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The revised area planted estimate and second production forecast for summer crops for 2016 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die heriene oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.

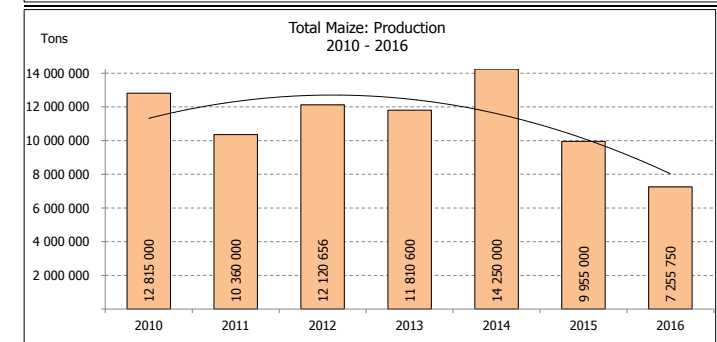
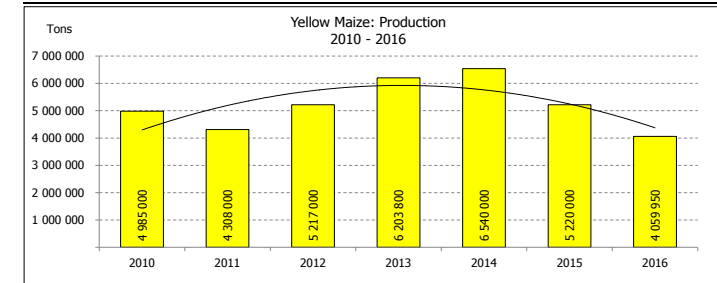
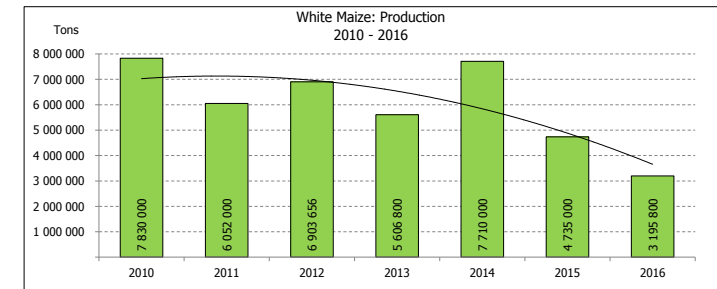
SUMMER CROPS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016

SOMERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting	Area planted/ Opp beplant	Final crop/ Finale oes	Change/ Verandering/
	2016 Ha (A)	2016 Tons (B)	2015 Ha (C)	2015 Tons (D)	% (B) ÷ (D)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
White maize/Witmielies	1 020 750	3 195 800	1 448 050	4 735 000	-32,51
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	945 000	4 059 950	1 204 800	5 220 000	-22,22
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	1 965 750	7 255 750	2 652 850	9 955 000	-27,11
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	687 500	687 150	576 000	663 000	+3,64
Soybeans/Sojabone	519 800	724 600	687 300	1 070 000	-32,28
Groundnuts/Grondbone	23 100	34 120	58 000	62 300	-45,23
Sorghum	48 500	93 400	70 500	120 500	-22,49
Dry beans/Droëbone	36 400	44 095	64 000	73 390	-39,92
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 281 050	8 839 115	4 108 650	11 944 190	-26,00

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2015/16 = 2016

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2015/16 = 2016



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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 – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016			2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2016			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2015			Final crop/ Finale oes 2015		
	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	4 000	4 500	5 000	40 000	45 000	450	3 800	4 250	4 050	34 200	38 250
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 750	50 000	53 750	37 500	675 000	712 500	3 500	46 000	49 500	35 000	644 000	679 000
Free State/Vrystaat	400 000	325 000	725 000	1 240 000	1 023 750	2 263 750	710 000	510 000	1 220 000	2 236 000	1 708 500	3 944 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 000	12 000	14 000	10 000	60 000	70 000	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600
KwaZulu-Natal	38 000	48 000	86 000	190 000	264 000	454 000	40 000	45 000	85 000	224 000	283 500	507 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	656 000	1 452 000	2 108 000	154 000	315 000	469 000	824 000	1 605 300	2 429 300
Limpopo	27 500	20 000	47 500	137 500	110 000	247 500	28 500	21 000	49 500	156 750	124 000	280 750
Gauteng	49 000	56 000	105 000	205 800	235 200	441 000	44 000	65 000	109 000	193 600	292 500	486 100
North West/Noordwes	340 000	100 000	440 000	714 000	200 000	914 000	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 046 000	444 000	1 490 000
Total/Totaal	1 020 750	945 000	1 965 750	3 195 800	4 059 950	7 255 750	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 735 000	5 220 000	9 955 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016
SONNEBLMSAAD – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	600	500	500
Free State/Vrystaat	375 000	393 750	285 000	370 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	3 000	3 300	2 500	3 300
Limpopo	65 000	45 500	82 000	61 500
Gauteng	4 000	4 000	6 000	7 200
North West/Noordwes	240 000	240 000	200 000	220 000
Total/Totaal	687 500	687 150	576 000	663 000

SOYBEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016
SOJABONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 200	800	1 600
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	12 400	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	174 000	156 600	305 000	366 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 500	2 100	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	30 000	60 000	42 000	102 900
Mpumalanga	242 000	363 000	245 000	389 900
Limpopo	24 500	58 800	24 000	72 000
Gauteng	25 000	52 500	30 000	69 000
North West/Noordwes	18 000	18 000	35 000	52 500
Total/Totaal	519 800	724 600	687 300	1 070 000

GROUNDNUTS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**GRONDBONE** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	5 000	16 500	7 100	22 700
Free State/Vrystaat	8 000	7 200	22 500	21 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	100	100
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	1 600	1 920	2 500	3 250
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	8 500	8 500	25 800	14 450
Total/Totaal	23 100	34 120	58 000	62 300

SORGHUM – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**SORGHUM** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	28 000	42 000	36 000	45 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	2 000	500	2 200
Mpumalanga	10 000	35 000	11 000	48 000
Limpopo	7 000	10 500	16 000	17 600
Gauteng	-	-	1 000	2 600
North West/Noordwes	3 000	3 900	6 000	5 100
Total/Totaal	48 500	93 400	70 500	120 500

DRY BEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**DRÖËBONE** – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	150	300	390
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	630	900	2 160
Free State/Vrystaat	17 000	17 000	28 000	22 400
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	250	375	800	1 040
KwaZulu-Natal	2 200	2 640	6 500	7 800
Mpumalanga	6 000	7 200	9 000	11 250
Limpopo	5 000	9 000	7 000	16 800
Gauteng	2 500	3 500	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	3 000	3 600	7 500	6 750
Total/Totaal	36 400	44 095	64 000	73 390

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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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**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2016 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2016 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
25 FEBRUARY 2016 / 25 FEBRUARIE 2016**

Summer field crops – 2016

Commercial maize: The revised area estimate for maize is 1,966 mill. ha, which is 25,90% or 687 100 ha less than the 2,653 mill. ha planted for the previous season and also 1,47% or 29 400 ha less than the preliminary area estimate of 1,995 mill. ha released in January 2016.

The expected commercial maize crop is 7,256 mill. tons, which is 27,11% or 2,699 mill. tons less than the 9,955 mill. tons of the previous season (2015), which was also a drought year. Interesting enough, the current crop of 7,256 mill. tons is about half of the 2014 crop, when it was 14,250 mill. tons.

The area planted figures are mainly based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES), conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC) for Northern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Gauteng and North West provinces.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the NCSC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2016; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2016. The current yield figures are mainly obtained from producers in the different provinces.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,021 mill. ha, which represents a decrease of 29,51% or 427 300 ha compared to the 1,448 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 945 000 ha, which is also 21,56% or 259 800 ha less than the 1,205 mill. ha planted last season.

The production forecast for white maize is 3,196 mill. tons, which is 32,51% or 1,539 mill. tons less than the 4,735 mill. tons of last season. The yield for white maize is 3,13 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,060 mill. tons, which is 22,22% or 1,160 mill. tons less than the 5,220 mill. tons of last season. The yield for yellow maize is 4,30 t/ha.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 687 500 ha, which is about 19,36% or 111 500 ha more than the 576 000 ha planted the previous season. The production forecast for sunflower seed is 687 150 tons, which is 3,64% or 24 150 tons more than the 663 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,00 t/ha.

