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The area planted estimate and second production forecast for summer crops for 2025 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2025 vrygestel.

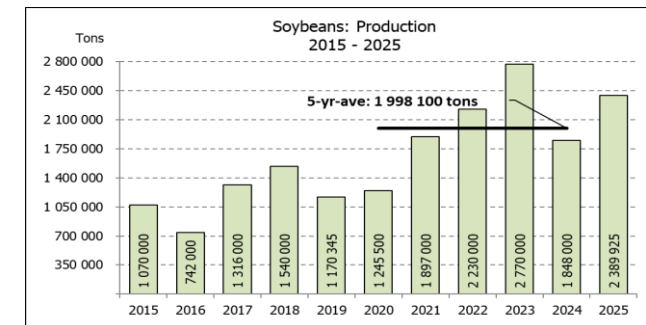
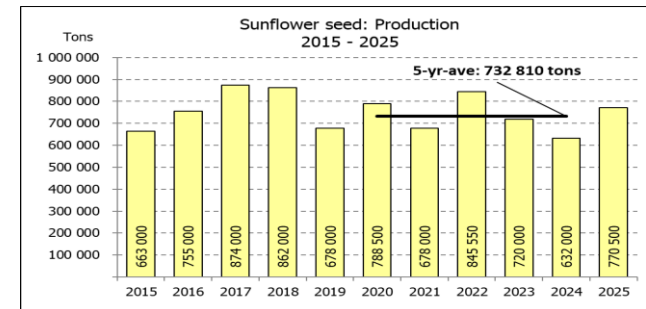
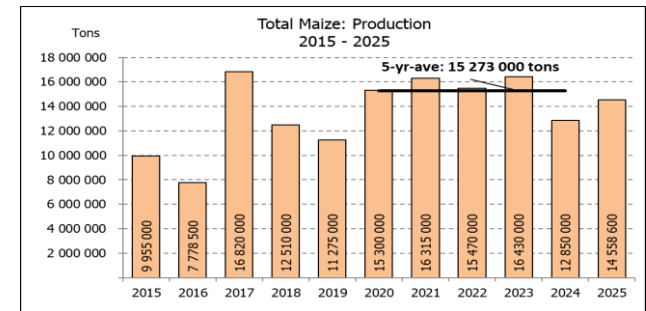
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2025 Ha (A)	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2025 Tons (B)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2025 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2024 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 599 700	7 695 200	7 395 700	1 554 750	6 055 000	4,05%
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	997 000	6 863 400	6 515 450	1 081 500	6 795 000	5,34%
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 596 700	14 558 600	13 911 150	2 636 250	12 850 000	4,65%
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	555 700	770 500	720 050	529 000	632 000	7,01%
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 151 000	2 389 925	2 325 225	1 150 500	1 848 000	2,78%
Groundnuts/Grondbone	48 125	66 929	65 359	41 200	52 000	2,40%
Sorghum	41 150	137 435	129 620	42 100	98 000	6,03%
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 620	79 007	75 966	39 550	50 495	4,00%
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 438 295	18 002 396	17 227 370	4 438 600	15 530 495	4,50%

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2024/25 = 2025

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2024/25 = 2025



The Crop Estimates Committee comprises officials of the following institutions:

Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute); BFAP and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2025			2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2025			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2024			Final crop/ Finale oes 2024		
	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	200	3 500	3 700	1 900	32 900	34 800	250	3 500	3 750	2 300	32 200	34 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 500	42 000	43 500	18 750	651 000	669 750	1 500	42 000	43 500	18 900	648 900	667 800
Free State/Vrystaat	850 000	345 000	1 195 000	3 995 000	1 983 750	5 978 750	835 000	415 000	1 250 000	3 385 000	1 992 000	5 377 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 000	28 000	34 000	41 400	210 000	251 400	6 000	27 000	33 000	40 800	191 700	232 500
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	66 000	116 000	305 000	561 000	866 000	47 000	67 000	114 000	286 700	576 200	862 900
Mpumalanga	162 000	362 000	524 000	1 004 400	2 461 600	3 466 000	160 000	360 000	520 000	984 000	2 490 000	3 474 000
Limpopo	10 000	18 500	28 500	69 000	149 850	218 850	11 000	15 000	26 000	74 800	120 000	194 800
Gauteng	55 000	57 000	112 000	330 000	393 300	723 300	54 000	62 000	116 000	292 500	415 500	708 000
North West/Noordwes	465 000	75 000	540 000	1 929 750	420 000	2 349 750	440 000	90 000	530 000	970 000	328 500	1 298 500
Total/Totaal	1 599 700	997 000	2 596 700	7 695 200	6 863 400	14 558 600	1 554 750	1 081 500	2 636 250	6 055 000	6 795 000	12 850 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025

SONNEBLOMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 000	2 400	2 000	4 600
Free State/Vrystaat	264 500	396 750	255 000	354 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	700	1 400	700	1 400
KwaZulu-Natal	1 000	2 000	300	600
Mpumalanga	2 500	3 750	3 500	4 900
Limpopo	90 000	90 000	90 000	63 000
Gauteng	1 000	1 200	2 500	3 000
North West/Noordwes	195 000	273 000	175 000	200 500
Total/Totaal	555 700	770 500	529 000	632 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025

SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	7 000	1 200	4 380
Free State/Vrystaat	565 000	1 130 000	545 000	688 960
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 500	15 675	5 300	14 310
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	176 250	47 000	173 900
Mpumalanga	315 000	614 250	320 000	624 000
Limpopo	16 500	51 150	21 000	72 450
Gauteng	52 000	114 400	56 000	84 000
North West/Noordwes	148 000	281 200	155 000	186 000
Total/Totaal	1 151 000	2 389 925	1 150 500	1 848 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 100	8 525	4 200	8 610
Free State/Vrystaat	21 700	31 465	17 000	26 305
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	0	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	175	236	300	495
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	0
Limpopo	1 650	3 053	1 700	4 590
Gauteng	0	0	0	0
North West/Noordwes	21 500	23 650	18 000	12 000
Total/Totaal	48 125	66 929	41 200	52 000

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Free State/Vrystaat	12 800	44 800	11 500	19 740
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	600	100	300
KwaZulu-Natal	100	380	100	350
Mpumalanga	9 200	45 080	8 300	36 520
Limpopo	13 000	28 600	18 000	35 100
Gauteng	850	2 975	100	390
North West/Noordwes	5 000	15 000	4 000	5 600
Total/Totaal	41 150	137 435	42 100	98 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	200	100	220
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	950	2 280	500	900
Free State/Vrystaat	17 500	26 250	13 500	10 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	440	200	440
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	4 500	2 100	2 730
Mpumalanga	2 320	4 292	2 600	4 680
Limpopo	11 100	24 420	12 200	23 790
Gauteng	950	1 425	850	935
North West/Noordwes	9 500	15 200	7 500	6 000
Total/Totaal	45 620	79 007	39 550	50 495

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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 SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2025 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2025 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
26 MARCH / MAART 2025**

Summer field crops – 2025

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial **maize crop** has been set at 14,559 mill. tons, which is 4,65% or 647 450 tons more than the previous forecast of 13,911 mill. tons. The area estimate for total maize is 2,597 mill. ha while the expected yield is 5,61 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 13,30% or 1,709 mill. tons larger than the 2024 crop. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 81% of the 2025 crop.

The production forecast of **white maize** is 7,695 mill. tons, which is 4,05% or 299 500 tons more than the 7,396 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for white maize is 1,600 mill. ha with an expected yield of 4,81 t/ha.

In the case of **yellow maize**, the production forecast is 6,863 mill. tons, which is 5,34% or 347 950 tons more than the 6,515 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for yellow maize is 997 000 ha with an expected yield of 6,88 t/ha.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the NCSC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2025; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2025. The current yield figures are mainly obtained from producers in the different provinces.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 770 500 tons, which is 7,01% or 50 450 tons more than the previous forecast of 720 050 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 555 700 ha, while the expected yield is 1,39 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** increased by 2,78% or 64 700 tons to 2,390 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 1,151 mill. ha, with an expected yield of 2,08 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop has been set at 66 929 tons, which is 2,40% or 1 570 tons more than the previous forecast of 65 359 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 48 125 ha, with an expected yield of 1,39 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 137 435 tons, which is 6,03% or 7 815 tons more than the 129 620 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum increased to 41 150 ha and the expected yield is 3,34 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 79 007 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is now 45 620 ha, with an expected yield of 1,73 t/ha.

Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2025 will be released on 30 April 2025. The intentions to plant winter cereals for 2025 will also be released on 30 April 2025.

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

Somergewasse – 2025

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële **mielie-oes** is op 14,559 milj. ton gestel, wat 4,65% of 647 450 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 13,911 milj. ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir totale mielies is 2,597 milj. ha terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,61 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 13,30% of 1,709 milj. ton groter as die 2024-oes. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 81% van die 2025-oes produseer.

Die produksieskatting van **witmielies** is 7,695 milj. ton, wat 4,05% of 299 500 ton meer is as die 7,396 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir witmielies is 1,600 milj. ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 4,81 t/ha.

In die geval van **geelmielies** is die produksieskatting 6,863 milj. ton, wat 5,34% of 347 950 ton meer is as die 6,515 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir geelmielies is 997 000 ha en die opbrengs is 6,88 t/ha.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die Konsortium vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2025 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2025. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 770 500 ton, wat 7,01% of 50 450 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 720 050 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 555 700 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,39 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is vermeerder met 2,78% of 64 700 ton na 2,390 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 1,151 milj. ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 2,08 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is op 66 929 ton gestel, wat 2,40% of 1 570 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 65 359 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 48 125 ha, terwyl the verwagte opbrengs 1,39 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 137 435 ton, wat 6,03% of 7 815 ton meer is as die 129 620 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum het toegeneem na 41 150 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,34 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 79 007 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is nou 45 620 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,73 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2025, op 30 April 2025 vrygestel sal word. Die voornemens om wintergewasse te plant vir 2025 sal ook op 30 April 2025 vrygestel word.

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

