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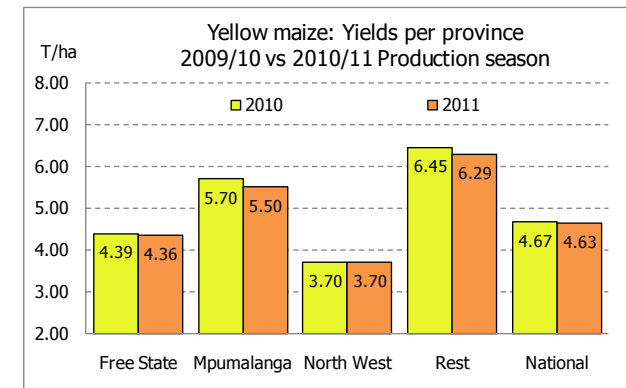
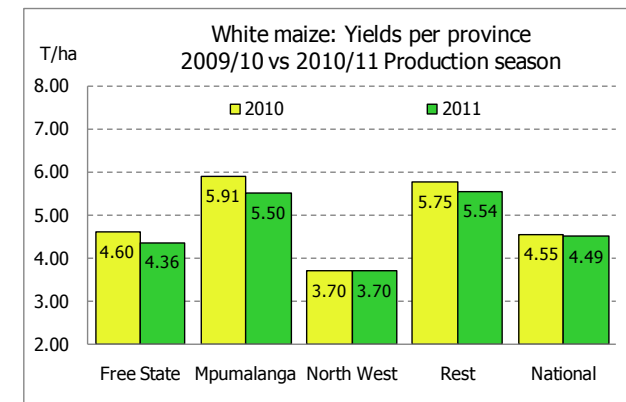
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The fourth production forecast for summer crops for the 2010/11 production season is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir die 2010/11 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11-PRODUKSEIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2010/11 Ha (A)	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2010/11 Tons (B)	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2010/11 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2009/10 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2009/10 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersiële:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 418 300	6 370 800	6 261 300	1 719 700	7 830 000	+1,75
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	954 000	4 621 900	4 621 900	1 022 700	4 985 000	-
Maize/Mielies	2 372 300	10 992 700	10 883 200	2 742 400	12 815 000	+1,01
Sunflower seed/Sunflower seed	642 700	809 470	809 470	397 700	490 000	-
Soya-beans/Sojabone	418 000	676 850	676 850	311 450	566 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	55 150	85 525	85 575	57 450	88 000	-0,06
Sorghum	69 200	201 800	201 800	86 675	196 500	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	41 900	47 620	47 620	44 100	52 255	-
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 599 250	12 813 965	12 704 515	3 639 775	14 207 755	+0,86



The Crop Estimates Committee comprises of the following officials:

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute), Statistics SA

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2010/11			4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2010/11			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2009/10			Final crop/ Finale oes 2009/10		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Total/ Totaal Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Yellow/ Geel Tons	Total/ Totaal Tons	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Total/ Totaal Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Yellow/ Geel Tons	Total/ Totaal Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	300	2 000	2 300	2 100	14 000	16 100	500	2 000	2 500	3 500	14 000	17 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	45 000	47 000	23 000	517 500	540 500	2 000	51 000	53 000	23 000	586 000	609 000
Free State/Vrystaat	595 000	395 000	990 000	2 737 000	1 580 000	4 317 000	690 000	466 000	1 156 000	3 174 000	1 902 000	5 076 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 000	12 000	15 000	10 500	60 000	70 500	3 200	13 200	16 400	14 500	66 000	80 500
KwaZulu-Natal	39 000	42 000	81 000	226 200	247 800	474 000	46 000	42 000	88 000	272 000	252 000	524 000
Mpumalanga	180 000	260 000	440 000	990 000	1 430 000	2 420 000	232 000	250 000	482 000	1 370 000	1 375 000	2 745 000
Limpopo	25 000	12 000	37 000	125 000	51 600	176 600	26 000	18 500	44 500	130 000	80 000	210 000
Gauteng	74 000	41 000	115 000	407 000	184 500	591 500	85 000	40 000	125 000	493 000	192 000	685 000
North West/Noordwes	500 000	145 000	645 000	1 850 000	536 500	2 386 500	635 000	140 000	775 000	2 350 000	518 000	2 868 000
Total/Totaal	1 418 300	954 000	2 372 300	6 370 800	4 621 900	10 992 700	1 719 700	1 022 700	2 742 400	7 830 000	4 985 000	12 815 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	200	200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	750	850	1 700
Free State/Vrystaat	300 000	390 000	175 000	227 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	220	150	165
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	10 000	15 000	8 000	12 800
Limpopo	98 000	88 200	75 000	67 500
Gauteng	4 000	4 800	3 500	4 900
North West/Noordwes	230 000	310 500	135 000	175 235
Total/Totaal	642 700	809 470	397 700	490 000

SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	1 500	650	1 950
Free State/Vrystaat	135 000	189 000	95 000	151 950
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 000	1 500	800	1 200
KwaZulu-Natal	34 000	88 400	30 000	73 500
Mpumalanga	190 000	266 000	145 000	239 600
Limpopo	23 500	58 750	18 000	50 400
Gauteng	14 000	21 700	12 000	20 400
North West/Noordwes	20 000	50 000	10 000	27 000
Total/Totaal	418 000	676 850	311 450	566 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	7 500	22 500	10 000	27 120
Free State/Vrystaat	23 000	31 050	25 000	35 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	225	200	300
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 500	4 250	2 200	3 520
Gauteng	-	-	50	60
North West/Noordwes	22 000	27 500	20 000	22 000
Total/Totaal	55 150	85 525	57 450	88 000

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	25	60
Free State/Vrystaat	43 000	116 100	50 000	102 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	200	600	150	480
Mpumalanga	13 000	50 700	15 000	47 800
Limpopo	8 000	20 800	15 000	30 000
Gauteng	1 000	2 800	1 000	2 960
North West/Noordwes	4 000	10 800	5 500	13 200
Total/Totaal	69 200	201 800	86 675	196 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11 PRODUKSIESEISOEN**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010/11	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2010/11	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2009/10	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2009/10
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	320	100	300
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	1 000	600	1 200
Free State/Vrystaat	15 000	12 000	16 000	14 400
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	100	400	480
KwaZulu-Natal	4 000	4 800	3 000	4 500
Mpumalanga	10 000	10 000	10 500	12 075
Limpopo	5 200	10 400	5 500	9 350
Gauteng	2 000	2 000	3 500	4 550
North West/Noordwes	5 000	7 000	4 500	5 400
Total/Totaal	41 900	47 620	44 100	52 255

CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES that CEC members are committed to adhere to on the day of the meeting

- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
- No member is allowed to leave the meeting before 12:00 in order to prevent disclosure of the information
- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 15:30
- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
- Only the Chairperson, or a member appointed by the Chairperson, may release the figures to the media
- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
- Individual information received for crop estimate purposes is treated strictly confidential, and is not divulged for any other purposes

**AREA AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2010/11 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
24 MAY/ MEI 2011**

Summer field crops – 2010/11 production season

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 10,993 mill. tons, which is 1,01 % or 109 500 tons higher than the previous forecast of 10,883 mill. tons. The main reason for this increase is the higher yield of white maize for Free State and North West, based on the objective yield survey of the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC).

The area estimate for maize is 2,372 mill. ha, whilst the expected yield is 4,63 t/ha as against 4,59 t/ha of the previous forecast.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,418 mill. ha and for yellow maize it is 954 000 ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,371 mill. tons, which is 109 500 tons more than the 6,261 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 4,49 t/ha as against 4,41 t/ha of the previous forecast. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast remained unchanged at 4,622 mill. tons, with an expected yield for yellow maize is 4,84 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 809 470 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 642 700 ha, and the expected yield is 1,26 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soya-beans** remained unchanged at 676 850 tons. It is estimated that 418 000 ha have been planted to soya-beans, whilst the expected yield is 1,62 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop decreased slightly by 50 tons to 85 525 tons. For groundnuts the area estimate is 55 150 ha, and the expected yield is 1,55 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 201 800 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 69 200 ha and the expected yield is 2,92 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast also remained unchanged at 47 620 tons. For dry beans, the area estimate is 41 900 ha, and the expected yield is 1,14 t/ha.

Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for the 2010/11 production season will be released on 23 June 2011.

Information is available on the internet at http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

Somergewasse – 2010/11 produksie-seisoen

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 10,993 milj. ton gestel, wat 1,01% of 109 500 ton hoër is as die vorige skatting van 10,883 milj. ton. Die hoofrede vir hierdie toename is die hoër opbrengs vir witmielies in Vrystaat en Mpumalanga gebaseer op die resultate van die objektiewe opbrengs wat verkry is vanaf die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium.

Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,372 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,63 t/ha teenoor die 4,59 t/ha van die vorige skatting beloop.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,418 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is dit 954 000 ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,371 miljoen ton, wat 109 500 ton meer is as die 6,261 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,49 t/ha teenoor die 4,41 t/ha van die vorige skatting. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 4,622 miljoen ton, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 4,84 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 809 470 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 642 700 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,26 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is onveranderd gelaat op 676 850 ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 418 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,62 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes het effens afgeneem met 50 ton na 85 525 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 55 150 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs 1,55 t/ha.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 201 800 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 69 200 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,92 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting ook onveranderd gelaat op 47 620 ton. Vir droëbone is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 41 900 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,14 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2010/11, produksieseisoen op 23 Junie 2011 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **15:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for the 2010/11 production season is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir die 2010/11 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2010/11 PRODUCTION SEASON

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2010/11-PRODUKSEISEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2010/11 Ha (A)	Estimate/ Skatting 2010/11 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2009/10 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2009/10 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	346 917	395 887	371 861	421 969	-6,18
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	139 843	168 448	149 079	183 895	-8,40
Maize/Mielies	486 760	564 335	520 940	605 864	-6,85

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 486 760 ha, which represents a decrease of 6,6 % compared to the 520 940 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 564 335 tons, which is 6,8 % lower than the 605 864 tons of last season.

Die oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 486 760 ha, wat 'n afname van 6,6 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 520 940 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 564 335 ton, wat 6,8 % laer is as die 605 864 ton van die vorige seisoen.

