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The preliminary area planted estimate for summer crops for 2025 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir somergewasse vir 2025 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2025

SOMERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKSKATTING: 2025

CROP/GEWAS	Prel area planted/ Voorl opp beplant 2025 Ha (A)	Intentions ^{1)/} Voorneme ¹⁾ 2025 Ha (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (C)	Final estimate ^{2)/} Finale skatting ²⁾ 2024 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering/ 2025 vs 2024 % (A) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:					
White maize/Witmielies	1 599 700	1 577 600	1 554 750	6 007 100	2,89%
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 046 500	1 062 500	1 081 500	6 716 950	-3,24%
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 646 200	2 640 100	2 636 250	12 724 050	0,38%
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	552 000	539 700	529 000	635 750	4,35%
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 122 500	1 153 200	1 150 500	1 840 290	-2,43%
Groundnuts/Grondbone	46 175	40 000	41 200	51 745	12,08%
Sorghum	39 500	54 000	42 100	97 810	-6,18%
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 500	45 105	39 550	50 495	15,04%
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 451 875	4 472 105	4 438 600	15 400 140	0,30%

1) Soos middel Oktober 2024/ As mid October 2024

2) 27 November 2024

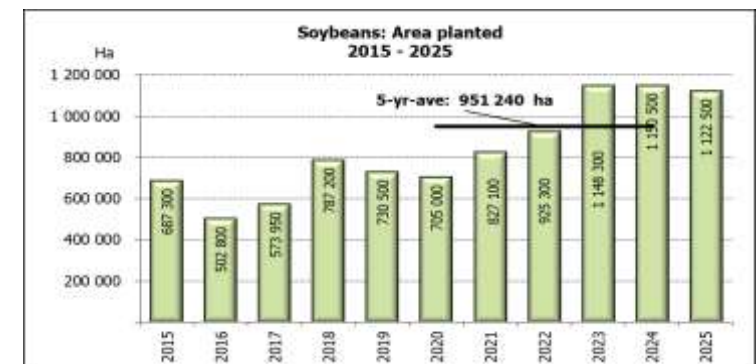
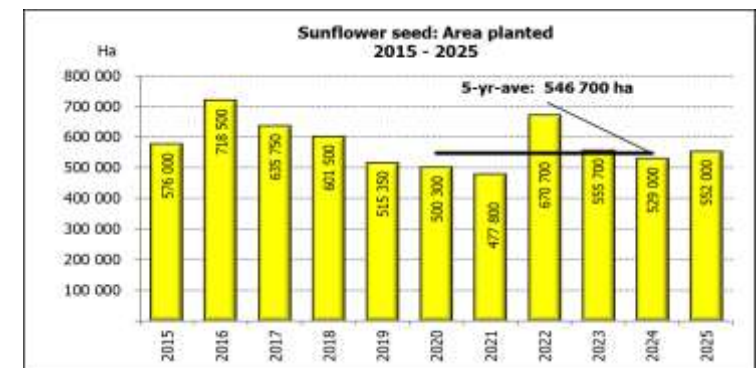
Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2024/25 = 2025

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.

28 January / Januarie 2025



WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2025

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Preliminary area planted Voorlopige oppervlakte beplant 2025			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2024			Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ 2024		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Geel/ Yellow Tons	Totaal/ Total Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	200	3 500	3 700	250	3 500	3 750	2 300	32 200	34 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 500	42 000	43 500	1 500	42 000	43 500	18 900	648 900	667 800
Free State/Vrystaat	860 000	385 000	1 245 000	835 000	415 000	1 250 000	3 340 000	1 971 250	5 311 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 000	28 000	34 000	6 000	27 000	33 000	40 800	191 700	232 500
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	66 000	116 000	47 000	67 000	114 000	286 700	576 200	862 900
Mpumalanga	162 000	362 000	524 000	160 000	360 000	520 000	984 000	2 448 000	3 432 000
Limpopo	9 000	18 000	27 000	11 000	15 000	26 000	74 800	120 000	194 800
Gauteng	56 000	57 000	113 000	54 000	62 000	116 000	291 600	409 200	700 800
North West/Noordwes	455 000	85 000	540 000	440 000	90 000	530 000	968 000	319 500	1 287 500
Total/Totaal	1 599 700	1 046 500	2 646 200	1 554 750	1 081 500	2 636 250	6 007 100	6 716 950	12 724 050

