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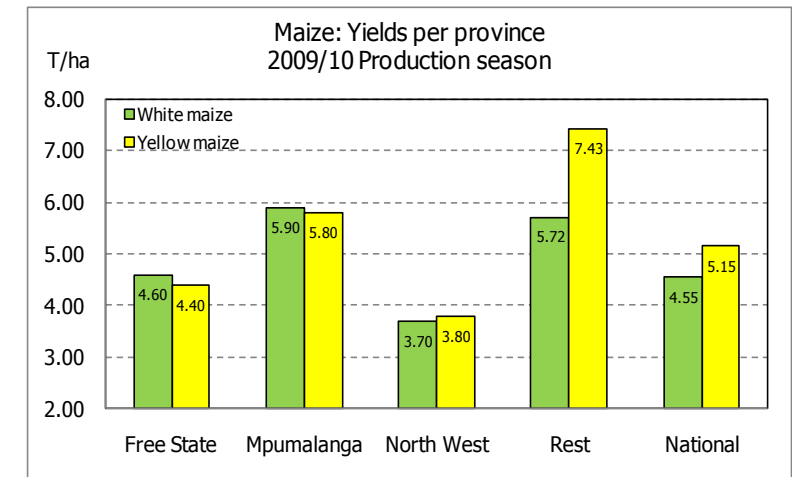
**The seventh production forecast for summer crops for the 2009/10 production season is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die sewende produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir die 2009/10 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.**

24 August/Augustus 2010

SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009/10 PRODUCTION SEASON

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009/10-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant	7 th forecast/ 7 ^e skatting	6 th forecast/ 6 ^e skatting	Area planted/ Opp beplant	Finale oes/ Final crop	Change/ Verandering
	2009/10 Ha (A)	2009/10 Tons (B)	2009/10 Tons (C)	2008/09 Ha (D)	2008/09 Tons (E)	% (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 719 700	7 822 400	7 999 250	1 489 000	6 775 000	-2,21
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 022 700	5 271 200	5 317 800	938 500	5 275 000	-0,88
Maize/Mielies	2 742 400	13 093 600	13 317 050	2 427 500	12 050 000	-1,68
Sunflower seed/Sunflower seed	397 700	516 265	528 765	635 800	801 000	-2,36
Soya-beans/Sojabone	311 450	565 700	567 200	237 750	516 000	-0,26
Groundnuts/Grondbone	57 450	87 880	87 880	54 550	99 500	-
Sorghum	86 675	231 593	241 593	85 500	276 500	-4,14
Dry beans/Droëbone	44 100	52 255	52 255	43 800	67 030	-
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 639 775	14 547 293	14 794 743	3 484 900	13 810 030	-1,67



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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 SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009/10 PRODUCTION SEASON

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009/10-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2009/10			7 th forecast/ 7 ^e skatting 2009/10			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2008/09			Final crop/ Finale oes 2008/09		
	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	500	2 000	2 500	3 500	16 000	19 500	1 500	3 500	5 000	15 000	35 000	50 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	51 000	53 000	23 000	599 250	622 250	2 500	48 000	50 500	28 750	605 000	633 750
Free State/Vrystaat	690 000	466 000	1 156 000	3 174 000	2 050 400	5 224 400	565 000	390 000	955 000	2 627 250	1 900 000	4 527 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 200	13 200	16 400	14 400	66 000	80 400	3 000	13 000	16 000	15 900	76 500	92 400
KwaZulu-Natal	46 000	42 000	88 000	271 400	258 300	529 700	40 000	42 000	82 000	248 000	273 000	521 000
Mpumalanga	232 000	250 000	482 000	1 368 800	1 450 000	2 818 800	215 000	262 000	477 000	1 290 000	1 580 000	2 870 000
Limpopo	26 000	18 500	44 500	124 800	83 250	208 050	33 000	15 000	48 000	171 550	75 000	246 550
Gauteng	85 000	40 000	125 000	493 000	216 000	709 000	69 000	30 000	99 000	358 800	175 500	534 300
North West/Noordwes	635 000	140 000	775 000	2 349 500	532 000	2 881 500	560 000	135 000	695 000	2 019 750	555 000	2 574 750
Total/Totaal	1 719 700	1 022 700	2 742 400	7 822 400	5 271 200	13 093 600	1 489 000	938 500	2 427 500	6 775 000	5 275 000	12 050 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009/10 PRODUCTION SEASON

SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009/10 PRODUKSIESEISOEN

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	7 th forecast/ 7 ^e skatting Tons 2009/10	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2008/09	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2008/09
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	200	200	700	700
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	850	1 700	500	1 000
Free State/Vrystaat	175 000	236 250	280 000	363 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	150	165	600	780
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	8 000	12 800	27 000	37 700
Limpopo	75 000	71 250	90 000	90 000
Gauteng	3 500	4 900	7 000	9 820
North West/Noordwes	135 000	189 000	230 000	298 000
Total/Totaal	397 700	516 265	635 800	801 000

SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009/10 PRODUCTION SEASON

SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009/10 PRODUKSIESEISOEN

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	7 th forecast/ 7 ^e skatting Tons 2009/10	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2008/09	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2008/09
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	650	1 950	750	2 250
Free State/Vrystaat	95 000	152 000	55 000	99 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	800	1 200	800	1 600
KwaZulu-Natal	30 000	73 500	27 000	75 600
Mpumalanga	145 000	239 250	125 000	262 500
Limpopo	18 000	50 400	16 000	44 000
Gauteng	12 000	20 400	6 700	12 525
North West/Noordwes	10 000	27 000	6 500	18 525
Total/Totaal	311 450	565 700	237 750	516 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009/10 PRODUCTION SEASON**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009/10 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	7 th forecast/ 7 ^e skatting Tons 2009/10	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2008/09	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2008/09
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	10 000	27 000	10 000	31 000
Free State/Vrystaat	25 000	35 000	21 500	33 690
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	200	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 200	3 520	3 000	6 750
Gauteng	50	60	50	60
North West/Noordwes	20 000	22 000	20 000	28 000
Total/Totaal	57 450	87 880	54 550	99 500

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009/10 PRODUCTION SEASON**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009/10 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	7 th forecast/ 7 ^e skatting Tons 2009/10	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2008/09	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2008/09
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	25	63	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	50 000	120 000	55 000	170 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	480	300	900
Mpumalanga	15 000	52 500	16 500	66 000
Limpopo	15 000	41 250	8 000	23 000
Gauteng	1 000	3 000	700	2 100
North West/Noordwes	5 500	14 300	5 000	14 000
Total/Totaal	86 675	231 593	85 500	276 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009/10 PRODUCTION SEASON**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009/10 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	7 th forecast/ 7 ^e skatting Tons 2009/10	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2008/09	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2008/09
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	300	100	280
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	600	1 200	100	250
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	14 400	18 000	28 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	400	480	200	300
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	4 500	3 000	4 800
Mpumalanga	10 500	12 075	10 500	15 750
Limpopo	5 500	9 350	4 500	6 750
Gauteng	3 500	4 550	3 400	5 100
North West/Noordwes	4 500	5 400	4 000	5 000
Total/Totaal	44 100	52 255	43 800	67 030

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**SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS/
SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE
24 AUGUST/AUGUSTUS 2010**

Summer field crops – 2009/10 production season

Commercial maize: The expected size of the commercial maize crop is 13,094 million tons, which is 1,68% or 223 450 tons lower than the previous forecast of 13,317 million tons. The main reason for this reduction is the lower than expected yields. At this stage about 80% of the maize crop has been harvested.

The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,742 mill. ha, with an expected average yield of 4,77 t/ha. The area estimate for white maize is 1,720 mill. ha, and for yellow maize it is 1,023 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 7,822 mill. tons, which is 2,21% or 176 850 tons less than the 7,999 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 4,55 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,271 mill. tons, which is 0,88% or 46 600 tons less than the 5,318 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,15 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed decreased by 2,36% or 12 500 tons to 516 265 tons. The estimated area planted to sunflower seed is 397 700 ha and the yield is 1,30 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soya-beans** decreased by 0,26% or 1 500 tons to 565 700 tons, while the estimated area planted to soya-beans is 311 450 ha. The expected yield is 1,82 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 87 880 tons, with an estimated area of 57 450 ha, and an expected yield of 1,53 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** decreased by 4,14% or 10 000 tons to 231 593 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 86 675 ha and the expected yield is 2,67 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 52 255 tons. The area estimate is 44 100 ha, with an expected yield of 1,18 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate of summer field crops for the 2009/10 production season will be released on 23 September 2010 at 15:30.

