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

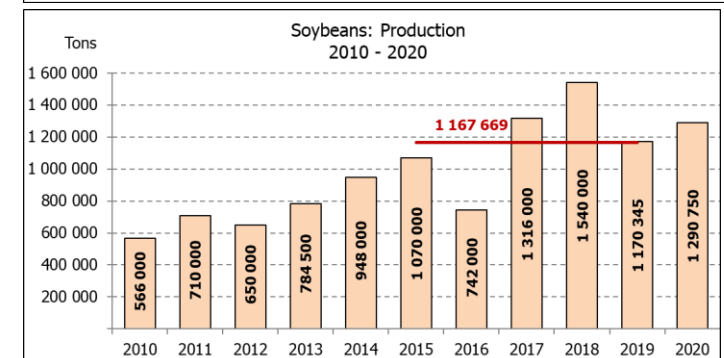
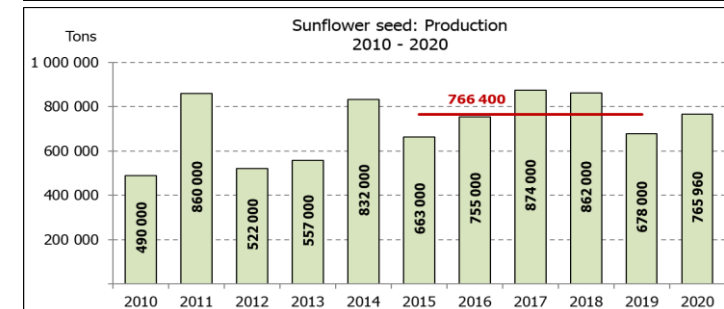
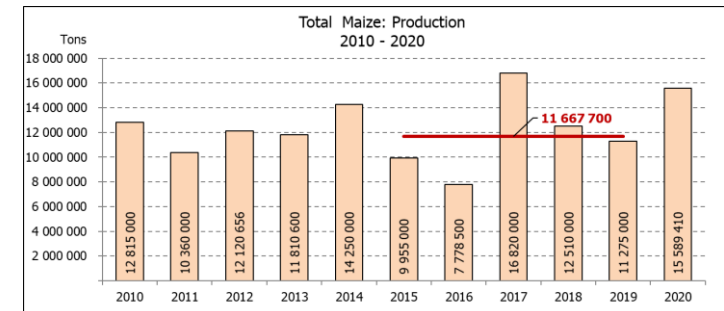
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2020 Ha (A)	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2020 Tons (B)	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2020 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2019 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2019 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersiëel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 616 300	9 074 860	8 779 470	1 298 400	5 545 000	+3,36
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	994 500	6 514 550	6 442 050	1 002 100	5 730 000	+1,13
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 610 800	15 589 410	15 221 520	2 300 500	11 275 000	+2,42
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	500 300	765 960	731 210	515 350	678 000	+4,75
Soybeans/Sojabone	705 000	1 290 750	1 290 750	730 500	1 170 345	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	37 500	62 470	62 470	20 050	19 400	-
Sorghum	42 500	135 685	138 885	50 500	127 000	-2,30
Dry beans/Droëbone	50 150	71 050	71 380	59 300	66 355	-0,46
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersiële Mielies						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	297 460	543 545	N/A	296 000	549 180	N/A
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersiëel + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersiëel						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 908 260	16 132 955	N/A	2 596 500	11 824 180	N/A

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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2020			4 th forecast/ 4 ^{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	4 916 250	2 080 500	6 996 750	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	317 250	429 000	746 250	45 000	54 000	99 000	270 000	399 600	669 600
Mpumalanga	160 000	353 000	513 000	944 000	2 294 500	3 238 500	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	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	2 375 000	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	9 074 860	6 514 550	15 589 410	1 298 400	1 002 100	2 300 500	5 545 000	5 730 000	11 275 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2020	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2020	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
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	32 000	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	135 685	50 500	127 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2020**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2020**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
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	8 250	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	71 050	59 300	66 355

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 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 FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2020 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2020 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
27 MAY/MEI 2020**

Summer field crops – 2020

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 15,589 mill. tons, which is 2,42% or 367 890 tons more than the previous forecast of 15,222 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,611 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,97 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 and for yellow maize the area estimate is 994 500 ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 9,075 mill. tons, which is 3,36% or 295 390 tons more than the 8,779 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,61 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,514 mill. tons, which is 1,13% or 72 500 tons more than the 6,442 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 6,55 t/ha.

The yield per ha for the Free State and North West provinces was based on scientific and objective results provided by the Agricultural Research Council (ARC).

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed increased by 4,75% or 34 750 tons to 765 960 tons. 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 1,291 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 also remained unchanged at 62 470 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 135 685 tons, which is 2,30% or 3 200 tons less than the 138 885 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 42 500 ha and the expected yield is 3,19 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 71 050, which is 0,46% or 330 tons less than the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 50 150 ha, with an expected yield of 1,42 t/ha.

Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for 2020 will be released on 25 June 2020.

Information is available on the internet at http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/statistics_and_economic_reports or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **14:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

Somergewasse – 2020

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 15,589 milj. ton gestel, wat 2,42% of 367 890 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 15,222 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,611 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,97 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 9,075 milj. ton, 3,36% of 295 390 ton meer as die 8,779 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,61 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,514 milj. ton, wat 1,13% of 72 500 ton meer is as die 6,442 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,55 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies is gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrekk deur die LNR.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is verhoog met 4,75% of 34 750 ton na 765 960 ton. Die oppervlakeskatting 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 1,291 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 ook onveranderd gelaat op 62 470 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakeskatting 37 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,67 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 135 685 ton, wat 2,30% of 3 200 ton minder is as die 138 885 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakeskatting vir sorghum is 42 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,19 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 71 050 ton wat 0,46% of 330 ton minder is as die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 50 150 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,42 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2020, op 25 Junie 2020 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/statistics_and_economic_reports of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **14:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.

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%.