1) 27 November 2024

SUNFLOWER SEED – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2025

SONNEBLOMSAAD – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 000	2 000	4 600
Free State/Vrystaat	275 000	255 000	357 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	700	700	1 400
KwaZulu-Natal	300	300	600
Mpumalanga	3 000	3 500	4 900
Limpopo	85 000	90 000	63 000
Gauteng	2 000	2 500	3 000
North West/Noordwes	185 000	175 000	201 250
Total/Totaal	552 000	529 000	635 750

SOYBEANS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2025

SOJABONE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 000	1 200	4 380
Free State/Vrystaat	535 000	545 000	681 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	8 000	5 300	14 310
KwaZulu-Natal	45 000	47 000	173 900
Mpumalanga	315 000	320 000	624 000
Limpopo	13 500	21 000	72 450
Gauteng	50 000	56 000	84 000
North West/Noordwes	155 000	155 000	186 000
Total/Totaal	1 122 500	1 150 500	1 840 290

GROUNDNUTS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2025**GRONDBONE** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	4 200	8 610
Free State/Vrystaat	20 100	17 000	26 350
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	175	300	495
Mpumalanga	0	0	0
Limpopo	1 600	1 700	4 590
Gauteng	0	0	0
North West/Noordwes	21 300	18 000	11 700
Total/Totaal	46 175	41 200	51 745

SORGHUM – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2025**SORGHUM** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	0	0	0
Free State/Vrystaat	12 000	11 500	19 550
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	100	300
KwaZulu-Natal	100	100	350
Mpumalanga	9 100	8 300	36 520
Limpopo	13 000	18 000	35 100
Gauteng	100	100	390
North West/Noordwes	5 000	4 000	5 600
Total/Totaal	39 500	42 100	97 810

1) 27 November 2024

DRY BEANS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2025**DROëBONE** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	100	220
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	700	500	900
Free State/Vrystaat	17 500	13 500	10 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	200	440
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	2 100	2 730
Mpumalanga	3 000	2 600	4 680
Limpopo	10 000	12 200	23 790
Gauteng	1 000	850	935
North West/Noordwes	10 000	7 500	6 000
Total/Totaal	45 500	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

PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2025 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVAKTESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2025 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
28 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2025

Summer field crops – 2025

The preliminary area estimate of today is mainly 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. Please note that the area planted to crops refers to the area already planted for all purposes, including grain, silage and crop damaged area(s).

Commercial maize: The preliminary area estimate for maize is 2,646 mill. ha, which is 0,38% or 9 950 ha more than the 2,636 mill. ha planted for the previous season, and also 0,23% or 6 100 ha more than the intentions to plant figure of 2,640 mill. ha released in October 2024.

The preliminary area estimate for white maize is 1,600 mill. ha, which represents an increase of 2,89% or 44 950 ha compared to the 1,555 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize, the area estimate is 1,046 mill. ha, which is 3,24% or 35 000 ha less than the 1,082 mill. ha planted last season.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The preliminary area estimate for sunflower seed is 552 000 ha, which is 4,35% or 23 000 ha more than the 529 000 ha planted the previous season.

It is estimated that 1,122 mill. ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents a decrease of 2,43% or 28 000 ha compared to the 1,150 mill. ha planted last season.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 46 175 ha, which is 12,08% or 4 975 ha more than the 41 200 ha planted for the previous season.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 6,18% or 2 600 ha, from 42 100 ha to 39 500 ha against the previous season.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 45 500 ha, which is 15,04% or 5 950 ha more than the 39 550 ha planted for the previous season.

The revised area planted and production figures, which will be released by the Crop Estimates Committee on **27 February 2025**, will mainly be based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) survey for the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces.

