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FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYA BEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2011

At a meeting held on 1 December 2011, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soya beans, groundnuts and sorghum for 2011.

The estimated total production figures as released by the national Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Services (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculation. The figures from the maize utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the telephonic survey conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), were added to the SAGIS figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the numbers set by the CEC during September 2011, with the final calculated crop figures, the size of the commercial maize crop was estimated 248 400 tons or 2,3% higher than the final crop production figure of 10,360 mill. tons. For white maize, the expected crop was over-estimated by 2,1% and for yellow maize by 2,7%. In the case of commercial sunflower seed, groundnuts and sorghum, the CEC has also estimated these crops higher by 0,2%, 5,9% and 0,3%, respectively. With regard to commercial soya beans, the crop was under-estimated by 0,2%.

The main reason for the over-estimation this year has been the weather patterns. In some areas there have been prolonged dry spells, followed by unpredictable rainy periods, which contributed to yield losses for most of the crops, as well as harvesting difficulties.

The final calculated crop production figures for 2011 are attached.

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provided 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 contribute to the crop estimation process.

This information is also available on the Internet at http://www.daff.gov.za/links/food_security_statistics or <http://www.sagis.org.za>.

SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR 2011:

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2011 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2011 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED 2011 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾ 2011 TONS (D)	FINAL ESTIMATE vs FINAL CROP % (D) ÷ (B)
White Maize	1 418 300	6 052 000	1 418 300	6 181 900	+2,10
Yellow Maize	954 000	4 308 000	954 000	4 426 500	+2,68
Total Maize	2 372 300	10 360 000	2 372 300	10 608 400	+2,34
Sunflower seed	642 700	860 000	642 700	861 770	+0,21
Soya beans	418 000	710 000	418 000	708 750	-0,18
Groundnuts	55 150	64 250	55 150	68 295	+5,92
Sorghum	69 200	155 000	69 200	155 430	+0,28

1) As on 27 September 2011

COMMERCIAL MAIZE:

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar-Oct 2011) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Nov 2011 - Feb 2012) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ seed Tons
White Maize	6 052 000	5 808 101	143 587	100 312
Yellow Maize	4 308 000	3 827 097	107 139	373 764
Total Maize	10 360 000	9 635 198	250 726	474 076

COMMERCIAL SUNFLOWER SEED AND SOYA BEANS:

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Jan-Oct 2011) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Nov - Dec 2011) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc. Tons
Sunflower seed	860 000	858 550	1 450	-
Soya beans	710 000	676 117	1 883	32 000

COMMERCIAL GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM:

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar-Oct 2011) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Nov 2011 - Feb 2012) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc. Tons
Groundnuts	64 250	57 294	1 696	5 260
Sorghum	155 000	148 996	2 260	3 744

2) SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the current crop

3) Projected deliveries are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries, as recorded by SAGIS