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

**2008/09 PRODUCTION SEASON**

At a meeting held on 26 November 2009, which was chaired by a member of the National Agricultural Marketing Council, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soya-beans, groundnuts and sorghum for the 2008/09 production season.

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 calculation. The figures from the maize utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the telephonic survey conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), were added to the SAGIS figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the numbers set by the CEC during September 2009, with the final calculated crop figures, the size of the commercial maize crop was estimated 309  200 tons or 2,6% lower than the final crop production figure of 12,05 mill. tons. In the case of commercial soya-beans, groundnuts and sorghum, the CEC has also estimated these crops lower by 1,3%, 0,4% and 1,9%, respectively. With regard to commercial sunflower seed, the crop was over-estimated by 5,3%.

The final calculated crop production figures for 2008/09 are attached.

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 estimation process.

This information is also available on the Internet at <http://www.daff.gov.za/links/food> security statistics or <http://www.sagis.org.za>.

#### SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR THE 2008/09 PRODUCTION SEASON:

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| CROP | FINALAREA PLANTED2008/09HA(A) | **FINAL****CROP****2008/09****TONS****(B)** | CECAREA PLANTED2008/09HA(C) | CECFINAL ESTIMATE2008/09TONS(D) | FINAL ESTIMATEvsFINAL CROP%(D) ÷ (B) |
| White Maize | 1  489  000 | **6 775 000** | 1  489  000 | 6 771 300 | -0,05 |
| Yellow Maize | 938 500 | **5 275 000** | 938 500 | 4 969 500 | -5,79 |
| Total Maize | 2 427 500 | **12 050 000** | 2 427 500 | 11 740 800 | -2,57 |
| Sunflower seed | 635 800 | **801 000** | 635 800 | 843 530 | +5,31 |
| Soya-beans | 237 750 | **516 000** | 237 750 | 509 295 | -1,30 |
| Groundnuts | 54 550 | **99 500** | 54 550 | 99 135 | -0,37 |
| Sorghum | 85 500 | **276 500** | 85 500 | 271 250 | -1,90 |

**COMMERCIAL MAIZE:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CROP | TotalTons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS1) (Mar-Oct 2009)Tons | Projected deliveries(Nov 2009 -Feb 2010)Tons | Retentions on farm for own use/ seedTons |
| White Maize | 6 775 000 | 6 541 524 | 118 586 | 114 890 |
| Yellow Maize | 5 275 000 | 4 854 821 | 110 513 | 309 666 |
| Total Maize | 12 050 000 | 11 396 345 | 229 099 | 424 556 |

#### COMMERCIAL SUNFLOWER SEED AND SOYA-BEANS:

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| CROP | TotalTons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS1) (Jan-Oct 2009)Tons | Projected deliveries(Nov -Dec 2009)Tons | Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc.Tons |
| Sunflower seed | 801 000 | 799 610 | 1 390 | - |
| Soya-beans | 516 000 | 499 884 | 3 116 | 13 000 |

#### COMMERCIAL GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM:

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| CROP | TotalTons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS1) (Mar-Oct 2009)Tons | Projected deliveries(Nov 2009 -Feb 2010)Tons | Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc.Tons |
| Groundnuts | 99 500 | 95 048 | 1 397 | 3 055 |
| Sorghum | 276 500 | 268 125 | 5 795 | 2 580 |

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