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The area planted estimate and sixth production forecast for summer crops for 2020 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en sesde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2020 vrygestel.

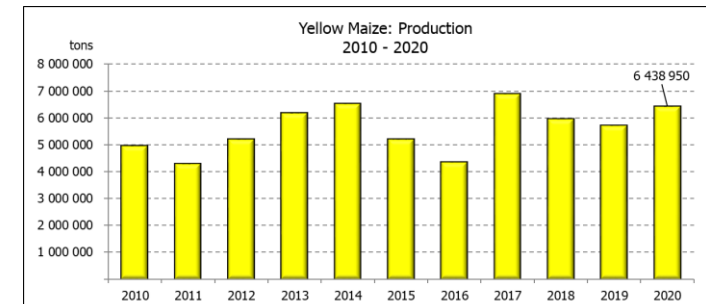
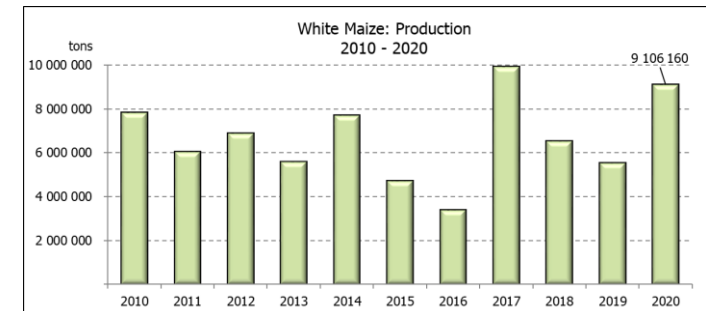
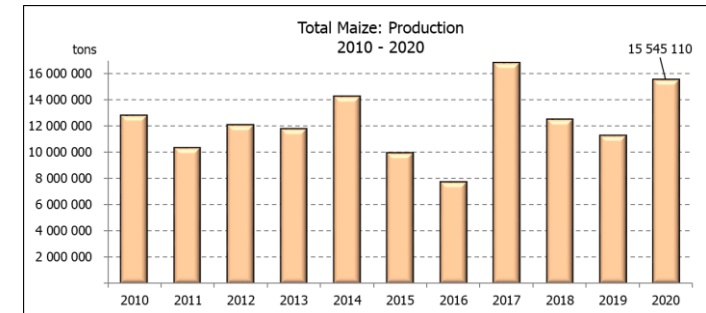
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2020 Ha (A)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2020 Tons (B)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{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	9 106 160	9 074 860	1 298 400	5 545 000	+0,34
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	994 500	6 438 950	6 438 950	1 002 100	5 730 000	-
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 610 800	15 545 110	15 513 810	2 300 500	11 275 000	+0,20
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	500 300	765 960	765 960	515 350	678 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	705 000	1 261 250	1 261 250	730 500	1 170 345	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	37 500	52 140	52 140	20 050	19 400	-
Sorghum	42 500	135 260	133 660	50 500	127 000	+1,20
Dry beans/Droëbone	50 150	64 800	68 860	59 300	66 355	-5,90
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersieële Mielies						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	297 460	543 545	543 545	296 000	549 180	-
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersieël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersieël						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 908 260	16 088 655	16 057 355	2 596 500	11 824 180	+0,19

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 SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2020			6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	40 460	624 950	665 410	3 400	43 500	46 900	39 500	630 750	670 250
Free State/Vrystaat	855 000	365 000	1 220 000	4 959 000	2 080 500	7 039 500	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	35 750	119 000	154 750	3 800	10 200	14 000	23 000	69 750	92 750
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	55 000	102 000	319 600	429 000	748 600	45 000	54 000	99 000	270 000	399 600	669 600
Mpumalanga	160 000	353 000	513 000	928 000	2 223 900	3 151 900	145 000	338 000	483 000	797 500	1 977 300	2 774 800
Limpopo	15 000	18 000	33 000	106 500	126 000	232 500	12 800	18 000	30 800	83 200	117 000	200 200
Gauteng	55 000	50 000	105 000	338 250	310 000	648 250	48 000	60 000	108 000	259 200	348 000	607 200
North West/Noordwes	475 000	90 000	565 000	2 375 000	495 000	2 870 000	390 000	95 000	485 000	1 274 000	399 000	1 673 000
Total/Totaal	1 616 300	994 500	2 610 800	9 106 160	6 438 950	15 545 110	1 298 400	1 002 100	2 300 500	5 545 000	5 730 000	11 275 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	442 000	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	5 600	3 800	3 800
North West/Noordwes	167 000	250 500	175 000	215 800
Total/Totaal	500 300	765 960	515 350	678 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	101 500	33 000	99 000
Mpumalanga	260 000	416 000	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	1 261 250	730 500	1 170 345

