	2 760 000	1 848 000	4 608 000
Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape	3 000	11 500	14 500	3 000	13 000	16 000	15 000	70 200	85 200
KwaZulu-Natal	38 000	39 000	77 000	41 000	42 000	83 000	237 800	252 000	489 800
Mpumalanga	241 000	240 000	481 000	268 000	250 000	518 000	1 447 200	1 300 000	2 747 200
Limpopo	32 000	15 000	47 000	41 000	16 000	57 000	164 000	56 000	220 000
Gauteng	72 000	35 000	107 000	80 000	36 000	116 000	384 000	160 200	544 200
Noordwes/North West	570 000	150 000	720 000	610 000	170 000	780 000	2 043 500	569 500	2 613 000
Totaal/Total	1 600 000	962 000	2 562 000	1 737 000	1 062 000	2 799 000	7 098 250	4 922 900	12 021 150

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## INTENTIONS TO PLANT SUMMER CROPS / VOORNEME OM SOMERGEWASSE TE PLANT (2008/09)

23 October / Oktober 2008

Based on inputs received from a sample of producers, seed companies and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, the expected area planted to maize for the 2008/09 production season is estimated at 2,562 million ha, which is 8,5% or 237 000 ha less than the 2,799 million ha planted last season.

The figures show that producers intend to plant 1,600 million ha for white maize, which is 137 000 ha (7,9%) less than in the previous season. In the case of yellow maize, the expected plantings is 962 000 ha, which is 100 000 ha (9,4%) less than in the previous season.

These figures give an indication of the intentions of commercial farmers to plant summer crops as at the middle of October 2008. Farmers indicated that the main reasons for the decrease in area planted to maize are that they have to weigh up the availability of credit and the cost of finance, higher input costs and the current lower international maize prices. Over and above these reasons, the weather is also a decisive factor that will influence farmers' decisions to plant summer grain crops.

In the case of sunflower seed the expected plantings increased by 3,9%, compared to the previous season. The plantings of soya-beans, groundnuts, sorghum and dry beans also show increases of 37,5%, 6,1%, 9,3% and 23,3%, respectively.

At the meeting of the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee to be held on 27 November 2008, the size of the maize and sorghum crops for the 2007/08 production season will be finalised.

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.nda.agric.za/food security issues](http://www.nda.agric.za/food_security_issues) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from 14:30 on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

Gebaseer op insette ontvang vanaf 'n steekproef van produsente, saadmaatskappye en Provinsiale Departemente van Landbou, word die verwagte oppervlakte met mielies beplant vir die 2008/09-seisoen beraam op 2,562 miljoen ha, wat 8,5% minder of 237 000 ha minder is as die 2,799 miljoen ha aangeplant verlede seisoen.

Die syfers toon dat produsente van voorneme is om 1,600 miljoen ha witmielies aan te plant, wat 137 000 ha (7,9%) minder is as in die vorige seisoen. In die geval met geelmielies is die verwagte aanplantings 962 000 ha, wat 100 000 ha (9,4%) minder is as in die vorige seisoen.

Hierdie syfers gee 'n aanduiding van kommersiële boere se voornemens om somergewasse te plant soos teen middel Oktober 2008. Boere het aangedui dat die afname in die oppervlakte aangeplant met mielies hoofsaaklik toegeskryf kan word aan die beskikbaarheid van krediet en die koste van finansiering, hoër insetkoste en die huidige laer internasionale mielie-pryse. Bo en behalwe dié faktore, is die weer ook 'n deurslaggewende faktor wat boere se besluite kan beïnvloed oor die aanplant van somergewasse.

In die geval van sonneblomsaad het verwagte aanplantings toegeneem met 3,9% in vergelyking met die vorige seisoen. Sojaboon-, grondboon-, sorghum- en droëboon-aanplantings toon ook toenames van onderskeidelik 37,5%, 6,1%, 9,3% en 23,3%.

Tydens die vergadering van die Oesskattingskakeelkomitee wat geskeduleer is vir 27 November 2008, sal die grootte van die mielie- en sorghum-oeste vir die 2007/08-seisoen gefinaliseer word.

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