



# crop estimates committee oesskattingskomitee

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**The preliminary area planted estimate for summer crops for 2013 is hereby released. /  
 Hiermee word die voorlopige oppervlakteskating vir somergewasse vir 2013 vrygestel.**

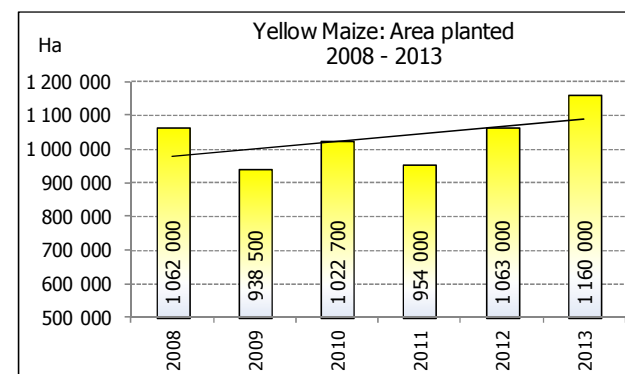
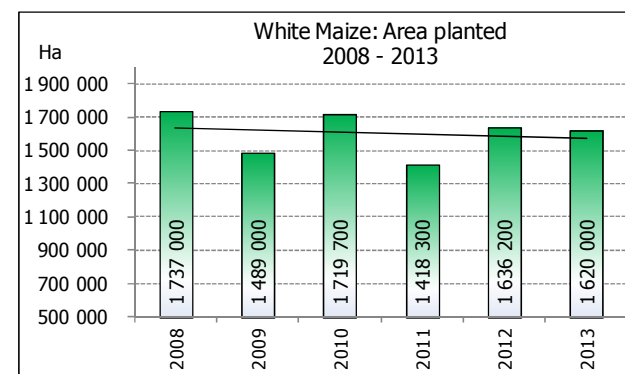
**SUMMER CROPS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2013**

**SOMERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATING: 2013**

| CROP/GEWAS                   | Area planted/<br>Opp beplant<br><br>2013<br>Ha<br>(A) | Area planted/<br>Opp beplant<br><br>2012<br>Ha<br>(B) | Finale oes/<br>Final crop<br><br>2012<br>Tons<br>(C) | Change/<br>Verandering/<br><br>%<br>(A) ÷ (B) |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Commercial/Kommersieel:      |                                                       |                                                       |                                                      |                                               |
| White maize/Witmielies       | 1 620 000                                             | 1 636 200                                             | 6 740 000                                            | -0,99                                         |
| Yellow maize/Geelmielies     | 1 160 000                                             | 1 063 000                                             | 5 090 000                                            | +9,13                                         |
| Maize/Mielies                | 2 780 000                                             | 2 699 200                                             | 11 830 000                                           | +2,99                                         |
| Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad | 485 000                                               | 453 350                                               | 522 000                                              | +6,98                                         |
| Soya-beans/Sojabone          | 529 000                                               | 472 000                                               | 650 000                                              | +12,08                                        |
| Groundnuts/Grondbone         | 44 000                                                | 45 450                                                | 59 000                                               | -3,19                                         |
| Sorghum                      | 61 000                                                | 48 550                                                | 135 500                                              | +25,64                                        |
| Dry beans/Droëbone           | 43 450                                                | 39 750                                                | 47 695                                               | +9,31                                         |
| TOTAL/TOTAAL                 | 3 942 450                                             | 3 758 300                                             | 13 244 195                                           | +4,90                                         |

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2012/13 = 2013

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2012/13 = 2013



**The Crop Estimates Committee comprises officials of the following institutions:**

**Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute); and Statistics SA.**

**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2013****WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2013**