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	2 700	1 200	2 520
Free State/Vrystaat	11 000	17 050	8 000	9 775
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 900	5 510	1 850	3 530
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	22 400	26 880	9 000	3 575
Total/Totaal	37 500	52 140	20 050	19 400

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	32 000	8 000	23 600
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	1 200	3 000	500	1 500
Mpumalanga	8 500	42 500	7 500	36 000
Limpopo	16 000	29 600	25 000	46 125
Gauteng	300	960	1 000	3 200
North West/Noordwes	8 500	27 200	8 500	16 575
Total/Totaal	42 500	135 260	50 500	127 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{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	30 000	27 000	28 350
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	300	400	720
KwaZulu-Natal	2 900	3 480	3 500	4 025
Mpumalanga	6 600	8 250	7 500	6 750
Limpopo	8 400	13 440	7 800	12 480
Gauteng	600	780	1 500	1 950
North West/Noordwes	7 000	7 700	10 500	10 500
Total/Totaal	50 150	64 800	59 300	66 355

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**AREA ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2020 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEGASSE (2020 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
29 JULY/JULIE 2020**

Summer field crops – 2020

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 15,545 mill. tons, which is 0,20% or 31 300 tons more than the previous forecast of 15,514 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,611 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,95 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 38% 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 & for yellow maize the area estimate is 994 500 ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 9,106 mill. tons, which is 0,34% or 31 300 tons more than the 9,075 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,63 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast remained unchanged at 6,439 mill. tons. The yield for yellow maize is 6,47 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 765 960 tons, unchanged from the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 500 300 ha, while the expected yield is 1,53 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** remained unchanged at 1,261 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 705 000 ha and the expected yield is 1,79 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 52 140 tons. The area estimate is 37 500 ha, with an expected yield of 1,39 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 135 260 tons, which is 1,20% or 1 600 tons more than the 133 660 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 42 500 ha and the expected yield is 3,18 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 64 800, which is 5,90% or 4 060 tons less than the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 50 150 ha, with an expected yield of 1,29 t/ha.

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

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Somergewasse – 2020

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 15,545 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,20% of 31 300 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 15,514 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,611 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,95 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 38% 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 9,106 milj. ton, wat 0,34% of 31 300 ton meer is as die 9,075 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,63 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 6,439 milj. ton. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,47 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 765 960 ton, onveranderd teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 500 300 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,53 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is onveranderd gelaat op 1,261 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 705 000 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,79 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 52 140 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 37 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,39 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 135 260 ton, wat 1,20% of 1 600 ton meer is as die 133 660 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 42 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,18 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 64 800 ton, wat 5,90% of 4 060 ton minder is as die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 50 150 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,29 t/ha.

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

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The preliminary non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2020 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die voorlopige nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2020 vrygestel.

