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THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2009 PRODUCTION SEASON

At a meeting held on 6 May 2010, 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 sizes of wheat, malting barley and canola for the 2009 production season.

The estimated production figure for wheat was 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, Forestry and Fisheries were added to the SAGIS figures to calculate the total size of the crop.

Comparing the numbers set by the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) during February 2010, with the final calculated crop figures, the figure for wheat was estimated slightly lower (1,95%) than the final crop figure of 1,958 mill. tons. With regard to the malting barley crop, the crop was estimated higher (3,53%) than the final crop figure of 216 000 tons and with regard to the canola crop, the crop was slightly estimated lower by 0,10%.

The final calculated crop production figures are attached.

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provide 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 make a contribution to the crop estimation process.

This information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.daff.gov.za/crop-estimates> or <http://www.sagis.org.za/CEC>: Crop Estimates.

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CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2009 HA	FINAL CROP 2009 TONS
Wheat	642 500	1 958 000
Malting barley	74 760	216 000
Canola	35 060	40 350

THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2009 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

CROP	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Oct 2009 - March 2010)	Estimated future deliveries (April – Sept 2010)	Retentions on farms for own use	Final crop
	Tons			
Wheat	1 848 973	66 027	43 000 ²⁾	1 958 000
Malting barley	213 326	1 174	1 500	216 000
Canola	40 112	138	100	40 350

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