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HERSIENE VOORNEME OM TE PLANT / REVISED INTENTIONS TO PLANT 2003/04 SEISOEN/SEASON

SOMERGEWASSE / SUMMER CROPS

Gewas/ Crop	Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted 2002/03 Ha ¹⁾	Voorname/ Intentions 2003/04 Ha	Voorname/ Intentions 2003/04 Ha	% Verandering/ Change 2003/04 vs 2002/03
		soos aan die einde van Augustus 2003/ as at the end of August 2003	soos aan die einde van Oktober 2003/ as at the end of October 2003	
Witmielies / White Maize	2 083 350	1 826 100	1 754 700	-15,8
Geelmielies / Yellow Maize	1 017 000	977 000	969 000	-4,7
Totaal Mielies / Total Maize	3 100 350	2 803 100	2 723 700	-12,1
Sorghum	84 610	108 000	110 000	+30,0
Grondbone / Groundnuts	50 300	90 000	88 000	+75,0
Sonneblomsaad / Sunflower seed	628 100	590 000	572 000 ²⁾	-8,9
Sojabone / Soya-beans	108 130	116 000	120 000	+11,0
Droëbone / Dry beans	50 800	58 000	63 000	+24,0

Voorname om te plant soos aan die einde van Oktober 2003 / Intentions to plant as at the end of October 2003

- 1) The area as estimated by the Crop Estimates Committee. Please note that the actual figures will be released on 5 December 2003 and may differ from the estimated figures. / Die oppervlakte soos geskat deur die Oesskattingskomitee. Neem kennis dat die werklike syfers op 5 Desember 2003 vrygestel sal word en moontlik kan verskil van die geskatte syfers.
- 2) Sunflower seed plantings can change significantly due to late plantings. / Sonneblomsaad-aanplantings kan beduidend verander as gevolg van laat aanplantings.

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WIT- EN GEELMIELIES / WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE

PROVINSIE	WITMIELIES/ WHITE MAIZE			GEELMIELIES/ YELLOW MAIZE			TOTALE MIELIES/ TOTAL MAIZE		
	Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted 2002/03 Ha	Voorname/ Intentions 2003/04 Ha	Voorname/ Intentions 2003/04 Ha	Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted 2002/03 Ha	Voorname/ Intentions 2003/04 Ha	Voorname/ Intentions 2003/04 Ha	Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted 2002/03 Ha	Voorname/ Intentions 2003/04 Ha	Voorname/ Intentions 2003/04 Ha
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Wes-Kaap / Western Cape	50	100	100	3 000	2 000	1 200	3 050	2 100	1 300
Noord-Kaap / Northern Cape	10 800	6 000	3 500	43 000	39 000	41 200	53 800	45 000	44 700
Vrystaat / Free State	775 000	685 000	631 500	320 000	302 000	340 000	1 095 000	987 000	971 500
Oos-Kaap / Eastern Cape	3 500	3 000	2 100	8 500	7 000	7 000	12 000	10 000	9 100
KwaZulu-Natal	38 000	37 000	34 300	43 500	51 000	45 800	81 500	88 000	80 100
Mpumalanga	260 000	248 000	230 000	295 000	285 000	267 700	555 000	533 000	497 700
Limpopo	39 000	25 000	30 500	8 000	6 000	6 000	47 000	31 000	36 500
Gauteng	72 000	70 000	62 700	56 000	53 000	50 100	128 000	123 000	112 800
Noordwes / North-West	885 000	752 000	760 000	240 000	232 000	210 000	1 125 000	984 000	970 000
Totaal / Total	2 083 350	1 826 100	1 754 700	1 017 000	977 000	969 000	3 100 350	2 803 100	2 723 700

REVISED INTENTIONS TO PLANT SUMMER CROPS (2003/04) / HERSIENE VOORNEME OM SOMERGEWASSE TE PLANT (2003/04)

20 NOVEMBER 2003

Based on replies received from a sample of producers the expected area planted to maize for the 2003/04 production season is 2,724 million ha, of which 1,755 million ha (64%) is for white maize and 969 000 ha (36%) is for yellow maize.