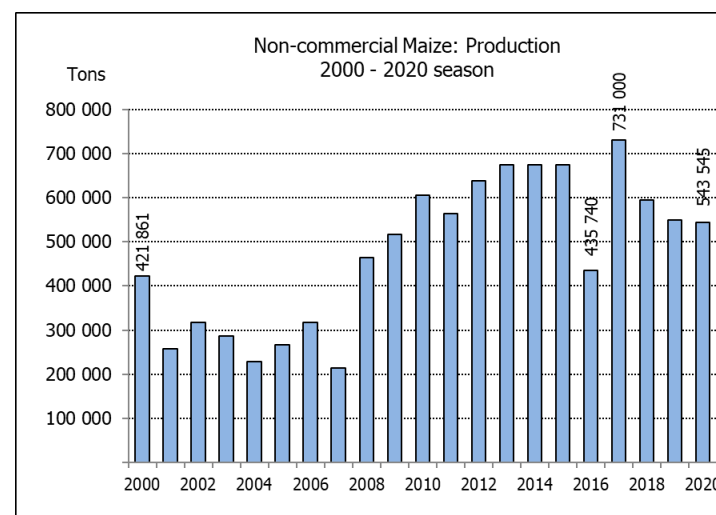
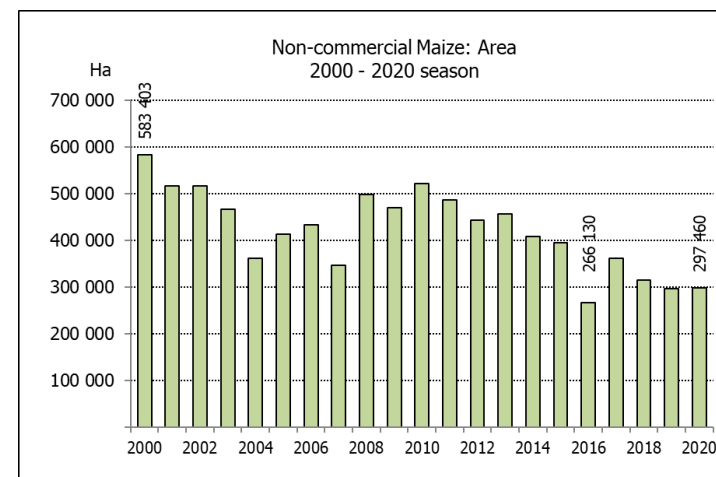
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2020

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2020 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2020 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2019 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2019 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	221 945	375 295	221 300	379 460	-1,10
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	75 515	168 250	74 700	169 720	-0,87
Maize/Mielies	297 460	543 545	296 000	549 180	-1,03

The preliminary area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 297 460 ha, which represents a slight increase of 0,49%, compared to the 296 000 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 543 545 tons, which is 1,03% less than the 549 180 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 40% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 27%.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 297 460 ha, wat 'n effense toename van 0,49 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 296 000 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 543 545 ton, wat 1,03% minder is as die 549 180 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 40% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word, gevolg deur KwaZulu-Natal met 27%.



The preliminary area estimate for winter cereals for the 2020 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die voorlopige oppervlakeskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2020 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2020 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2020-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2020 Ha (A)	Intentions/ Voorname* Mid April 2020 Ha (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2019 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2019 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (A) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
Wheat/Koring	517 000	495 000	540 000	1 535 000	-4,26
Malting barley/Moutgars	132 760	137 000	131 960	345 000	+0,61
Canola/Kanola	71 120	72 000	74 000	95 000	-3,89
Cereal oats/Hawermout	23 000	23 500	21 000	16 500	+9,52

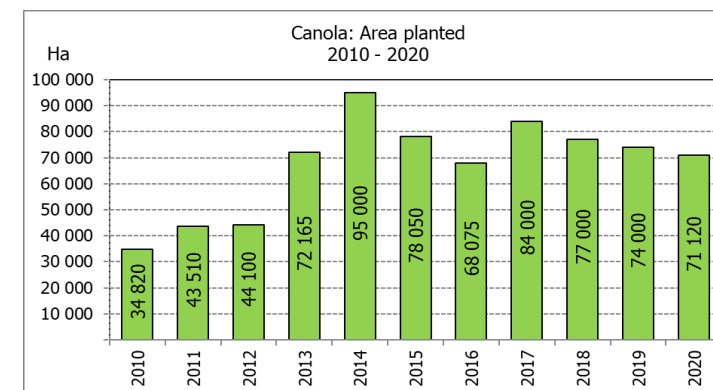
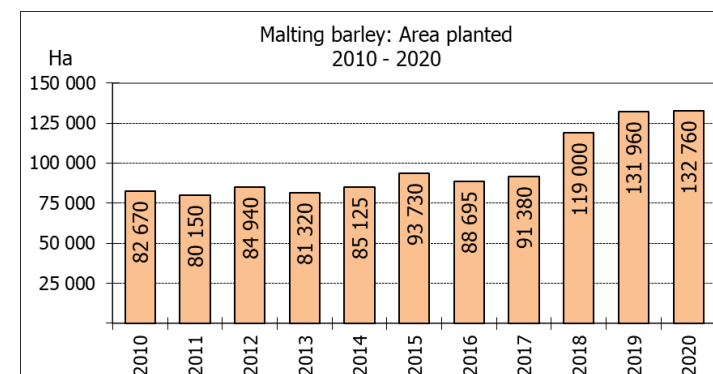
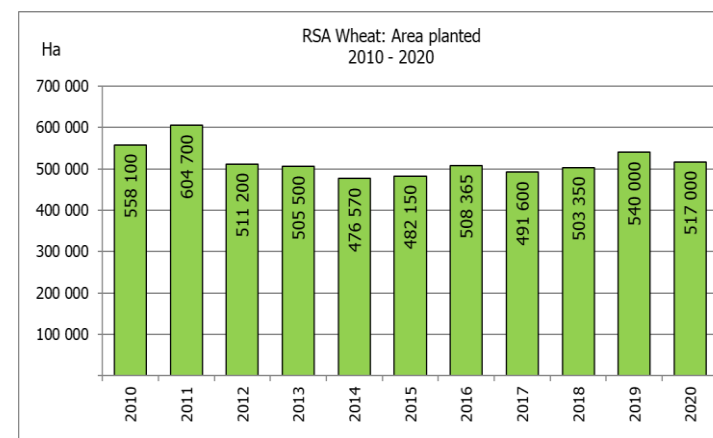
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WHEAT – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2020

