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#### CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS: 2006 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | **FINAL**  **AREA PLANTED**  **2006**  **HA**  **(A)** | **FINAL**  **CROP**  **2006**  **TONS**  **(B)** | CEC FINAL  AREA ESTIMATE  2006  HA  (C) | CEC FINAL  CROP ESTIMATE  2006  TONS  (D) | DEVIATION OF  FINAL ESTIMATE  FROM  FINAL CROP  % |
| Wheat | **764 800** | **2 105 000** | 764 800 | 2 121 800 | +0,80 |
| Malting barley | **89 780** | **236 000** | 89 700 | 239 260 | +1,38 |
| Canola | **32 000** | **36 500** | 34 700 | 38 050 | +4,25 |
| Sweet lupines | **16 000** | **14 400** | 16 000 | 14 400 | - |

#### CALCULATION OF FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS: 2006 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | Total  Tons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS  (Oct 2006 - March 2007)  Tons | Future deliveries  (April – Sept 2006)  Tons | Retentions on farm for own use  Tons |
| Wheat | 2 105 000 | 2 013 367 | 42 183 | 49 450 |
| Malting barley | 236 000 | 230 769 | 3 071 | 2 160 |
| Canola | 36 500 | 35 582 | 418 | 500 |

CALCULATED FINAL AREA AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS

2006 PRODUCTION SEASON

At its meeting held on 3 May 2007, which is chaired by the South Africa Grain Information Service (SAGIS), the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) discussed the finalisation of the wheat, malting barley and canola area planted and crop production figures for the 2006 production season.

The estimated production figures for wheat were revised, using the published figures of 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 the total figures.

Comparing the re-calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) during February 2007, the CEC has over-estimated the wheat crop by 0,8%, the malting barley crop by 1,4% and the canola crop by 4,2%, respectively. Please note that the area planted figures for malting barley and canola were also slightly revised.

The aim of the CEC is to set the final estimate within 5% of the final calculated crop. 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 six out of the nine years.