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**The third production forecast for summer crops for 2012 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012 vrygestel.**

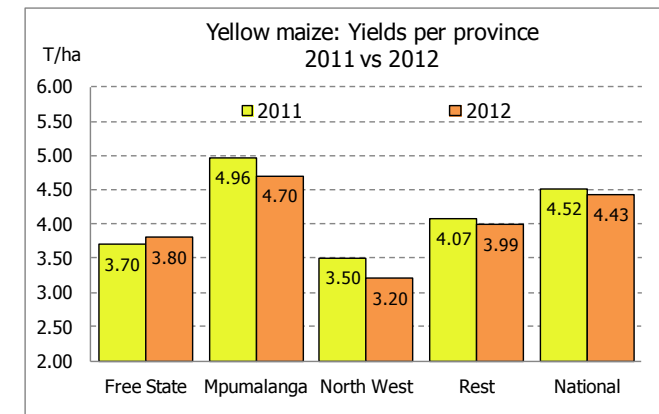
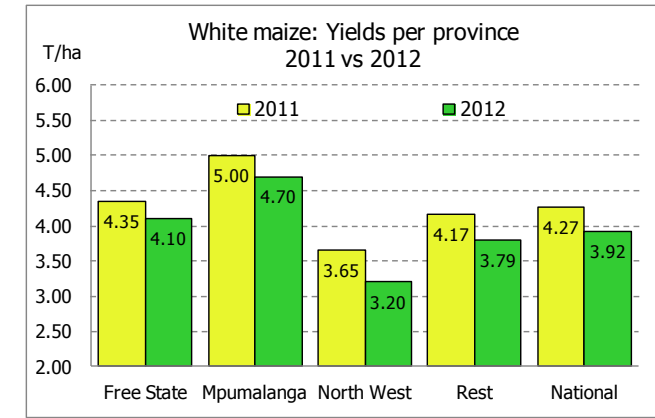
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2012 Tons (B)	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2012 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2011 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersiële:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 636 200	6 415 200	6 539 200	1 418 300	6 052 000	-1,90
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 063 000	4 705 850	4 766 350	954 000	4 308 000	-1,27
Maize/Mielies	2 699 200	11 121 050	11 305 550	2 372 300	10 360 000	-1,63
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	453 350	515 005	514 890	642 700	860 000	+0,02
Soya-beans/Sojabone	472 000	711 750	720 500	418 000	710 000	-1,21
Groundnuts/Grondbone	45 450	65 540	62 240	55 150	64 250	+5,30
Sorghum	48 550	140 600	138 825	69 200	155 000	+1,28
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 750	47 315	47 315	41 900	41 980	-
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 758 300	12 601 260	12 789 320	3 599 250	12 191 230	-1,47

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2011/12 = 2012

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2011/12 = 2012



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 THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2012			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2011			Final crop/ Finale oes 2011		
	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	2 500	3 000	5 000	25 000	30 000	300	2 000	2 300	2 000	12 400	14 400
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 200	47 000	49 200	25 300	540 500	565 800	2 000	45 000	47 000	23 000	515 200	538 200
Free State/Vrystaat	710 000	450 000	1 160 000	2 911 000	1 710 000	4 621 000	595 000	395 000	990 000	2 590 000	1 461 500	4 051 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 500	13 500	17 000	17 500	74 250	91 750	3 000	12 000	15 000	10 500	57 600	68 100
KwaZulu-Natal	44 000	45 000	89 000	228 800	247 500	476 300	39 000	42 000	81 000	214 500	235 000	449 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	290 000	450 000	752 000	1 363 000	2 115 000	180 000	260 000	440 000	900 000	1 290 000	2 190 000
Limpopo	32 000	18 000	50 000	153 600	77 400	231 000	25 000	12 000	37 000	125 000	48 000	173 000
Gauteng	74 000	42 000	116 000	370 000	172 200	542 200	74 000	41 000	115 000	362 500	180 300	542 800
North West/Noordwes	610 000	155 000	765 000	1 952 000	496 000	2 448 000	500 000	145 000	645 000	1 824 500	508 000	2 332 500
Total/Totaal	1 636 200	1 063 000	2 699 200	6 415 200	4 705 850	11 121 050	1 418 300	954 000	2 372 300	6 052 000	4 308 000	10 360 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
SONNEBLOMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	105	500	680
Free State/Vrystaat	190 000	237 500	300 000	434 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	200	220
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	10 000	13 500	10 000	12 000
Limpopo	100 000	95 000	98 000	98 000
Gauteng	3 000	3 900	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	150 000	165 000	230 000	310 300
Total/Totaal	453 350	515 005	642 700	860 000

SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	1 500	500	1 500
Free State/Vrystaat	175 000	245 000	135 000	190 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	500	750	1 000	1 500
KwaZulu-Natal	34 000	83 300	34 000	92 000
Mpumalanga	200 000	260 000	190 000	294 500
Limpopo	22 000	52 800	23 500	58 800
Gauteng	19 000	28 500	14 000	21 700
North West/Noordwes	21 000	39 900	20 000	50 000
Total/Totaal	472 000	711 750	418 000	710 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	6 500	17 550	7 500	18 950
Free State/Vrystaat	20 000	25 000	23 000	20 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	150	150	200
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 800	3 640	2 500	3 500
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	16 000	19 200	22 000	20 900
Total/Totaal	45 450	65 540	55 150	64 250

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	58 300	43 000	81 550
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	200	700	200	600
Mpumalanga	11 500	48 300	13 000	46 500
Limpopo	10 000	21 000	8 000	14 000
Gauteng	350	1 050	1 000	2 750
North West/Noordwes	4 500	11 250	4 000	9 600
Total/Totaal	48 550	140 600	69 200	155 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	500	1 000	100	320
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	750	1 500	500	1 000
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	17 600	15 000	10 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	240	100	100
KwaZulu-Natal	4 000	5 200	4 000	4 800
Mpumalanga	6 300	7 875	10 000	8 500
Limpopo	5 000	6 000	5 200	9 360
Gauteng	2 000	2 400	2 000	1 900
North West/Noordwes	5 000	5 500	5 000	5 500
Total/Totaal	39 750	47 315	41 900	41 980

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- 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
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- 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

**AREA AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2012)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2012)
24 APRIL 2012**

Summer field crops – 2012

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 11,121 mill. tons, which is 1,63% or 184 500 tons lower than the previous forecast of 11,306 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,699 mill. ha, whilst the expected yield is 4,12 t/ha as against 4,19 t/ha of the previous forecast.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,636 mill. ha and for yellow maize it is 1,063 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,415 mill. tons, which is 124 000 tons less than the 6,539 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,92 t/ha as against 4,00 t/ha of the previous forecast. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,706 mill. tons, which is 60 500 tons less than the 4,766 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,43 t/ha as against 4,48 t/ha of the previous forecast.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 515 005 tons, which is slightly more than the 514 890 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 453 350 ha, with an expected yield of 1,14 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 711 750 tons, which is 8 750 tons less than the 720 500 tons of the previous forecast. It is estimated that 472 000 ha have been planted to soya-beans, whilst the expected yield is 1,51 t/ha as against 1,53 t/ha of the last forecast.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 65 540 tons, which is 3 300 tons more than the 62 240 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts the area estimate is 45 450 ha, whilst the expected yield is 1,44 t/ha as against 1,37 t/ha of the last forecast.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 140 600 tons, which is 1 775 tons more than the 138 825 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 48 550 ha. The expected yield is 2,90 t/ha as against 2,86 t/ha of the previous forecast.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast remained unchanged at 47 315 tons. For dry beans, the area estimate is 39 750 ha, and the expected yield is also 1,19 t/ha.

Please note that the fourth production forecast for summer field crops for 2012 will be released on 24 May 2012.

Information is available on the internet at http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

Somergewasse – 2012

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 11,121 milj. ton gestel, wat 1,63% of 184 500 ton laer is as die vorige skatting van 11,306 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,699 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,12 t/ha is teenoor die 4,19 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,636 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is dit 1,063 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,415 miljoen ton, 124 000 ton minder as die 6,539 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,92 t/ha teenoor die 4,00 t/ha van die vorige skatting. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,706 milj. ton, wat 60 500 ton minder is as die 4,766 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,43 t/ha teenoor die 4,48 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 515 005 ton, wat effens meer is as die 514 890 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 453 350 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,14 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 711 750 ton, wat 8 750 ton minder is as die 720 500 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 472 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,51 t/ha is teenoor die 1,53 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 65 540 ton, wat 3 300 ton meer is as die 62 240 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 45 450 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,44 t/ha is teenoor die 1,37 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 140 600 ton, wat 1 775 ton meer is as die 138 825 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 48 550 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,90 t/ha teenoor die 2,86 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 47 315 ton. Vir droëbone is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 39 750 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,19 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012 op 24 Mei 2012 vrygestel sal word.

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The preliminary non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2012 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die voorlopige nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2012 vrygestel.