KORING – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2020

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2020 Ha	Intentions/ Voorname* Mid April 2020 Ha	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2019 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2019 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	326 000	320 000	325 000	650 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	35 500	35 500	37 500	262 500
Free State/Vrystaat	105 000	90 000	128 000	326 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 500	3 200	3 100	18 150
KwaZulu-Natal	7 800	7 800	7 500	45 750
Mpumalanga	3 500	3 500	4 000	25 200
Limpopo	21 000	21 000	20 000	120 000
Gauteng	1 000	1 000	1 400	8 400
North West/Noordwes	13 700	13 000	13 500	79 000
Total/Totaal	517 000	495 000	540 000	1 535 000

* Intentions based on conditions at the middle of April 2020 / Voorname gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2020.



**PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF WINTER CROPS (2020) /
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2020)
29 JULY/ 29 JULIE 2020**

Winter cereal crops - 2020 production season

The preliminary area estimate is based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis from the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, and reflects the position as at the middle of July 2020, as well as inputs from the PDA representatives. Please note that the information from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES), as conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), for the Western Cape will be available in August 2020 and for the Free State in September 2020.

Wheat: The preliminary area estimate for wheat is 517 000 ha, which is 4,26% or 23 000 ha less than the 540 000 ha planted for the previous season.

An estimated 326 000 ha is planted in the Western Cape, which is 1 000 ha more than the 325 000 ha planted for the previous season. In the Free State, 105 000 ha is planted, which is 23 000 ha less than the 128 000 ha planted for the previous season. The area planted in the Northern Cape is 35 500 ha, which is 2 000 ha less than the previous season.

Other crops: The preliminary area estimate for **malting barley** is 132 760 ha, which is 0,61% or 800 ha more than the 131 960 ha of last season. The area planted to **canola** is 71 120 ha, which is 3,89% or 2 880 ha less than the 74 000 ha planted for the previous season.

The preliminary area estimate for **oats** for the 2020 season is 23 000 ha.

Please note that the revised area planted estimate and first production forecast for winter cereals for 2020 will be released on 27 August 2020.

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Wintergewasse - 2020 produksie-seisoen

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting 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 Julie 2020, sowel as insette van die PDL verteenwoordigers. Let wel, inligting van die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES"), soos gedoen deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium, sal vir die Wes-Kaap in Augustus 2020 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat in September 2020.

Koring: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder koring beloop 517 000 ha, wat 4,26% of 23 000 ha minder is as die 540 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is.

Die beraamde oppervlakte beplant in die Wes-Kaap is 326 000 ha, wat 1 000 ha meer is as die 325 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Vir die Vrystaat is die aanplantings 105 000 ha, wat 23 000 ha minder is as die 128 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is. Die oppervlakte beplant in die Noord-Kaap is 35 500 ha, wat 2 000 ha minder is as die vorige seisoen.

Ander gewasse: Die voorlopige oppervlakskatting vir **moutgars** is 132 760 ha, wat 0,61% of 800 ha meer is as die 131 960 ha van verlede seisoen. Die oppervlakte onder **kanola** is 71 120 ha, wat 3,89% of 2 880 ha minder is as die 74 000 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is.

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir **hawer** vir die 2020-seisoen is 23 000 ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die hersiene oppervlakte beplant en eerste produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2020 op 27 Augustus 2020 vrygestel sal word.

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