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THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2010 PRODUCTION SEASON

At a meeting held on 5 May 2011, which was chaired by a member of the National Agricultural Marketing Council, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop sizes of wheat, malting barley and canola for the 2010 production season.

The estimated production figure for wheat was revised, using the published figures of SAGIS of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculation. The figures from the wheat utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries were added to the SAGIS figures to calculate the total size of the crop.

Comparing the numbers set by the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) during February 2011, with the final calculated crop figures, the figure for wheat was estimated slightly higher (2,45%) than the final crop production figure of 1,430 mill. tons. With regard to the malting barley, the crop was estimated higher (3,11%) than the final crop production figure of 194 000 tons and with regard to canola, the crop was also estimated slightly higher by 2,85%.

The final calculated crop production figures are attached.

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provide information on a regular basis to improve the accuracy of the crop estimates. Producers who do not participate in the Department's monthly survey, are requested as a matter of urgency to make an effort to make a contribution to the crop estimation process.

This information is also available on the Internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/crop estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/crop-estimates) or <http://www.sagis.org.za/CEC>: Crop Estimates.

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CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2010 HA	FINAL CROP 2010 TONS	FINAL YIELD 2010 T/HA
Wheat	558 100	1 430 000	2,56
Malting barley	82 670	194 000	2,35
Canola	34 820	36 900	1,06

THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2010 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

CROP	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Oct 2010 - March 2011)	Estimated future deliveries (April – Sept 2011)	Retentions on farms for own use	Final crop
	Tons			
Wheat	1 356 497	44 503	29 000 ²⁾	1 430 000
Malting barley	191 400	1 100	1 500	194 000
Canola	36 757	40	103	36 900

1) SAGIS deliveries relate to the current crop.

2) Based on a survey undertaken by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.