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The **preliminary** area planted estimate for summer crops for 2023 is hereby released.
 Hiermee word die **voorlopige** oppervlakteskating vir somergewasse vir 2023 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2023

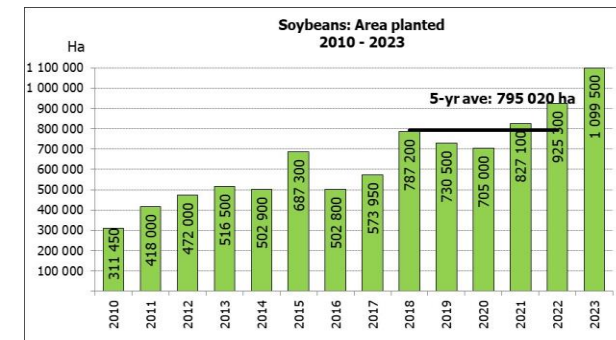
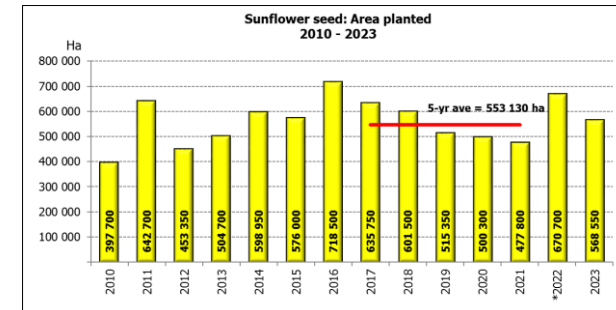
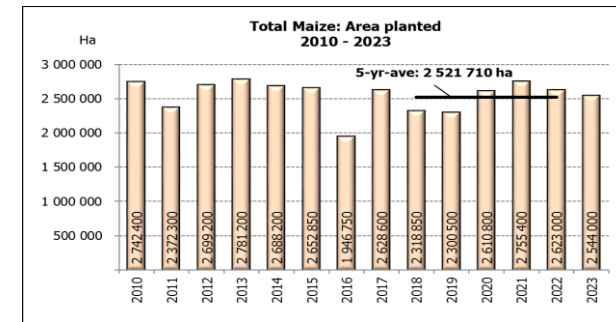
SOMERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKSKATTING: 2023

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2023 Ha (A)	Intentions ^{1)/} Voorname ¹⁾ 2023 Ha (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2022 Ha (C)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2022 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering/ 2023 vs 2022 % (A) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:					
White maize/Witmielies	1 476 000	1 502 000	1 575 000	7 789 750	-6,29
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 068 000	1 089 000	1 048 000	7 597 450	+1,91
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 544 000	2 591 000	2 623 000	15 387 200	-3,01
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	568 550	580 500	670 700	845 550	-15,23
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 099 500	1 075 000	925 300	2 201 000	+18,83
Groundnuts/Grondbone	31 200	34 500	43 400	49 000	-28,11
Sorghum	34 000	33 100	37 200	103 140	-8,60
Dry beans/Droëbone	34 500	37 200	42 900	52 590	-19,58
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 311 750	4 351 300	4 342 500	18 638 480	-0,71

1) Soos middel Oktober 2022/ As mid October 2022

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2022/23 = 2023

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2022/23 = 2023



The Crop Estimates Committee comprises officials of the following institutions:

Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute); BFAP and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2023

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2023

Province/ Provinsie	Preliminary area planted Voorlopige oppervlakte beplant 2023			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2022			Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ 2022		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Geel/ Yellow Tons	Totaal/ Total Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	250	3 500	3 750	500	3 500	4 000	4 750	32 900	37 650
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 000	43 500	44 500	3 000	42 000	45 000	36 000	672 000	708 000
Free State/Vrystaat	750 000	412 000	1 162 000	826 500	398 000	1 224 500	3 801 900	2 547 200	6 349 100
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 750	25 000	30 750	6 000	20 500	26 500	40 800	157 850	198 650
KwaZulu-Natal	49 000	62 000	111 000	52 000	59 000	111 000	322 400	489 700	812 100
Mpumalanga	154 000	350 000	504 000	165 000	350 000	515 000	1 072 500	2 537 500	3 610 000
Limpopo	16 000	20 000	36 000	15 500	25 000	40 500	102 300	202 500	304 800
Gauteng	55 000	52 000	107 000	56 500	56 000	112 500	361 600	403 200	764 800
North West/Noordwes	445 000	100 000	545 000	450 000	94 000	544 000	2 047 500	554 600	2 602 100
Total/Totaal	1 476 000	1 068 000	2 544 000	1 575 000	1 048 000	2 623 000	7 789 750	7 597 450	15 387 200

1) 29 November 2022

SUNFLOWER SEED – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2023

SONNEBLOMSAAD – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2023

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2023	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2022	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2022
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 100	2 500	6 250
Free State/Vrystaat	300 000	357 000	499 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	300	750
KwaZulu-Natal	150	-	-
Mpumalanga	5 000	3 500	5 250
Limpopo	108 000	110 000	77 000
Gauteng	2 200	2 400	3 000
North West/Noordwes	152 000	195 000	253 500
Total/Totaal	568 550	670 700	845 550

