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**The seventh production forecast for summer crops for 2011 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die sewende produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2011 vrygestel.**

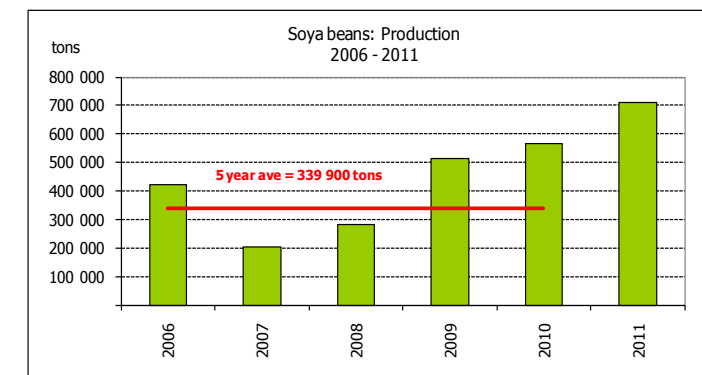
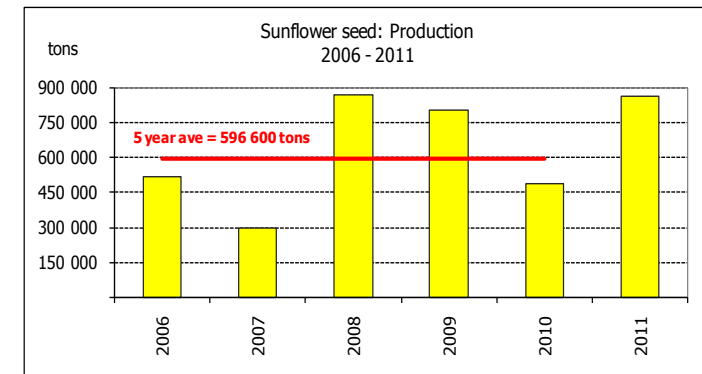
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2011

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (A)	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting 2011 Tons (B)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2011 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2010 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2010 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 418 300	6 199 900	6 301 550	1 719 700	7 830 000	-1,61
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	954 000	4 479 500	4 552 850	1 022 700	4 985 000	-1,61
Maize/Mielies	2 372 300	10 679 400	10 854 400	2 742 400	12 815 000	-1,61
Sunflower seed/Sunflower seed	642 700	861 770	821 970	397 700	490 000	+4,84
Soya-beans/Sojabone	418 000	708 750	708 750	311 450	566 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	55 150	69 420	78 695	57 450	88 000	-11,79
Sorghum	69 200	159 700	173 250	86 675	196 500	-7,82
Dry beans/Droëbone	41 900	44 000	45 250	44 100	52 255	-2,76
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 599 250	12 523 040	12 682 315	3 639 775	14 207 755	-1,26

Note: Forecast is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2010/11 = 2011

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2010/11 = 2011



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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 SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2011**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2011			7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting 2011			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2010			Final crop/ Finale oes 2010		
	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	23 400	526 500	549 900	2 000	51 000	53 000	23 000	586 000	609 000
Free State/Vrystaat	595 000	395 000	990 000	2 647 750	1 520 750	4 168 500	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	220 350	241 500	461 850	46 000	42 000	88 000	272 000	252 000	524 000
Mpumalanga	180 000	260 000	440 000	936 000	1 352 000	2 288 000	232 000	250 000	482 000	1 370 000	1 375 000	2 745 000
Limpopo	25 000	12 000	37 000	125 000	51 000	176 000	26 000	18 500	44 500	130 000	80 000	210 000
Gauteng	74 000	41 000	115 000	384 800	184 500	569 300	85 000	40 000	125 000	493 000	192 000	685 000
North West/Noordwes	500 000	145 000	645 000	1 850 000	529 250	2 379 250	635 000	140 000	775 000	2 350 000	518 000	2 868 000
Total/Totaal	1 418 300	954 000	2 372 300	6 199 900	4 479 500	10 679 400	1 719 700	1 022 700	2 742 400	7 830 000	4 985 000	12 815 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2011**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2011	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2010
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	200	200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	750	850	1 700
Free State/Vrystaat	300 000	435 000	175 000	227 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	220	150	165
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	10 000	12 500	8 000	12 800
Limpopo	98 000	98 000	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	861 770	397 700	490 000

SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2011**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2011	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2010
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	91 800	30 000	73 500
Mpumalanga	190 000	294 500	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	708 750	311 450	566 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2011**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2011	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2010
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	7 500	21 375	10 000	27 120
Free State/Vrystaat	23 000	21 850	25 000	35 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	195	200	300
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 500	4 000	2 200	3 520
Gauteng	-	-	50	60
North West/Noordwes	22 000	22 000	20 000	22 000
Total/Totaal	55 150	69 420	57 450	88 000

