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The seventh production forecast for summer crops for 2012 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die sewende produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012 vrygestel.

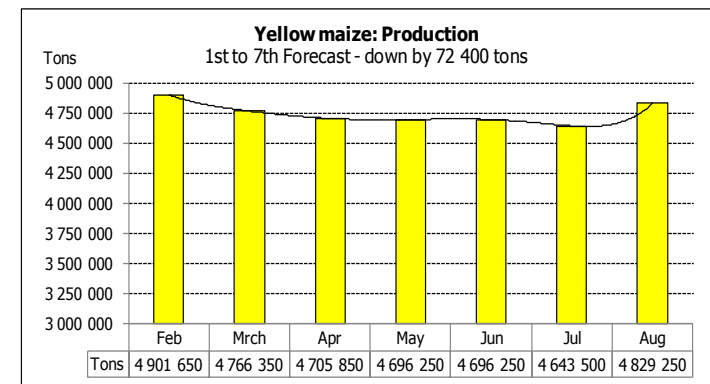
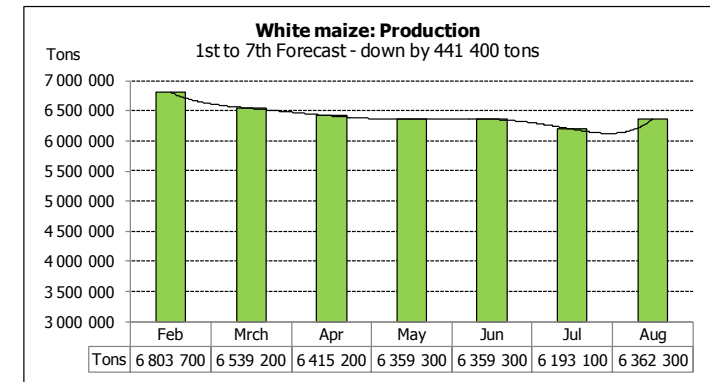
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	7th forecast/ 7de skatting 2012 Tons (B)	6th forecast/ 6de 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	6 362 300	6 193 100	1 418 300	6 052 000	+2,73
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 063 000	4 829 650	4 643 500	954 000	4 308 000	+4,01
Maize/Mielies	2 699 200	11 191 950	10 836 600	2 372 300	10 360 000	+3,28
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	453 350	527 110	527 110	642 700	860 000	-
Soya-beans/Sojabone	472 000	646 950	655 700	418 000	710 000	-1,33
Groundnuts/Grondbone	45 450	60 290	60 290	55 150	64 250	-
Sorghum	48 550	137 150	137 150	69 200	155 000	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 750	47 695	47 695	41 900	41 980	-
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 758 300	12 611 145	12 264 545	3 599 250	12 191 230	+2,83

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 officials of the following institutions:

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute); and Statistics SA

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			7th forecast/ 7de 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	242 000	256 500	498 500	39 000	42 000	81 000	214 500	235 000	449 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	290 000	450 000	776 000	1 479 000	2 255 000	180 000	260 000	440 000	900 000	1 290 000	2 190 000
Limpopo	32 000	18 000	50 000	150 400	72 000	222 400	25 000	12 000	37 000	125 000	48 000	173 000
Gauteng	74 000	42 000	116 000	344 100	176 400	520 500	74 000	41 000	115 000	362 500	180 300	542 800
North West/Noordwes	610 000	155 000	765 000	1 891 000	496 000	2 387 000	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	6 362 300	4 829 650	11 191 950	1 418 300	954 000	2 372 300	6 052 000	4 308 000	10 360 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	7th forecast/ 7de skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	210	500	680
Free State/Vrystaat	190 000	247 000	300 000	434 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	200	220
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	10 000	13 500	10 000	12 000
Limpopo	100 000	90 000	98 000	98 000
Gauteng	3 000	3 900	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	150 000	172 500	230 000	310 300
Total/Totaal	453 350	527 110	642 700	860 000

SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	7th forecast/ 7de 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	192 500	135 000	190 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	500	750	1 000	1 500
KwaZulu-Natal	34 000	81 600	34 000	92 000
Mpumalanga	200 000	260 000	190 000	294 500
Limpopo	22 000	50 600	23 500	58 800
Gauteng	19 000	28 500	14 000	21 700
North West/Noordwes	21 000	31 500	20 000	50 000
Total/Totaal	472 000	646 950	418 000	710 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	7th forecast/ 7de 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	16 900	7 500	18 950
Free State/Vrystaat	20 000	22 000	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	17 600	22 000	20 900
Total/Totaal	45 450	60 290	55 150	64 250

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	7th forecast/ 7de 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	60 500	43 000	81 550
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	200	800	200	600
Mpumalanga	11 500	49 450	13 000	46 500
Limpopo	10 000	15 000	8 000	14 000
Gauteng	350	1 050	1 000	2 750
North West/Noordwes	4 500	10 350	4 000	9 600
Total/Totaal	48 550	137 150	69 200	155 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	7th forecast/ 7de 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	8 505	10 000	8 500
Limpopo	5 000	6 250	5 200	9 360
Gauteng	2 000	2 400	2 000	1 900
North West/Noordwes	5 000	5 000	5 000	5 500
Total/Totaal	39 750	47 695	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
- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 15:30
- 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
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- Individual information received for crop estimate purposes is treated strictly confidential, and is not divulged for any other purposes

**AREA AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2012)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2012)
28 AUGUST/28 AUGUSTUS 2012**

Summer field crops – 2012

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 11,192 mill. tons, which is 3% or 355 350 tons higher than the previous forecast of 10,837 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,699 mill. ha, whilst the expected yield is 4,15 t/ha.

