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The area planted estimate and third production forecast for summer crops for 2020 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2020 vrygestel.

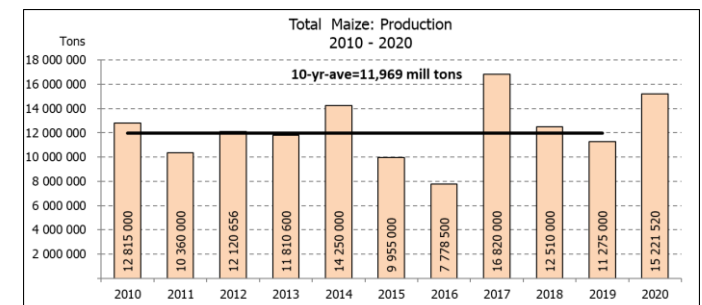
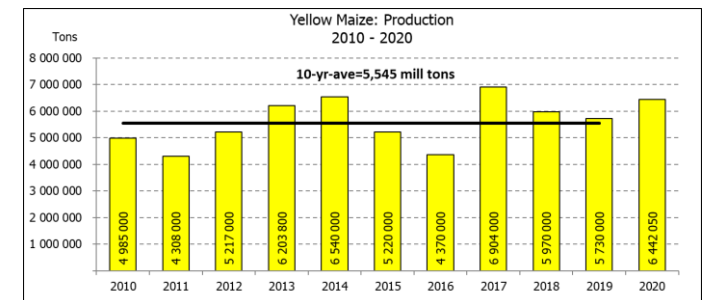
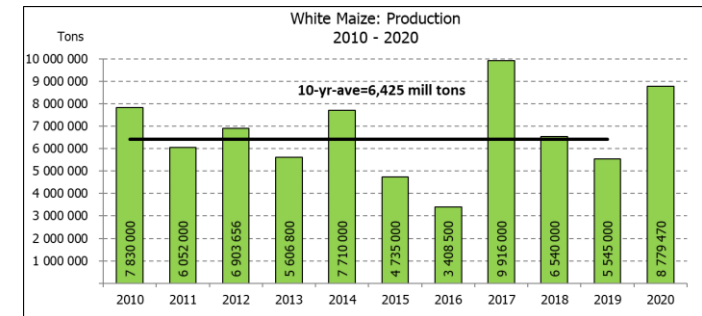
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2020 Ha (A)	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2020 Tons (B)	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2020 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2019 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2019 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 616 300	8 779 470	8 523 465	1 298 400	5 545 000	+3,00
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	994 500	6 442 050	6 285 885	1 002 100	5 730 000	+2,48
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 610 800	15 221 520	14 809 350	2 300 500	11 275 000	+2,78
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	500 300	731 210	731 210	515 350	678 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	705 000	1 290 750	1 269 150	730 500	1 170 345	+1,70
Groundnuts/Grondbone	37 500	62 470	56 060	20 050	19 400	+11,43
Sorghum	42 500	138 885	132 810	50 500	127 000	+4,57
Dry beans/Droëbone	50 150	71 380	72 910	59 300	66 355	-2,10
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 946 250	17 516 215	17 071 490	3 676 200	13 336 100	+2,61

