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### HERSIENE VOORNEME OM TE PLANT / REVISED INTENTIONS TO PLANT 2005/06 SEISOEN/SEASON

#### KOMMERSIËLE SOMERGEWASSE / COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS

	Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted 2004/05 Ha (a)	Voorname/ Intentions 2005/06 Ha (b)	Voorname/ Intentions 2005/06 Ha (c)	% Verandering/ Change (c)/(a)
		soos aan die einde van Augustus 2005/ as at the end of August 2005	soos aan die einde van Oktober 2005/ as at the end of October 2005	
Witmielies / White Maize	1 845 000	851 400	744 360	-59,7
Geelmielies / Yellow Maize	1 084 500	847 710	627 180	-42,2
Totaal Mielies / Total Maize	2 929 500	1 699 110	1 371 540	-53,2
Sorghum	98 240	46 000	30 300	-69,2
Grondbone / Groundnuts	42 800	64 000	65 000	+51,9
Sonneblomsaad / Sunflower seed	460 000 <sup>1)</sup>	621 000	592 100	+28,7
Sojabone / Soya-beans	150 000 <sup>1)</sup>	245 000	231 800	+54,5
Droëbone / Dry beans	49 300	58 500	58 600	+18,9

Voorname om te plant soos aan die einde van Oktober 2005 / Intentions to plant as at the end of October 2005.

1) Final recalculated area planted/ Finale herberekende oppervlakte beplant.

## REVISED INTENTIONS TO PLANT SUMMER CROPS / HERSIENE VOORNEME OM SOMERGEWASSE TE PLANT (2005/06)

21 NOVEMBER 2005

Based on replies received from a sample of producers the expected area planted to maize for the 2005/06 production season is 1,372 million ha, of which 744 360 ha (54,3%) is for white maize and 627 180 ha (45,7%) is for yellow maize.

The survey, which was undertaken by the Department of Agriculture, gives an indication of the intentions of commercial farmers to plant summer crops as at the end of October 2005.

The survey shows that producers intend to plant 1,101 million ha (59,7%) less white maize and 457 320 ha (42,2%) less yellow maize than in the previous season. The main reasons for the decrease in the area planted can amongst others be ascribed to the relative low soil moisture levels, the maize surplus that has depressed maize prices and limited access to production financing. Various factors can, however, still influence these intentions up until planting time.

The expected area planted to groundnuts, sunflower seed, soya- and dry beans shows increases of 51,9%, 28,7%, 54,5% and 18,9%, respectively. The plantings of sorghum shows a decrease of 69,2%.

The preliminary area planted to summer crops for 2005/06 will be released on 19 January 2006.

Detailed statistics are available on the internet at [http://www.nda.agric.za/food\\_security\\_issues](http://www.nda.agric.za/food_security_issues) 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 2005/06-seisoen 1,372 miljoen ha, waarvan 744 360 ha (54,3%) vir witmielies en 627 180 ha (45,7%) vir geelmielies is.

Die opname wat deur die Departement van Landbou onderneem is, weerspieël kommersiële boere se voornemens om somergewasse te plant soos aan die einde van Oktober 2005.

Die opname toon dat produsente van voorneme is om sowat 1,101 miljoen (59,7%) minder witmielies en 457 320 ha (42,2%) minder geelmielies te plant as in die vorige seisoen. Die hoofredes vir die daling in die oppervlakte beplant kan onder andere toegeskryf word aan die relatiewe lae grondvogvlakke, die mielie-surplus wat mieliepryse onderdruk het asook die beperkte toegang tot produksie-finansiering. Verskeie faktore kan egter nog tot planttyd 'n invloed op hierdie voornemens uitoefen.

Die verwagte aanplantings van grondbone, sonneblomsaad, soja- en droëbone toon 'n toename van onderskeidelik 51,9%, 28,7%, 54,5% en 18,7%. Sorghum aanplantings toon 'n afname van 69,2%.

Die voorlopige oppervlakkatting vir somergewasse vir 2005/06, sal op 19 Januarie 2006 vrygestel word.

Volledige statistiek is op die internet beskikbaar by [http://www.nda.agric.za/food\\_security\\_issues](http://www.nda.agric.za/food_security_issues) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf 14:30 op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering.

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