| Provinsie/<br>Province   | Area planted/<br>Oppervlakte beplant<br>2013 |                       |                        | Area planted/<br>Oppervlakte beplant<br>2012 |                       |                        | Final crop/<br>Finale oes<br>2012 |                         |                          |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|                          | White/<br>Wit<br>Ha                          | Yellow/<br>Geel<br>Ha | Total/<br>Totaal<br>Ha | White/<br>Wit<br>Ha                          | Yellow/<br>Geel<br>Ha | Total/<br>Totaal<br>Ha | White/<br>Wit<br>Tons             | Yellow/<br>Geel<br>Tons | Total/<br>Totaal<br>Tons |
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap    | 300                                          | 3 000                 | 3 300                  | 500                                          | 2 500                 | 3 000                  | 5 000                             | 25 000                  | 30 000                   |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | 2 000                                        | 50 000                | 52 000                 | 2 200                                        | 47 000                | 49 200                 | 25 300                            | 580 500                 | 605 800                  |
| Free State/Vrystaat      | 725 000                                      | 505 000               | 1 230 000              | 710 000                                      | 450 000               | 1 160 000              | 2 982 000                         | 1 748 000               | 4 730 000                |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap    | 3 700                                        | 15 000                | 18 700                 | 3 500                                        | 13 500                | 17 000                 | 17 500                            | 74 500                  | 92 000                   |
| KwaZulu-Natal            | 45 000                                       | 47 000                | 92 000                 | 44 000                                       | 45 000                | 89 000                 | 246 300                           | 270 000                 | 516 300                  |
| Mpumalanga               | 165 000                                      | 305 000               | 470 000                | 160 000                                      | 290 000               | 450 000                | 904 000                           | 1 600 000               | 2 504 000                |
| Limpopo                  | 30 000                                       | 22 000                | 52 000                 | 32 000                                       | 18 000                | 50 000                 | 153 600                           | 72 000                  | 225 600                  |
| Gauteng                  | 74 000                                       | 45 000                | 119 000                | 74 000                                       | 42 000                | 116 000                | 362 300                           | 190 000                 | 552 300                  |
| North West/Noordwes      | 575 000                                      | 168 000               | 743 000                | 610 000                                      | 155 000               | 765 000                | 2 044 000                         | 530 000                 | 2 574 000                |
| Total/Totaal             | 1 620 000                                    | 1 160 000             | 2 780 000              | 1 636 200                                    | 1 063 000             | 2 699 200              | 6 740 000                         | 5 090 000               | 11 830 000               |

**PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2013 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVAKTESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2013 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
24 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2013**

**Summer field crops – 2013**

The preliminary area estimate is mainly based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and reflects the position as at the middle of January 2013. Information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES), conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC) for Mpumalanga and Gauteng was also taken into consideration with regard to the area planted figures.

Please note that only provisional national area planted figures for sunflower seed, soya-beans, groundnuts, sorghum and dry beans for the current production season are being released today. The revised area planted and production figures, which will be released by the Crop Estimates Committee on 26 February 2013, will mainly be based on information obtained from the PICES survey for the Northern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal and North West provinces, and therefore should be more accurate and comprehensive.

**Commercial maize:** The preliminary area estimate for maize is 2,780 mill. ha, which is 2,99% or 80 800 ha more than the 2,699 mill. ha planted for the previous season, and also 1,64% more than the intentions to plant figure of 2,735 mill. ha released in October 2012.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,620 mill. ha, which represents a decrease of 0,99% or 16 200 ha compared to the 1,636 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 1,160 mill. ha, which is 9,13% or 97 000 ha more than the 1,063 mill. ha planted last season.

**Other summer crops:**

**Sunflower seed:** The preliminary area estimate for sunflower seed is 485 000 ha, which is about 6,98% or 31 650 ha more than the 453 350 ha planted the previous season.

**Other crops:** It is estimated that 529 000 ha have been planted to **soya-beans**, which represents an increase of 12,08% compared to the 472 000 ha planted last season. This is the highest area ever planted to soya-beans.

For **groundnuts** the area estimate is 44 000 ha, which is 3,19% less than the 45 450 ha planted for the previous season.

The area estimate for **sorghum** increased by 25,64%, from 48 550 ha to 61 000 ha against the previous season.

In the case of **dry beans** the area estimate is 43 450 ha, which is 3 700 ha or 9,31% more than the 39 750 ha planted the previous season.

**Please note that the revised area estimate and first production forecast for summer field crops for 2013 will be released on 26 February 2013.**

**Somergewasse – 2013**

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserie en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van Januarie 2013. Inligting verkry vanaf die Producente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel (PICES), soos deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium gerapporteer vir Mpumalanga en Gauteng is ook in berekening gebring ten opsigte van die oppervlakte beplant syfers.

Let asb. daarop dat net die voorlopige syfers vir die nasionale aangeplante area vir sonneblomsaad, sojabone, grondbone, sorghum en droëbone vir die huidige produksieseisoen vandag vrygestel word. Die hersiene aangeplante oppervlakte en produksiesyfers sal deur die Oesskattingskomitee op 26 Februarie 2013 vrygestel word en sal hoofsaaklik gebaseer wees op inligting verkry vanaf die PICES-opname vir die Noord-Kaap, Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal en Noordwes provinsies, en behoort gevolglik akkurater en omvattender te wees.