SOYBEANS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2023

SOJABONE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2023

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2023	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2022	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2022
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 000	800	3 000
Free State/Vrystaat	540 000	415 000	892 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 500	3 000	9 000
KwaZulu-Natal	44 000	39 000	146 250
Mpumalanga	310 000	300 000	705 000
Limpopo	26 000	22 500	76 500
Gauteng	50 000	45 000	99 000
North West/Noordwes	125 000	100 000	270 000
Total/Totaal	1 099 500	925 300	2 201 000

PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2023 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2023 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
26 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2023

Summer field crops – 2023

The preliminary area estimate of today is mainly based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. Please note that the area planted to crops refers to the area already planted for all purposes, including grain, silage and crop damaged area(s).

Commercial maize: The preliminary area estimate for maize is 2,544 mill. ha, which is 3,01% or 79 000 ha less than the 2,623 mill. ha planted for the previous season, and also 1,81% or 47 000 ha less than the intentions to plant figure of 2,591 mill. ha released in October 2022.

The preliminary area estimate for white maize is 1,476 mill. ha, which represents a decrease of 6,29% or 99 000 ha compared to the 1,575 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 1,068 mill. ha, which is 1,91% or 20 000 ha less than the 1,048 mill. ha planted last season.

Other summer crops:

Please note that only provisional national area planted figures of groundnuts, sorghum and dry beans for the current production season are being released today.

Sunflower seed: The preliminary area estimate for sunflower seed is 568 550 ha, which is 15,23% or 102 150 ha less than the 670 700 ha planted the previous season.

It is estimated that 1,1 mill. ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents an increase of 18,83% or 174 200 ha compared to the 925 300 ha planted last season. This is the highest area planted to soybeans in the history of SA.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 31 200 ha, which is 28,11% or 12 200 ha less than the 43 400 ha planted for the previous season.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 8,60% or 3 200 ha, from 37 200 ha to 34 000 ha against the previous season.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 34 500 ha, which is 19,58% or 8 400 ha less than the 42 900 ha planted for the previous season.

The revised area planted and production figures, which will be released by the Crop Estimates Committee on **28 February 2023**, will mainly be based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) survey for the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces.

Somergewasse – 2023

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van vandag is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Grondhervorming en Landelike Ontwikkeling. Neem asseblief kennis dat die oppervlakte aangeplant met gewasse na die area verwys wat alreeds vir alle doeleindes geplant is, insluitende vir graan, kuilvoer en gewas beskadigde area(s).

Kommersiële mielies: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,544 milj. ha, wat 3,01% of 79 000 ha minder is as die 2,623 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, en ook 1,81% of 47 000 ha minder as die voornemens om te plant syfer van 2,591 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Oktober 2022.

Die voorlopige oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,476 milj. ha, wat 'n afname van 6,29% of 99 000 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,575 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 1,068 milj. ha, wat 1,91% of 20 000 ha minder is as die 1,048 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Ander somergewasse:

Let asb. daarop dat net die nasionale aangeplante area vir die voorlopige oppervlakte van die grondbone, sorghum en droëbone vir die huidige produksieseisoen vandag vrygestel word.

Sonneblomsaad: Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 568 550 ha, wat 15,23% of 102 150 ha minder is as die 670 700 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen.

Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 1,1 mill. ha, wat 'n toename van 18,83% of 174 200 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 925 300 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Dit is die hoogste oppervlakte beplant met sojabone in die geskiedenis van SA.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 31 200 ha, wat 28,11% of 12 200 ha minder is as die 43 400 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het afgeneem met 8,60% of 3 200 ha, van 37 200 ha tot 34 000 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 34 500 ha, wat 19,58% of 8 400 ha minder is as die 42 900 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die hersiene aangeplante oppervlakte en produksiesyfers sal deur die Oesskatting Komitee op **28 Februarie 2023** vrygestel word en sal hoofsaaklik gebaseer wees op inligting verkry vanaf die "PICES"-opname vir die Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

The area estimate and sixth production forecast for winter cereals for the 2022 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en sesde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2022 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2022 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE - OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2022 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2022 Ha (A)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2022 Tons (B)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2022 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2021 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2021 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	566 800	2 176 540	2 248 795	523 500	2 285 000	-3,21
Malting barley/Moutgars	101 000	337 650	356 850	94 730	334 000	-5,38
Canola/Kanola	123 510	210 530	210 530	100 000	198 100	-
Cereal oats/Hawermout	27 000	33 800	37 700	36 250	59 000	-10,34
Sweet lupines/Soetlupine	21 000	15 750	15 750	22 000	28 600	-

