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The area planted estimate and seventh production forecast for summer crops for 2018 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en sewende produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

28 August/Augustus 2018

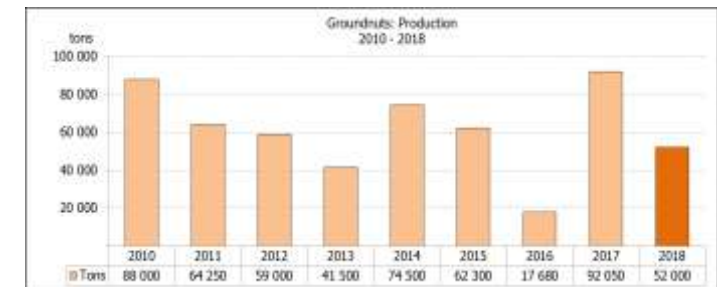
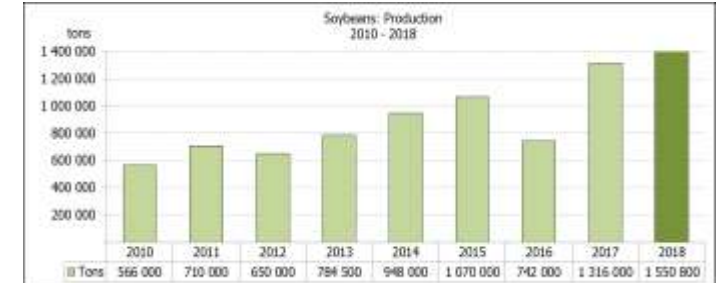
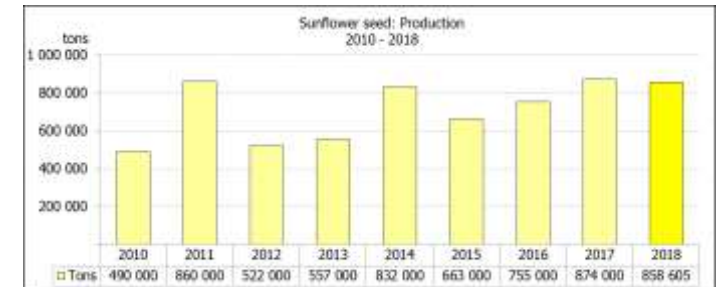
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting 2018 Tons (B)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2018 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersiële:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 268 100	6 879 960	6 879 960	1 643 100	9 916 000	-
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 050 750	6 327 350	6 327 350	985 500	6 904 000	-
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 318 850	13 207 310	13 207 310	2 628 600	16 820 000	-
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	601 500	858 605	792 255	635 750	874 000	+8,4
Soybeans/Sojabone	787 200	1 550 800	1 550 800	573 950	1 316 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 300	52 000	52 000	56 000	92 050	-
Sorghum	28 800	105 120	83 070	42 350	152 000	+26,5
Dry beans/Droëbone	53 360	65 610	65 610	45 050	68 525	-
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersiële Mielies						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	314 835	593 975	593 975	366 650	731 000	-
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersiël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersiël						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 633 685	13 801 285	13 801 285	2 995 250	17 551 000	-

