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|  | CROP ESTIMATES COMMITTEE |  |
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SOMERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2008/09-SEISOEN

SUMMER CROPS – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2008/09 SEASON

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| EWAS/CROP | Voorneme/  Intentions  2008/09 | Opp beplant/  Area planted  2007/08 | Finale skatting1)/  Final estimate1)  2007/08 | Verandering/  Change |
|  | Ha | Ha | Tons | % |
|  | soos middel Oktober 2008/  as mid October 2008 |  |  |  |
|  | (A) | (B) | (C) | (A) ÷ (B) |
| Kommersieël/Commercial: | | | | |
| Witmielies/White maize | 1  600  000 | 1  737  000 | 7 098 250 | -7,9 |
| Geelmielies/Yellow maize | 962  000 | 1  062  000 | 4 922 900 | -9,4 |
| Mielies/Maize | 2  562  000 | 2  799  000 | 12 021 150 | -8,5 |
| Sonneblomsaad/Sunflower seed | 586  400 | 564  300 | 885 560 | +3,9 |
| Sojabone/Soya-beans | 227  500 | 165  400 | 308 295 | +37,5 |
| Grondbone/Groundnuts | 57  500 | 54  200 | 85 360 | +6,1 |
| Sorghum | 94  900 | 86  800 | 260 425 | +9,3 |
| Droëbone/Dry beans | 54  000 | 43  800 | 58 975 | +23,3 |
| TOTAAL/TOTAL | 3  582  300 | 3  713  500 | 13 619 765 | -3,5 |

1) August 2008

**\*** Inligting gebaseer op ‘n opname onderneem deur die Direktoraat: Landboustatistiek van die nasionale Departement van Landbou/  
Saadmaatskappye/ Provinsiale Departemente van Landbou.

\* Information based on a survey conducted by the Directorate: Agricultural Statistics of the national Department of Agriculture/  
Seed companies/ Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2008/09-SEISOEN

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2008/09 SEASON

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| Provinsie/  Province | Oppervlakte beplant/  Area planted  2008/09 | | | Oppervlakte beplant/  Area planted  2007/08 | | | Finale skatting1)/  Final estimate1)  2007/08 | | |
|  | Wit/  White  Ha | Geel/  Yellow  Ha | Totaal/  Total  Ha | Wit/  White  Ha | Geel/  Yellow  Ha | Totaal/  Total  Ha | Wit/  White  Tons | Geel/  Yellow  Tons | Totaal/  Total  Tons |
| Wes-Kaap/Western Cape | 1 000 | 3 500 | 4 500 | 1 000 | 3 000 | 4 000 | 10 000 | 30 000 | 40 000 |
| Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape | 3 000 | 48 000 | 51 000 | 3 000 | 52 000 | 55 000 | 36 750 | 637 000 | 673 750 |
| Vrystaat/Free State | 640 000 | 420 000 | 1 060 000 | 690 000 | 480 000 | 1 170 000 | 2 760 000 | 1 848 000 | 4 608 000 |
| Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape | 3 000 | 11 500 | 14 500 | 3 000 | 13 000 | 16 000 | 15 000 | 70 200 | 85 200 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 38 000 | 39 000 | 77 000 | 41 000 | 42 000 | 83 000 | 237 800 | 252 000 | 489 800 |
| Mpumalanga | 241 000 | 240 000 | 481 000 | 268 000 | 250 000 | 518 000 | 1 447 200 | 1 300 000 | 2 747 200 |
| Limpopo | 32 000 | 15 000 | 47 000 | 41 000 | 16 000 | 57 000 | 164 000 | 56 000 | 220 000 |
| Gauteng | 72 000 | 35 000 | 107 000 | 80 000 | 36 000 | 116 000 | 384 000 | 160 200 | 544 200 |
| Noordwes/North West | 570 000 | 150 000 | 720 000 | 610 000 | 170 000 | 780 000 | 2 043 500 | 569 500 | 2 613 000 |
| Totaal/Total | 1 600 000 | 962 000 | 2 562 000 | 1 737 000 | 1 062 000 | 2 799 000 | 7 098 250 | 4 922 900 | 12 021 150 |

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INTENTIONS TO PLANT SUMMER CROPS / VOORNEME OM SOMERGEWASSE TE PLANT (2008/09)

23 October / Oktober 2008

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| Based on inputs received from a sample of producers, seed companies and Provincial Departments of Agriculture, the expected area planted to maize for the 2008/09 production season is estimated at 2,562 million ha, which is 8,5% or 237  000 ha less than the 2,799 million ha planted last season.  The figures show that producers intend to plant 1,600 million ha for white maize, which is 137  000 ha (7,9%) less than in the previous season. In the case of yellow maize, the expected plantings is 962  000 ha, which is 100  000 ha (9,4%) less than in the previous season.  These figures give an indication of the intentions of commercial farmers to plant summer crops as at the middle of October 2008. Farmers indicated that the main reasons for the decrease in area planted to maize are that they have to weigh up the availability of credit and the cost of finance, higher input costs and the current lower international maize prices. Over and above these reasons, the weather is also a decisive factor that will influence farmers’ decisions to plant summer grain crops.  In the case of sunflower seed the expected plantings increased by 3,9%, compared to the previous season. The plantings of soya-beans, groundnuts, sorghum and dry beans also show increases of 37,5%, 6,1%, 9,3% and 23,3%, respectively.  At the meeting of the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee to be held on 27 November 2008, the size of the maize and sorghum crops for the 2007/08 production season will be finalised.  Information is available on the internet at <http://www.nda.agric.za/food> security issues or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from 14:30 on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee. |  | Gebaseer op insette ontvang vanaf ‘n steekproef van produsente, saadmaatskappye en Provinsiale Departemente van Landbou, word die verwagte oppervlakte met mielies beplant vir die 2008/09-seisoen beraam op 2,562 miljoen ha, wat 8,5% minder of 237  000 ha minder is as die 2,799 miljoen ha aangeplant verlede seisoen.  Die syfers toon dat produsente van voorneme is om 1,600 miljoen ha witmielies aan te plant, wat 137  000 ha (7,9%) minder is as in die vorige seisoen. In die geval met geelmielies is die verwagte aanplantings 962  000 ha, wat 100  000 ha (9,4%) minder is as in die vorige seisoen.  Hierdie syfers gee ’n aanduiding van kommersiële boere se voornemens om somergewasse te plant soos teen middel Oktober 2008. Boere het aangedui dat die afname in die oppervlakte aangeplant met mielies hoofsaaklik toegeskryf kan word aan die beskikbaarheid van krediet en die koste van finansiering, hoër insetkoste en die huidige laer internasionale mielie-pryse. Bo en behalwe dié faktore, is die weer ook ’n deurslaggewende faktor wat boere se besluite kan beinvloed oor die aanplant van somergewasse.  In die geval van sonneblomsaad het verwagte aanplantings toegeneem met 3,9% in vergelyking met die vorige seisoen. Sojaboon-, grondboon-, sorghum- en droëboon-aanplantings toon ook toenames van onderskeidelik 37,5%, 6,1%, 9,3% en 23,3%.  Tydens die vergadering van die Oesskattingskakelkomitee wat geskeduleer is vir 27 November 2008, sal die grootte van die mielie- en sorghum-oeste vir die 2007/08-seisoen gefinaliseer word.  Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by <http://www.nda.agric.za/food> security issues of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf 14:30 op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee. |