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**The third production forecast for summer crops for 2013 is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2013 vrygestel.**

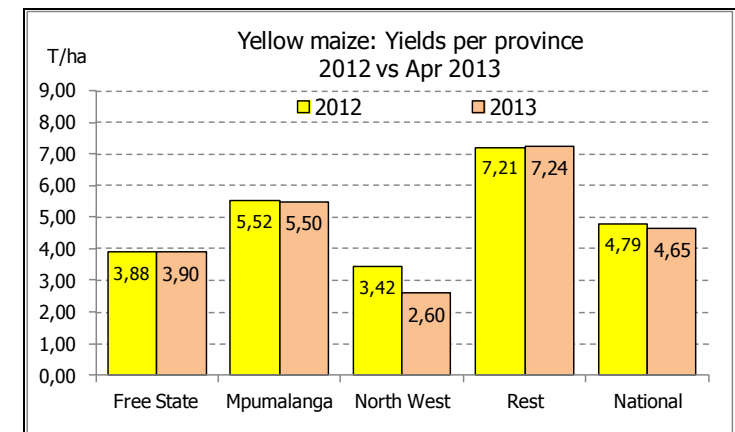
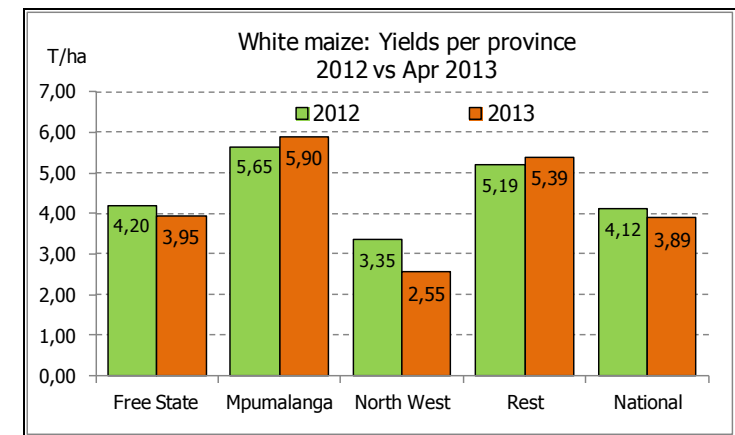
**SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**

**SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2013 Ha (A)	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting  2013 Tons (B)	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting  2013 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2012 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop  2012 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/  %
						(B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 617 200	<b>6 155 200</b>	6 306 700	1 636 200	6 740 000	-2,40
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 164 000	<b>5 406 800</b>	5 444 900	1 063 000	5 090 000	-0,70
Maize/Mielies	2 781 200	<b>11 562 000</b>	11 751 600	2 699 200	11 830 000	-1,61
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	504 700	<b>554 500</b>	554 500	453 350	522 000	-
Soya-beans/Sojabone	516 500	<b>851 000</b>	851 000	472 000	650 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	46 900	<b>57 900</b>	57 900	45 450	59 000	-
Sorghum	62 620	<b>168 114</b>	168 114	48 550	135 500	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	43 550	<b>56 100</b>	56 100	39 750	47 695	-
<b>TOTAL/TOTAAL</b>	<b>3 955 470</b>	<b>13 249 614</b>	<b>13 439 214</b>	<b>3 758 300</b>	<b>13 244 195</b>	<b>-1,41</b>