Other crops: It is estimated that 519 800 ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents a decrease of 24,37% or 167 500 ha compared to the 687 300 ha planted last season. The production forecast is 724 600 tons, which is 32,28% or 345 400 tons less than the 1,070 mill. tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,39 t/ha.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 23 100 ha, which is 60,17% or 34 900 ha less than the 58 000 ha planted for the previous season. The expected crop is 34 120 tons – which is 45,23% or 28 180 tons less than the 62 300 tons of last season. The expected yield is 1,48 t/ha.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 31,21% or 22 000 ha, from 70 500 ha to 48 500 ha against the previous season. The production forecast for sorghum is 93 400 tons, which is 22,49% or 27 100 tons less than the 120 500 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,93 t/ha.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 36 400 ha, which is 43,13% or 27 600 ha less than the 64 000 ha planted for the previous season. The production forecast is 44 095 tons, which is 39,92% or 29 295 tons less than the 73 390 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,21 t/ha.

Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2016 will be released on 30 March 2016.

Somergewasse – 2016

Kommersiële mielies: Die hersiëne skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 1,966 milj. ha, wat 25,90% of 687 100 ha minder is as die 2,653 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, maar ook 1,47% of 29 400 ha minder as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 1,995 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Januarie 2016.

Die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is 7,256 milj. ton wat 27,11% of 2,699 milj. ton minder is as die 9,955 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen (2015), wat ook 'n droogte jaar was. Interessant genoeg, die huidige oes van 7,256 milj. ton is ongeveer die helfte van die 2014-oes, toe dit 14,250 milj. ton was.

Die oppervlakte beplant syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf die Producente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel (PICES), soos deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium gerapporteer vir Noord-Kaap, Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die Konsortium vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2016 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2016. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,021 milj. ha, wat 'n afname van 29,51% of 427 300 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,448 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 945 000 ha, wat ook 21,56% of 259 800 ha minder is as die 1,205 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 3,196 milj. ton, 32,51% of 1,539 milj. ton minder is as die 4,735 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,13 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,060 miljoen ton, wat 22,22% of 1,160 milj. ton minder is as die 5,220 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,30 t/ha.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 687 500 ha, wat omtrent 19,36% of 111 500 ha meer is as die 576 000 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 687 150 ton, wat 3,64% of 24 150 ton meer is as die 663 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,00 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 519 800 ha, wat 'n afname van 24,37% of 167 500 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 687 300 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting is 724 600 ton, wat 32,28% of 345 400 ton minder is as die 1,070 milj. ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,39 t/ha.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 23 100 ha, wat 60,17% of 34 900 ha minder is as die 58 000 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte grondbone-oes is 34 120 ton – 45,23% of 28 180 ton minder as die 62 300 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,48 t/ha.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het afgeneem met 31,21% of 22 000 ha, van 70 500 ha tot 48 500 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van sorghum is 93 400 ton – 22,49% of 27 100 ton minder as die 120 500 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,93 t/ha.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 36 400 ha, wat 43,13% of 27 600 ha minder is as die 64 000 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting is 44 095 ton, wat 39,92% of 29 295 ton minder is as die 73 390 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,21 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016, op 30 Maart 2016 vrygestel sal word.

The area estimate and final production estimate for winter cereals for the 2015 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakteskatting en finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2015 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015

WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2015 Tons (B)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2015 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2014 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommerseel:						
Wheat/Koring	482 150	1 457 015	1 501 190	476 570	1 750 000	-2,94
Malting barley/Moutgars	93 730	333 373	341 373	85 125	302 000	-2,34
Canola/Kanola	78 050	97 600	97 600	95 000	121 000	-
Total/Totaal	653 930	1 887 988	1 940 163	656 695	2 173 000	-2,69