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,780 milj. ha, wat 2,99% of 80 800 ha meer is as die 2,699 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, maar ook 1,64% meer as die voornemens om te plant syfer van 2,735 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Oktober 2012.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,620 milj. ha, wat 'n afname van 0,99% of 16 200 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,636 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 1,160 milj. ha, 9,13% of 97 000 ha meer as die 1,063 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

**Ander somergewasse:**

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 485 000 ha, wat omtrent 6,98% of 31 650 ha meer is as die 453 350 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen.

**Ander gewasse:** Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 529 000 ha, wat 'n toename van 12,08% verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 472 000 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Hierdie is die hoogste oppervlakte nog ooit beplant met sojabone.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 44 000 ha, wat 3,19% minder is as die 45 450 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het toegeneem met 25,64%, van 48 550 ha tot 61 000 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 43 450 ha, wat 3 700 ha of 9,31% meer is as die 39 750 ha die vorige seisoen geplant.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die hersiene oppervlakte- en eerste produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2013, op 26 Februarie 2013 vrygestel sal word.**

The sixth production forecast for winter cereals for the 2012 production season is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die sesde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir die 2012 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

**WINTER CEREALS** – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012

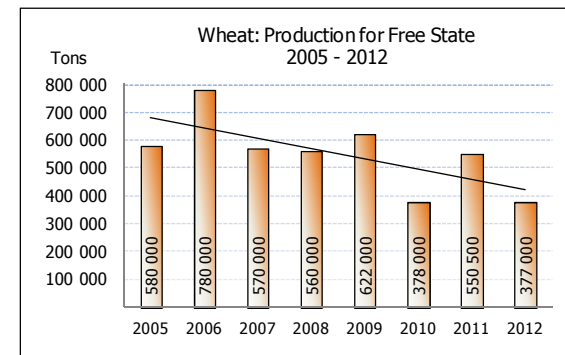
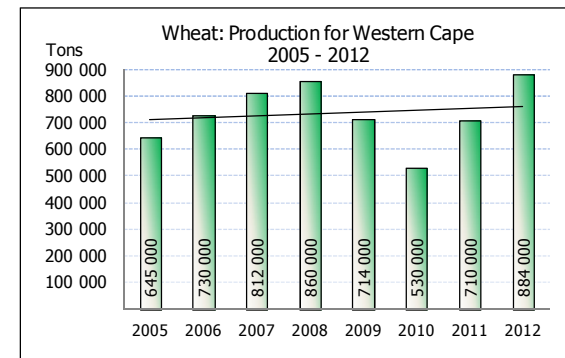
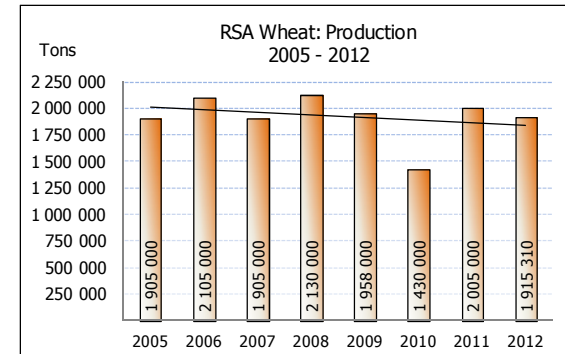
**WINTERGEWASSE** – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

| CROP/GEWAS              | Area planted/<br>Opp beplant<br>2012<br>Ha<br>(A) | 6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/<br>6 <sup>de</sup> skatting<br>2012<br>Tons<br>(B) | 5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/<br>5 <sup>de</sup> skatting<br>2012<br>Tons<br>(C) | Area planted/<br>Opp beplant<br>2011<br>Ha<br>(D) | Final crop/<br>Finale oes<br>2011<br>Tons<br>(E) | Change/<br>Verandering<br>%<br>(B) ÷ (C) |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Wheat/Koring            | 511 200                                           | 1 915 310                                                                    | 1 895 410                                                                    | 604 700                                           | 2 005 000                                        | +1,05                                    |
| Malting barley/Moutgars | 84 940                                            | 296 230                                                                      | 286 380                                                                      | 80 150                                            | 312 000                                          | +3,44                                    |
| Canola/Kanola           | 44 100                                            | 79 650                                                                       | 84 275                                                                       | 43 510                                            | 58 800                                           | -5,49                                    |
| Total/Totaal            | 640 240                                           | 2 291 190                                                                    | 2 266 065                                                                    | 728 360                                           | 2 375 800                                        | +1,11                                    |

