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The second production forecast for summer crops for 2013 is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2013 vrygestel.

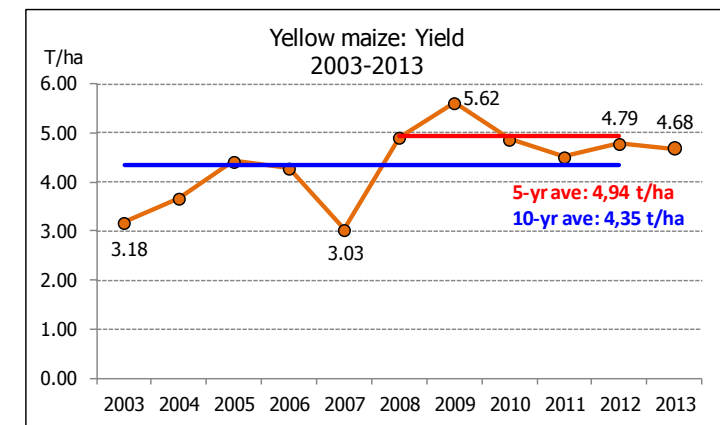
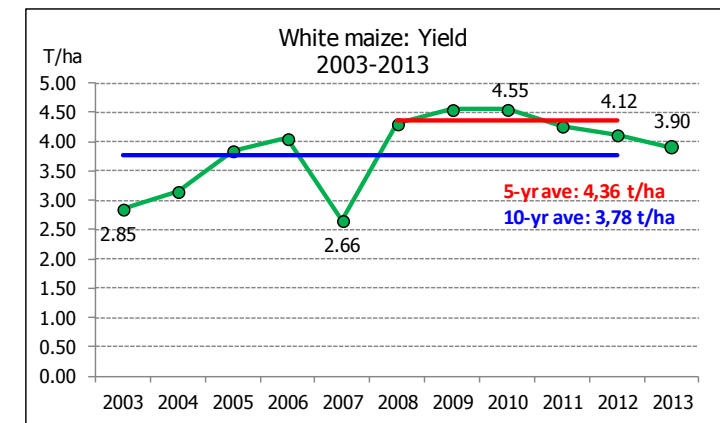
**SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**

**SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2013 Ha (A)	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting  2013 Tons (B)	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> skatting  2013 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2012 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop  2012 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/  % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	<b>1 617 200</b>	6 306 700	6 749 600	1 636 200	6 740 000	-6,56
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	<b>1 164 000</b>	5 444 900	5 604 750	1 063 000	5 090 000	-2,85
Maize/Mielies	<b>2 781 200</b>	11 751 600	12 354 350	2 699 200	11 830 000	-4,88
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	<b>504 700</b>	554 500	624 210	453 350	522 000	-11,17
Soya-beans/Sojabone	<b>516 500</b>	851 000	914 350	472 000	650 000	-6,93
Groundnuts/Grondbone	<b>46 900</b>	57 900	64 600	45 450	59 000	-10,37
Sorghum	<b>62 620</b>	168 114	181 544	48 550	135 500	-7,40
Dry beans/Droëbone	<b>43 550</b>	56 100	55 500	39 750	47 695	+1,08
TOTAL/TOTAAL	<b>3 955 470</b>	13 439 214	14 194 554	3 758 300	13 244 195	-5,32

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2012/13 = 2013

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2012/13 = 2013



The Crop Estimates Committee comprises of the following officials:

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute), Statistics SA

**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2013			2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2013			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			Final crop/ Finale oes 2012		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Total/ Totaal Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Yellow/ Geel Tons	Total/ Totaal Tons	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Total/ Totaal Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Yellow/ Geel Tons	Total/ Totaal Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	300	3 000	3 300	3 000	30 000	33 000	500	2 500	3 000	5 000	25 000	30 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 200	51 000	53 200	25 300	612 000	637 300	2 200	47 000	49 200	25 300	580 500	605 800
Free State/Vrystaat	725 000	505 000	1 230 000	2 936 250	1 969 500	4 905 750	710 000	450 000	1 160 000	2 982 000	1 748 000	4 730 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 700	15 000	18 700	18 500	84 000	102 500	3 500	13 500	17 000	17 500	74 500	92 000
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	48 000	95 000	258 500	288 000	546 500	44 000	45 000	89 000	246 300	270 000	516 300
Mpumalanga	170 000	300 000	470 000	969 000	1 680 000	2 649 000	160 000	290 000	450 000	904 000	1 600 000	2 504 000
Limpopo	30 000	23 500	53 500	165 000	117 500	282 500	32 000	18 000	50 000	153 600	72 000	225 600
Gauteng	74 000	43 500	117 500	377 400	191 400	568 800	74 000	42 000	116 000	362 300	190 000	552 300
North West/Noordwes	565 000	175 000	740 000	1 553 750	472 500	2 026 250	610 000	155 000	765 000	2 044 000	530 000	2 574 000
Total/Totaal	1 617 200	1 164 000	2 781 200	6 306 700	5 444 900	11 751 600	1 636 200	1 063 000	2 699 200	6 740 000	5 090 000	11 830 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	200	100	350	100
Free State/Vrystaat	220 000	275 000	190 000	247 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	6 600	10 230	10 000	13 500
Limpopo	99 000	89 100	100 000	85 000
Gauteng	3 900	5 070	3 000	3 900
North West/Noordwes	175 000	175 000	150 000	172 500
Total/Totaal	504 700	554 500	453 350	522 000

**SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	6 000	500	1 500
Free State/Vrystaat	215 000	279 500	175 000	192 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	500	750	500	750
KwaZulu-Natal	32 000	80 000	34 000	81 600
Mpumalanga	205 000	358 750	200 000	263 050
Limpopo	20 000	55 000	22 000	50 600
Gauteng	20 000	38 000	19 000	28 500
North West/Noordwes	22 000	33 000	21 000	31 500
Total/Totaal	516 500	851 000	472 000	650 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	7 000	18 200	6 500	16 900
Free State/Vrystaat	18 000	21 600	20 000	21 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	150	150	150
Mpumalanga	750	750	-	-
Limpopo	1 000	1 200	2 800	3 350
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	20 000	16 000	16 000	16 800
Total/Totaal	46 900	57 900	45 450	59 000

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	32 000	80 000	22 000	60 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	320	1 344	200	800
Mpumalanga	11 500	42 550	11 500	49 450
Limpopo	12 000	27 600	10 000	13 700
Gauteng	500	1 500	350	1 050
North West/Noordwes	6 300	15 120	4 500	10 000
Total/Totaal	62 620	168 114	48 550	135 500

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013****DRÖËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	200	400	500	1 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	850	1 700	750	1 500
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	18 400	16 000	17 600
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	200	200	240
KwaZulu-Natal	6 000	7 800	4 000	5 200
Mpumalanga	7 000	10 500	6 300	8 505
Limpopo	5 400	8 100	5 000	6 250
Gauteng	2 000	3 000	2 000	2 400
North West/Noordwes	6 000	6 000	5 000	5 000
Total/Totaal	43 550	56 100	39 750	47 695

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- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
- No member is allowed to leave the meeting before 12:00 in order to prevent disclosure of the information
- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 15:30
- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
- Only the Chairperson, or a member appointed by the Chairperson, may release the figures to the media
- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
- Individual information received for crop estimate purposes is treated strictly confidential, and is not divulged for any other purposes

**REVISED AREA AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2013)/  
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2013)  
26 MARCH / MAART 2013**

**Summer field crops – 2013**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 11,752 mill. tons, which is 4,88% or 602 750 tons lower than the previous forecast of 12,354 mill. tons. The expected size of the total maize crop has been decreased mainly as a result of dry weather conditions in the Free State and North West provinces, which has had an adverse effect on the anticipated yields. In the drought affected provinces there are reports that certain areas look good, while other areas look less promising depending on when the crop was planted. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,781 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 4,23 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,617 mill. ha and for yellow maize it is 1,164 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,307 mill. tons, which is 6,56% less than the 6,75 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,90 t/ha as against 4,17 t/ha of the previous forecast. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,445 mill. tons, which is 2,85% less than the 5,605 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,68 t/ha as against 4,82 t/ha of the previous forecast.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 554 500 tons, which is 11,17% less than the 642 210 tons of the previous forecast. The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 504 700 ha, while the expected yield is 1,10 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 851 000 tons, which is 6,93% less than the 914 350 tons of the previous forecast. It is estimated that 516 500 ha have been planted to soya-beans, which represents an increase of 0,29% compared to the previous area estimate of 515 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,65 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 57 900 tons, which is 6 700 tons less than the 64 600 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts the area estimate is 46 900 ha, and the expected yield is 1,23 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 168 114 tons, which is 7,40% lower than the 181 544 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 62 620 ha, and the expected yield is 2,68 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast is 56 100 tons, which is 1,08% more than the 55 500 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for dry beans is 43 550 ha, and the expected yield is 1,29 t/ha.

**Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2013, as well as the intentions to plant winter cereals for 2013, will be released on 25 April 2013.**

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/crop\\_estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/crop_estimates) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

**Somergewasse – 2013**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 11,752 milj. ton gestel, wat 4,88% of 602 750 ton laer is as die vorige skatting van 12,354 milj. ton. Die verwagte grootte van die totale mielie-oes is hoofsaaklik afwaarts aangepas as gevolg van droë weerstoestande in die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies, wat 'n nadelige uitwerking op die verwagte opbrengste gehad het. In die droogte geaffekteerde provinsies is daar berigte dat sekere gebiede goed lyk, terwyl ander gebiede minder positief daarna uitsien, afhangend van wanneer die gewasse geplant is. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,781 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,23 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,617 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is dit 1,164 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,307 miljoen ton, 6,56% minder as die 6,75 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,90 t/ha teenoor die 4,17 t/ha van die vorige skatting. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,445 miljoen ton, wat 2,85% minder is as die 5,605 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,68 t/ha teenoor die 4,82 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 554 500 ton, wat 11,17% minder is as die 624 210 ton van die vorige skatting. Die hersiende oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 504 700 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,10 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van sojabone is 851 000 ton, wat 6,93% minder is as die 914 350 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 516 500 ha, wat 'n toename van 0,29% verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 515 000 ha van die vorige skatting, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,65 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 57 900 ton, wat 6 700 ton minder is as die 64 600 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 46 900 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,23 t/ha.

Die produksieskatting van sorghum is 168 114 ton, wat 7,40% minder is as die 181 544 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** is 62 620 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,68 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 56 100 ton, wat 1,08% meer is as die 55 500 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 43 550 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,29 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2013, sowel as die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir 2013, op 25 April 2013 vrygestel sal word.**

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by [http://www.daff.gov.za/crop\\_estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/crop_estimates) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **15:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskatting Komitee.