The reason for the higher estimate is based on recent producer deliveries, as monitored by SAGIS, which were higher than expected.

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 6,362 mill. tons, which is 169 200 tons more than the 6,193 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,89 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,830 mill. tons, which is 186 150 tons more than the 4,644 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,54 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 527 110 tons, which remained unchanged from the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 453 350 ha, with an expected yield of 1,16 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 646 950 tons, which is 8 750 tons less than the 655 700 tons of the previous forecast. It is estimated that 472 000 ha have been planted to soya-beans, whilst the expected yield is 1,37 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 60 290 tons, compared to the previous forecast. For groundnuts the area estimate is 45 450 ha, whilst the expected yield is 1,33 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 137 150 tons, compared to the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 48 550 ha. The expected yield is 2,82 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast also remained the same at 47 695 tons. For dry beans, the area estimate is 39 750 ha, and the expected yield is 1,20 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for summer field crops for 2012 (current production season) will be released on 26 September 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

Kommerciële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 11,192 milj. ton gestel, wat 3% of 355 350 ton hoër is as die vorige skatting van 10,837 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,699 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,15 t/ha is.

Die rede vir die hoër skatting is gebaseer op onlangse produsentelewerings, soos gemonitor deur SAGIS, wat hoër as verwag was.

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

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,362 milj. ton, 169 200 ton meer as die 6,193 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,89 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,830 milj. ton, wat 186 150 ton meer is as die 4,644 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,54 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 527 110 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 453 350 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,16 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 646 950 ton, wat 8 750 ton minder is as die 655 700 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 472 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,37 t/ha is.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 60 290 ton, in vergelyking met die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 45 450 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,33 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 137 150 ton, in vergelyking met die die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 48 550 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,82 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting ook onveranderd gelaat op 47 695 ton. Vir droëbone is die oppervlakte beplant 39 750 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,20 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012 (huidige produksie-seisoen) op 26 September 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.

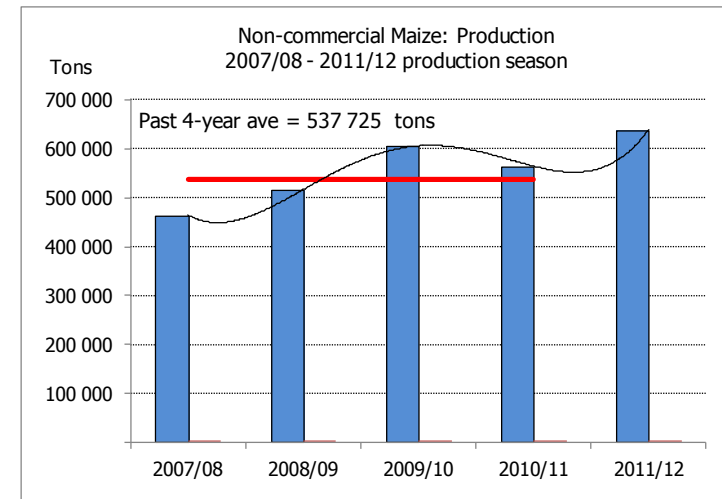
PRELIMINARY NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2012

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

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 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	302 316	429 329	346 917	395 887	+8,45
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	139 798	209 134	139 843	168 448	+24,15
Maize/Mielies	442 114	638 463	486 760	564 335	+13,14

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 442 114 ha, which represents a decrease of 9,17% compared to the 486 760 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 638 463 tons, which is 13,14 % 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 442 114 ha, wat 'n afname van 9,17 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 486 760 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 638 463 ton, wat 13,14 % 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.

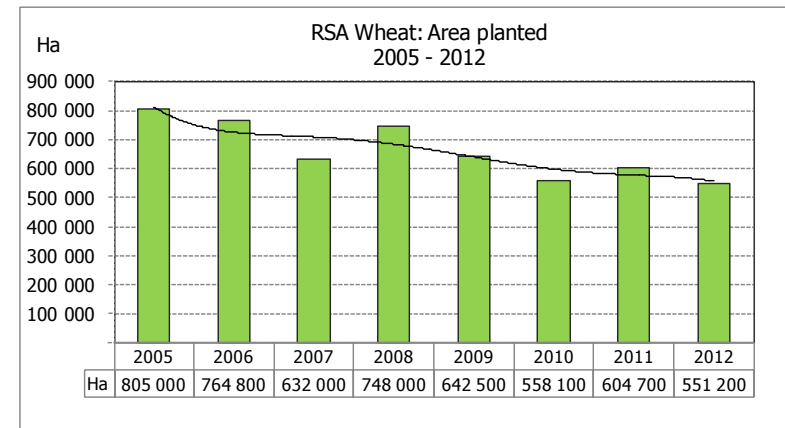


The revised area estimate for winter cereals for the 2012 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2012 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – REVISED AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012

WINTERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

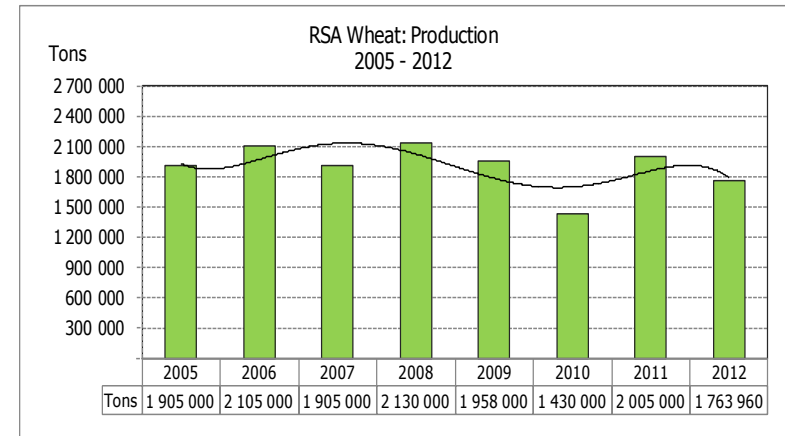
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2012 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2011 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
Wheat/Koring	551 200	1 763 960	604 700	2 005 000	-12,02
Malting barley/Moutgars	84 940	300 638	80 150	312 000	-3,64
Canola/Kanola	44 100	66 135	43 510	58 800	+12,47
Total/Totaal	680 240	2 130 733	728 360	2 375 800	-10,32



WHEAT – REVISED AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012

KORING – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2012 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2011 Tons (D)
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	272 000	734 400	265 000	710 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	42 000	273 000	42 000	336 000
Free State/Vrystaat	170 000	391 000	225 000	550 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	4 500	18 900	5 000	21 000
KwaZulu-Natal	6 500	32 500	7 500	40 500
Mpumalanga	4 700	27 260	5 500	34 200
Limpopo	30 000	165 000	31 000	176 000
Gauteng	1 500	9 900	1 700	11 300
North West/Noordwes	20 000	112 000	22 000	125 500
Total/Totaal	551 200	1 763 960	604 700	2 005 000



**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE OF WINTER CROPS (2012) /
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2012)
28 AUGUST/ 28 AUGUSTUS 2012**

Winter cereal crops - 2012 production season

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 1,764 mill. tons, which is 12,02% less than the previous seasons' crop of 2,005 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,20 t/ha.

The decrease in the expected planting of wheat can mainly be attributed to low prices (no longer profitable), as well as grading regulations.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 734 400 tons (42%), which is 24 400 tons higher than the 710 000 tons produced in the previous season. In the Free State, the expected production is 391 000 tons (22%), which is 159 500 tons less than the previous seasons' crop of 550 500 tons. In the Northern Cape, 273 000 tons (15%) is expected to be produced.

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 551 200 ha, which is 4 500 ha more than the 546 700 ha of the previous forecast. An estimated 272 000 ha or 49% is planted in the Western Cape, 170 000 ha or 31% in the Free State and 42 000 ha or 8% in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 300 638 tons, which is 3,64% or 11 362 tons less than the previous seasons' crop of 312 000 tons. The area planted is estimated at 84 940 ha, while the expected yield is 3,54 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop is 66 135 tons, which is 12,47% or 7 335 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 58 800 tons. The area estimate for canola is 44 100 ha, with an expected yield of 1,50 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for winter cereals for 2012 will be released on 26 September 2012.

Wintergewasse - 2012 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 1,764 milj. ton, wat 12,02% minder is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 2,005 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,20 t/ha is.

Die afname in verwagte aanplantings van koring kan hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan lae pryse (nie meer winsgewend) en graderingsregulasies.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 734 400 ton (42%), wat 24 400 ton hoër is as die 710 000 ton geproduseer in die vorige seisoen. In die Vrystaat is die verwagte produksie 391 000 ton (22%), wat 159 500 ton minder is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 550 500 ton. In die Noord-Kaap is die beraamde produksie 273 000 ton (15%).

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is hersien na 272 200 ha, wat 4 500 ha meer is as die 546 700 ha teenoor die vorige skatting. Die beraamde oppervlakte geplant in die Wes-Kaap is 272 000 ha of 49%, die Vrystaat is 170 000 ha of 31% en 42 000 ha of 8% is in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 300 638 ton, wat 3,64% or 11 362 ton minder is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 312 000 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 84 940 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,54 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is 66 135 ton, wat 12,47% of 7 335 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 58 800 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 44 100 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,50 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2012 op 26 September 2012 vrygestel sal word.

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