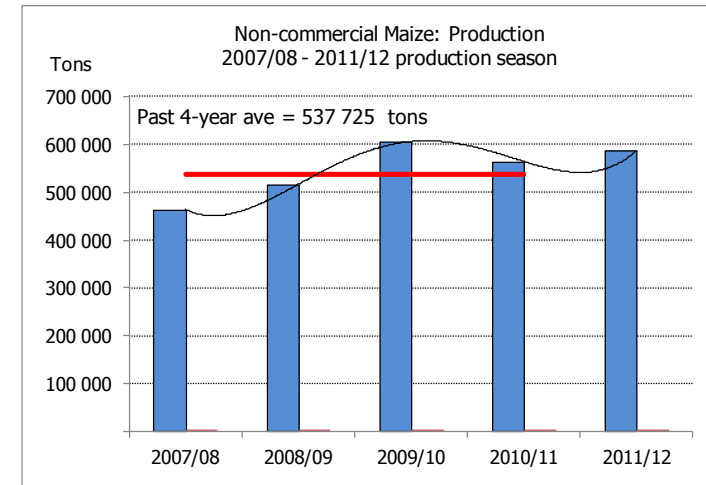
PRELIMINARY NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012

VOORLOPIGE NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	Estimate/ Skatting 2012 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2011 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	304 803	375 499	346 917	395 887	-5,15
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	141 721	211 473	139 843	168 448	+25,54
Maize/Mielies	446 524	586 972	486 760	564 335	+4,01

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 446 524 ha, which represents a decrease of 8,3 % compared to the 486 760 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 586 972 tons, which is 4,0 % higher than the 564 335 tons of last season. The increase in production can mainly be attributed to the higher yield of maize for the Eastern Cape, as compared to the previous season. It is important to note that about 60% of the maize planted in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape.

Die oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 446 524 ha, wat 'n afname van 8,3 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 486 760 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 586 972 ton, wat 4,0 % hoër is as die 564 335 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die toename in produksie vir mielies kan hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan die hoër opbrengs wat vir die Oos-Kaap verwag word, in vergelyking met die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 60% van die mielies wat aangeplant word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.



WINTERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2012

WINTER CEREALS –INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2012

GEWAS/CROP	Voorneme/ Intentions* 2012 Ha (A)	Opp beplant/ Area planted 2011 Ha (B)	Finale skatting/ Final estimate 2011 Tons (C)	Verandering/ Change %
				(A) ÷ (B)
Koring/Wheat	547 200	604 700	1 905 280	-9,50
Moutgars/Malting barley	82 800	80 150	309 000	+3,30
Kanola/Canola	50 000	43 510	59 490	+14,90
Totaal/Total	680 000	728 360	2 273 770	-6,64

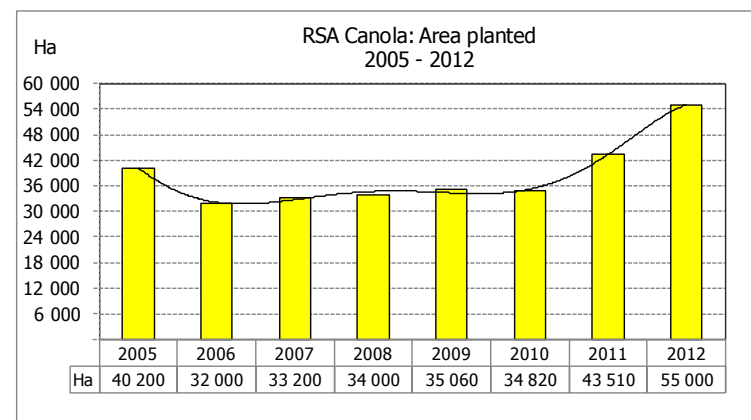
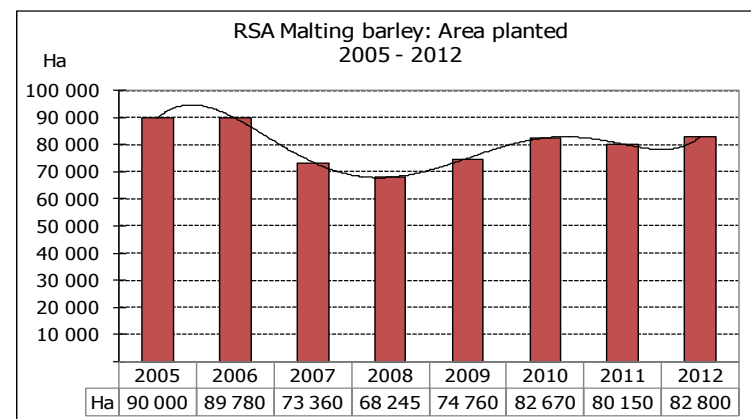
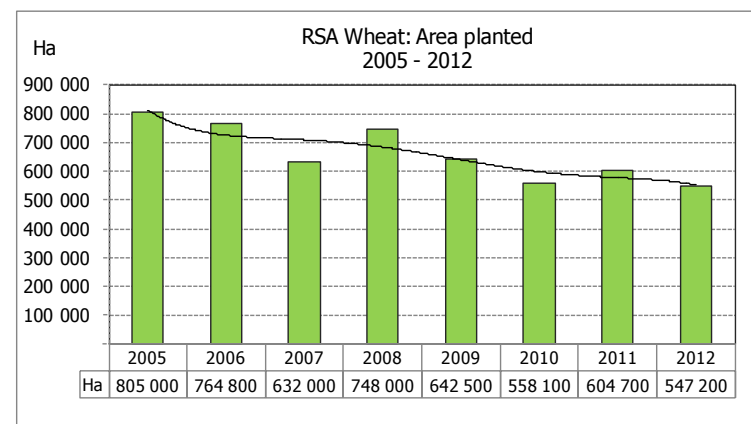
* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2012 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2012.