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2017/18 = 2018

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2017/18 = 2018



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); BFAP, Statistics SA and CSIR.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018			7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting 2018			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			Final crop/ Finale oes 2017		
	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	0	3 750	3 750	0	33 750	33 750	200	2 000	2 200	2 000	20 000	22 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 600	43 000	46 600	41 760	636 400	678 160	3 500	45 000	48 500	46 200	666 000	712 200
Free State/Vrystaat	644 000	410 000	1 054 000	3 542 000	2 111 500	5 653 500	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	5 110 000	2 252 000	7 362 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 500	11 000	14 500	21 700	71 500	93 200	4 400	9 500	13 900	30 800	66 500	97 300
KwaZulu-Natal	45 000	50 000	95 000	301 500	390 000	691 500	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	390 000	740 000
Mpumalanga	140 000	340 000	480 000	854 000	2 108 000	2 962 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 342 500	3 430 500
Limpopo	12 000	21 000	33 000	90 000	147 000	237 000	40 000	24 000	64 000	300 000	192 000	492 000
Gauteng	50 000	62 000	112 000	290 000	378 200	668 200	60 000	60 000	120 000	390 000	414 000	804 000
North West/Noordwes	370 000	110 000	480 000	1 739 000	451 000	2 190 000	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 599 000	561 000	3 160 000
Total/Totaal	1 268 100	1 050 750	2 318 850	6 879 960	6 327 350	13 207 310	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 916 000	6 904 000	16 820 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	100	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 600	1 920	250	400
Free State/Vrystaat	314 000	486 700	330 000	478 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	300	300
Mpumalanga	2 300	2 185	2 200	2 300
Limpopo	45 000	36 000	90 000	85 500
Gauteng	5 500	5 500	3 000	3 000
North West/Noordwes	233 000	326 200	210 000	304 500
Total/Totaal	601 500	858 605	635 750	874 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 200	700	1 050
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	10 500	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	345 000	552 000	240 000	504 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 400	2 400	1 850	2 775
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	124 000	30 500	89 605
Mpumalanga	310 000	682 000	241 000	554 300
Limpopo	20 000	56 000	8 500	29 750
Gauteng	30 000	61 500	25 400	71 120
North West/Noordwes	36 000	61 200	23 000	52 900
Total/Totaal	787 200	1 550 800	573 950	1 316 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 800	7 000	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	19 800	22 000	34 100
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 500	7 000	3 000	4 800
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	28 000	18 200	27 000	39 150
Total/Totaal	56 300	52 000	56 000	92 050

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	6 300	21 420	7 700	24 640
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	2 100	400	1 520
Mpumalanga	7 500	39 750	12 000	62 400
Limpopo	5 000	14 000	18 000	50 400
Gauteng	1 500	4 650	750	2 400
North West/Noordwes	8 000	23 200	3 500	10 640
Total/Totaal	28 800	105 120	42 350	152 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	20	30	100	150
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	540	1 080	650	1 300
Free State/Vrystaat	26 000	28 600	20 000	32 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	300	450	300	450
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	3 600	4 500	5 400
Mpumalanga	7 000	9 800	5 500	8 525
Limpopo	7 500	11 250	7 000	12 950
Gauteng	1 000	1 200	1 500	2 250
North West/Noordwes	8 000	9 600	5 500	5 500
Total/Totaal	53 360	65 610	45 050	68 525

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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
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**AREA ESTIMATE AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2018 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2018 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
28 AUGUST/AUGUSTUS 2018**

Summer field crops – 2018

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop remained unchanged at 13,207 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,319 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,70 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,268 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,051 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,880 mill. tons, whilst the yield is 5,43 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,327 mill. tons and the yield is 6,02 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed was increased by 8,37% or 66 350 tons to 858 605 tons, with an estimated planted area of 601 500 ha and an expected yield of 1,43 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** remained unchanged at 1,551 mill. tons, with an estimated planted area of 787 200 ha and an expected yield of 1,97 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop also remained unchanged at 52 000 tons. The area estimate is 56 300 ha and the expected yield is 0,92 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** was increased by 26,54% or 22 050 tons to 105 120 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 28 800 ha. The expected yield is 3,65 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 65 610 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 53 360 ha, with an expected yield of 1,23 t/ha.

The main reason for the increase in the production forecast for *sunflower seed* and *sorghum* is due to larger producer deliveries (as reported by SAGIS), against what the Committee indicated during July 2018.

Please note that the final production forecast for summer field crops for 2018, will be released on 26 September 2018.

Somergewasse – 2018

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 13,207 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,319 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,70 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,268 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,051 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,880 milj. ton, terwyl die opbrengs 5,43 t/ha is. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,327 milj. ton, en die opbrengs is 6,02 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is opwaarts aangepas met 8,37% of 66 350 ton na 858 605 ton, met 'n geskatte oppervlakte van 601 500 ha en 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,43 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is onveranderd gelaat op 1,551 milj. ton met 'n geskatte oppervlakte van 787 200 ha en 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,97 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is ook onveranderd gelaat op 52 000 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 56 300 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 0,92 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is opwaarts aangepas met 26,54% of 22 050 ton na 105 120 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met sorghum is 28 800 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,65 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 65 610 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 53 360 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,23 t/ha.

Die hoofrede vir die toename in die produksieskatting vir *sonneblomsaad* en *sorghum* is as gevolg van groter produsentelewerings (soos gerapporteer deur SAGIS), teenoor wat die Komitee in Julie 2018 aangedui het.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018, op 26 September 2018 vrygestel sal word.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2018 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2018 vrygestel.

