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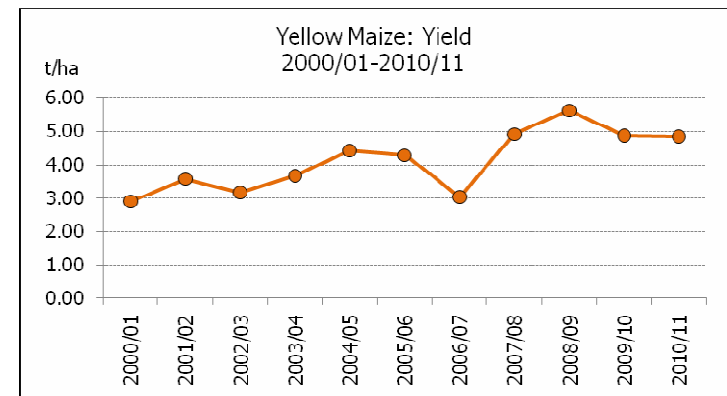
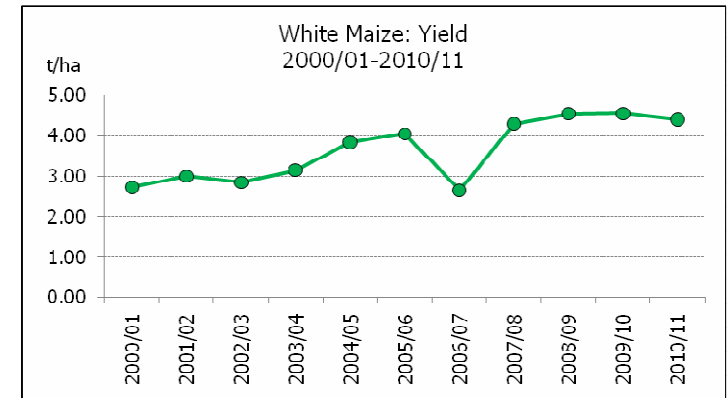
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**The third production forecast for summer crops for the 2010/11 production season is hereby released. /
 Hiermee word die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir die 2010/11 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.**

SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

| CROP/GEWAS | Area planted/ Opp beplant 2010/11 Ha (A) | 3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2010/11 Tons (B) | 2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2010/11 Tons (C) | Area planted/ Opp beplant 2009/10 Ha (D) | Finale oes/ Final crop 2009/10 Tons (E) | Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C) |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Commercial/Kommersiële: | | | | | | |
| White maize/Witmielies | 1 418 300 | 6 261 300 | 6 261 300 | 1 719 700 | 7 830 000 | - |
| Yellow maize/Geelmielies | 954 000 | 4 621 900 | 4 569 900 | 1 022 700 | 4 985 000 | +1,14 |
| Maize/Mielies | 2 372 300 | 10 883 200 | 10 831 200 | 2 742 400 | 12 815 000 | +0,48 |
| Sunflower seed/Sunflower seed | 642 700 | 809 470 | 831 220 | 397 700 | 490 000 | -2,62 |
| Soya-beans/Sojabone | 418 000 | 676 850 | 709 350 | 311 450 | 566 000 | -4,58 |
| Groundnuts/Grondbone | 55 150 | 85 575 | 85 575 | 57 450 | 88 000 | - |
| Sorghum | 69 200 | 201 800 | 201 800 | 86 675 | 196 500 | - |
| Dry beans/Droëbone | 41 900 | 47 620 | 50 520 | 44 100 | 52 255 | -5,74 |
| TOTAL/TOTAAL | 3 599 250 | 12 704 515 | 12 709 665 | 3 639 775 | 14 207 755 | -0,04 |



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),
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WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN

