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FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYA-BEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM 2008/09 PRODUCTION SEASON

At a meeting held on 26 November 2009, which was chaired by a member of the National Agricultural Marketing Council, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soya-beans, groundnuts and sorghum for the 2008/09 production season.

The estimated total production figures as released by the national Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Services (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculation. The figures from the maize utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the telephonic survey conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), were added to the SAGIS figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the numbers set by the CEC during September 2009, with the final calculated crop figures, the size of the commercial maize crop was estimated 309 200 tons or 2,6% lower than the final crop production figure of 12,05 mill. tons. In the case of commercial soya-beans, groundnuts and sorghum, the CEC has also estimated these crops lower by 1,3%, 0,4% and 1,9%, respectively. With regard to commercial sunflower seed, the crop was over-estimated by 5,3%.

The final calculated crop production figures for 2008/09 are attached.

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provided information on a regular basis to improve the accuracy of the crop estimates. Producers, who do not participate in the Department's monthly survey, are requested as a matter of urgency to make an effort to contribute to the crop estimation process.

This information is also available on the Internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/links/food security statistics](http://www.daff.gov.za/links/food_security_statistics) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>.

SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR THE 2008/09 PRODUCTION SEASON:

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2008/09 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2008/09 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED 2008/09 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE 2008/09 TONS (D)	FINAL ESTIMATE vs FINAL CROP % (D) ÷ (B)
White Maize	1 489 000	6 775 000	1 489 000	6 771 300	-0,05
Yellow Maize	938 500	5 275 000	938 500	4 969 500	-5,79
Total Maize	2 427 500	12 050 000	2 427 500	11 740 800	-2,57
Sunflower seed	635 800	801 000	635 800	843 530	+5,31
Soya-beans	237 750	516 000	237 750	509 295	-1,30
Groundnuts	54 550	99 500	54 550	99 135	-0,37
Sorghum	85 500	276 500	85 500	271 250	-1,90

COMMERCIAL MAIZE:

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Mar-Oct 2009) Tons	Projected deliveries (Nov 2009 - Feb 2010) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ seed Tons
White Maize	6 775 000	6 541 524	118 586	114 890
Yellow Maize	5 275 000	4 854 821	110 513	309 666
Total Maize	12 050 000	11 396 345	229 099	424 556

COMMERCIAL SUNFLOWER SEED AND SOYA-BEANS:

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Jan-Oct 2009) Tons	Projected deliveries (Nov - Dec 2009) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc. Tons
Sunflower seed	801 000	799 610	1 390	-
Soya-beans	516 000	499 884	3 116	13 000

COMMERCIAL GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM:

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Mar-Oct 2009) Tons	Projected deliveries (Nov 2009 - Feb 2010) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc. Tons
Groundnuts	99 500	95 048	1 397	3 055
Sorghum	276 500	268 125	5 795	2 580

1) SAGIS deliveries relates to the current crop