Somergewasse – 2025

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van vandag is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direktooraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Grondhervorming en Landelike Ontwikkeling. Neem asseblief kennis dat die oppervlakte aangeplant met gewasse na die area verwys wat alreeds vir alle doeleindes geplant is, insluitende vir graan, kuilvoer en gewas beskadigde area(s).

Kommersiële mielies: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,646 milj. ha, wat 0,38% of 9 950 ha meer is as die 2,636 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, en ook 0,23% of 6 100 ha meer as die voornemens om te plant syfer van 2,640 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Oktober 2024.

Die voorlopige oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,600 milj. ha, wat 'n toename van 2,89% of 44 950 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,555 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 1,046 milj. ha, wat 3,24% of 35 000 ha minder is as die 1,082 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 552 000 ha, wat 4,35% of 23 000 ha meer is as die 529 000 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen.

Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 1,122 milj. ha, wat 'n afname van 2,43% of 28 000 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,150 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 46 175 ha, wat 12,08% of 4 975 ha meer is as die 41 200 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het afgeneem met 6,18% of 2 600 ha, van 42 100 ha tot 39 500 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 45 500 ha, wat 15,04% of 5 950 ha meer is as die 39 550 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die hersiene aangeplante oppervlakte en produksiesyfers sal deur die Oesskattingskomitee op **27 Februarie 2025** vrygestel word en sal hoofsaaklik gebaseer wees op inligting verkry vanaf die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES") opname vir die Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

The area estimate and sixth production forecast for winter cereals for the 2024 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en sesde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2024 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE - OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN

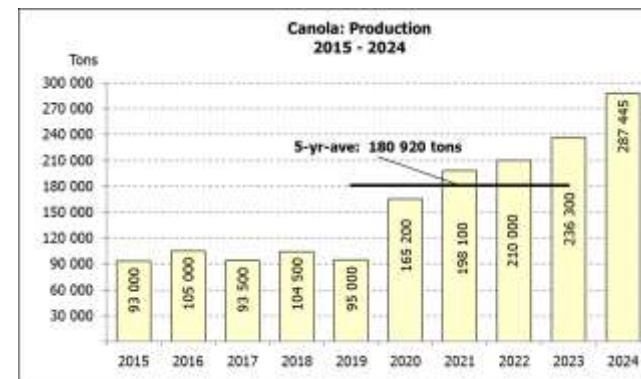
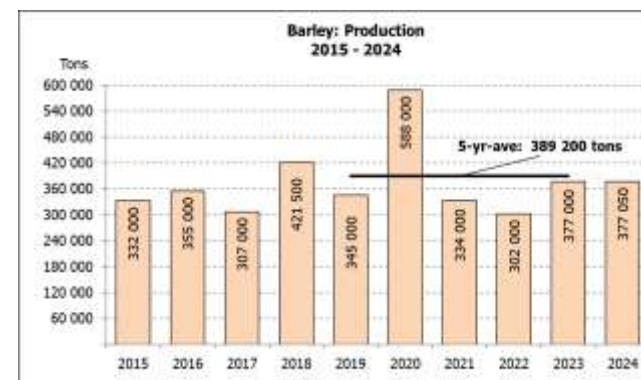
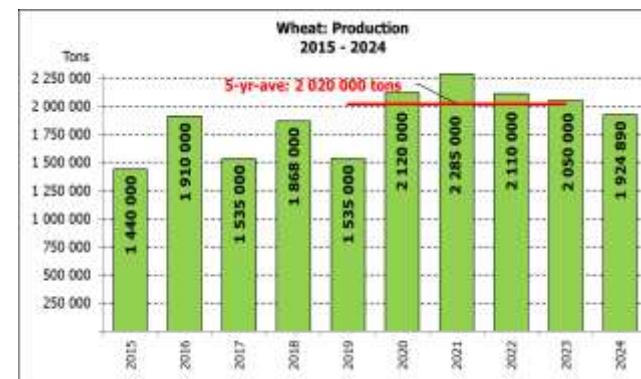
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (A)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2024 Tons (B)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2024 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2023 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2023 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	505 300	1 924 890	1 934 990	537 950	2 050 000	-0,52%
Barley/Gars	100 700	377 050	377 050	107 600	377 000	0,00%
Canola/Kanola	165 750	287 445	295 445	131 200	236 300	-2,71%
Oats/Hawer	31 000	41 300	50 300	27 500	41 000	-17,89%
Sweet lupines/Soetlupine	16 000	19 200	19 200	16 000	16 000	0,00%
Total winter/Totaal winter	818 750	2 649 885	2 676 985	820 250	2 720 300	-1,01%

