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

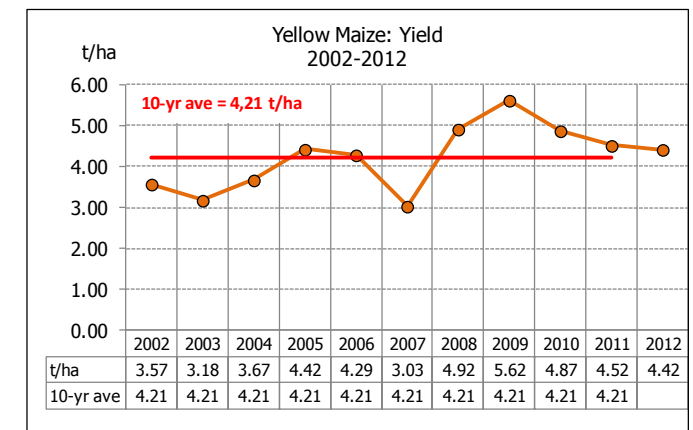
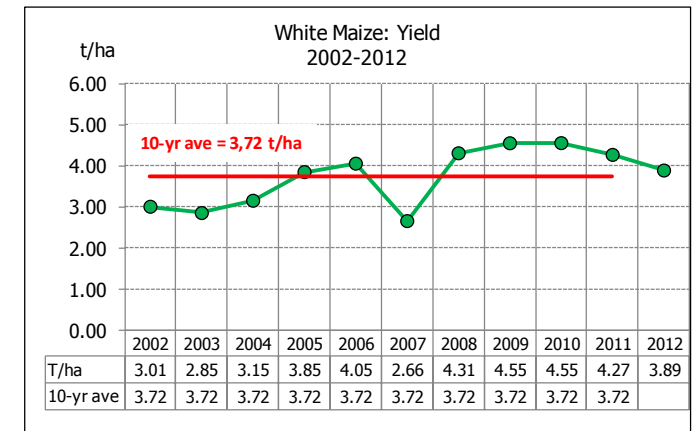
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (A)	4th forecast/ 4de skatting 2012 Tons (B)	3rd forecast/ 3de 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	6 359 300	6 415 200	1 418 300	6 052 000	-0,87
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 063 000	4 696 250	4 705 850	954 000	4 308 000	-0,20
Maize/Mielies	2 699 200	11 055 550	11 121 050	2 372 300	10 360 000	-0,59
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	453 350	527 110	515 005	642 700	860 000	+2,35
Soya-beans/Sojabone	472 000	691 050	711 750	418 000	710 000	-2,91
Groundnuts/Grondbone	45 450	65 690	65 540	55 150	64 250	+0,23
Sorghum	48 550	141 050	140 600	69 200	155 000	+0,32
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 750	47 695	47 315	41 900	41 980	+0,80
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 758 300	12 528 145	12 601 260	3 599 250	12 191 230	-0,58

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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			4th forecast/ 4de 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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
SONNEBLOMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	4th forecast/ 4de 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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	4th forecast/ 4de 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	227 500	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	691 050	418 000	710 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	4th forecast/ 4de 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	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	20 000	22 000	20 900
Total/Totaal	45 450	65 690	55 150	64 250

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	4th forecast/ 4de 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	18 000	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	141 050	69 200	155 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	4th forecast/ 4de 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

CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES that CEC members are committed to adhere to on the day of the meeting

- 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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2012)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2012)
24 MAY/24 MEI 2012**

Summer field crops – 2012

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 11,056 mill. tons, which is 0,59% or 65 500 tons lower than the previous forecast of 11,121 mill. tons. 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, which is 55 900 tons less than the 6,415 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,89 t/ha as against 3,92 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,696 mill. tons, which is 9 600 tons less than the 4,706 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,42 t/ha.

The objective yields per ha for the Free State and North West provinces were based on scientific results provided by the National Crop Statistics Consortium, which is led by the ARC.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 527 110 tons, which is 12 105 tons more than the 515 005 tons of 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 691 050 tons, which is 20 700 tons less than the 711 750 tons of the previous forecast. It is estimated that 472 000 ha have been planted to soya-beans, whilst the expected yield is 1,46 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 65 690 tons, which is 150 tons more than the 65 540 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts the area estimate is 45 450 ha, whilst the expected yield is 1,45 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 141 050 tons, which is 450 tons more than the 140 600 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 48 550 ha. The expected yield is 2,91 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast increased slightly with 380 tons to 47 695 tons. For dry beans, the area estimate is 39 750 ha, and the expected yield is also 1,20 t/ha.

Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for 2012 will be released on 26 June 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 op 11,056 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,59% of 65 500 ton laer is as die vorige skatting van 11,121 milj. ton. 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 miljoen ton, 55 900 ton minder as die 6,415 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,89 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,696 milj. ton, wat 9 600 ton minder is as die 4,706 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,42 t/ha.

Die objektiewe opbrengs-bepalings per ha vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies is gebaseer op wetenskaplike resultate verstrekk deur die Nasionale Oesskattingskonsortium, gelei deur die LNR.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 527 110 ton, wat 12 105 ton meer is as die 515 005 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakeskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 453 350 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,16 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 691 050 ton, wat 20 700 ton minder is as die 711 750 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 472 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,46 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 65 690 ton, wat 150 ton meer is as die 65 540 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakeskatting 45 450 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,45 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 141 050 ton, wat 450 ton meer is as die 140 600 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakeskatting vir sorghum is 48 550 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,91 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting effens opwaarts aangepas met 380 ton tot 47 695 ton. Vir droëbone is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 39 750 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,20 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012 op 26 Junie 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 Oesskattingskomitee.**

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.