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2019/20 = 2020

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2019/20 = 2020



WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2020			3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2020			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2019			Final crop/ Finale oes 2019		
	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	400	3 400	3 800	3 600	30 600	34 200	400	3 400	3 800	3 600	30 600	34 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 400	43 100	46 500	40 120	624 950	665 070	3 400	43 500	46 900	39 500	630 750	670 250
Free State/Vrystaat	855 000	365 000	1 220 000	4 788 000	2 044 000	6 832 000	650 000	380 000	1 030 000	2 795 000	1 758 000	4 553 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 500	17 000	22 500	36 300	119 000	155 300	3 800	10 200	14 000	23 000	69 750	92 750
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	55 000	102 000	310 200	429 000	739 200	45 000	54 000	99 000	270 000	399 600	669 600
Mpumalanga	160 000	353 000	513 000	952 000	2 294 500	3 246 500	145 000	338 000	483 000	797 500	1 977 300	2 774 800
Limpopo	15 000	18 000	33 000	105 000	126 000	231 000	12 800	18 000	30 800	83 200	117 000	200 200
Gauteng	55 000	50 000	105 000	335 500	315 000	650 500	48 000	60 000	108 000	259 200	348 000	607 200
North West/Noordwes	475 000	90 000	565 000	2 208 750	459 000	2 667 750	390 000	95 000	485 000	1 274 000	399 000	1 673 000
Total/Totaal	1 616 300	994 500	2 610 800	8 779 470	6 442 050	15 221 520	1 298 400	1 002 100	2 300 500	5 545 000	5 730 000	11 275 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2020	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2019
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 200	1 440	950	1 140
Free State/Vrystaat	260 000	416 000	270 000	391 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	300	750	100	260
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 800	3 920	4 500	4 500
Limpopo	65 000	61 750	61 000	61 000
Gauteng	4 000	5 200	3 800	3 800
North West/Noordwes	167 000	242 150	175 000	215 800
Total/Totaal	500 300	731 210	515 350	678 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2020	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2019
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap			100	10
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	7 000	1 550	5 425
Free State/Vrystaat	315 000	535 500	301 000	391 300
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 500	3 000	1 150	1 380
KwaZulu-Natal	35 000	105 000	33 000	99 000
Mpumalanga	260 000	442 000	310 000	511 500
Limpopo	15 500	48 050	16 200	46 980
Gauteng	36 000	70 200	31 500	66 150
North West/Noordwes	40 000	80 000	36 000	48 600
Total/Totaal	705 000	1 290 750	730 500	1 170 345

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2020	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2019
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 200	3 300	1 200	2 520
Free State/Vrystaat	11 000	20 350	8 000	9 775
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 900	5 220	1 850	3 530
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	22 400	33 600	9 000	3 575
Total/Totaal	37 500	62 470	20 050	19 400

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**SORGHUM – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2020	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2019
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	8 000	29 600	8 000	23 600
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	1 200	3 000	500	1 500
Mpumalanga	8 500	41 650	7 500	36 000
Limpopo	16 000	35 200	25 000	46 125
Gauteng	300	960	1 000	3 200
North West/Noordwes	8 500	28 475	8 500	16 575
Total/Totaal	42 500	138 885	50 500	127 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting Tons 2020	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2019
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	150	100	180
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	700	1 000	1 400
Free State/Vrystaat	24 000	31 200	27 000	28 350
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	300	400	720
KwaZulu-Natal	2 900	3 770	3 500	4 025
Mpumalanga	6 600	8 580	7 500	6 750
Limpopo	8 400	16 800	7 800	12 480
Gauteng	600	780	1 500	1 950
North West/Noordwes	7 000	9 100	10 500	10 500
Total/Totaal	50 150	71 380	59 300	66 355

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- 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 14:30
- 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 ESTIMATE AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2020 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2020 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
29 APRIL 2020**

Summer field crops – 2020

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 15,222 mill. tons, which is 2,78% or 412 170 tons more than the previous forecast of 14,809 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,611 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,83 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 35% bigger than the 2019 crop. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 84% of the 2020 crop.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,616 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 994 500 ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 8,779 mill. tons, which is 3,00% or 256 005 tons more than the 8,523 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,43 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,442 mill. tons, which is 2,48% or 156 165 tons more than the 6,286 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 6,48 t/ha.

The yield per ha for the Mpumalanga province was based on scientific and objective results provided by the ARC. Please note that the objective results for the Free State and North West provinces will be available in May 2020.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 731 210 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 500 300 ha, while the expected yield is 1,46 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** increased by 1,70% or 21 600 tons to 1,291 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 705 000 ha and the expected yield is 1,83 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop has been set at 62 470 tons, which is 11,43% or 6 410 tons more than the previous forecast of 56 060 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 37 500 ha, with an expected yield of 1,67 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 138 885 tons, which is 4,57% or 6 075 tons more than the 132 810 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 42 500 ha and the expected yield is 3,27 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 71 380 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 50 150 ha, with an expected yield of 1,42 t/ha.

Please note that the fourth production forecast for summer field crops for 2020 will be released on 27 May 2020.

