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6 May 2010

**THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2009 PRODUCTION SEASON**

At a meeting held on 6 May 2010, 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 sizes of wheat, malting barley and canola for the 2009 production season.

The estimated production figure for wheat was 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 Directorate: Agricultural Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries were added to the SAGIS figures to calculate the total size of the crop.

Comparing the numbers set by the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) during February 2010, with the final calculated crop figures, the figure for wheat was estimated slightly lower (1,95%) than the final crop figure of 1,958 mill. tons. With regard to the malting barley crop, the crop was estimated higher (3,53%) than the final crop figure of 216  000 tons and with regard to the canola crop, the crop was slightly estimated lower by 0,10%.

The final calculated crop production figures are attached.

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provide 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 make a contribution to the crop estimation process.

This information is also available on the Internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/crop estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/crop) or <http://www.sagis.org.za/CEC>: Crop Estimates.

#### FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2009 PRODUCTION SEASON

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| CROP | **FINAL**  **AREA PLANTED**  **2009** | **FINAL**  **CROP**  **2009** |
|  | **HA** | **TONS** |
| Wheat | **642 500** | **1 958 000** |
| Malting barley | **74 760** | **216 000** |
| Canola | **35 060** | **40 350** |

#### THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2009 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

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| CROP | Producer deliveries  reported by SAGIS1)  (Oct 2009 - March 2010) | Estimated  future deliveries  (April – Sept 2010) | Retentions on farms for own use | Final crop |
|  | Tons | | | |
| Wheat | 1 848 973 | 66 027 | 43 0002) | 1 958 000 |
| Malting barley | 213 326 | 1 174 | 1 500 | 216 000 |
| Canola | 40 112 | 138 | 100 | 40 350 |

1. SAGIS deliveries relate to the current crop.
2. Based on a survey undertaken by the Directorate: Agricultural Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.