| Provinsie/ Province | Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2010/11 | | | 3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2010/11 | | | Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2009/10 | | | Final crop/ Finale oes 2009/10 | | |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | 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 | 300 | 2 000 | 2 300 | 2 100 | 14 000 | 16 100 | 500 | 2 000 | 2 500 | 3 500 | 14 000 | 17 500 |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | 2 000 | 45 000 | 47 000 | 23 000 | 517 500 | 540 500 | 2 000 | 51 000 | 53 000 | 23 000 | 586 000 | 609 000 |
| Free State/Vrystaat | 595 000 | 395 000 | 990 000 | 2 677 500 | 1 580 000 | 4 257 500 | 690 000 | 466 000 | 1 156 000 | 3 174 000 | 1 902 000 | 5 076 000 |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap | 3 000 | 12 000 | 15 000 | 10 500 | 60 000 | 70 500 | 3 200 | 13 200 | 16 400 | 14 500 | 66 000 | 80 500 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 39 000 | 42 000 | 81 000 | 226 200 | 247 800 | 474 000 | 46 000 | 42 000 | 88 000 | 272 000 | 252 000 | 524 000 |
| Mpumalanga | 180 000 | 260 000 | 440 000 | 990 000 | 1 430 000 | 2 420 000 | 232 000 | 250 000 | 482 000 | 1 370 000 | 1 375 000 | 2 745 000 |
| Limpopo | 25 000 | 12 000 | 37 000 | 125 000 | 51 600 | 176 600 | 26 000 | 18 500 | 44 500 | 130 000 | 80 000 | 210 000 |
| Gauteng | 74 000 | 41 000 | 115 000 | 407 000 | 184 500 | 591 500 | 85 000 | 40 000 | 125 000 | 493 000 | 192 000 | 685 000 |
| North West/Noordwes | 500 000 | 145 000 | 645 000 | 1 800 000 | 536 500 | 2 336 500 | 635 000 | 140 000 | 775 000 | 2 350 000 | 518 000 | 2 868 000 |
| Total/Totaal | 1 418 300 | 954 000 | 2 372 300 | 6 261 300 | 4 621 900 | 10 883 200 | 1 719 700 | 1 022 700 | 2 742 400 | 7 830 000 | 4 985 000 | 12 815 000 |

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON

SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN

| Province/ Provinsie | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11 | 3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11 | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10 | Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10 |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap | - | - | 200 | 200 |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | 500 | 750 | 850 | 1 700 |
| Free State/Vrystaat | 300 000 | 390 000 | 175 000 | 227 500 |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap | 200 | 220 | 150 | 165 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | - | - | - | - |
| Mpumalanga | 10 000 | 15 000 | 8 000 | 12 800 |
| Limpopo | 98 000 | 88 200 | 75 000 | 67 500 |
| Gauteng | 4 000 | 4 800 | 3 500 | 4 900 |
| North West/Noordwes | 230 000 | 310 500 | 135 000 | 175 235 |
| Total/Totaal | 642 700 | 809 470 | 397 700 | 490 000 |

SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON

SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN

| Province/ Provinsie | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11 | 3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11 | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10 | Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10 |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap | - | - | - | - |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | 500 | 1 500 | 650 | 1 950 |
| Free State/Vrystaat | 135 000 | 189 000 | 95 000 | 151 950 |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap | 1 000 | 1 500 | 800 | 1 200 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 34 000 | 88 400 | 30 000 | 73 500 |
| Mpumalanga | 190 000 | 266 000 | 145 000 | 239 600 |
| Limpopo | 23 500 | 58 750 | 18 000 | 50 400 |
| Gauteng | 14 000 | 21 700 | 12 000 | 20 400 |
| North West/Noordwes | 20 000 | 50 000 | 10 000 | 27 000 |
| Total/Totaal | 418 000 | 676 850 | 311 450 | 566 000 |

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

| Province/ Provinsie | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11 | 3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11 | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10 | Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10 |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap | - | - | - | - |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | 7 500 | 22 500 | 10 000 | 27 120 |
| Free State/Vrystaat | 23 000 | 32 200 | 25 000 | 35 000 |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap | - | - | - | - |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 150 | 225 | 200 | 300 |
| Mpumalanga | - | - | - | - |
| Limpopo | 2 500 | 4 250 | 2 200 | 3 520 |
| Gauteng | - | - | 50 | 60 |
| North West/Noordwes | 22 000 | 26 400 | 20 000 | 22 000 |
| Total/Totaal | 55 150 | 85 575 | 57 450 | 88 000 |

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

| Province/ Provinsie | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11 | 3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11 | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10 | Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10 |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap | - | - | - | - |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | - | - | 25 | 60 |
| Free State/Vrystaat | 43 000 | 116 100 | 50 000 | 102 000 |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap | - | - | - | - |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 200 | 600 | 150 | 480 |
| Mpumalanga | 13 000 | 50 700 | 15 000 | 47 800 |
| Limpopo | 8 000 | 20 800 | 15 000 | 30 000 |
| Gauteng | 1 000 | 2 800 | 1 000 | 2 960 |
| North West/Noordwes | 4 000 | 10 800 | 5 500 | 13 200 |
| Total/Totaal | 69 200 | 201 800 | 86 675 | 196 500 |