1) Commercial only. Excluding barley or oats used as pasture, silage, hay and/or on the farm as fodder for livestock /
Slegs kommersieël. Uitgesluit gars of hawer wat gebruik word as weiding, kuilvoer, hooi en/of op die plaas as voer vir vee.

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	368 000	1 067 200	365 000	1 084 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	296 400	40 000	292 000
Free State/Vrystaat	49 000	225 400	72 000	280 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 000	34 500	6 300	40 555
KwaZulu-Natal	8 300	52 290	8 500	56 100
Mpumalanga	3 500	24 500	4 200	27 720
Limpopo	20 500	143 500	30 000	195 000
Gauteng	1 000	6 700	950	6 175
North West/Noordwes	12 000	74 400	11 000	67 650
Total/Totaal	505 300	1 924 890	537 950	2 050 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2024) /
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2024)
28 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2025**

Winter cereal crops - 2024 production season

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 1,925 mill. tons, which is 0,52 % or 10 100 tons less than the previous forecast of 1,935 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,81 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 1,067 mill. tons (55%), which is 1,69% or 18 400 tons less than the previous forecast of 1,086 mill. tons. In the Northern Cape, 296 400 tons (15%) is expected to be produced – 1,30% or 3 800 tons more than the previous forecast of 292 600 tons. In the Free State, the expected production is 225 400 tons (12%) – 1,10% or 2 450 tons more than the previous forecast of 222 950 tons.

The area estimate for wheat is 505 300 ha, of which an estimated 368 000 ha or 73 % is planted in the Western Cape, 49 000 ha or 10 % in the Free State and 38 000 ha or 8 % in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **barley** remained unchanged at 377 050 tons. The area planted is estimated at 100 700 ha, while the expected yield is 3,74 t/ha.

The expected **canola crop** is 287 445 tons, which is 2,71% or 8 000 tons less than the previous forecast of 295 445 tons. The area estimate for canola is 165 750 ha, with an expected yield of 1,73 t/ha.

The expected crop for **oats** for the 2024 season is 41 300 tons and the area planted is 31 000 ha. The expected yield is 1,33 t/ha.

In the case of **sweet lupines**, the production forecast is 19 200 tons. The area estimate of sweet lupines is 16 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,20 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for winter cereals for 2024 will be released on 27 February 2025.

Information is available on the internet at 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.

Wintergewasse - 2024 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 1,925 milj. ton, wat 0,52 % of 10 100 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 1,935 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,81 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 1,067 mij. ton (55%), wat 1,69% of 18 400 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 1,086 milj. ton. In die Noord-Kaap is die verwagte produksie 296 400 ton (15%) – 1,30% of 3 800 ton meer as die vorige skatting van 292 600 ton. In die Vrystaat is die verwagte produksie 225 400 ton (12%) – 1,10% of 2 450 ton meer as die vorige skatting van 222 950 ton.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is 505 300 ha, waarvan 'n geraamde 368 000 ha of 73 % in die Wes-Kaap geplant is, 49 000 ha of 10% in die Vrystaat en 38 000 ha of 8 % in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **gars** is onveranderd gelaat op 377 050 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 100 700 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,74 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is 287 445 ton, wat 2,71% of 8 000 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 295 445 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 165 750 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,73 t/ha.

Die verwagte oes vir **hawer** vir die 2024-seisoen is 41 300 ton en die oppervlakteskatting is 31 000 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,33 t/ha.

In die geval van **soetlupine** is die produksieskatting 19 200 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met soetlupine is 16 000 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,20 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2024 op 27 Februarie 2025 vrygestel sal 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 Oesskattingkomitee.