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

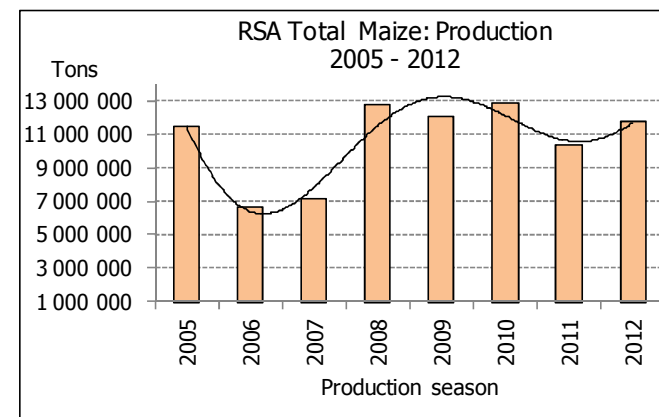
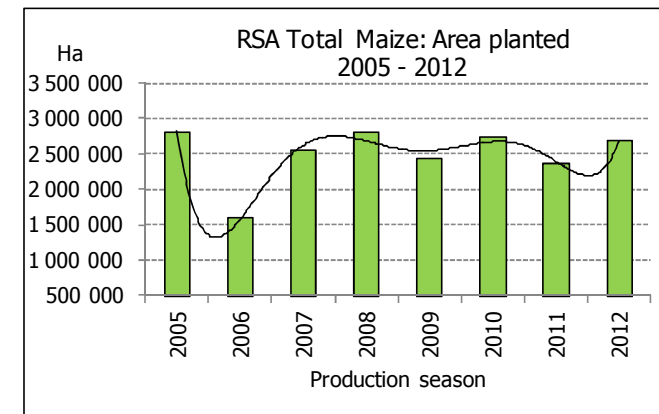
**SUMMER CROPS** – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012

**SOMERGEWASSE** – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2012 Ha (A)	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> skatting  2012 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2011 Ha (C)	Finale oes/ Final crop  2011 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering/  %
Commercial/Kommersiële:					
White maize/Witmielies	1 632 200	6 803 700	1 418 300	6 052 000	+12,42
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 050 000	4 901 650	954 000	4 308 000	+13,78
Maize/Mielies	2 682 200	11 705 350	2 372 300	10 360 000	+12,99
Sunflower seed/Sunflower seed	443 300	540 820	642 700	860 000	-37,11
Soya-beans/Sojabone	472 000	755 950	418 000	710 000	+6,47
Groundnuts/Grondbone	45 450	67 165	55 150	64 250	+4,54
Sorghum	48 550	145 150	69 200	155 000	-6,35
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 750	50 530	41 900	41 980	+20,37
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 731 250	13 264 965	3 599 250	12 191 230	+8,81

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

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



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**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> 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	3 088 500	1 845 000	4 933 500	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	231 000	247 500	478 500	39 000	42 000	81 000	214 500	235 000	449 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	290 000	450 000	784 000	1 421 000	2 205 000	180 000	260 000	440 000	900 000	1 290 000	2 190 000
Limpopo	28 000	15 000	43 000	140 000	64 500	204 500	25 000	12 000	37 000	125 000	48 000	173 000
Gauteng	74 000	42 000	116 000	377 400	176 400	553 800	74 000	41 000	115 000	362 500	180 300	542 800
North West/Noordwes	610 000	145 000	755 000	2 135 000	507 500	2 642 500	500 000	145 000	645 000	1 824 500	508 000	2 332 500
Total/Totaal	1 632 200	1 050 000	2 682 200	6 803 700	4 901 650	11 705 350	1 418 300	954 000	2 372 300	6 052 000	4 308 000	10 360 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	300	420	500	680
Free State/Vrystaat	180 000	243 000	300 000	434 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	200	220
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	10 000	13 500	10 000	12 000
Limpopo	100 000	100 000	98 000	98 000
Gauteng	3 000	3 900	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	150 000	180 000	230 000	310 300
Total/Totaal	443 300	540 820	642 700	860 000

**SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> 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	262 500	135 000	190 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	500	750	1 000	1 500
KwaZulu-Natal	34 000	86 700	34 000	92 000
Mpumalanga	200 000	280 000	190 000	294 500
Limpopo	25 000	60 000	23 500	58 800
Gauteng	19 000	28 500	14 000	21 700
North West/Noordwes	18 000	36 000	20 000	50 000
Total/Totaal	472 000	755 950	418 000	710 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> 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	16 250	7 500	18 950
Free State/Vrystaat	20 000	26 000	23 000	20 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	195	150	200
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 800	3 920	2 500	3 500
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	16 000	20 800	22 000	20 900
Total/Totaal	45 450	67 165	55 150	64 250

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> 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	600	200	600
Mpumalanga	11 500	48 300	13 000	46 500
Limpopo	10 000	23 000	8 000	14 000
Gauteng	350	1 050	1 000	2 750
North West/Noordwes	4 500	11 700	4 000	9 600
Total/Totaal	48 550	145 150	69 200	155 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012****DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> 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	19 200	15 000	10 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	240	100	100
KwaZulu-Natal	4 000	6 000	4 000	4 800
Mpumalanga	6 300	8 190	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	6 000	5 000	5 500
Total/Totaal	39 750	50 530	41 900	41 980

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**REVISED AREA AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2012)/  
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2012)  
28 FEBRUARY / FEBRUARIE 2012**

**Summer field crops – 2012**

**Commercial maize:** The revised area estimate for maize is 2,682 mill. ha, which is 13,06% or 309 900 ha more than the 2,372 mill. ha planted for the previous season. The expected commercial maize crop is 11,705 mill. tons, which is 12,99% more than the 10,360 mill. tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 4,36 t/ha as against 4,37 t/ha of the previous season.

The revised area estimate for the Northern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Gauteng and North West provinces is based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) as conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), which is led by the ARC. Information on PICES for the Limpopo province will be available in March 2012.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,632 mill. ha, which represents an increase of 15,08% or 213 900 ha compared to the 1,418 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 1,050 mill. ha, which is 10,06% or 96 000 ha more than the 954 000 ha planted last season.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,804 mill. tons, which is 12,42% more than the 6,052 mill. tons of last season. The yield for white maize is 4,17 t/ha as against 4,27 t/ha the previous season. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,902 mill. tons, which is 13,78% more than the 4,308 mill. tons of last season. The yield for yellow maize is 4,67 t/ha as against 4,52 t/ha the previous season. The main reason for the higher yield for yellow maize as against the previous season, is the larger area planted under irrigation.

**Sunflower seed:** The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 443 300 ha, which is 31,03% less than the 642 700 ha planted the previous season. The production forecast for sunflower seed is 540 820 tons, which is 37,11% less than the 860 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,22 t/ha as against 1,34 t/ha of the previous season.

**Other crops:** It is estimated that 472 000 ha have been planted to **soya-beans**, which represents an increase of 12,92% compared to the 418 000 ha planted last season. The production forecast for soya-beans is 755 950 tons, which is 6,47% more than the 710 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,60 t/ha as against 1,70 t/ha last season.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 45 450 ha, which is 17,59% less than the 55 150 ha planted for the previous season. The expected groundnut crop is 67 165 tons, which is 4,54% more than the 64 250 tons of last season. The expected yield is 1,48 t/ha as against 1,17 t/ha last season.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 29,84%, from 69 200 ha to 48 550 ha against the previous season. The production forecast for sorghum is 145 150 tons, which is 6,35% lower than the 155 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 2,99 t/ha as against 2,24 t/ha of the previous season.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 39 750 ha, which is 5,13% less than the 41 900 ha planted for the previous season. In the case of dry beans the production forecast is 50 530 tons, which is 20,37% more than the 41 980 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,27 t/ha as against 1,00 t/ha of the previous season.

**Please note that the second production forecast for summer field crops for 2012 will be released on 27 March 2012.**

**Somergewasse – 2012**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die hersiene skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,682 milj. ha, wat 13,06% of 309 900 ha meer is as die 2,372 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is 11,705 milj. ton wat 12,99% meer is as die 10,360 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 4,36 t/ha teenoor die 4,37 t/ha die vorige seisoen.