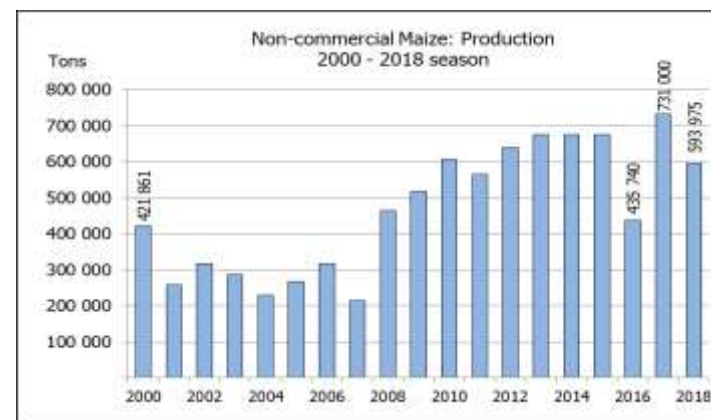
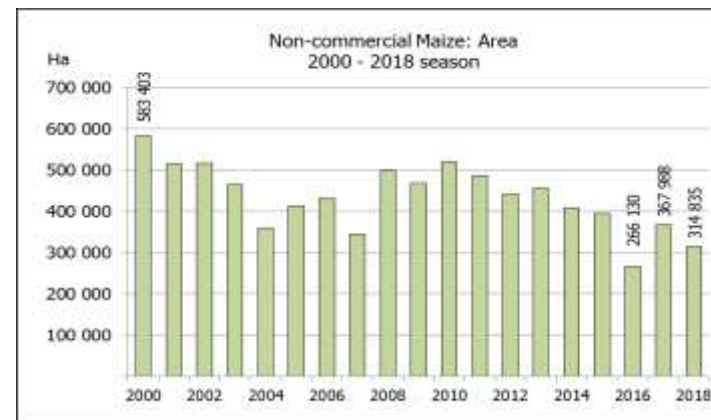
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2018 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	236 644	414 162	248 500	463 600	-10,66
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	78 191	179 813	118 150	267 400	-32,76
Maize/Mielies	314 835	593 975	366 650	731 000	-18,74

The preliminary area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 314 835 ha, which represents a decrease of 14,13%, compared to the 366 650 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 593 975 tons, which is 18,74% less than the 731 000 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 40% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 314 835 ha, wat 'n afname van 14,13 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 366 650 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 593 975 ton, wat 18,74% minder is as die 731 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 40% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.



The revised area estimate and first production forecast for winter cereals for the 2018 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakte- en eerste produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2018 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
Wheat/Koring	508 350	1 808 050	491 600	1 535 000	+17,8
Malting barley/Moutgars	119 000	390 840	91 380	307 000	+27,3
Canola/Kanola	80 000	112 000	84 000	93 500	+19,8

