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#### 27 September 2007

#### EERSTE VOORNEME OM TE PLANT / FIRST INTENTIONS TO PLANT 2007/08 SEISOEN/SEASON

#### KOMMERSIëLE SOMERGEWASSE / COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS

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| Gewas / Crop | Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted  2006/07  Ha  (A) | Voorneme/  Intentions  2007/08  Ha | Verandering/  Change  2007/08 vs 2006/07  %  (B)/(A) |
|  |  | soos aan die einde van Augustus 2007/  as at the end of August 2007  (B) |  |
| Witmielies / White Maize | 1 624 800 | 1 595 000 | -1,8 |
| Geelmielies / Yellow Maize | 927 000 | 1 074 000 | +15,9 |
| Totaal Mielies / Total Maize | 2 551 800 | 2 669 000 | +4,6 |
| Sonneblomsaad / Sunflower seed | 316 350 | 520 000 | +64,4 |
| Sojabone / Soya-beans | 183 000 | 150 000 | -18,0 |
| Grondbone / Groundnuts | 40 770 | 50 000 | +22,6 |
| Sorghum | 69 000 | 80 000 | +15,9 |
| Droëbone / Dry beans | 50 725 | 42 000 | -17,2 |
| Totaal / Total | 3 211 645 | 3 511 000 | +9,3 |

#### EERSTE VOORNEME OM TE PLANT 2007/08 SEISOEN / FIRST INTENTIONS TO PLANT 2007/08 SEASON

#### MIELIES / MAIZE

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| Provinsie / Province | Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted  2006/07  Ha | | | Eerste Voorneme\*/  First Intentions\*  2007/08  Ha | | |
|  |  | | | soos aan die einde van Augustus 2007/  as at the end of August 2007 | | |
|  | Witmielies/  White Maize | Geelmielies/  Yellow Maize | Totaal Mielies/  Total Maize | Witmielies/  White Maize | Geelmielies/  Yellow Maize | Totaal Mielies/  Total Maize |
| Wes-Kaap / Western Cape | 0 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 0 | 2 000 | 2 000 |
| Noord-Kaap / Northern Cape | 3 800 | 45 000 | 48 800 | 3 500 | 48 000 | 51 500 |
| Vrystaat / Free State | 640 000 | 380 000 | 1 020 000 | 638 000 | 451 000 | 1 089 000 |
| Oos-Kaap / Eastern Cape | 3 000 | 13 000 | 16 000 | 3 000 | 13 000 | 16 000 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 38 000 | 36 000 | 74 000 | 42 500 | 42 000 | 84 500 |
| Mpumalanga | 220 000 | 250 000 | 470 000 | 220 000 | 280 000 | 500 000 |
| Limpopo | 40 000 | 16 000 | 56 000 | 38 000 | 16 000 | 54 000 |
| Gauteng | 60 000 | 35 000 | 95 000 | 65 000 | 37 000 | 102 000 |
| Noordwes / North West | 620 000 | 150 000 | 770 000 | 585 000 | 185 000 | 770 000 |
| Totaal / Total | 1 624 800 | 927 000 | 2 551 800 | 1 595 000 | 1 074 000 | 2 669 000 |

\* 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.

FIRST INTENTIONS TO PLANT SUMMER CROPS / EERSTE VOORNEME OM SOMERGEWASSE TE PLANT (2007/08)

27 SEPTEMBER 2007

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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 2007/08 production season is estimated at 2,669 million ha, of which 1,595 million ha (60%) is for white maize and 1,074 million ha (40%) is for yellow maize.  The survey from a sample of producers, which was undertaken by the Department of Agriculture, gives an indication of the intentions of commercial farmers to plant summer crops at the end of August 2007. Please note that the impact of the recent widespread rains on the planting intentions have not been taken into consideration. Besides the rainfall, other factors can, however, still influence these intentions up until planting time.  The survey shows that producers intend to plant 29  800 ha (1,8%) less white maize and 147  000 ha (15,9%) more yellow maize than in the previous season.  The plantings of sunflower seed, groundnuts, and sorghum show increases of 64,4%, 22,6% and 15,9%, respectively. However, the expected area planted to soya-beans and dry beans shows decreases of 18,0% and 17,2%, respectively.  The Crop Estimates Liaison Committee will finalise the size of the oilseed crops (sunflower seed, soya-beans and groundnuts) for the 2006/07 production season on 2  October 2007.  The second intentions to plant summer crops will be released on 27 November 2007.  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 2007/08-seisoen beraam op 2,669 miljoen ha, waarvan 1,595 miljoen ha (60%) vir witmielies en 1,074 miljoen ha (40%) vir geelmielies is.  Die opname vanaf ’n steekproef van produsente wat deur die Departement van Landbou onderneem is, weerspieël kommersiële boere se voornemens om somergewasse te plant soos aan die einde van Augustus 2007. Neem asseblief kennis dat die impak van die onlangse wyd verspreide reën nie met die voornemens om te plant in ag geneem is nie. Benewens die reën, kan verskeie ander faktore egter nog tot planttyd 'n invloed op hierdie voornemens uitoefen.  Die opname toon dat produsente van voorneme is om sowat 29  800 ha (1,8%) minder witmielies en 147  000 ha (15,9%) meer geelmielies aan te plant as in die vorige seisoen.  Sonneblomsaad-, grondboon-, en sorghum-aanplantings toon toenames van onderskeidelik 64,4%, 22,6% en 15,9%. Nietemin toon die verwagte aanplantings van soja- en droëbone afnames van onderskeidelik 18,0% en 17,2%.  Die Oesskattingskakelkomitee gaan die oliesade-oeste (sonneblomsaad, sojabone en grondbone) vir die 2006/07-seisoen op 2  Oktober 2007 finaliseer.  Die tweede voorneme om somergewasse te plant sal op 27  November 2007 vrygestel 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. |