Die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir die Noord-Kaap, Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies is gebaseer op inligting soos verkry vanaf die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES"), soos deur die LNR-geleide Konsortium gerapporteer. Inligting vanaf PICES vir die Limpopo provinsie sal in Maart 2012 gerapporteer word.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,632 milj. ha, wat 'n toename van 15,08% of 213 900 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,418 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 1,050 milj. ha, wat 10,06% of 96 000 ha meer is as die 954 000 ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,804 miljoen ton, 12,42% meer as die 6,052 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,17 t/ha teenoor die 4,27 t/ha van die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,902 miljoen ton, wat 13,78% meer is as die 4,308 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,67 t/ha teenoor die 4,52t/ha van die vorige seisoen. Die hoofrede vir die hoër opbrengs vir geelmielies teenoor die vorige seisoen, is die groter oppervlakte beplant onder besproeiing.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 443 300 ha, wat 31,03% minder is as die 642 700 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 540 820 ton, wat 37,11% minder is as die 860 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,22 t/ha teenoor die 1,34 t/ha die vorige seisoen.

**Ander gewasse:** Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 472 000 ha, wat 'n toename van 12,92% verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 418 000 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van sojabone is 755 950 ton, wat 6,47% meer is as die 710 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,60 t/ha teenoor die 1,70 t/ha die vorige seisoen.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 45 450 ha, wat 17,59% minder is as die 55 150 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte grondbone-oes is 67 165 ton – 4,54% meer is as die 64 250 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,48 t/ha teenoor die 1,17 t/ha die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het gedaal met 29,84%, van 69 200 ha tot 48 550 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van sorghum is 145 150 ton – 6,35% laer as die 155 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,99 t/ha teenoor die 2,24 t/ha die vorige seisoen.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 39 750 ha, wat 5,13% minder is as die 41 900 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. In die geval van droëbone is die produksieskatting 50 530 ton, wat 20,37% meer is as die 41 980 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,27 t/ha teenoor die 1,00 t/ha die vorige seisoen.

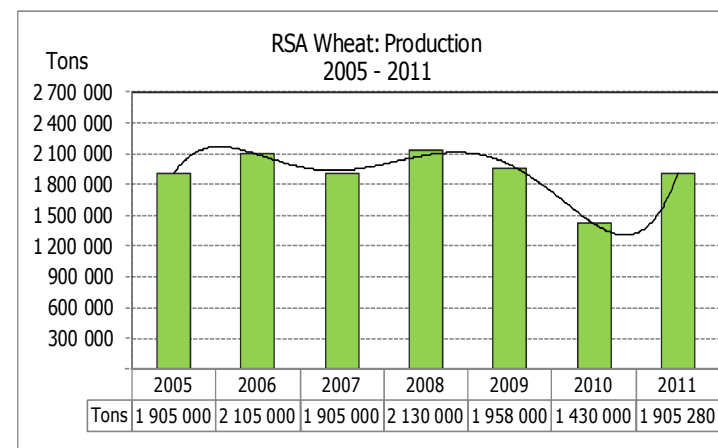
**Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012, op 27 Maart 2012 vrygestel sal word.**

**The final production estimate for winter cereals for the 2011 production season is hereby released. / Hiermee word die finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir die 2011 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.**

**WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2011 PRODUCTION SEASON**

**WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAK- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011-PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

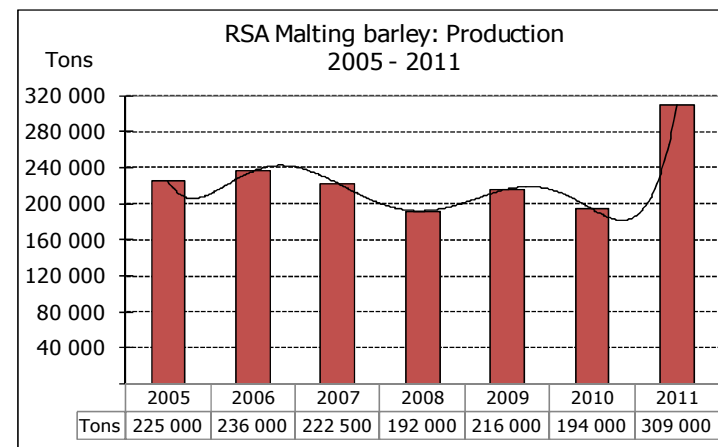
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (A)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2011 Tons (B)	6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 6 <sup>e</sup> skatting 2011 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2010 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2010 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieel:</b>						
Wheat/Koring	<b>604 700</b>	<b>1 905 280</b>	1 849 930	558 100	1 430 000	+2,99
Malting barley/Moutgars	<b>80 150</b>	<b>309 000</b>	300 910	82 670	194 000	+2,69
Canola/Kanola	<b>43 510</b>	<b>59 490</b>	59 490	34 820	36 900	-
Total/Totaal	<b>728 360</b>	<b>2 273 770</b>	2 210 330	675 590	1 660 900	+2,87



