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#### CALCULATED FINAL COMMERCIAL CROP FIGURES OF SUMMER CROPS: 2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | FINALCROP2005/06TONS(A) | CECAREA PLANTED2005/06HA(B) | CECFINAL ESTIMATE2005/06TONS(C) | FINAL CROP vsFINAL ESTIMATE%(C) ÷ (A) |
|  White Maize | 4 187 400 | 1 033 000 | 3 893 000 | -7,03 |
|  Yellow Maize | 2 430 600 | 567 200 | 2 387 400 | -1,78 |
| Total Maize | 6 618 000 | 1 600 200 | 6 280 400 | -5,10 |
| Sorghum | 96 000 | 37 150 | 89 730 | -6,53 |

#### CALCULATED FINAL COMMERCIAL CROP OF MAIZE: 2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | TotalTons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS (Feb-Apr 2006)Tons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS (May-Oct 2006)Tons | Future deliveries(Nov 2006 -Jan 2007)Tons | Retentions on farm for own useTons | SeedTons |
|  White Maize | 4 187 400 | 68 926 | 3 918 281 | 48 293 | 144 000 | 7 900 |
|  Yellow Maize | 2 430 600 | 77 252 | 1 986 371 | 26 717 | 336 000 | 4 260 |
| Total Maize | 6 618 000 | 146 178 | 5 904 652 | 75 010 | 480 000 | 12 160 |

#### CALCULATED FINAL COMMERCIAL CROP OF SORGHUM: 2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | TotalTons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS (Mrch 2006)Tons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS (Apr-Oct 2006)Tons | Future deliveries(Nov 2006 - Feb 2007)Tons | Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc.Tons |
| Sorghum | 96 000 | 590 | 91 952 | 1 958 | 1 500 |

CALCULATED FINAL COMMERCIAL CROP FIGURES OF MAIZE AND SORGHUM

2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

At its meeting held on 30 November 2006, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) discussed the finalisation of the white and yellow maize as well as sorghum crop production figures for the 2005/06 production season.

The estimated total production figures were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Service (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculation. The figures from the maize utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions that was conducted by the Department of Agriculture (DoA) and the National Crop Statistics Consortium, were added to the SAGIS figures to calculate total figures.

Comparing the re-calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the Crop Estimates Committee during September, the CEC has under-estimated the commercial maize and sorghum crops by 5,1 and 6,5%, respectively. The final calculated crop figures are attached.

The aim of the CEC is to set the final estimate within 5% of the final calculated crop. The use of remote-sensing technology should bring the estimates closer to the final crop figures in future.

Please note that the area planted figures were not adjusted.

Producers and industry role-players are once again requested to actively participate in the crop estimates process in order to continuously improve the accuracy of the estimates.

This information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.nda.agric.za/food> security issues or http://www.sagis.org.za.