The survey, which was undertaken by the National Department of Agriculture, gives an indication of the intentions of producers to plant summer crops as at the end of October 2003. Various factors can, however, still influence these intentions up until planting time.

The survey shows that producers intend to plant 328 650 ha (15,8%) less white maize and 48 000 ha (4,7%) less yellow maize than in the previous season. The expected white maize plantings for the Free State, Mpumalanga and North-West show a decrease of 18,5, 11,5 and 14,1%, respectively. The plantings in the remaining provinces also appear to be lower. The decrease in the planting of maize can mainly be ascribed to poor price expectations as well as the local white maize surplus.

The expected area planted to sorghum, groundnuts, soya-beans and dry beans show increases of 30, 75, 11 and 24%, respectively. The plantings of sunflower seed shows a decrease of 8,9%. The expected area planted to sunflower can change significantly due to expected late plantings, and according to seed companies sufficient seed is available if an increase in plantings should occur. The increase in the planting of some of these products can mainly be ascribed to better price expectations and the fact that producers intend to decrease their maize plantings.

The actual figures for the 2002/03 season will be released on the 5th December 2003 at 12:00.

The preliminary area planted to summer crops for 2003/04 will be released on 20 January 2004 by the Crop Estimates Committee.

Detailed statistics are available on the internet at [http://www.nda.agric.za/regulatory & other services/crop estimates](http://www.nda.agric.za/regulatory%20&%20other%20services/crop%20estimates) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from 14:30 on the date of the relevant meeting.

Volgens vraelyste ontvang vanaf 'n steekproef van produsente is die verwagte oppervlakte met mielies beplant vir die 2003/04-seisoen 2,724 miljoen ha, waarvan 1,755 miljoen ha (64%) vir witmielies en 969 000 ha (36%) vir geelmielies is.

Die opname wat deur die nasionale Departement van Landbou onderneem is, weerspieël produsente se voornemens om somergewasse te plant soos aan die einde van Oktober 2003. Verskeie faktore kan egter nog tot planttyd 'n invloed op hierdie voornemens uitoefen.

Die opname toon dat produsente van voorneme is om sowat 328 650 ha (15,8%) minder witmielies en 48 000 ha (4,7%) minder geelmielies te plant as in die vorige seisoen. Verwagte witmielie-aanplantings vir die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes toon 'n afname van onderskeidelik 18,5, 11,5 en 14,1%. Die aanplantings in die oorblywende provinsies blyk ook laer te wees. Die verwagte afname in die aanplanting van mielies kan hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan swakker prysvooruitsigte asook die plaaslike oorskot van mielies.

Die verwagte aanplantings van sorghum, grondbone, sojabone en droëbone toon 'n toename van onderskeidelik 30, 75, 11 en 24%. Sonneblomsaad aanplantings toon 'n afname van 8,9%. Die verwagte aanplantings van sonneblomsaad kan betekenisvol verander as gevolg van verwagte laat aanplantings en volgens saadmaatskappye is daar voldoende saad beskikbaar indien 'n toename in aanplantings sou plaasvind. Die verwagte toename in sommige van die aanplantings van hierdie produkte kan hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan beter prysvooruitsigte en die feit dat produsente beoog om mielie-aanplantings af te skaal.

Die werklike syfers vir die 2002/03-seisoen sal op 5 Desember 2003 om 12:00 vrygestel word.

Die voorlopige oppervlakskatting vir somergewasse vir 2003/04, sal op 20 Januarie 2004 deur die Oesskattingskomitee vrygestel word.

Volledige statistiek is op die internet beskikbaar by [http://www.nda.agric.za/regulatory & other services/crop estimates](http://www.nda.agric.za/regulatory%20&%20other%20services/crop%20estimates) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf 14:30 op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering.