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The **preliminary** area planted estimate for summer crops for 2017 is hereby released.
 Hiermee word die **voorlopige** oppervlakteskating vir somergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2017

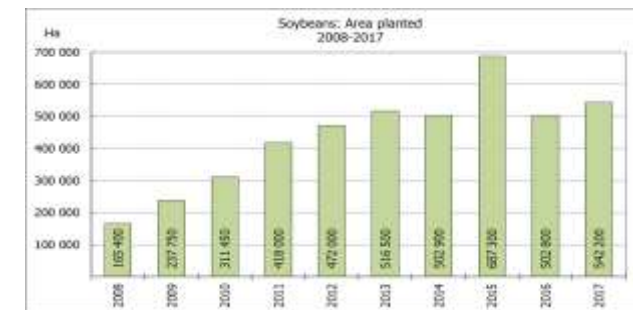
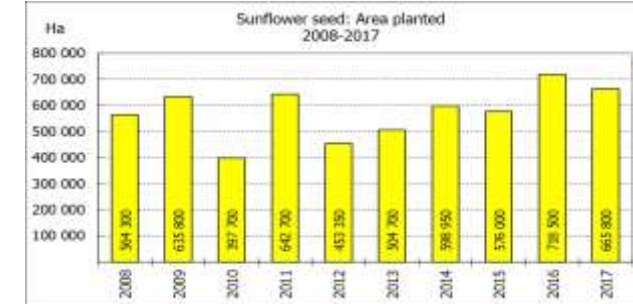
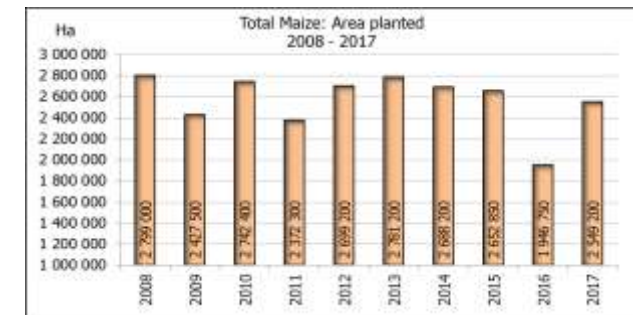
SOMERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2017

| CROP/GEWAS | Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A) | Intentions ^{1)/} Voorname ¹⁾ 2017 Ha (B) | Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (C) | Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2016 Tons (D) | Change/ Verandering/ % (A) ÷ (C) |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| Commercial/Kommersiëel | | | | | |
| White maize/Witmielies | 1 557 200 | 1 455 000 | 1 014 750 | 3 253 775 | +53,46 |
| Yellow maize/Geelmielies | 992 000 | 1 008 000 | 932 000 | 4 283 100 | +6,44 |
| Total Maize/Totale Mielies | 2 549 200 | 2 463 000 | 1 946 750 | 7 536 875 | +30,95 |
| Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad | 665 800 | 670 000 | 718 500 | 755 000 | -7,33 |
| Soybeans/Sojabone | 542 200 | 516 000 | 502 800 | 741 550 | +7,84 |
| Groundnuts/Grondbone | 45 500 | 33 500 | 22 600 | 18 850 | +101,33 |
| Sorghum | 36 800 | 38 300 | 48 500 | 74 150 | -24,12 |
| Dry beans/Droëbone | 45 000 | 33 000 | 34 400 | 35 445 | +30,81 |
| TOTAL/TOTAAL | 3 884 500 | 3 753 800 | 3 273 550 | 9 161 870 | +18,66 |

1) Soos middel Oktober 2016/ As mid October 2016

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2016/17 = 2017

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2016/17 = 2017



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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 – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2017

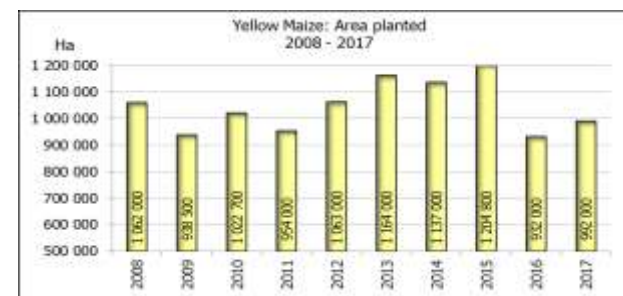
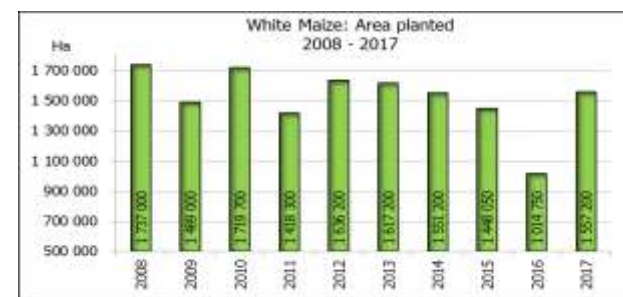
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2017

| Province/ Provinsie | Preliminary area planted Voorlopige oppervlakte beplant 2017 | | | Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016 | | | Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ 2016 | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | White/ Wit Ha | Yellow/ Geel Ha | Totaal/ Total Ha | White/ Wit Ha | Yellow/ Geel Ha | Totaal/ Total Ha | White/ Wit Tons | Geel/ Yellow Tons | Totaal/ Total Tons |
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap | 200 | 2 000 | 2 200 | 500 | 4 000 | 4 500 | 5 000 | 40 000 | 45 000 |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | 3 500 | 45 000 | 48 500 | 3 750 | 50 000 | 53 750 | 34 875 | 675 000 | 709 875 |
| Free State/Vrystaat | 732 000 | 370 000 | 1 102 000 | 390 000 | 310 000 | 700 000 | 1 111 500 | 1 007 500 | 2 119 000 |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap | 2 500 | 13 000 | 15 500 | 2 000 | 12 000 | 14 000 | 9 200 | 66 000 | 75 200 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 48 000 | 48 000 | 96 000 | 38 000 | 48 000 | 86 000 | 209 000 | 304 800 | 513 800 |
| Mpumalanga | 156 000 | 333 000 | 489 000 | 160 000 | 330 000 | 490 000 | 720 000 | 1 551 000 | 2 271 000 |
| Limpopo | 35 000 | 23 000 | 58 000 | 31 500 | 22 000 | 53 500 | 176 400 | 129 800 | 306 200 |
| Gauteng | 55 000 | 56 000 | 111 000 | 49 000 | 56 000 | 105 000 | 205 800 | 224 000 | 429 800 |
| North West/Noordwes | 525 000 | 102 000 | 627 000 | 340 000 | 100 000 | 440 000 | 782 000 | 285 000 | 1 067 000 |
| Total/Totaal | 1 557 200 | 992 000 | 2 549 200 | 1 014 750 | 932 000 | 1 946 750 | 3 253 775 | 4 283 100 | 7 536 875 |

1) 27 September 2016

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- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
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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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**PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2017 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2017 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
26 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2017**

Summer field crops – 2017

The preliminary area estimate of today is mainly based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and reflects the position during the 3rd week of January 2017.

The revised area planted and production figures, which will be released by the Crop Estimates Committee on 28 February 2017, will mainly be based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) survey for the Northern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces.

Commercial maize: The preliminary area estimate for maize is 2,549 mill. ha, which is 30,95% or 602 450 ha more than the 1,947 mill. ha planted for the previous season, and also 3,50% or 86 200 ha more than the intentions to plant figure of 2,463 mill. ha released in October 2016.

The preliminary area estimate for white maize is 1,557 mill. ha, which represents an increase of 53,46% or 542 450 ha compared to the 1,015 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 992 000 ha, which is also 6,44% or 60 000 ha more than the 932 000 ha planted last season.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The preliminary area estimate for sunflower seed is 665 800 ha, which is about 7,33% or 52 700 ha less than the 718 500 ha planted the previous season.

Other crops: It is estimated that 542 200 ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents an increase of 7,84% or 39 400 ha compared to the 502 800 ha planted last season.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 45 500 ha, which is 101,33% or 22 900 ha more than the 22 600 ha planted for the previous season.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 24,12%, from 48 500 ha to 36 800 ha against the previous season.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 45 000 ha, which is 30,81% or 10 600 ha more than the 34 400 ha planted for the previous season.

Please note that the revised area estimate and first production forecast for summer field crops for 2017 will be released on 28 February 2017.

Somergewasse – 2017

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van vandag is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye en weerspieël die situasie soos gedurende die 3^{de} week van Januarie 2017.

Die hersiene aangeplante oppervlakte en produksiesyfers sal deur die Oesskatting Komitee op 28 Februarie 2017 vrygestel word en sal hoofsaaklik gebaseer wees op inligting verkry vanaf die "PICES"-opname vir die Noord-Kaap, Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

Kommersiële mielies: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,549 milj. ha, wat 30,95% of 602 450 ha meer is as die 1,947 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, en ook 3,50% of 86 200 ha meer as die voornemens om te plant syfer van 2,463 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Oktober 2016.

Die voorlopige oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,557 milj. ha, wat 'n toename van 53,46% of 542 450 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,015 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 992 000 ha, wat ook 6,44% of 60 000 ha meer is as die 932 000 ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 665 800 ha, wat omtrent 7,33% of 52 700 ha minder is as die 718 500 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen.

Ander gewasse: Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 542 200 ha, wat 'n toename van 7,84% of 39 400 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 502 800 ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 45 500 ha, wat 101,33% of 22 900 ha meer is as die 22 600 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het afgeneem met 24,12%, van 48 500 ha tot 36 800 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 45 000 ha, wat 30,81% of 10 600 ha meer is as die 34 400 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die hersiene oppervlakte- en eerste produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017, op 28 Februarie 2017 vrygestel sal word.

The area estimate and sixth production forecast for winter cereals for the 2016 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakteskatting en sesde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016

WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

| CROP/GEWAS | Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A) | 6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2016 Tons (B) | 5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2016 Tons (C) | Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (D) | Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (E) | Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C) |
|--------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Commercial/Kommersieel: | | | | | | |
| Wheat/Koring | 508 365 | 1 893 390 | 1 875 540 | 482 150 | 1 440 000 | +0,95 |
| Malting barley/Moutgars | 88 695 | 354 065 | 339 135 | 93 730 | 332 000 | +4,40 |
| Canola/Kanola | 68 075 | 105 460 | 108 860 | 78 050 | 93 000 | -3,12 |
| Total/Totaal | 665 135 | 2 352 915 | 2 323 535 | 653 930 | 1 865 000 | +1,26 |

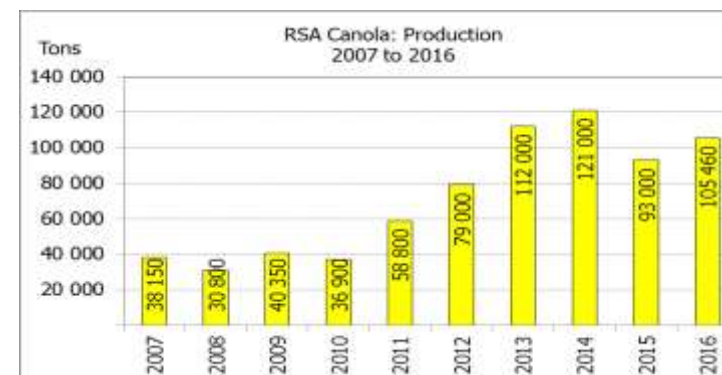
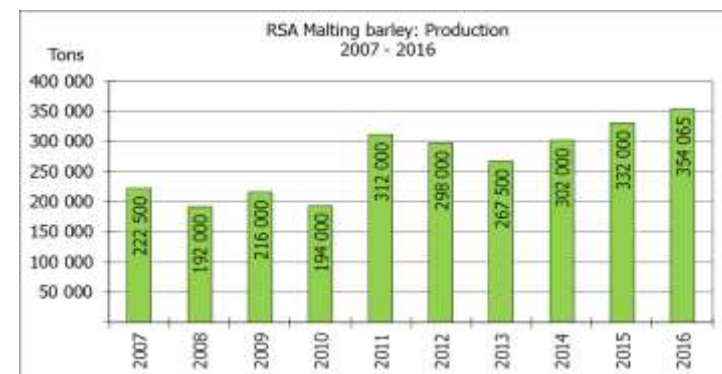
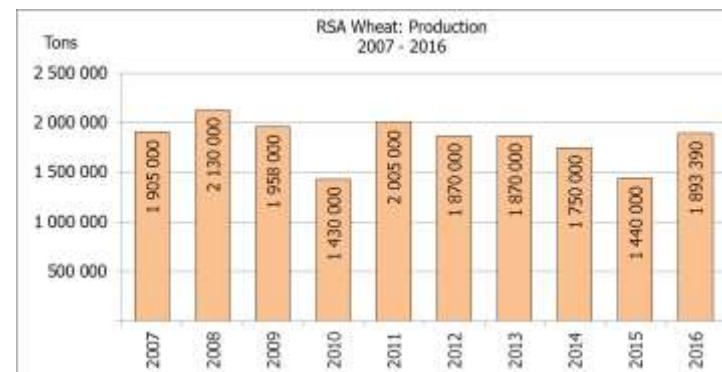
* Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2016 = 2016

* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2016 = 2016

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

| Province/ Provinsie | Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha | 6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2016 Tons | Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha | Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap | 323 000 | 1 082 050 | 310 000 | 697 500 |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | 35 000 | 266 000 | 36 000 | 259 200 |
| Free State/Vrystaat | 110 000 | 308 000 | 80 000 | 176 500 |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap | 2 200 | 11 000 | 3 100 | 14 880 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 6 500 | 37 050 | 7 300 | 41 000 |
| Mpumalanga | 2 300 | 13 800 | 3 500 | 19 500 |
| Limpopo | 17 000 | 103 700 | 27 000 | 144 420 |
| Gauteng | 365 | 2 190 | 250 | 1 500 |
| North West/Noordwes | 12 000 | 69 600 | 15 000 | 85 500 |
| Total/Totaal | 508 365 | 1 893 390 | 482 150 | 1 440 000 |



**AREA ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2016) /
OPPERVLAKTESKATTING EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2016)
26 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2017**

Winter cereal crops - 2016 production season

Wheat: The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,893 mill. tons, which is 0,95% or 17 850 tons more than the previous forecast of 1,876 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,72 t/ha. The main reason for the increase in wheat production is that farmers harvested better than expected yields, especially in the Western Cape .

The expected production in the Western Cape increased by 1,52 % or 16 150 tons, from 1,066 mill. tons to 1,082 mill. tons against the previous forecast.

The production forecast for the Free State remained unchanged at 308 000 tons. In the Northern Cape, the expected production forecast also remained unchanged at 266 000 tons.

The area estimate for wheat 508 365 ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 354 065 tons, which is 4,4% or 14 930 tons more than the previous forecast of 339 135 tons. The area planted is estimated at 88 695 ha, while the expected yield is 3,99 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop was adjusted downwards by 3,12% or 3 400 tons to 105 460 tons. The area estimate for canola is 68 075 ha, with an expected yield of 1,55 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for winter cereals for 2016 will be released on 28 February 2017.

Wintergewasse - 2016 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,893 milj. ton, wat 0,95% of 17 850 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 1,876 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,72 t/ha is. Die hoofrede vir die toename in koringproduksie is as gevolg van produsente wat beter as verwagte opbrengste gestroop het, veral in die Wes-Kaap.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap het met 1,52 % of 16 150 ton toegeneem, van 1,066 milj. ton tot 1,082 milj. ton teenoor die vorige skatting.

Die produksieskatting vir die Vrystaat is onveranderd gelaat op 308 000 ton. In die Noord-Kaap is die verwagte produksie ook onveranderd gelaat op 266 000 ton.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is 508 365 ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 354 065 ton, wat 4,4% of 14 930 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 339 135 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 88 695 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,99 t/ha behoop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 3,12% of 3 400 ton na 105 460 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 68 075 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,55 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 op 28 Februarie 2017 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at <http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics> and [economic reports](http://www.daff.gov.za/economic-reports) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

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