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**FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2018**

At a meeting held on 13 February 2019, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soybeans, groundnuts and sorghum for 2018.

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 calculations. 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 delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the final calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the CEC during September 2018, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 12,510 mill. tons, which is 3,26% or 421  210 tons less than the final crop estimate figure of 12,931 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 6,540 mill. tons, which is 3,85% or 261  560 tons less than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 5,970 mill. tons, which is 2,60% or 159  650 tons less than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of the commercial sunflower seed crop, the final calculated crop figure is now 862  000 tons, an increase of 3 395 tons or 0,40% compared to the final crop estimate figure. The sorghum crop were adjusted upward by 4,68% (or 5 145 tons). The soybeans crop was slightly adjusted downward, from 1  550  800 tons to 1  540  000 tons, which is 0,70% or 10 800 tons less. The groundnuts crop were adjusted upward by 6,05% (or 3 250 tons).

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2018 (please refer to the figures in the accompanying tables).

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 estimates process.

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#### SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR 2018:

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| CROP | **FINAL**  **AREA PLANTED**  **2018**  **HA**  **(A)** | **FINAL**  **CROP**  **2018**  **TONS**  **(B)** | CEC  AREA PLANTED  SEP 2018  HA  (C) | CEC  FINAL ESTIMATE1)  SEP 2018  TONS  (D) | FINAL CROP  vs  FINAL ESTIMATE  %  (B) ÷ (D) |
| White Maize | **1  268  100** | **6  540 000** | 1  268  100 | 6  801 560 | -3,85 |
| Yellow Maize | **1  050  750** | **5  970 000** | 1  050  750 | 6 129 650 | -2,60 |
| Total Maize | **2  318  850** | **12  510 000** | 2  318  850 | 12  931 210 | -3,26 |
| Sunflower seed | **601  500** | **862 000** | 601  500 | 858 605 | +0,40 |
| Soybeans | **787  200** | **1  540 000** | 787  200 | 1  550  800 | -0,70 |
| Groundnuts | **56  300** | **57 000** | 56  300 | 53  750 | +6,05 |
| Sorghum | **28  800** | **115 000** | 28  800 | 109 855 | +4,68 |

1. As estimated by the CEC on 26 September 2018

**CALCULATION SUMMARY: COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM**

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| CROP | Total  Tons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS2)  (Mar 2018 - Jan 2019)  Tons | Projected deliveries3)  (Feb 2019)  Tons | On-farm for own use/direct sales, etc.  Tons |
| White Maize | 6  540 000 | 6  306 786 | 33 214 | 200 000 |
| Yellow Maize | 5  970 000 | 5  555 352 | 64 648 | 350 000 |
| Total Maize | 12  510 000 | 11  862 138 | 97 862 | 550 000 |
| Sorghum | 115 000 | 111 672 | 1 928 | 1 400 |
| Sunflower seed | 862 000 | 860 221 | 1 779 | - |
| Soybeans | 1  540 000 | 1  496 318 | 5 682 | 38 000 |
| Groundnuts | 57 000 | 56 417 | 383 | 200 |

1. SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the current crop.
2. Projected deliveries for maize, sunflower seed and soybeans are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries (as recorded by SAGIS) for the month of February. With regard to sorghum and groundnuts, projected deliveries are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries for the month of January and February.