Somergewasse – 2009/10 produksie-seisoen

Kommersiële mielies: Die verwagte grootte van die kommersiële mielie-oes is op 13,094 milj. ton gestel, wat 1,68% of 223 450 ton laer is as die vorige skatting van 13,3 milj. ton. Die hoofrede vir hierdie afname is die laer as verwagte opbrengste. In hierdie stadium is sowat 80% van die oes gestroop.

Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,742 milj. ha, met 'n verwagte gemiddelde opbrengs van 4,77 t/ha. Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,720 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is dit 1,023 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 7,822 miljoen ton, wat 2,21% of 176 850 ton minder is as die 7,999 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,55 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,271 miljoen ton wat 0,88% of 46 600 ton minder is as die 5,318 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,15 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is met 2,36% of 12 500 ton verlaag tot 516 265 ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sonneblomsaad is 397 700 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,30 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is met 0,26% of 1 500 ton verlaag tot 565 700 ton, terwyl die verwagte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone 311 450 ha is. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,82 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 87 880 ton, met 'n oppervlakte beplant van 57 450 ha en 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,53 t/ha.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is met 4,14% of 10 000 ton verlaag tpt 231 593 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 86 675 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,67 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 52 255 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is 44 100 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,18 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2009/10 produksieseisoen op 23 September 2010 om 15:30 vrygestel sal word.

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The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for the 2009/10 production season is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir die 2009/10 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

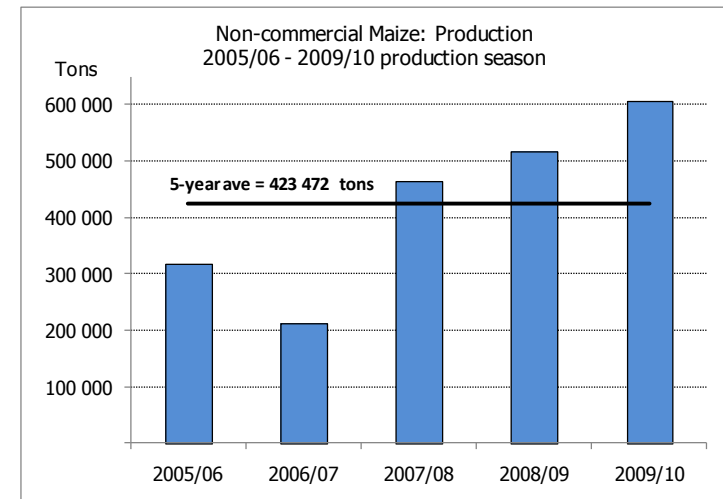
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2009/10 PRODUCTION SEASON

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009/10-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2009/10 Ha (A)	Estimate/ Skatting 2009/10 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2008/09 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2008/09 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	371 861	421 969	356 276	378 576	+11,46
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	149 079	183 895	112 407	138 057	+33,20
Maize/Mielies	520 940	605 864	468 683	516 633	+17,27

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 520 940 ha, which represents an increase of 11,1 % compared to the 468 683 ha of the previous season. Due to favourable production conditions, the expected maize crop for this sector is 605 864 tons, which is 17,3 % higher than the 516 633 tons of last season.

Die oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 520 940 ha, wat 'n toename van 11,1 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 468 683 ha van die vorige seisoen. Weens gunstige produksie toestande, is die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor 605 864 ton, wat 17,3 % hoër is as die 516 633 ton van die vorige seisoen.

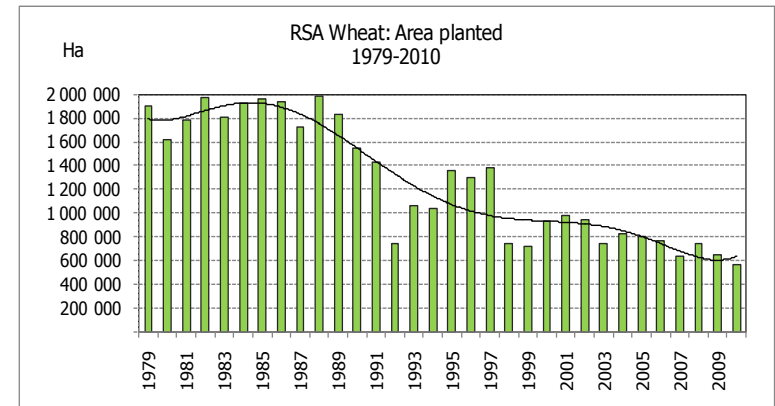


The revised area estimate for winter cereals for the 2010 production season is hereby released. /
 Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir die 2010 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – REVISED AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