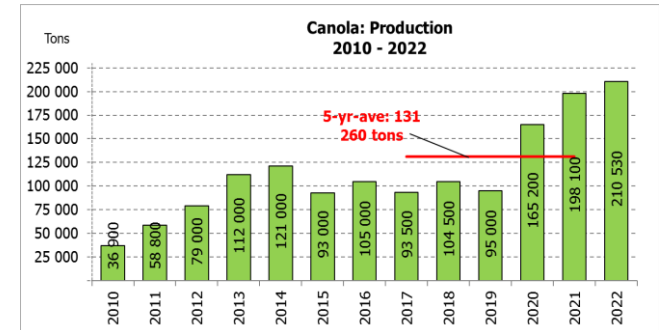
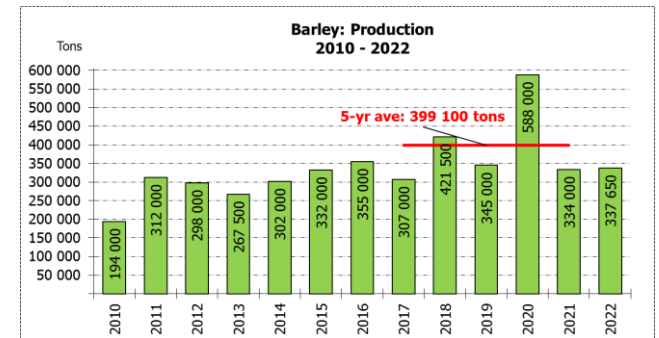
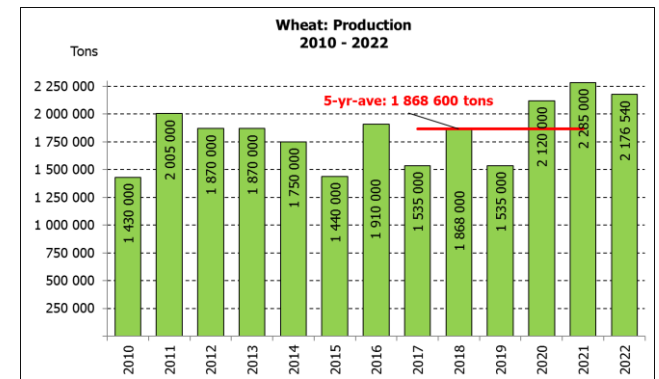
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* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2022/23 = 2022

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2022

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2022

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2022 Ha	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2022 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2021 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2021 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	360 000	954 000	360 000	1 260 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	47 000	343 100	35 500	275 125
Free State/Vrystaat	96 000	460 800	70 000	360 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 000	40 200	3 800	25 080
KwaZulu-Natal	9 200	60 720	8 500	56 950
Mpumalanga	4 000	27 600	4 100	28 300
Limpopo	29 000	188 500	26 500	176 220
Gauteng	1 100	7 370	1 100	7 425
North West/Noordwes	14 500	94 250	14 000	95 900
Total/Totaal	566 800	2 176 540	523 500	2 285 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2022) /
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2022)
26 JANUARY/JANUARIE 2023**

Winter cereal crops - 2022 production season

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 2,176 mill. tons, which is 3,21% or 72 255 tons less than the previous forecast of 2,249 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,84 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 954 000 tons (44%), in the Free State 460 800 tons (21%) and in the Northern Cape 343 100 tons (16%).

The area estimate for wheat is 566 800 ha. An estimated 360 000 ha or 64% is planted in the Western Cape, 96 000 ha or 17% in the Free State and 47 000 ha or 8% in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **barley** decreased by 5,38% or 19 200 tons from 356 850 tons to 337 650 tons. The area planted is estimated at 101 000 ha, while the expected yield is 3,34 t/ha.

The expected **canola crop** remained unchanged at 210 530 tons. The area estimate for canola is 123 510 ha, with an expected yield of 1,70 t/ha.

The expected crop for **oats** for the 2022 season is 33 800 tons and the area planted is 27 000 ha. The expected yield is 1,25 t/ha.

In the case of **sweet lupines**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 15 750 tons. The area estimate of sweet lupines is 21 000 ha, with an expected yield of 0,75 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for winter cereals for 2022 will be released on 28 February 2023.

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **14:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

Wintergewasse - 2022 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 2,176 milj. ton, wat 3,21% of 72 255 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 2,249 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,84 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 954 000 ton (44%), in die Vrystaat 460 800 ton (21%) en in die Noord-Kaap 343 100 ton (16%).

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is 566 800 ha. Die beraamde oppervlakte geplant in die Wes-Kaap is 360 000 ha of 64%, die Vrystaat is 96 000 ha of 17% en 47 000 ha of 8% is in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **gars** is verminder met 5,38% of 19 200 ton van 356 850 ton na 337 650 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 101 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,34 t/ha behoop.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is onveranderd gelaat op 210 530 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 123 510 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,70 t/ha.

Die verwagte oes vir **hawer** vir die 2022-seisoen is 33 800 ton en die oppervlakteskatting is 27 000 ton. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,25 t/ha.

In die geval van **soetlupine** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 15 750 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met soetlupine is 21 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 0,75 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2022 op 28 Februarie 2023 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by [http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **14:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.

CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES that CEC members are committed to adhere to on the day of the meeting

- 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 14:30.
- 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.