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

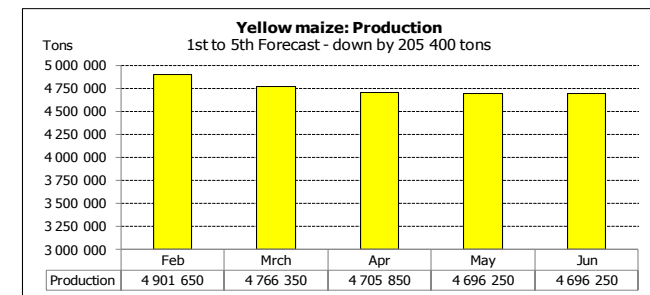
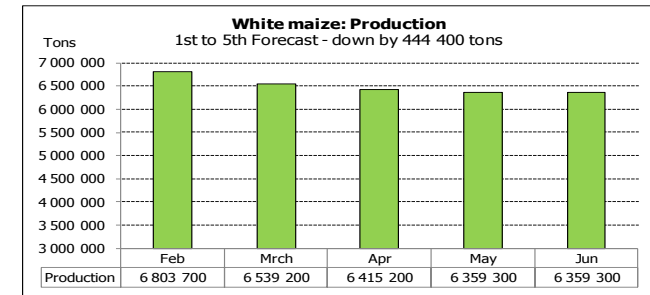
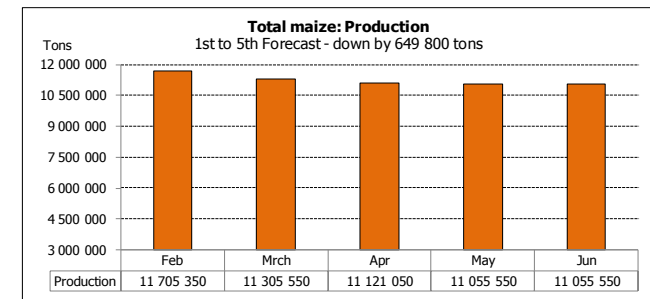
**SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**

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

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2012 Ha (A)	5th forecast/ 5de skatting  2012 Tons (B)	4th forecast/ 4de skatting  2012 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2011 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop  2011 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/  % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 636 200	6 359 300	6 359 300	1 418 300	6 052 000	-
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 063 000	4 696 250	4 696 250	954 000	4 308 000	-
Maize/Mielies	2 699 200	11 055 550	11 055 550	2 372 300	10 360 000	-
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	453 350	527 110	527 110	642 700	860 000	-
Soya-beans/Sojabone	472 000	673 550	691 050	418 000	710 000	-2,53
Groundnuts/Grondbone	45 450	60 290	65 690	55 150	64 250	-8,22
Sorghum	48 550	137 150	141 050	69 200	155 000	-2,76
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 750	47 695	47 695	41 900	41 980	-
<b>TOTAL/TOTAAL</b>	<b>3 758 300</b>	<b>12 501 345</b>	12 528 145	3 599 250	12 191 230	-0,21

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 FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			5th forecast/ 5de 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	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	347 800	168 000	515 800	74 000	41 000	115 000	362 500	180 300	542 800
North West/Noordwes	610 000	155 000	765 000	1 921 500	496 000	2 417 500	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	6 359 300	4 696 250	11 055 550	1 418 300	954 000	2 372 300	6 052 000	4 308 000	10 360 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	5th forecast/ 5de 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 FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	5th forecast/ 5de 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	210 000	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	51 700	23 500	58 800
Gauteng	19 000	28 500	14 000	21 700
North West/Noordwes	21 000	37 800	20 000	50 000
Total/Totaal	472 000	673 550	418 000	710 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	5th forecast/ 5de skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>6 500</b>	<b>16 900</b>	7 500	18 950
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>20 000</b>	<b>22 000</b>	23 000	20 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	150	200
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	<b>2 800</b>	<b>3 640</b>	2 500	3 500
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	<b>16 000</b>	<b>17 600</b>	22 000	20 900
Total/Totaal	<b>45 450</b>	<b>60 290</b>	55 150	64 250

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	5th forecast/ 5de 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	<b>22 000</b>	<b>60 500</b>	43 000	81 550
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>200</b>	<b>800</b>	200	600
Mpumalanga	<b>11 500</b>	<b>49 450</b>	13 000	46 500
Limpopo	<b>10 000</b>	<b>15 000</b>	8 000	14 000
Gauteng	<b>350</b>	<b>1 050</b>	1 000	2 750
North West/Noordwes	<b>4 500</b>	<b>10 350</b>	4 000	9 600
Total/Totaal	<b>48 550</b>	<b>137 150</b>	69 200	155 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012****DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	5th forecast/ 5de skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>500</b>	<b>1 000</b>	100	320
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>750</b>	<b>1 500</b>	500	1 000
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>16 000</b>	<b>17 600</b>	15 000	10 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>200</b>	<b>240</b>	100	100
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>4 000</b>	<b>5 200</b>	4 000	4 800
Mpumalanga	<b>6 300</b>	<b>8 505</b>	10 000	8 500
Limpopo	<b>5 000</b>	<b>6 250</b>	5 200	9 360
Gauteng	<b>2 000</b>	<b>2 400</b>	2 000	1 900
North West/Noordwes	<b>5 000</b>	<b>5 000</b>	5 000	5 500
Total/Totaal	<b>39 750</b>	<b>47 695</b>	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
- 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 FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2012)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEGASSE (2012)  
26 JUNE/26 JUNIE 2012**

**Summer field crops – 2012**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 11,056 mill. tons, which remained unchanged from the previous forecast. The area estimate for maize is 2,699 mill. ha, whilst the expected yield is 4,10 t/ha.

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 6,359 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,89 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,696 mill. tons, with an expected yield of 4,42 t/ha.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 527 110 tons, which also 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 673 550 tons, which is 17 500 tons less than the 691 050 tons of the previous forecast. It is estimated that 472 000 ha have been planted to soya-beans, whilst the expected yield is 1,43 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 60 290 tons, which is 5 400 tons less than the 65 690 tons of 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** is 137 150 tons, which is 3 900 tons less than the 141 050 tons of 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 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 sixth production forecast for summer field crops for 2012 (current production season) and the preliminary area planted to winter cereal crops for 2012 will be released on 24 July 2012.**

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop\\_estimates](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 onveranderd gelaat op 11,056 milj. ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,699 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,10 t/ha is.

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

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,359 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,89 t/ha is. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,696 milj. ton, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 4,42 t/ha.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is ook 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 673 550 ton, wat 17 500 ton minder is as die 691 050 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 472 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,43 t/ha is.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 60 290 ton, wat 5 400 ton minder is as die 65 690 ton van 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 137 150 ton, wat 3 900 ton minder is as die 141 050 ton van 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 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 sesde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012 (huidige produksie-seisoen) en die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2012 op 24 Julie 2012 vrygestel sal word.**

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

**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.