KORING – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2012

WHEAT – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2012

Provinsie/ Province	Voorneme/ Intentions Ha 2012	Opp beplant/ Area planted Ha 2011	Finale skatting/ Final estimate Tons 2011
Wes-Kaap/Western Cape	265 000	265 000	675 750
Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape	44 000	42 000	281 400
Vrystaat/Free State	168 000	225 000	551 250
Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape	4 500	5 000	20 500
KwaZulu-Natal	7 000	7 500	38 250
Mpumalanga	4 700	5 500	31 350
Limpopo	31 000	31 000	170 500
Gauteng	1 500	1 700	10 880
Noordwes/North West	21 500	22 000	125 400
Totaal/Total	547 200	604 700	1 905 280

* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2012 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2012.



INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS FOR 2012 / VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE AAN TE PLANT VIR 2012
24 April 2012

Winter cereal crops – 2012

The intentions of farmers to plant are based on inputs as at the middle of April 2012, 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 547 200 ha of **wheat** for the 2012 season. This is 57 500 ha or 9,5% less than the area planted to wheat in 2011. This is also the smallest area planted to wheat since the early 1900's. The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 265 000 ha (48%), followed by the Free State with 168 000 ha (31%) and the Northern Cape with 44 000 ha (8%).

According to producers the decrease in the expected planting of wheat can mainly be attributed to low prices (no longer profitable), as well as grading regulations. With specific reference to the Free State, producers also indicated that they are going to plant less wheat due to low soil moisture levels.

The expected area planted to **malting barley** is 82 800 ha, which is 2 650 ha or 3,3% more than the 80 150 ha of the previous year. The expected area planted to **canola** is 50 000 ha, which is 6 490 ha or 14,9% more than the 43 510 ha planted in 2011. On record, this is the largest area planted to canola.

Please note that the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for 2012 will be released on 24 July 2012.

Wintergewasse – 2012

Die voorneme van boere om te plant is gebaseer op insette soos teen die middel van April 2012, ontvang van:

- Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye: 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 547 200 ha **koring** te plant vir die 2012-produksie-seisoen. Dit is 57 500 ha of 9,5% minder koring as in 2011. Hierdie is ook die kleinste oppervlakte beplant met koring sedert die vroeë 1900's. Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 265 000 ha (48%), gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 168 000 ha (31%) en die Noord-Kaap met 44 000 ha (8%).

Volgens produsente kan die afname in verwagte aanplantings van koring hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan lae pryse (nie meer winsgewend) en graderingsregulasies. Met spesifieke verwysing na die Vrystaat, het produsente ook aangedui dat hulle minder koring gaan plant as gevolg van lae grondvogtoestande.

Die verwagte aanplantings van **moutgars** is 82 800 ha – 2 650 ha of 3,3% meer as die 80 150 ha van die vorige jaar. Die verwagte aanplantings van **kanola** is 50 000 ha, wat 6 490 ha of 14,9% meer is as die 43 510 ha wat aangeplant was in 2011. Volgens rekords, is dit die grootste oppervlakte beplant met kanola.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorlopige oppervlakeskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2012 op 24 Julie 2012 vrygestel sal word.

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