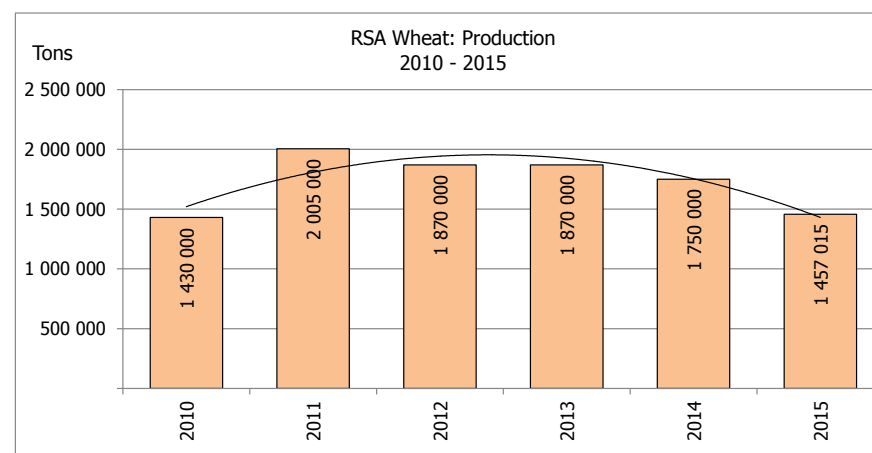
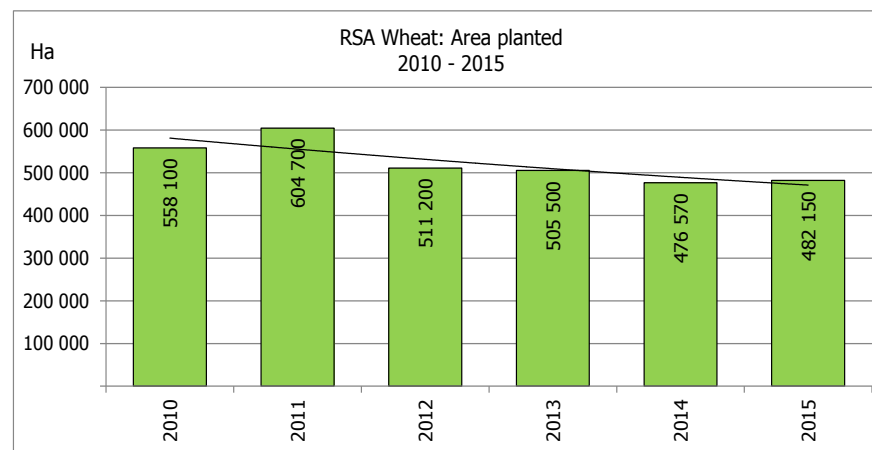
Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2015/16 = 2015

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2015/16 = 2015

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2015 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2014 Tons (E)
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	310 000	697 500	310 000	899 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	36 000	259 200	38 000	285 000
Free State/Vrystaat	80 000	184 000	69 500	245 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 100	14 880	3 000	12 000
KwaZulu-Natal	7 300	41 610	6 500	39 000
Mpumalanga	3 500	20 125	3 500	21 350
Limpopo	27 000	151 200	27 500	137 500
Gauteng	250	1 500	570	3 550
North West/Noordwes	15 000	87 000	18 000	107 100
Total/Totaal	482 150	1 457 015	476 570	1 750 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF WINTER CROPS (2015) /
OPPERVLAKTESKATTING EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2015)
25 FEBRUARY 2016 / 25 FEBRUARIE 2016**

Winter cereal crops - 2015 production season

Wheat: The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,457 mill. tons, which is 2,94% or 44 175 tons less than the 1,501 mill. tons of the previous forecast, with an expected yield of 3,02 t/ha.

During the current (2015) production season, most of the country's wheat crop was produced in the Western Cape (697 500 tons or 48 %), followed by the Northern Cape (259 200 tons or 18 %) and Free State (184 000 tons or 13 %) provinces.

The area estimate for wheat is 482 150 ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 333 373 tons, which is 2,34 % or 8 000 tons less than the previous forecast of 341 373 tons. The area planted is estimated at 93 730 ha, while the expected yield is 3,56 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop remained unchanged at 97 600 tons. The area estimate for canola is 78 050 ha, with an expected yield of 1,25 t/ha.

Please note that the intentions to plant winter cereals for 2016 will be released on 26 April 2016.

Wintergewasse - 2015 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,457 milj. ton, wat 2,94% of 44 175 ton minder is as die 1,501 milj. ton van die vorige skatting, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 3,02 t/ha.

Gedurende die huidige (2015) produksie seisoen, is die grootste gedeelte van die land se koring-oes in die Wes-Kaap (697 500 ton of 48 %) geproduseer, gevolg deur die Noord-Kaap (259 200 ton of 18 %) en die Vrystaat (184 000 ton of 13 %) provinsies.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is 482 150 ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 333 373 ton, wat 2,34 % of 8 000 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 341 373 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 93 730 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,56 t/ha behoort.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 97 600 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 78 050 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,25 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir 2016 op 26 April 2016 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics_and_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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