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2012/13 = 2013

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2012/13 = 2013



**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: 2013**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2013			3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2013			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			Final crop/ Finale oes 2012		
	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	300	3 000	3 300	3 000	30 000	33 000	500	2 500	3 000	5 000	25 000	30 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 200	51 000	53 200	25 300	612 000	637 300	2 200	47 000	49 200	25 300	580 500	605 800
Free State/Vrystaat	725 000	505 000	1 230 000	2 863 750	1 969 500	4 833 250	710 000	450 000	1 160 000	2 982 000	1 748 000	4 730 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 700	15 000	18 700	18 500	84 000	102 500	3 500	13 500	17 000	17 500	74 500	92 000
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	48 000	95 000	258 500	288 000	546 500	44 000	45 000	89 000	246 300	270 000	516 300
Mpumalanga	170 000	300 000	470 000	1 003 000	1 650 000	2 653 000	160 000	290 000	450 000	904 000	1 600 000	2 504 000
Limpopo	30 000	23 500	53 500	165 000	126 900	291 900	32 000	18 000	50 000	153 600	72 000	225 600
Gauteng	74 000	43 500	117 500	377 400	191 400	568 800	74 000	42 000	116 000	362 300	190 000	552 300
North West/Noordwes	565 000	175 000	740 000	1 440 750	455 000	1 895 750	610 000	155 000	765 000	2 044 000	530 000	2 574 000
Total/Totaal	1 617 200	1 164 000	2 781 200	6 155 200	5 406 800	11 562 000	1 636 200	1 063 000	2 699 200	6 740 000	5 090 000	11 830 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	200	100	350	100
Free State/Vrystaat	220 000	275 000	190 000	247 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	6 600	10 230	10 000	13 500
Limpopo	99 000	89 100	100 000	85 000
Gauteng	3 900	5 070	3 000	3 900
North West/Noordwes	175 000	175 000	150 000	172 500
Total/Totaal	504 700	554 500	453 350	522 000

**SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	6 000	500	1 500
Free State/Vrystaat	215 000	279 500	175 000	192 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	500	750	500	750
KwaZulu-Natal	32 000	80 000	34 000	81 600
Mpumalanga	205 000	358 750	200 000	263 050
Limpopo	20 000	55 000	22 000	50 600
Gauteng	20 000	38 000	19 000	28 500
North West/Noordwes	22 000	33 000	21 000	31 500
Total/Totaal	516 500	851 000	472 000	650 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	7 000	18 200	6 500	16 900
Free State/Vrystaat	18 000	21 600	20 000	21 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	150	150	150
Mpumalanga	750	750	-	-
Limpopo	1 000	1 200	2 800	3 350
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	20 000	16 000	16 000	16 800
Total/Totaal	46 900	57 900	45 450	59 000

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	32 000	80 000	22 000	60 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	320	1 344	200	800
Mpumalanga	11 500	42 550	11 500	49 450
Limpopo	12 000	27 600	10 000	13 700
Gauteng	500	1 500	350	1 050
North West/Noordwes	6 300	15 120	4 500	10 000
Total/Totaal	62 620	168 114	48 550	135 500

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013****DRÖËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	200	400	500	1 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	850	1 700	750	1 500
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	18 400	16 000	17 600
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	200	200	240
KwaZulu-Natal	6 000	7 800	4 000	5 200
Mpumalanga	7 000	10 500	6 300	8 505
Limpopo	5 400	8 100	5 000	6 250
Gauteng	2 000	3 000	2 000	2 400
North West/Noordwes	6 000	6 000	5 000	5 000
Total/Totaal	43 550	56 100	39 750	47 695

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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
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- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
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**REVISED AREA AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2013)/  
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2013)  
25 APRIL 2013**

**Summer field crops – 2013**

**Commercial maize:** The potential size of the maize crop was further decreased by 189 600 tons or 1,61% to 11,562 mill. tons as the dry conditions earlier this year in the North West and Free State provinces lasted longer than expected during the pollination and silking phase of the maize.

The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,781 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 4,16 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,617 mill. ha and for yellow maize it is 1,164 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,155 mill. tons, which is 2,40% less than the 6,307 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,81 t/ha as against 3,90 t/ha of the previous forecast. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,407 mill. tons, which is 0,70% less than the 5,445 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,65 t/ha as against 4,68 t/ha of the previous forecast.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 554 500 tons, which remained unchanged from the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 504 700 ha, with an expected yield of 1,10 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 851 000 tons, which also remained unchanged from the previous forecast. For soya-beans the area estimate is 516 500 ha, with an expected yield of 1,65 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop was left unchanged at 57 900 tons. The area estimate is 46 900 ha, and the expected yield is 1,23 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 168 114 tons, which remained unchanged from the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 62 620 ha, and the expected yield is 2,68 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast was also left unchanged at 56 100 tons, with an area estimate of 43 550 ha. The expected yield is 1,29 t/ha.

**Please note that the fourth production forecast for summer field crops for 2013 will be released on 23 May 2013.**

**Somergewasse – 2013**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die potensiële grootte van die mielie-oes is verder verlaag met 189 600 ton of 1,61% tot 11,562 milj. ton as gevolg van die droë toestande wat vroeër vanjaar geheers het tydens die bestuiwings- en baardvormingsfase van mielies in die Noord-Wes en Vrystaat provinsies.

Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,781 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,16 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,617 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is dit 1,164 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,155 miljoen ton, 2,40% minder as die 6,307 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,81 t/ha teenoor die 3,90 t/ha van die vorige skatting. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,407 miljoen ton, wat 0,70% minder is as die 5,445 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,65 t/ha teenoor die 4,68 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 554 500 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 504 700 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,10 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van sojabone is 851 000 ton, wat ook onveranderd gelaat is teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 516 500 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,65 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is ook onveranderd gelaat op 57 900 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 46 900 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,23 t/ha.

Die produksieskatting van sorghum is 168 114 ton, wat onveranderd gelaat is teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** is 62 620 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,68 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting ook onveranderd gelaat op 56 100 ton met 'n oppervlakteskatting van 43 550 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,29 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2013 op 23 Mei 2013 vrygestel sal word.**

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The intentions to plant winter cereals for the 2013 production season is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir die 2013 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

**WINTERGEWASSE** – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2013

**WINTER CEREALS** –INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2013

GEWAS/CROP	<b>Voorneme/ Intentions* 2013 Ha (A)</b>	Opp beplant/ Area planted 2012 Ha (B)	Finale skatting/ Final estimate 2012 Tons (C)	Verandering/ Change  %
				(A) ÷ (B)
Koring/Wheat	<b>516 600</b>	511 200	1 915 310	+1,06
Moutgars/Malting barley	<b>78 700</b>	84 940	296 230	-7,35
Kanola/Canola	<b>55 000</b>	44 100	79 650	+24,72
Totaal/Total	<b>650 300</b>	640 240	2 291 190	+1,57

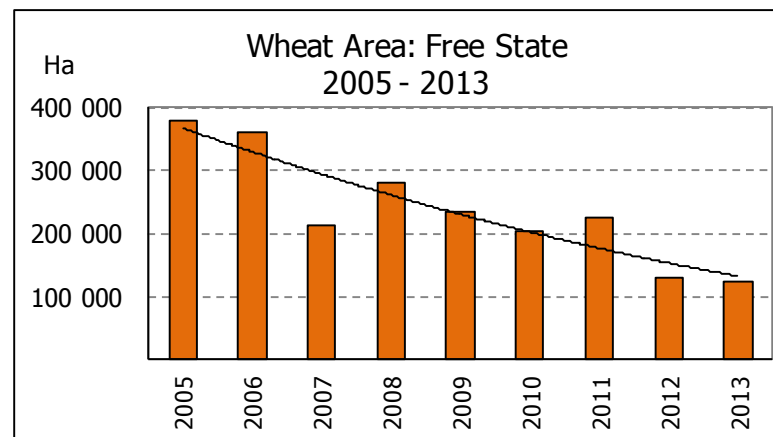
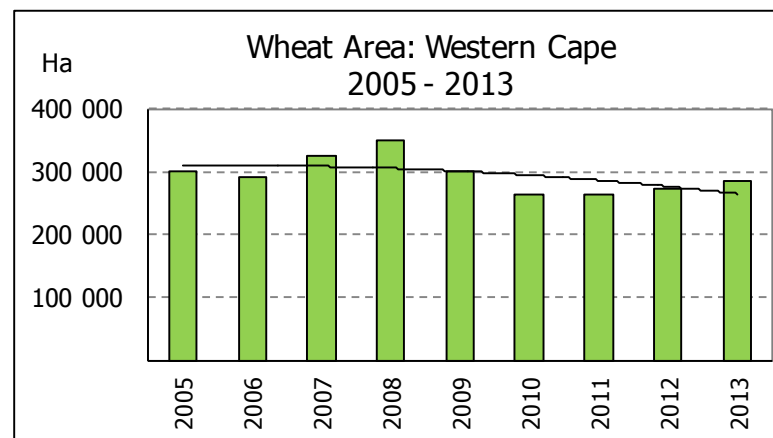
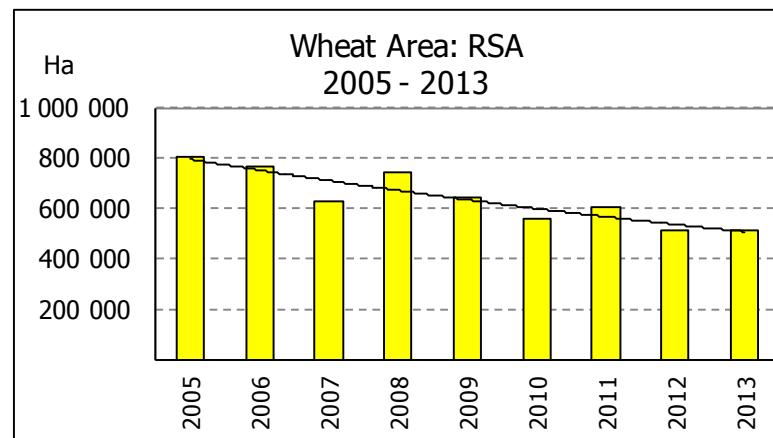
\* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2013 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2013.

