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#### CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS: 2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | FINALAREA PLANTED2005/06HA(A) | FINALCROP2005/06TONS(B) | CEC FINALAREA ESTIMATE2005/06HA(C) | CEC FINALCROP ESTIMATE2005/06TONS(D) | FINAL CROP vsFINAL ESTIMATE%(D) ÷ (B) |
| Wheat | 805 000 | 1 905 000 | 800 500 | 1 886 400 | -0,98 |
| Malting barley | 90 000 | 225 000 | 91 950 | 231 768 | +3,01 |
| Canola | 40 200 | 44 200 | 41 200 | 45 310 | +2,51 |
| Sweet lupines | 14 100 | 14 100 | 14 100 | 14 100 | - |

#### CALCULATION OF FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS: 2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | TotalTons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS(Oct 2005 - March 2006)Tons | Future deliveries(April – Sept 2006)Tons | Retentions on farm for own useTons |
| Wheat | 1 905 000 | 1 834 411 | 32 889 | 37 700 |
| Malting barley | 225 000 | 221 558 | 1 942 | 1 500 |
| Canola | 44 200 | 42 388 | 712 | 1 100 |

CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS

2005/06 PRODUCTION SEASON

At its meeting held on 4 May 2006, which is chaired by the NAMC, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) discussed the finalisation of the wheat, malting barley and canola area planted and crop production figures for the 2005/06 production season.

The estimated production figures for wheat 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 wheat utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture (DoA), 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 (CEC) during February 2006, the CEC has under-estimated the wheat, by 1,0%, and over-estimated the malting barley and canola crops by 3,0%, and 2,5%, respectively. Please note that the area planted figures were also slightly revised. The final calculated area and crop figures are attached.

The aim of the CEC is to set the final estimate within 5% of the final calculated crop. In the case of wheat, malting barley and canola the CEC has reached this aim in the last two production seasons. The graph represents the first and final CEC estimates, as well as the final re-calculated crop figures since 1998 for wheat. From the graph it can be seen that the CEC’s final estimates were within the 5% goal for five out of the eight years.