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2011**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2011	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2010
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	25	60
Free State/Vrystaat	43 000	83 850	50 000	102 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	200	600	150	480
Mpumalanga	13 000	48 100	15 000	47 800
Limpopo	8 000	14 400	15 000	30 000
Gauteng	1 000	2 750	1 000	2 960
North West/Noordwes	4 000	10 000	5 500	13 200
Total/Totaal	69 200	159 700	86 675	196 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2011**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2011	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2010	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2010
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	320	100	300
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	1 000	600	1 200
Free State/Vrystaat	15 000	10 500	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	9 000	10 500	12 075
Limpopo	5 200	9 880	5 500	9 350
Gauteng	2 000	1 900	3 500	4 550
North West/Noordwes	5 000	6 500	4 500	5 400
Total/Totaal	41 900	44 000	44 100	52 255

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**AREA AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2011)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2011)
25 AUGUST/25 AUGUSTUS 2011**

Summer field crops – 2011

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 10,679 mill. tons, which is 1,61% or 175 000 tons lower than the previous forecast of 10,854 mill. tons. The total area estimate for maize is 2,372 mill. ha, whilst the expected yield is 4,50 t/ha.

The main reason for the decrease in production of maize could *inter alia* be attributed to heavy rains during this seasons' harvesting period that contributed to yield losses and harvesting difficulties in certain parts of the country.

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 6,20 mill. tons, which is 101 650 tons less than the 6,302 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 4,37 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,48 mill. tons, which is 73 350 tons less than the 4,553 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The expected yield for yellow maize is 4,70 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed was increased by 4,84% to 861 770 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 642 700 ha, and the expected yield is 1,34 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soya-beans** remained unchanged at 708 750 tons. It is estimated that 418 000 ha have been planted to soya-beans, whilst the expected yield is 1,70 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop was decreased by 9 275 tons to 69 420 tons. For groundnuts the area estimate is 55 150 ha, and the expected yield is 1,26 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 159 700 tons, which is 13 550 tons less than the 173 250 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 69 200 ha and the expected yield is 2,31 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast was also decreased by 1 250 tons to 44 000 tons. For dry beans, the area estimate is 41 900 ha, and the expected yield is 1,05 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for summer field crops for 2011 (current production season) will be released on 27 September 2011.

Note: Forecast is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2010/11 = 2011

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Somergewasse – 2011

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 10,679 milj. ton gestel, wat 1,61% of 175 000 ton laer is as die vorige skatting van 10,854 milj. ton. Die totale skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,372 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,50 t/ha beloop.

Die hoofrede vir die afname in die produksie van mielies kan onder andere toegeskryf word aan die bo-gemiddelde reënval gedurende hierdie seisoen se oestydperk, wat gelei het tot 'n verlies aan opbrengs en probleme tydens die stroopproses in sekere dele van die land.

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

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,20 milj. ton, wat 101 650 ton minder is as die 6,302 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,37 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,48 milj. ton, wat 73 350 ton minder is as die 4,553 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die verwagte opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,70 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is opwaarts aangepas met 4,84% na 861 770 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 642 700 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,34 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is onveranderd gelaat op 708 750 ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 418 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,70 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes het afgeneem met 9 275 ton na 69 420 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 55 150 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs 1,26 t/ha.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 159 700 ton, wat 13 550 ton minder is as die 173 250 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 69 200 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,31 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting ook verlaag met 1 250 ton na 44 000 ton. Vir droëbone is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 41 900 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,05 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2011 (huidige produksie-seisoen) op 27 September 2011 vrygestel sal word.

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2010/11 = 2011

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The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2011 is as follows:

Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2011 is soos volg:

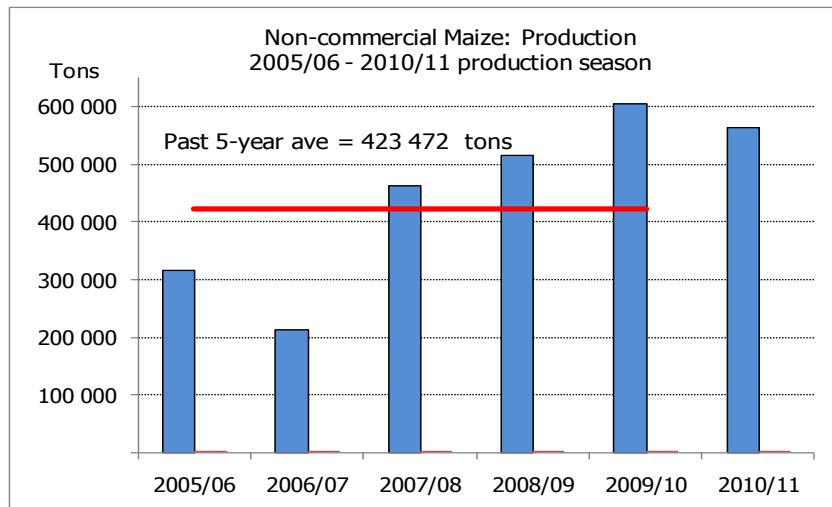
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2011

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha (A)	Estimate/ Skatting 2011 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2010 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2010 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.

