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#### COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS: CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES - 2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | FINALAREA PLANTED2007/08HA(A) | **FINAL****CROP****2007/08****TONS****(B)** | CECAREA PLANTED2007/08HA(C) | CECFINAL ESTIMATE2007/08TONS(D) | FINAL ESTIMATE vsFINAL CROP%(D) ÷ (B) |
|  White Maize | 1  737 000 | **7 480 000** | 1  737 000 | 7 098 250 | -5,10 |
|  Yellow Maize | 1 062 000 | **5 220 000** | 1 062 000 | 4 922 900 | -5,69 |
| Total Maize | 2 799 000 | **12 700 000** | 2 799 000 | 12 021 150 | -5,35 |
| Sunflower seed | 564 300 | **872 000** | 564 300 | 885 560 | +1,56 |
| Soya-beans | 165 400 | **282 000** | 165 400 | 308 295 | +9,32 |
| Groundnuts | 54 200 | **88 800** | 54 200 | 85 360 | -3,87 |
| Sorghum | 86 800 | **255 000** | 86 800 | 260 425 | +2,13 |

#### COMMERCIAL MAIZE: CALCULATED FINAL CROP - 2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | TotalTons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS1) (Mar-Oct 2008)Tons | Projected deliveries(Nov 2008 -Feb 2009)Tons | Retentions on farm for own use/ SeedTons |
|  White Maize | 7 480 000 | 7 206 888 | 153 219 | 119 893 |
|  Yellow Maize | 5 220 000 | 4 670 429 | 115 688 | 433 883 |
| Total Maize | 12 700 000 | 11 877 317 | 268 907 | 553 776 |

#### SUNFLOWER SEED AND SOYA-BEANS: CALCULATED FINAL CROP - 2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | TotalTons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS1) (Jan-Oct 2008)Tons | Projected deliveries(Nov - Dec 2008)Tons | Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc.Tons |
| Sunflower seed | 872 000 | 866 778 | 5 222 | - |
| Soya-beans | 282 000 | 261 509 | 4 391 | 16 100 |

#### GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM: CALCULATED FINAL CROP - 2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | TotalTons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS1) (Mar-Oct 2008)Tons | Projected deliveries(Nov 2008 - Feb 2009)Tons | Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc.Tons |
| Groundnuts | 88 800 | 83 661 | 2 439 | 2 700 |
| Sorghum | 255 000 | 243 485 | 9 515 | 2 000 |

#### 1) SAGIS deliveries relates to the current crop

**CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYA-BEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM**

**2007/08 PRODUCTION SEASON**

At its meeting held on 27 November 2008, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) discussed the finalisation of the commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soya-beans, groundnuts, as well as sorghum crop production figures for the 2007/08 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 National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), 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 at its final estimate in August 2008, the CEC has under-estimated the commercial maize and groundnuts crops by 5,4, and 3,9%, respectively. In the case of commercial sunflower seed, soya-beans and sorghum, the CEC has over-estimated the crops by 1,6, 9,3 and 2,1%, respectively.

The final calculated crop production figures are attached.

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.