**WHEAT – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2011 PRODUCTION SEASON**

**KORING – OPPERVLAK- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011-PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2011	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2010
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>265 000</b>	<b>675 750</b>	265 000	530 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>42 000</b>	<b>281 400</b>	38 000	252 300
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>225 000</b>	<b>551 250</b>	204 000	378 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>5 000</b>	<b>20 500</b>	4 500	18 000
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>7 500</b>	<b>38 250</b>	6 100	30 500
Mpumalanga	<b>5 500</b>	<b>31 350</b>	4 500	23 400
Limpopo	<b>31 000</b>	<b>170 500</b>	12 500	65 000
Gauteng	<b>1 700</b>	<b>10 880</b>	1 500	9 600
North West/Noordwes	<b>22 000</b>	<b>125 400</b>	22 000	123 200
Total/Totaal	<b>604 700</b>	<b>1 905 280</b>	558 100	1 430 000



**AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF WINTER CEREALS (2011 PRODUCTION SEASON) /  
OPPERVLAK - EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR WINTERGEWASSE (2011 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
28 FEBRUARY/ FEBRUARIE 2012**

**Winter cereal crops - 2011 production season**

**Wheat:** The production estimate for wheat was increased by 55 350 tons to 1,905 million tons, which is 2,99% higher than the previous forecast of 1,85 million tons. The area planted to wheat remained unchanged at 604 700 ha. The average yield of wheat is 3,15 t/ha.

The increase in the expected production of wheat can mainly be attributed to better than expected yields, as well as that producer deliveries, as monitored by SAGIS, were higher than the estimated crop.

The expected production of wheat was amongst others adjusted upward in the Western Cape by 26 500 tons, or 4,08%, in the Free State by 11 250 tons or 2,08%, and in the Northern Cape by 6 300 tons or 2,29%. Adjustments were also made in some of the other provinces.

**Other crops:** The production estimate for **malting barley** also increased to 309 000 tons, which is 8 090 tons or 2,69% higher than the previous forecast of 300 910 tons. The area planted to barley remained unchanged at 80 150 ha, while the expected yield is 3,86 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop remained unchanged at 59 490 tons. The area estimate for canola also remained unchanged at 43 510 ha, with an expected yield of 1,37 t/ha.

**Please note that the intentions to plant winter cereals for 2012 will be released on 24 April 2012.**

Information is 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>, as from **15:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

**Wintergewasse - 2011 produksie-seisoen**

**Koring:** Die produksieskatting vir koring is opwaarts aangepas met 55 350 ton tot 1,905 miljoen ton, wat 2,99% hoër is as die 1,85 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met koring is onveranderd gelaat op 604 700 ha. Die gemiddelde opbrengs vir koring is 3,15 t/ha.

Die toename in die verwagte produksie van koring kan hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan beter as verwagte opbrengste, sowel as dat produsente lewerings, soos gemonitor deur SAGIS, hoër is as die geskatte oes.

Die verwagte produksie van koring is onder andere opwaarts aangepas vir die Wes-Kaap met 26 500 ton of 4,08%, vir die Vrystaat met 11 250 ton of 2,08%, en vir die Noord-Kaap met 6 300 ton of 2,29%. Aanpassings is ook in sommige van die ander provinsies gemaak.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is ook opwaarts aangepas na 309 000 ton, wat 8 090 ton of 2,69% hoër is as die 300 910 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting is onveranderd gelaat op 80 150 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,86 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 59 490 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is ook onveranderd gelaat op 43 510 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,37 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir 2012 op 24 April 2012 vrygestel sal word.**

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by [http://www.daff.gov.za/crop\\_estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/crop_estimates) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **15:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskatting Komitee.