**WHEAT** – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012

**KORING** – OPPERVLAK- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

| Province/<br>Provinsie   | Area planted/<br>Opp beplant<br>2012<br>Ha | 6 <sup>th</sup> forecast/<br>6 <sup>e</sup> skatting<br>2012<br>Tons | Area planted/<br>Opp beplant<br>2011<br>Ha | Final crop/<br>Finale oes<br>2011<br>Tons |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap    | 272 000                                    | 884 000                                                              | 265 000                                    | 710 000                                   |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | 42 000                                     | 289 800                                                              | 42 000                                     | 336 000                                   |
| Free State/Vrystaat      | 130 000                                    | 377 000                                                              | 225 000                                    | 550 500                                   |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap    | 4 500                                      | 20 700                                                               | 5 000                                      | 21 000                                    |
| KwaZulu-Natal            | 6 500                                      | 33 800                                                               | 7 500                                      | 40 500                                    |
| Mpumalanga               | 4 700                                      | 27 260                                                               | 5 500                                      | 34 200                                    |
| Limpopo                  | 30 000                                     | 159 000                                                              | 31 000                                     | 176 000                                   |
| Gauteng                  | 1 500                                      | 9 750                                                                | 1 700                                      | 11 300                                    |
| North West/Noordwes      | 20 000                                     | 114 000                                                              | 22 000                                     | 125 500                                   |
| Total/Totaal             | 511 200                                    | 1 915 310                                                            | 604 700                                    | 2 005 000                                 |



**AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CEREALS (2012 PRODUCTION SEASON) /  
OPPERVLAK - EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR WINTERGEWASSE (2012 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
24 JANUARY/ JANUARIE 2013**

**Winter cereal crops - 2012 production season**

**Wheat:** The production forecast for wheat was increased by 19 900 tons to 1,915 million tons, which is 1,05 % higher than the previous forecast of 1,895 million tons. The area planted to wheat remained unchanged at 511 200 ha. The average yield of wheat is 3,75 t/ha.

The increase in the expected production of wheat can mainly be attributed to better than expected yields, as well as the fact that producer deliveries, as monitored by SAGIS, were slightly higher than the estimated crop.

The expected production of wheat was adjusted upward in the Western Cape by 13 600 tons, or 1,56%, and in the Northern Cape by 6 300 tons or 2,22%.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **malting barley** also increased to 296 230 tons, which is 9 850 tons or 3,4% higher than the previous forecast of 286 380 tons. The area planted to malting barley remained unchanged at 84 940 ha, while the expected yield is 3,49 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop decreased by 4 625 tons or 5,49% to 79 650 tons. The area estimate for canola remained unchanged at 44 100 ha, with an expected yield of 1,81 t/ha. The main reason for the decrease in the production of canola was the downward adjustment in the producer deliveries figure, as monitored by SAGIS.

Please note that the final production estimate for winter cereals for the 2012 production season will be released on 26 February 2013.

**Wintergewasse - 2012 produksie-seisoen**

**Koring:** Die produksieskatting vir koring is opwaarts aangepas met 19 900 ton tot 1,915 miljoen ton, wat 1,05% hoër is as die 1,895 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met koring is onveranderd gelaat op 511 200 ha. Die gemiddelde opbrengs vir koring is 3,75 t/ha.

Die toename in die verwagte produksie van koring kan hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan beter as verwagte opbrengste, sowel as die feit dat produsente lewerings, soos gemonitor deur SAGIS, effens hoër was as die geskatte oes.

Die verwagte produksie van koring is opwaarts aangepas vir die Wes-Kaap met 13 600 ton of 1,56%, en vir die Noord-Kaap met 6 300 ton of 2,22%.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is ook opwaarts aangepas na 296 230 ton, wat 9 850 ton of 3,4% hoër is as die 286 380 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakeskatting vir moutgars is onveranderd gelaat op 84 940 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,49 t/ha belowp.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 4 625 ton of 5,49% na 79 650 ton. Die oppervlakeskatting vir kanola is onveranderd gelaat op 44 100 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,81 t/ha. Die hoofrede vir die afname in die produksie van kanola is as gevolg van 'n afwaartse aanpassing in die syfer vir produsente lewerings, soos gemonitor deur SAGIS.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir die 2012 produksieseisoen op 26 Februarie 2013 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/crop\\_estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/crop_estimates) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by [http://www.daff.gov.za/crop\\_estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/crop_estimates) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **15:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.

**CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES that CEC members are committed to adhere to on the day of the meeting**

- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
- No member is allowed to leave the meeting before 12:00 in order to prevent disclosure of the information
- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 15:30
- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
- Only the Chairperson, or a member appointed by the Chairperson, may release the figures to the media
- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
- Individual information received for crop estimate purposes is treated strictly confidential, and is not divulged for any other purposes