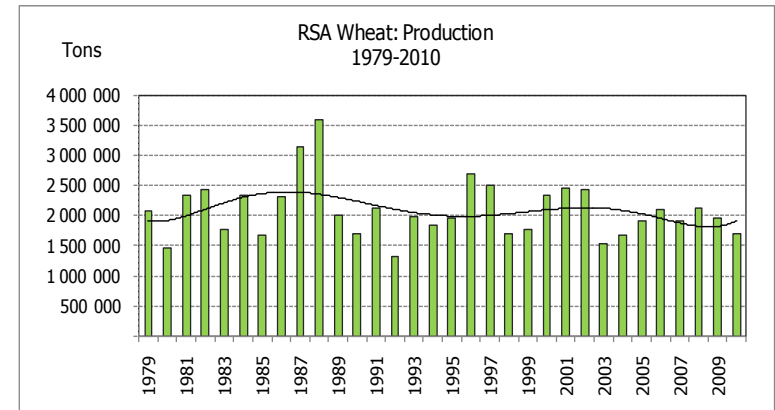
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2010 Ha (A)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2010 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2009 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2009 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
Wheat/Koring	568 100	1 694 920	642 500	1 958 000	-13,44
Malting barley/Moutgars	83 670	239 116	74 760	216 000	+10,70
Canola/Kanola	35 000	42 000	35 060	40 350	+4,09
Total/Totaal	686 770	1 976 036	752 320	2 214 350	-10,76



WHEAT – REVISED AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010 PRODUCTION SEASON

KORING – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2010 Ha	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2010 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2009 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2009 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	265 000	649 250	300 000	714 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	262 200	44 000	277 200
Free State/Vrystaat	214 000	492 200	235 000	622 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	4 500	20 250	5 000	20 000
KwaZulu-Natal	6 100	31 720	7 000	35 000
Mpumalanga	4 500	24 750	7 500	41 200
Limpopo	12 500	75 000	18 000	99 000
Gauteng	1 500	9 750	2 000	12 800
North West/Noordwes	22 000	129 800	24 000	136 800
Total/Totaal	568 100	1 694 920	642 500	1 958 000



**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2010 PRODUCTION SEASON) /
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2010 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
24 AUGUST/ AUGUSTUS 2010**

Winter cereal crops - 2010 production season

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 1,695 mill. tons, which is 13,44% less than the previous seasons' crop of 1,958 mill. tons. The expected production in the Western Cape is 649 250 tons, in the Free State 492 200 tons and in the Northern Cape 262 200 tons. The expected yield is 2,98 t/ha.

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 568 100 ha, which is 0,3% less than the 570 000 ha of the previous forecast. An estimated 265 000 ha or 47% is planted in the Western Cape, 214 000 ha or 38% in the Free State and 38 000 ha or 7% in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for malting barley is 239 116 tons. The area planted is estimated at 83 670 ha, while the expected yield is 2,86 t/ha.

The expected canola crop is 42 000 tons. The area estimate for canola is also 35 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,20 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for winter cereals for the 2010 production season will be released on 23 September 2010 at 15:30.

Wintergewasse - 2010 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 1,695 milj. ton, 13,44% minder as die vorige seisoen se oes van 1,958 milj. ton. Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 649 250 ton, in die Vrystaat 492 200 ton en in die Noord-Kaap 262 200 ton. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,98 t/ha.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is hersien na 568 100 ha, wat 0,3% minder is as die 570 000 ha teenoor die vorige skatting. Die beraamde oppervlakte geplant in die Wes-Kaap is 265 000 ha of 47%, die Vrystaat is 214 000 ha of 38% en 38 000 ha of 7% is in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir moutgars is 239 116 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 83 670 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 2,86 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte kanola-oes is 42 000 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 35 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,20 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir die 2010 produksieseisoen op 23 September 2010 om 15:30 vrygestel sal word.

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