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THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2011 PRODUCTION SEASON

At a meeting held on 8 May 2012, which was chaired by Dr John Purchase, newly appointed 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 2011 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: Statistics and Economic Analysis 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 2012, with the final calculated crop figures, the figure for wheat was estimated lower (4,97%) than the final crop production figure of 2,005 mill. tons. With regard to the malting barley, the crop was also estimated lower (0,96%) than the final crop production figure of 312 000 tons. However, with regard to canola, the crop of 58 800 tons was estimated slightly higher by 1,17%.

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 2011 HA	FINAL CROP 2011 TONS	FINAL YIELD 2011 T/HA
Wheat	604 700	2 005 000	3,32
Malting barley	80 150	312 000	3,89
Canola	43 510	58 800	1,35

THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2011 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

CROP	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Oct 2011 - March 2012)	Estimated future deliveries (April – Sept 2012)	Retentions on farms for own use	Final crop
	Tons			
Wheat	1 922 115	56 385	26 500 ²⁾	2 005 000
Malting barley	309 948	602	1 450	312 000
Canola	58 734	66	-	58 800

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