**KORING** – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2013

**WHEAT** – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2013

Provinsie/ Province	<b>Voorneme/ Intentions Ha 2013</b>	Opp beplant/ Area planted Ha 2012	Finale skatting/ Final estimate Tons 2012
Wes-Kaap/Western Cape	<b>285 000</b>	272 000	884 000
Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape	<b>43 000</b>	42 000	289 800
Vrystaat/Free State	<b>125 000</b>	130 000	377 000
Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape	<b>4 000</b>	4 500	20 700
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>6 600</b>	6 500	33 800
Mpumalanga	<b>4 500</b>	4 700	27 260
Limpopo	<b>27 000</b>	30 000	159 000
Gauteng	<b>1 500</b>	1 500	9 750
Noordwes/North West	<b>20 000</b>	20 000	114 000
Totaal/Total	<b>516 600</b>	511 200	1 915 310

\* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2013 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2013.



**INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS FOR 2013 / VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE AAN TE PLANT VIR 2013**  
**25 April 2013**

**Winter cereal crops – 2013**

The intentions of farmers to plant are based on inputs as at the middle of April 2013, 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 516 600 ha of **wheat** for the 2013 season. This is 5 400 ha or 1,1% more than the area planted to wheat in 2012. The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 285 000 ha (55%), followed by the Free State with 125 000 ha (24%) and the Northern Cape with 43 000 ha (8%).

Lately, rains were favourable for wheat production in the Western Cape, as well as parts of the interior. The current wheat price is also higher than at the same time last year, and could encourage producers to expand production. However, despite the rains, it seems that producers in the interior are going to reduce their wheat plantings.

The expected area planted to **malting barley** is 78 700 ha, which is 6 240 ha or 7,3% less than the 84 940 ha of the previous year. The expected area planted to **canola** is 55 000 ha, which is 10 900 ha or 24,7% more than the 44 100 ha planted in 2012. On record, this is the largest area planted to canola.

Please note that the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for 2013 will be released on 25 July 2013.

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**Wintergewasse – 2013**

Die voorneme van boere om te plant is gebaseer op insette soos teen die middel van April 2013, 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 516 600 ha **koring** te plant vir die 2013-produksie-seisoen. Dit is 5 400 ha of 1,1% meer koring as in 2012. Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 285 000 ha (55%), gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 125 000 ha (24%) en die Noord-Kaap met 43 000 ha (8%).

Die afgelope tyd se reën was gunstig vir koringproduksie in die Wes-Kaap, asook dele van die binneland. Die huidige koringprys is ook hoër as dieselfde tyd verlede jaar en kan produsente aanmoedig om hul produksie uit te brei. Nietemin, ten spyte van die reën en beter pryse, blyk dit asof produsente in die binneland hul koringaanplantings gaan afskaal.

Die verwagte aanplantings van **moutgars** is 78 700 ha – 6 240 ha of 7,3% minder as die 84 940 ha van die vorige jaar. Die verwagte aanplantings van **kanola** is 55 000 ha, wat 10 900 ha of 24,7% meer is as die 44 100 ha wat aangeplant was in 2012. Volgens rekords, is dit die grootste oppervlakte beplant met kanola.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorlopige oppervlakteskating vir wintergewasse vir 2013 op 25 Julie 2013 vrygestel sal word.

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