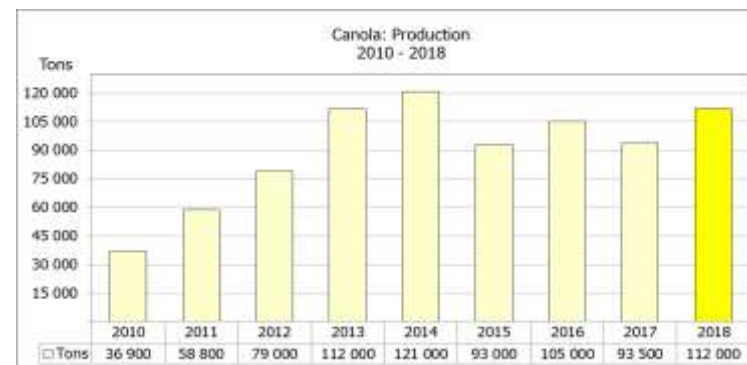
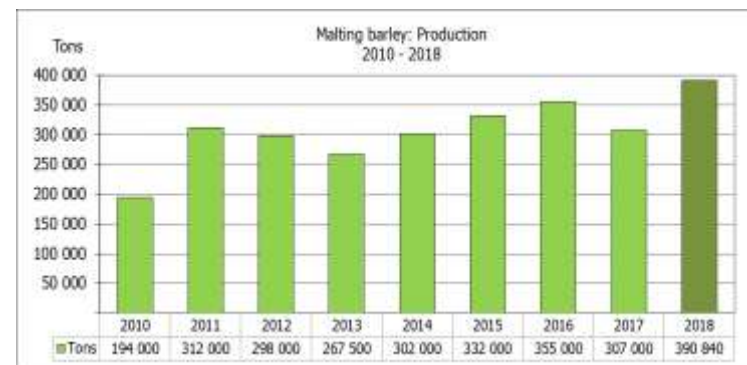
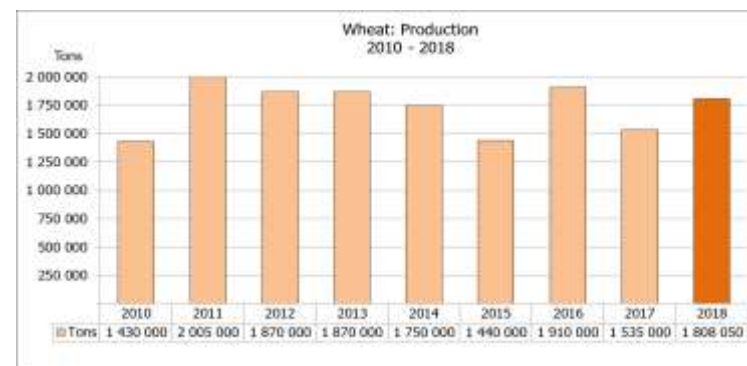
* Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2018/19 = 2018

* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2018/19 = 2018

WHEAT – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

KORING – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2018 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	318 000	858 600	326 000	586 800
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	292 600	38 000	311 650
Free State/Vrystaat	105 000	362 250	80 000	336 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 650	10 725	1 900	9 500
KwaZulu-Natal	7 000	43 400	7 500	45 750
Mpumalanga	3 500	21 875	4 000	25 400
Limpopo	20 000	124 000	20 000	132 000
Gauteng	1 200	7 800	700	4 200
North West/Noordwes	14 000	86 800	13 500	83 700
Total/Totaal	508 350	1 808 050	491 600	1 535 000



**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2018) /
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2018)
28 AUGUST/ AUGUSTUS 2018**

Winter cereal crops - 2018 production season

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 1,808 mill. tons, which is 17,79% or 273 050 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 1,535 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,56 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 858 600 tons (47%), which is 271 800 tons more than the 586 800 tons produced in the previous season. In the Free State, the expected production is 362 250 tons (20%), which is 26 250 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 336 000 tons. In the Northern Cape, 292 600 tons (16%) is expected to be produced – 19 050 tons less than the 311 650 tons produced in the previous season.

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 508 350 ha, which is 16 750 ha higher than the 505 000 ha of the previous forecast. An estimated 318 000 ha or 63 % is planted in the Western Cape, 105 000 ha or 21 % in the Free State and 38 000 ha or 7 % in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 390 840 tons, which is 27,31% or 83 840 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 307 000 tons. The area planted is estimated at 119 000 ha, while the expected yield is 3,28 t/ha.

The expected **canola crop** is 112 000 tons, which is 19,79% or 18 501 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 93 500 tons. The area estimate for canola is 80 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,40 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for winter cereals for 2018 will be released on 26 September 2018.

Wintergewasse - 2018 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 1,808 milj. ton, wat 17,79% of 273 050 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 1,535 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,56 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 858 600 ton (47%), wat 271 800 ton meer is as die 586 800 ton geproduseer in die vorige seisoen. In die Vrystaat is die verwagte produksie 362 250 ton (20%), wat 26 250 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 336 000 ton. In die Noord-Kaap is die beraamde produksie 292 600 ton (16%) – 19 050 ton minder as die 311 650 ton geproduseer in die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is hersien na 508 350 ha, wat 16 750 ha hoër is as die 505 000 ha teenoor die vorige skatting. Die beraamde oppervlakte geplant in die Wes-Kaap is 318 000 ha of 63 %, die Vrystaat is 105 000 ha of 21 % en 38 000 ha of 7 % is in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 390 840 ton, wat 27,31% of 83 840 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 307 000 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 119 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,28 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is 112 000 ton, wat 19,79% of 18 501 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 93 500 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 80 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,40 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2018 op 26 September 2018 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at 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.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by 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 Oesskatting Komitee.