Somergewasse – 2020

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 15,222 milj. ton gestel, wat 2,78% of 412 170 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 14,809 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,611 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,83 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 35% groter as die 2019-oes. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 84% van die 2020-oes produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,616 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 994 500 ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 8,779 milj. ton, 3,00% of 256 005 ton meer as die 8,523 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,43 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,442 milj. ton, wat 2,48% of 156 165 ton meer is as die 6,286 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,48 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Mpumalanga provinsie is gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrek deur die LNR. Neem kennis dat die objektiewe resultate vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies, in Mei 2020 gerapporteer sal word.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 731 210 ton. Die oppervlakeskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 500 300 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,46 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is verhoog met 1,70% of 21 600 ton na 1,291 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 705 000 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,83 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is op 62 470 ton gestel, wat 11,43% of 6 410 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 56 060 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakeskatting 37 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,67 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 138 885 ton, wat 4,57% of 6 075 ton meer is as die 132 810 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakeskatting vir sorghum is 42 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,27 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 71 380 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 50 150 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,42 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2020, op 27 Mei 2020 vrygestel sal word.

The intentions to plant winter cereals for the 2020 production season is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir die 2020 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

WINTERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2020

WINTER CEREALS –INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2020

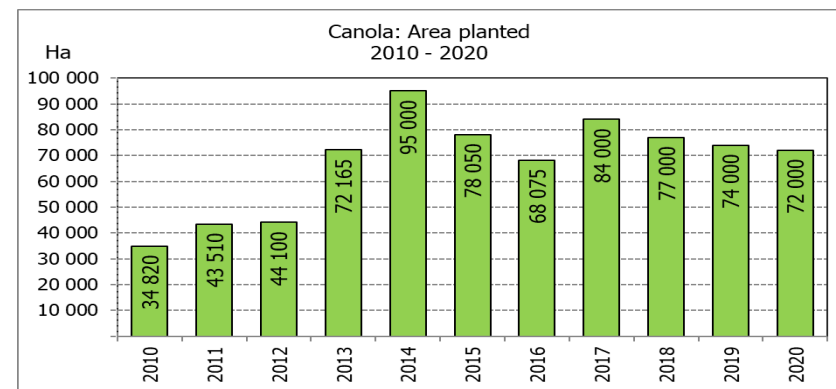
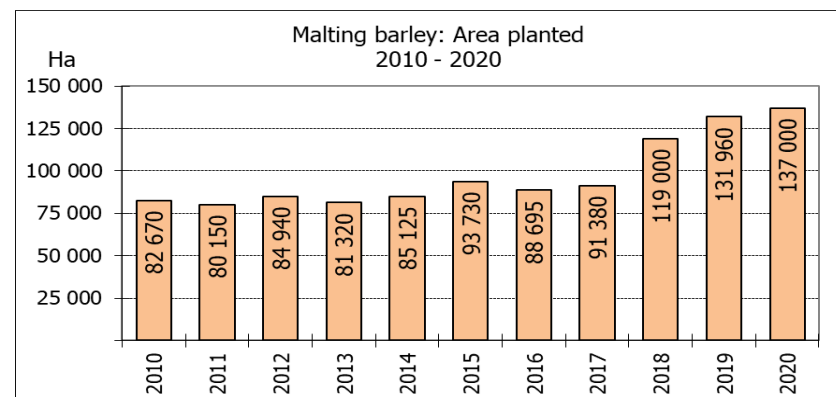
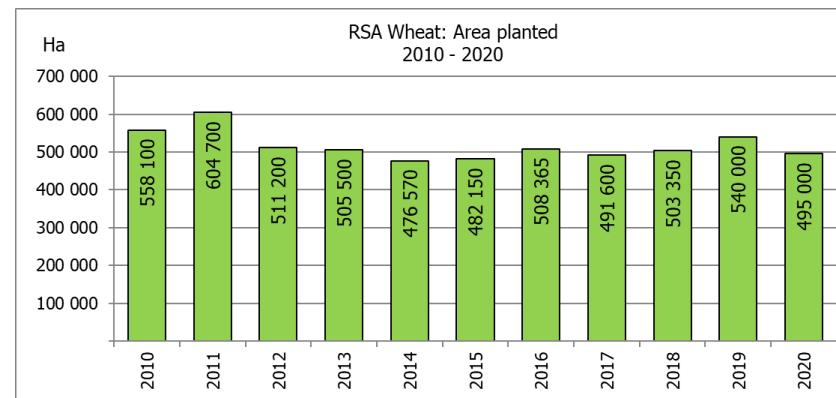
GEWAS/CROP	Voorname/ Intentions* 2020 Ha (A)	Opp beplant/ Area planted 2019 Ha (B)	Finale skatting/ Final estimate 2019 Tons (C)	Verandering/ Change % (A) ÷ (B)
Wheat/Koring	495 000	540 000	1 501 675	-8,33
Malting barley/Moutgars	137 000	131 960	345 080	+3,82
Canola/Kanola	72 000	74 000	96 200	-2,70
Cereal oats/Hawermout	23 500	21 000	15 540	+11,90

* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2020 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2020.

KORING – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2020

WHEAT – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2020

Provinsie/ Province	Voorname/ Intentions Ha 2020	Opp beplant/ Area planted Ha 2019	Finale skatting/ Final estimate Tons 2019
Wes-Kaap/Western Cape	320 000	325 000	633 750
Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape	35 500	37 500	262 500
Vrystaat/Free State	90 000	128 000	313 600
Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape	3 200	3 100	15 500
KwaZulu-Natal	7 800	7 500	45 750
Mpumalanga	3 500	4 000	25 200
Limpopo	21 000	20 000	118 000
Gauteng	1 000	1 400	8 400
Noordwes/North West	13 000	13 500	78 975
Totaal/Total	495 000	540 000	1 501 675



INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS FOR 2020 / VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE AAN TE PLANT VIR 2020

Winter cereal crops – 2020

Producers' intentions to plant winter cereals are based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development and reflects the position as at the middle of April 2020.

The figures for wheat represent the total number of hectares that are intended to be planted for grain, excluding any hectares that will be planted for fodder and grazing.

Early indications are that producers intend to plant 495 000 ha of **wheat** for the 2020 production season. This is 8,33% or 45 000 ha less than the 540 000 ha planted to wheat in 2019.

The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 320 000 ha (65%), followed by the Free State with 90 000 ha (18%) and the Northern Cape with 35 500 ha (7%).

The expected area planted to **malting barley** is 137 000 ha, which is 3,82% or 5 040 ha more than the 131 960 ha of the previous year. The expected area planted to **canola** is 72 000 ha, which is 2,70% or 2 000 ha less than the 74 000 ha planted in 2019. Producers intend to plant 23 500 ha of cereal oats, which is 11,90 or 2 500 ha more than the 21 000 ha of the previous season.

Please note that the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for 2020 will be released on 29 July 2020.

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **14:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

Wintergewasse – 2020

Produsente se voorneme om wintergewasse te plant is gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Grondhervorming en Landelike Ontwikkeling en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van April 2020.

Die syfers vir koring verteenwoordig die totale aantal hektare wat werklik beplant gaan word vir graan, uitgesluit alle hektare wat beplant gaan word vir groenvoer en weiding.

Vroeë aanduidings is dat produsente van voorneme is om 495 000 ha **koring** te plant vir die 2020-produksie-seisoen. Dit is 8,33% of 45 000 ha minder koring aangeplant as die 540 000 ha in 2019.

Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 320 000 ha (65%), gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 90 000 ha (18%) en die Noord-Kaap met 35 500 ha (7%).

Die verwagte aanplantings van **moutgars** is 137 000 ha – 3,82% of 5 040 ha meer as die 131 960 ha van die vorige jaar. Die verwagte aanplantings van **kanola** is 72 000 ha, wat 2,70% of 2 000 ha minder is as die 74 000 ha wat aangeplant was in 2019. Produsente is van voorneme om 23 500 ha hawermout te plant, wat 11,90% of 2 500 ha meer is as die 21 000 ha van die vorige seisoen.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2020 op 29 Julie 2020 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by [http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **14:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingsskategorie.