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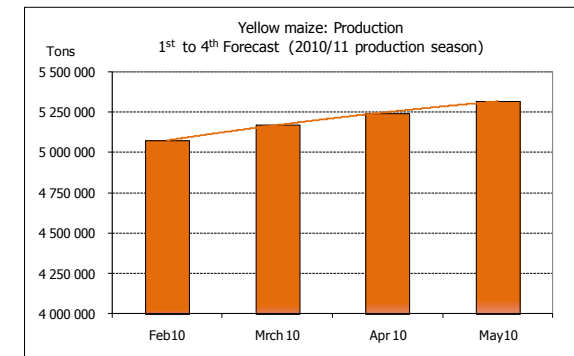
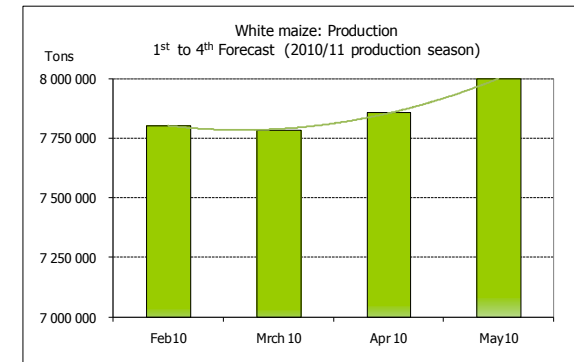
**The fourth production forecast for summer crops for the 2009/10 production season is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir die 2009/10 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.**

20 May/Mei 2010

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

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

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant	4 th forecast/ 4 ^e skatting	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} 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	7 999 250	7 857 900	1 489 000	6 775 000	+1,80
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 022 700	5 317 800	5 244 700	938 500	5 275 000	+1,39
Maize/Mielies	2 742 400	13 317 050	13 102 600	2 427 500	12 050 000	+1,64
Sunflower seed/Sunflower seed	397 700	508 715	501 565	635 800	801 000	+1,43
Soya-beans/Sojabone	311 450	587 950	587 950	237 750	516 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	57 450	95 570	99 230	54 550	99 500	-3,69
Sorghum	86 675	267 693	262 633	85 500	276 500	+1,93
Dry beans/Droëbone	44 100	57 850	60 150	43 800	67 030	-3,82
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 639 775	14 834 828	14 614 128	3 484 900	13 810 030	+1,51



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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009/10 PRODUCTION SEASON

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

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2009/10			4 th forecast/ 4 ^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	3 243 000	2 097 000	5 340 000	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	273 700	258 300	532 000	40 000	42 000	82 000	248 000	273 000	521 000
Mpumalanga	232 000	250 000	482 000	1 380 400	1 450 000	2 830 400	215 000	262 000	477 000	1 290 000	1 580 000	2 870 000
Limpopo	26 000	18 500	44 500	123 500	83 250	206 750	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	2 444 750	532 000	2 976 750	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	7 999 250	5 317 800	13 317 050	1 489 000	938 500	2 427 500	6 775 000	5 275 000	12 050 000

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

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

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	4 th forecast/ 4 ^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	12 000	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	182 250	230 000	298 000
Total/Totaal	397 700	508 715	635 800	801 000

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

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

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	4 th forecast/ 4 ^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	161 500	55 000	99 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	800	1 200	800	1 600
KwaZulu-Natal	30 000	78 000	27 000	75 600
Mpumalanga	145 000	246 500	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	28 000	6 500	18 525
Total/Totaal	311 450	587 950	237 750	516 000

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

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	4 th forecast/ 4 ^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	29 000	10 000	31 000
Free State/Vrystaat	25 000	36 250	21 500	33 690
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	200	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 200	3 960	3 000	6 750
Gauteng	50	60	50	60
North West/Noordwes	20 000	26 000	20 000	28 000
Total/Totaal	57 450	95 570	54 550	99 500

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

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	4 th forecast/ 4 ^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	155 000	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	15 400	5 000	14 000
Total/Totaal	86 675	267 693	85 500	276 500

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

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	4 th forecast/ 4 ^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	1 500	100	250
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	15 200	18 000	28 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	400	600	200	300
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	4 500	3 000	4 800
Mpumalanga	10 500	13 650	10 500	15 750
Limpopo	5 500	11 000	4 500	6 750
Gauteng	3 500	5 250	3 400	5 100
North West/Noordwes	4 500	5 850	4 000	5 000
Total/Totaal	44 100	57 850	43 800	67 030

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

**FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS/
VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE
20 MAY/MEI 2010**

Summer field crops – 2009/10 production season

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 13,317 million tons, which is 1,64% higher than the previous forecast of 13,103 million tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,742 mill. ha, with an expected average yield of 4,86 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 7,999 mill. tons, which is 1,80% or 141 350 tons more than the 7,858 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 4,65 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,318 mill. tons, which is 1,39% or 73 100 tons more than the 5,245 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,20 t/ha.

Although South African farmers are expected to harvest a bumper crop, wet weather is slowing the harvesting process and reducing the quality of the crop in some areas.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed increased by 1,43% or 7 150 tons to 508 715 tons. The estimated area planted to sunflower seed remained unchanged at 397 700 ha with a yield of 1,28 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soya-beans** remained unchanged at 587 950 tons, while the estimated area planted to soya-beans is 311 450 ha. The expected yield is 1,89 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop decreased by 3,69% to 95 570 tons, with an estimated area of 57 450 ha, and an expected yield of 1,66 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** increased by 1,93% to 267 693 tons. The area estimate for sorghum remained unchanged at 86 675 ha and the expected yield is 3,09 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast decreased by 3,82% to 57 850 tons. The area estimate remained unchanged at 44 100 ha, with an expected yield of 1,31 t/ha.

Please note that the fifth production forecast of summer field crops for the 2009/10 production season will be released on 24 June 2010.

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.**

Somergewasse – 2009/10 produksie-seisoen

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 13,317 milj. ton gestel, wat 1,64% hoër is as die vorige skatting van 13,103 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,742 milj. ha, met 'n verwagte gemiddelde opbrengs van 4,86 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 7,999 miljoen ton, wat 1,80% of 141 350 ton meer is as die 7,858 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,65 t/ha teenoor die 4,57 t/ha van die vorige skatting. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,318 miljoen ton wat 1,39% of 73 100 ton meer is as die 5,245 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,20 t/ha.

Alhoewel dit verwag word dat Suid-Afrikaanse mielieboere 'n goeie oes gaan stroop, vertraag nat weerstoestande die oesproses, asook die gehalte van die oes in sekere gebiede.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is met 1,43% of 7 150 ton verhoog tot 508 715 ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 397 700 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,28 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is onveranderd gelaat op 587 950 ton, terwyl die verwagte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone 311 450 ton is. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,89 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 3,69% na 95 570 ton, met 'n oppervlakte beplant van 57 450 ha, en 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,66 t/ha.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is met 1,93% verhoog na 267 693 ton. Die oppervlakeskatting vir sorghum is onveranderd gelaat op 86 675 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,09 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting afwaarts aangepas met 3,82% na 57 850 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is 44 100 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,31 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2009/10 produksieseisoen op 24 Junie 2010 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.**

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.