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

#### WINTERGEWASSE / WINTER CROPS

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| Gewas / Crop | Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted  2006  Ha  (a) | Voorneme/  Intentions  2007  Ha | Verandering/  Change  2007 vs 2006  %  (b)/(a) |
|  |  | soos aan die einde van Februarie 2007/  as at the end of February 2007  (b) |  |
| Koring / Wheat | 764 800 | 686 800 | -10,2 |
| Moutgars / Malting barley | 89 700 | 81 800 | -8,8 |
| Kanola / Canola | 34 700 | 40 000 | +15,3 |
| Soetlupine / Sweet lupines | 16 000 | 18 000 | +12,5 |

Voorneme om te plant soos aan die einde van Februarie 2007 / Intentions to plant as at the end of February 2007.

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

#### KORING / WHEAT

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| Provinsie / Province | Oppervlakte beplant/ Area planted  2006  Ha | Eerste Voorneme\*/  First Intentions\*  2007  Ha | Verandering/  Change  2007 vs 2006  % |
|  |  | soos aan die einde van Februarie 2007/  as at the end of February 2007 |  |
| Wes-Kaap / Western Cape | 285 000 | 298 000 | +4,6 |
| Noord-Kaap / Northern Cape | 42 000 | 48 000 | +14,3 |
| Vrystaat / Free State | 360 000 | 275 000 | -23,6 |
| Oos-Kaap / Eastern Cape | 2 500 | 3 000 | +20,0 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | 6 800 | 8 000 | +17,6 |
| Mpumalanga | 15 000 | 6 000 | -60,0 |
| Limpopo | 22 000 | 18 000 | -18,2 |
| Gauteng | 2 000 | 2 800 | +40,0 |
| Noordwes / North West | 29 500 | 28 000 | -5,1 |
| Totaal / Total | 764 800 | 686 800 | -10,2 |

\* Inligting gebaseer op opname onderneem deur die Direktoraat: Landboustatistiek van die nasionale Departement van Landbou.

\* Information based on a survey conducted by the Directorate: Agricultural Statistics of the national Department of Agriculture.

FIRST INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS / EERSTE VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE TE PLANT (2007)

27 MARCH / MAART 2007

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| Based on replies received from a sample of producers the expected area planted to wheat for the 2007 production season is 686  800 ha.  The survey, which was undertaken by the Department of Agriculture, gives an indication of the intentions of commercial farmers to plant winter crops as at the end of February 2007. Various factors can, however, still influence these intentions up until planting time.  The survey shows that producers intend to plant 78  000 ha (10,2%) less wheat than in 2006. The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 298  000 ha (43,4%) or 4,6% up against the previous season, followed by the Free State with 275  000 ha (40,0%) which is 23,6% down compared to the previous season.  The new provincial boundaries, as indicated by the Municipal Demarcation Board in March 2006, have been taken into account for the intentions to plant. It implies that some cultivation has moved from one province to another. The provinces most affected by this are Mpumalanga and Limpopo where significant cultivation has moved from Mpumalanga to Limpopo.  The producers indicated that the decrease in the expected planting of wheat could mainly be ascribed to dry conditions in large areas of the Free State and North West provinces.  The expected area planted to malting barley shows a decrease of 8,8%. The expected area planted to canola and sweet lupines shows increases of 15,3% and 12,5%, respectively.  The revised intentions to plant winter crops will be released on 24  May 2007.  Information 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. |  | Volgens vraelyste ontvang vanaf ‘n steekproef van produsente is die verwagte oppervlakte met koring beplant vir die 2007-seisoen 686  800 ha.  Die opname wat deur die Departement van Landbou onderneem is, weerspieël kommersiële boere se voornemens om wintergewasse te plant soos aan die einde van Februarie 2007. Verskeie faktore kan egter nog tot planttyd 'n invloed op hierdie voornemens uitoefen.  Die opname toon dat produsente van voorneme is om 78  000 ha (10,2%) minder koring te plant as in 2006. Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 298  000 ha (43,4%) wat 4,6% hoër is as die vorige seisoen, gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 275  000 ha (40,0%) wat 23,6% laer is as die vorige seisoen.  Die nuwe provinsiale grense, soos aangedui deur die “Municipal Demarcation Board” in Maart 2006, is in ag geneem met die voorneme om te plant. Dit het veroorsaak dat sekere bewerkbare area's van een provinsie na 'n ander geskuif het. Die provinsies wat die meeste hierdeur geraak word is Mpumalanga en Limpopo waar 'n hele aantal hektare bewerkbare oppervlakte geskuif het van Mpumalanga na Limpopo.  Die produsente het aangedui dat die afname in verwagte aanplantings van koring hoofsaaklik toegeskryf kan word aan die droë toestande in groot gedeeltes van die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies.  Die verwagte aanplantings van moutgars toon ’n afname van 8,8%. Die verwagte aanplantings van kanola en soetlupine toon toenames van onderskeidelik 15,3% en 12,5%.  Die hersiene voorneme om wintergewasse te plant sal op 24  Mei 2007 vrygestel word.  Inigting 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. |