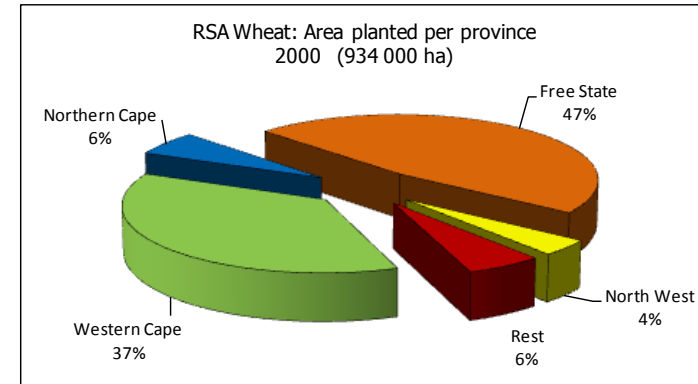


**The revised area estimate for winter cereals for 2011 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2011 vrygestel.**

WINTER CEREALS – REVISED AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2011

WINTERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011

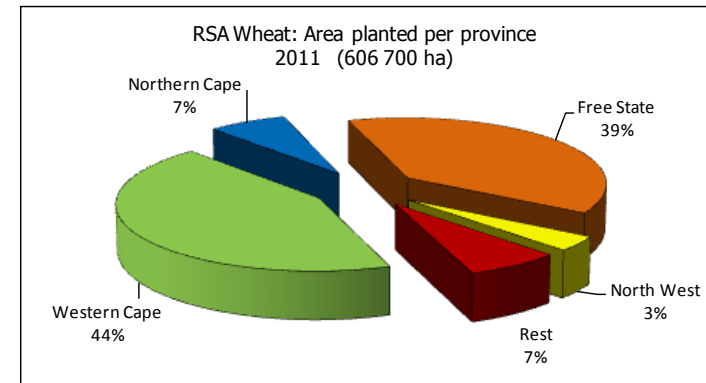
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Commercial/Kommersieel:					
Wheat/Koring	606 700	1 861 880	558 100	1 430 000	+30,20
Malting barley/Moutgars	80 800	248 290	82 670	194 000	+27,98
Canola/Kanola	43 510	57 340	34 820	36 900	+55,39
Total/Totaal	731 010	2 167 510	675 590	1 660 900	+30,50



WHEAT – REVISED AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2011

KORING – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2011

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2011 Ha	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2011 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2010 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2010 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	265 000	662 500	265 000	530 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	42 000	273 000	38 000	252 300
Free State/Vrystaat	235 000	587 500	204 000	378 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 000	20 000	4 500	18 000
KwaZulu-Natal	7 500	38 250	6 100	30 500
Mpumalanga	5 500	29 150	4 500	23 400
Limpopo	23 000	119 600	12 500	65 000
Gauteng	1 700	10 880	1 500	9 600
North West/Noordwes	22 000	121 000	22 000	123 200
Total/Totaal	606 700	1 861 880	558 100	1 430 000



**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2011) /
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2011)**

25 AUGUST/ 25 AUGUSTUS 2011

Winter cereal crops - 2011 production season

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 1,862 mill. tons, which is 30,20% more than the previous seasons' crop of 1,430 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,07 t/ha. The expected production in the Western Cape is 662 500 tons (36%), in the Free State 587 500 tons (32%) and in the Northern Cape 273 000 tons (15%).

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 606 700 ha, which is 4 700 ha more than the 602 000 ha of the previous forecast. An estimated 265 000 ha or 44% is planted in the Western Cape, 235 000 ha or 39% in the Free State and 42 000 ha or 7% in the Northern Cape.

According to producers the increase in the expected planting of wheat can mainly be attributed to prices that are better than the previous season.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 248 290 tons. The area planted is estimated at 80 800 ha, while the expected yield is 3,07 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop is 57 340 tons, which is 55,39% or 20 440 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 36 900 tons – the highest crop ever produced in SA. The area estimate for canola is 43 510 ha, with an expected yield of 1,32 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for winter cereals for 2011 will be released on 27 September 2011.

Wintergewasse - 2011 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 1,862 milj. ton, 30,20% meer as die vorige seisoen se oes van 1,430 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,07 t/ha is. Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 662 500 ton (36%), in die Vrystaat 587 500 ton (32%) en in die Noord-Kaap 273 000 ton (15%).

Die oppervlakeskatting vir koring is hersien na 606 700 ha, wat 4 700 ha meer is as die 602 000 ha teenoor die vorige skatting. Die beraamde oppervlakte geplant in die Wes-Kaap is 265 000 ha of 44%, die Vrystaat is 235 000 ha of 39% en 42 000 ha of 7% is in die Noord-Kaap.

Volgens produsente kan die toename in verwagte aanplantings van koring hoofsaaklik toegeskryf word aan pryse wat beter is as die vorige seisoen.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 248 290 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 80 800 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,07 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is 57 340 ton, wat 55,39% of 20 440 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 36 900 ton – die hoogste oes ooit geproduseer in SA. Die oppervlakeskatting vir kanola is 43 510 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,32 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2011 op 27 September 2011 vrygestel sal word.

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