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

| Province/ Provinsie | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11 | 3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11 | Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10 | Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10 |
|--------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap | 100 | 320 | 100 | 300 |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | 500 | 1 000 | 600 | 1 200 |
| Free State/Vrystaat | 15 000 | 12 000 | 16 000 | 14 400 |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap | 100 | 100 | 400 | 480 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 4 000 | 4 800 | 3 000 | 4 500 |
| Mpumalanga | 10 000 | 10 000 | 10 500 | 12 075 |
| Limpopo | 5 200 | 10 400 | 5 500 | 9 350 |
| Gauteng | 2 000 | 2 000 | 3 500 | 4 550 |
| North West/Noordwes | 5 000 | 7 000 | 4 500 | 5 400 |
| Total/Totaal | 41 900 | 47 620 | 44 100 | 52 255 |

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**AREA AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2010/11 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
20 APRIL 2011**

Summer field crops – 2010/11 production season

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 10,883 mill. tons, which is 0,48 % or 52 000 tons higher than the previous forecast of 10,831 mill. tons. The main reason for this increase is the higher yield of yellow maize for Mpumalanga, based on the objective yield survey of the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC).

The area estimate for maize is 2,372 mill. ha, whilst the expected yield is 4,59 t/ha as against 4,57 t/ha of the previous forecast.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,418 mill. ha and for yellow maize it is 954 000 ha.

The production forecast of white maize remained unchanged at 6,261 mill. tons, with an expected yield of 4,41 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,622 mill. tons, which is 52 000 tons more than the 4,570 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,84 t/ha as against 4,79 t/ha of the previous forecast.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 809 470 tons, which is 21 750 tons less than the 831 220 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 642 700 ha, and the expected yield is 1,26 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 676 850 tons, which is 32 500 tons less than the 709 350 tons of the previous forecast. It is estimated that 418 000 ha have been planted to soya-beans, whilst the expected yield is 1,62 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 85 575 tons. For groundnuts the area estimate is 55 150 ha, and the expected yield is 1,55 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** also remained unchanged at 201 800 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 69 200 ha and the expected yield is 2,92 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast is 47 620 tons, which is 5,74% less than the 50 520 tons of the previous forecast. For dry beans, the area estimate is 41 900 ha, and the expected yield is 1,14 t/ha.

Please note that the fourth production forecast for summer field crops for the 2010/11 production season will be released on 24 May 2011.

Somergewasse – 2010/11 produksie-seisoen

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 10,883 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,48% of 52 000 ton hoër is as die vorige skatting van 10,831 milj. ton. Die hoofrede vir hierdie toename is die hoër opbrengs vir geelmielies in Mpumalanga gebaseer op die resultate van die objektiewe opbrengs wat verkry is vanaf die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium.

Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,372 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,59 t/ha teenoor die 4,57 t/ha van die vorige skatting beloop.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,418 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is dit 954 000 ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is onveranderd gelaat op 6,261 miljoen ton, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 4,41 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,622 miljoen ton, wat 52 000 ton meer is as die 4,570 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,84 t/ha teenoor die 4,79 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 809 470 ton, wat 21 750 ton minder is as die 831 220 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 642 700 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,26 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 676 850 ton, wat 32 500 ton minder is as die 709 350 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 418 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,62 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 85 575 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 55 150 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs 1,55 t/ha.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 201 800 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 69 200 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,92 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 47 620 ton, wat 5,74% minder is as die 50 520 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir droëbone is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 41 900 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,14 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2010/11, produksieseisoen op 24 Mei 2011 vrygestel sal word.

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WINTERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2011-SEISOEN

WINTER CEREALS –INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2011 SEASON

| GEWAS/CROP | Voorname/ Intentions* 2011 Ha (A) | Opp beplant/ Area planted 2010 Ha (B) | Finale skatting/ Final estimate 2010 Tons (C) | Verandering/ Change % |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|---------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) ÷ (B) |
| Koring/Wheat | 598 500 | 558 100 | 1 464 970 | +7,24 |
| Moutgars/Malting barley | 82 000 | 82 670 | 200 035 | -0,81 |
| Kanola/Canola | 33 000 | 34 820 | 37 950 | -5,23 |
| Totaal/Total | 713 500 | 675 590 | 1 702 955 | +5,61 |

