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**WINTER CEREALS** – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009 PRODUCTION SEASON

**WINTERGEWASSE** – OPPERVLAK- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

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| CROP/GEWAS | **Area planted/****Opp beplant****2009** | **5th forecast/****5de skatting****2009** | 4th forecast/4de skatting2009 | Area planted/Opp beplant2008 | Final crop/Finale oes2008 | Change/Verandering |
|  | **Ha** | **Tons** | Tons | Ha | Tons | % |
|  | **(A)** | **(B)** | (C) | (D) | (E) | (B) ÷ (C) |
| Commercial/Kommersieel: |
| Wheat/Koring | **657 500** | **1 979 250** | 1 999 000 | 748 000 | 2 130 000 | **-0,99** |
| Malting barley/Moutgars | **74 760** | **223 870** | 220 620 | 68 245 | 192 000 | **+1,47** |
| Canola/Kanola | **38 060** | **45 660** | 45 660 | 34 000 | 30 800 | **-** |
| Total/Totaal | **770 320** | **2 248 780** | 2 265 280 | 850  245 | 2 352 800 | **-0,73** |

**WHEAT** – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2009 PRODUCTION SEASON

**KORING** – OPPERVLAK- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2009-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

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| Province/Provinsie | **Area planted/****Opp beplant****Ha** | **5th forecast/****5de skatting****Tons** | 4th forecast/4de skattingTons | Area planted/Opp beplantHa | Final crop/Finale oesTons |
|  | **2009** | **2009** | 2009 | 2008 | 2008 |
| Western Cape/Wes-Kaap | **315 000** | **724 500** | 756 000 | 350 000 | 860 000 |
| Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap | **44 000** | **281 600** | 281 600 | 50 000 | 332 000 |
| Free State/Vrystaat | **235 000** | **622 750** | 611 000 | 280 000 | 560 000 |
| Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap | **5 000** | **20 000** | 20 000 | 5 500 | 22 000 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | **7 000** | **35 000** | 35 000 | 7 500 | 38 200 |
| Mpumalanga | **7 500** | **42 000** | 42 000 | 8 000 | 45 000 |
| Limpopo | **18 000** | **99 000** | 99 000 | 20 000 | 110 000 |
| Gauteng | **2 000** | **12 800** | 12 800 | 2 000 | 12 800 |
| North West/Noordwes | **24 000** | **141 600** | 141 600 | 25 000 | 150 000 |
| Total/Totaal | **657 500** | **1 979 250** | 1 999 000 | 748 000 | 2 130 000 |

**AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CEREALS (2009 PRODUCTION SEASON) /**
**OPPERVLAK - EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR WINTERGEWASSE (2009 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)**

**17 DECEMBER/ DESEMBER 2009**

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| **Winter cereal crops - 2009 production season****Wheat:** The production forecast for wheat was reduced to 1,979 million tons, which is 0,99% or 19  750 tons lower than the previous forecast of 1,999 million tons. The downward adjustment can mainly be ascribed to the wet conditions that prevailed during harvesting time in the Western Cape, more specifically in the Swartland area, that impacted negatively on the crop expectations. The yield is 3,01 t/ha. The expected production was adjusted downward in the Western Cape province by 31  500 tons or 4,17%, whilst the expected production in the Free State province was adjusted upward by 11  750 tons or 1,92%. Please note that the expected production in the Free State province was adjusted upward, based on the results of the objective yield survey undertaken by the National Crop Statistics Consortium.The area planted to wheat remained unchanged at 657  500 ha. An estimated 315  000 ha or 48% is planted in the Western Cape, 235  000 ha or 36% in the Free State and 44  000 ha or 7% in the Northern Cape.**Other crops:** The production forecast for malting barley increased to 223  870 tons, which is 3  250 tons or 1,47% higher than the previous forecast of 220  620 tons. The area planted to barley also remained unchanged at 74  760 ha, while the expected yield is 2,99 t/ha.The expected canola crop remained unchanged at 45  660 tons. The area estimate for canola also remained unchanged at 38  060 ha, with an expected yield of 1,20 t/ha.Please note that the sixth production forecast for winter cereals for the 2009 production season, as well as the preliminary area estimate for summer crops for the 2009/10 production season will be released on 21  January 2010. |  | **Wintergewasse - 2009 produksie-seisoen****Koring:** Die produksieskatting vir koring is afwaarts aangepas na 1,979 miljoen ton, wat 19  750 ton of 0,99% laer is as die 1,999 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die afwaartse aanpassing kan hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan nat toestande wat gedurende strooptyd in die Wes-Kaap, meer spesifiek in die Swartland-area, voorgekom het, wat oesvooruitsigte negatief beïnvloed het. Die opbrengs is 3,01 t/ha.Die verwagte produksie is afwaarts aangepas vir die Wes-Kaap provinsie met 31  500 ton of 4,17%, terwyl die verwagte produksie in die Vrystaat provinsie met 11  750 ton of 1,92% opwaarts aangepas is. Neem asseblief kennis dat die verwagte produksie in die Vrystaat opwaarts aangepas is na aanleiding van die objektiewe opbrengs resultate wat verkry is vanaf die LNR-geleide Konsortium se opname.Die oppervlakte beplant met koring is onveranderd gelaat op 657  500 ha. Die beraamde oppervlakte beplant in die Wes-Kaap is 315  000 ha of 48%, die Vrystaat is 235  000 ha of 36% en 44  000 ha of 7% is in die Noord-Kaap.**Ander gewasse**: Die produksieskatting vir moutgars is opwaarts aangepas na 223  870 ton, wat 3  250 ton of 1,47% hoër is 220  620 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting is onveranderd gelaat op 74  760 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 2,99 t/ha beloop.Die verwagte kanola-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 45  660 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is ook onveranderd gelaat op 38  060 ha, met ŉ verwagte opbrengs van 1,20 t/ha.Neem asseblief kennis dat die sesde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir die 2009 produksieseisoen, sowel as die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant vir somergewasse vir die 2009/10 produksieseisoen op 21 Januarie 2010 vrygestel sal word. |

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