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## **THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2015 PRODUCTION SEASON**

At a meeting held on 12 May 2016, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial wheat, malting barley and canola for 2015.

The estimated total production figures as released by the national Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Services (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculations. The figures from the wheat utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the final calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the CEC during February 2016, the size of the commercial wheat crop is now 1,440 million tons, which is 17 015 tons or 1,17% less than the final crop estimate figure of 1,457 million tons. For malting barley the recalculated crop size is 332 000 tons, which is 1 372 tons or 0,41% less than the final crop estimate figure of 333 373 tons. The final recalculated canola crop estimate figure is 93 000 tons, which is also lower (4 600 tons or 4,71%) than the final crop estimate figure of 97 600 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2015 (please refer to the figures in the accompanying tables).

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provided information on a regular basis to improve the accuracy of the crop estimates. Producers, who do not participate in the Department's monthly survey, are requested as a matter of urgency to make an effort to contribute to the crop estimates process.

FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2015 PRODUCTION SEASON

| CROP           | <b>FINAL<br/>AREA PLANTED<br/>HA<br/>(A)</b> | <b>FINAL<br/>CROP<br/>TONS<br/>(B)</b> | CEC<br>AREA PLANTED <sup>1)</sup><br>HA<br>(C) | CEC<br>FINAL ESTIMATE <sup>1)</sup><br>TONS<br>(D) | FINAL CROP<br>vs<br>FINAL ESTIMATE<br>%<br>(B) ÷ (D) |
|----------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Wheat          | <b>482 150</b>                               | <b>1 440 000</b>                       | 482 150  | 1 457 015  | -1,17  |
| Malting barley | <b>93 730</b>                                | <b>332 000</b>                         | 93 730   | 333 373  | -0,41  |
| Canola         | <b>78 050</b>                                | <b>93 000</b>                          | 78 050   | 97 600   | -4,71  |

1) As estimated by the CEC on 25 February 2016

THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2015 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

| CROP           | Final crop | Producer deliveries<br>reported by SAGIS <sup>1)</sup><br>(Oct 2015 - March<br>2016) | Estimated<br>future deliveries<br>(April – Sept 2016) | Retentions on farms<br>for own use |
|----------------|------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
|                | Tons       |  |   |                                    |
| Wheat          | 1 440 000  | 1 374 169  | 31 931  | 33 900 <sup>2)</sup>               |
| Malting barley | 332 000    | 328 752  | 1 748   | 1 500                              |
| Canola         | 93 000     | 92 782   | 118   | 100                                |

1) SAGIS deliveries relate to the current crop.

2) Based on a survey undertaken by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.