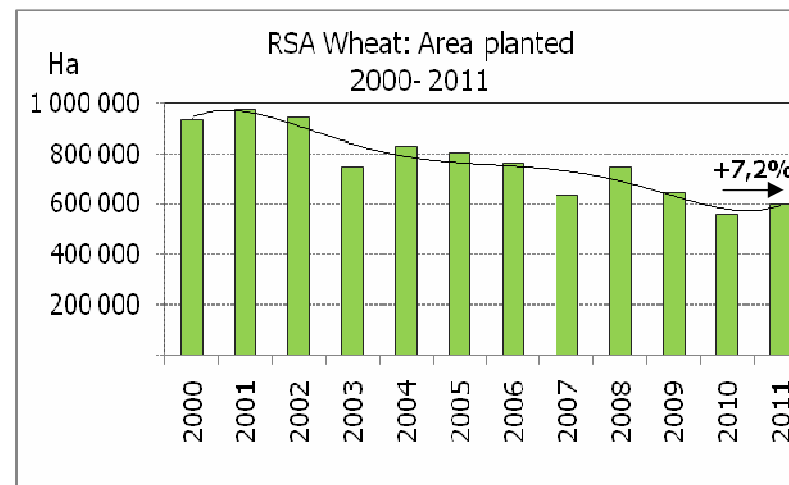
* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2011 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2011.

KORING – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2011-SEISOEN

WHEAT – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2011 SEASON

| Provinsie/ Province | Voorname/ Intentions Ha 2011 | Opp beplant/ Area planted Ha 2010 | Finale skatting/ Final estimate Tons 2010 |
|--------------------------|---|--|--|
| Wes-Kaap/Western Cape | 274 000 | 265 000 | 556 500 |
| Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape | 44 000 | 38 000 | 254 600 |
| Vrystaat/Free State | 220 000 | 204 000 | 377 400 |
| Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape | 5 000 | 4 500 | 18 900 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 7 000 | 6 100 | 31 720 |
| Mpumalanga | 6 000 | 4 500 | 24 300 |
| Limpopo | 16 000 | 12 500 | 68 750 |
| Gauteng | 1 500 | 1 500 | 9 600 |
| Noordwes/North West | 25 000 | 22 000 | 123 200 |
| Totaal/Total | 598 500 | 558 100 | 1 464 970 |

* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2011 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2011.



INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS FOR 2011 / VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE AAN TE PLANT VIR 2011 20 April 2011

Winter cereal crops – 2011 production season

The intentions of farmers to plant are based on inputs as at the middle of April 2011, received from:

- Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Sample of producers; and
- Provincial Departments of Agriculture: PDA representatives.

The figures for wheat represent the total number of hectares that are intended to be planted for grain, excluding any hectares that will be planted for fodder and grazing.

Early indications are that producers intend to plant 598 500 ha of **wheat** for the 2011 production season. This is 40 400 ha or 7,2% more than the area planted to wheat in 2010. Apart from the previous season, this is the second smallest area planted to wheat since the early 1900's. The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 274 000 ha (46%), followed by the Free State with 220 000 ha (37%) and the Northern Cape with 44 000 ha (7%).

According to producers the increase in the expected planting of wheat can mainly be attributed to prices that are better than the previous season.

The expected area planted to **malting barley** is 82 000 ha, which shows a slight decrease of 670 ha compared to the 82 670 ha of the previous year. The expected area planted to **canola** is 33 000 ha, which is 1 820 ha less than the 34 820 ha planted in 2010.

Please note that the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for the 2011 production season will be released on 26 July 2011.

Wintergewasse – 2011 produksie-seisoen

Die voorneme van boere om te plant is gebaseer op insette soos teen die middel van April 2011, ontvang van:

- Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserie: Steekproef van produsente; en
- Provinsiale Departemente van Landbou: PDL Verteenwoordigers.

Die syfers vir koring verteenwoordig die totale aantal hektare wat werklik beplant gaan word vir graan, uitgesluit alle hektare wat beplant gaan word vir groenvoer en weiding.

Vroeë aanduidings is dat produsente van voorneme is om 598 500 ha **koring** te plant vir die 2011-produksie-seisoen. Dit is 40 400 ha of 7,2% meer koring as in 2010. Naas die vorige seisoen, is dit die tweede kleinste oppervlakte beplant met koring sedert die vroeë 1900's. Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 274 000 ha (46%), gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 220 000 ha (37%) en die Noord-Kaap met 44 000 ha (7%).

Volgens produsente kan die toename in verwagte aanplantings van koring hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan pryse wat beter is as die vorige seisoen.

Die verwagte aanplantings van **moutgars** is 82 000 ha wat 'n effense afname van 670 ha toon in vergelyking met die 82 670 ha van die vorige jaar. Die verwagte aanplantings van **kanola** is 33 000 ha wat 1 820 ha minder is as die 34 820 ha wat aangeplant was in 2010.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorlopige oppervlakteskattings vir wintergewasse vir die 2011 produksieseisoen op 26 Julie 2011 vrygestel sal word.

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