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FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2023

At a meeting held on 8 February 2024, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soybeans, groundnuts and sorghum for 2023.

The estimated total production figures as released by the national Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Services (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculations. The figures from the maize, sunflower seed, soybeans, groundnuts and sorghum utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) and the telephonic survey conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the final calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the CEC during November 2023, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 16,430 mill. tons, which is 0,21% or 34 775 tons more than the final crop estimate figure of 16,395 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 8,505 mill. tons, which is 0,06% or 5 035 tons more than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 7,925 mill. tons, which is 0,38% or 29 740 tons more than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of the commercial sunflower seed crop, the final calculated crop figure is 720 000 tons, which is 0,57% or 4 110 tons less than the final crop estimate figure of 724 110 tons. The soybeans crop is 2,770 mill. tons (up by 0,53% or 14 700 tons), whilst the final groundnuts crop is 53 000 tons, which is 340 tons or 0,65% more than the final crop estimate figure. The sorghum crop also remained unchanged from the final crop estimate figure of 94 360 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2023 (please refer to the figures in the accompanying tables).

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provided information on a regular basis to improve the accuracy of the crop estimates. Producers, who do not participate in the Department's monthly survey, are requested as a matter of urgency to make an effort to contribute to the crop estimates process.

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SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR 2023:

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2023 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2023 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED NOV 2023 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾ NOV 2023 TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
White Maize	1 521 300	8 505 000	1 521 300	8 499 965	+0,06
Yellow Maize	1 064 800	7 925 000	1 064 800	7 895 260	+0,38
Total Maize	2 586 100	16 430 000	2 586 100	16 395 225	+0,21
Sunflower seed	555 700	720 000	555 700	724 110	-0,57
Soybeans	1 148 300	2 770 000	1 148 300	2 755 300	+0,53
Groundnuts	31 300	53 000	31 300	52 660	+0,65
Sorghum	34 000	94 360	34 000	94 360	-

1) As estimated by the CEC on 28 November 2023

CALCULATION SUMMARY: COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Mar 2023 - Dec 2023) Tons	Projected deliveries ²⁾ (Jan 2024 - Feb 2024) Tons	On-farm for own use/direct sales, seed, etc. Tons
White Maize	8 505 000	8 112 052	177 948	215 000
Yellow Maize	7 925 000	7 325 879	169 121	430 000
Total Maize	16 430 000	15 437 931	347 069	645 000
Sunflower seed	720 000	715 916	4 084	0
Soybeans	2 770 000	2 698 129	22 871	49 000
Groundnuts	53 000	52 019	631	350
Sorghum	94 360	81 059	2 941	10 360

1) SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the current crop.

2) Projected deliveries for maize, sunflower seed and soybeans are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries (as recorded by SAGIS) for the month of February. With regard to sorghum and groundnuts, projected deliveries are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries for the month of January and February.