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The area planted estimate and second production forecast for summer crops for 2024 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2024 vrygestel.

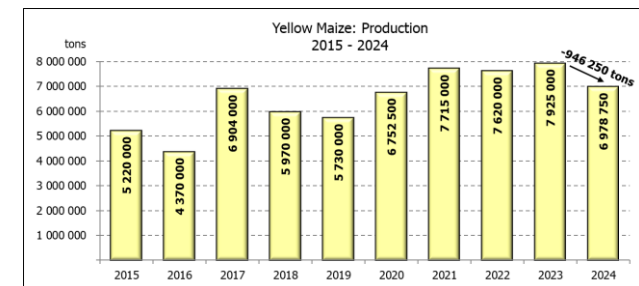
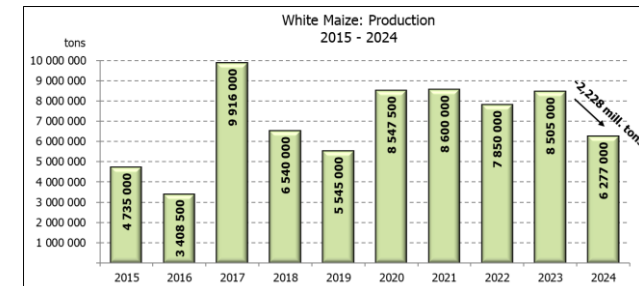
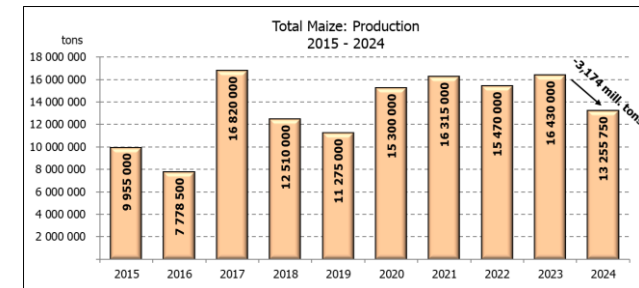
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (A)	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2024 Tons (B)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2024 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2023 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2023 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 554 750	6 277 000	7 040 900	1 521 300	8 505 000	-10,85
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 081 500	6 978 750	7 318 400	1 064 800	7 925 000	-4,64
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 636 250	13 255 750	14 359 300	2 586 100	16 430 000	-7,69
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	529 000	589 000	671 100	555 700	720 000	-12,23
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 150 500	1 813 790	2 139 480	1 148 300	2 770 000	-15,22
Groundnuts/Grondbone	41 200	57 610	64 395	31 300	53 000	-10,54
Sorghum	42 100	89 630	110 780	34 000	94 360	-19,09
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 550	54 120	59 880	36 650	50 260	-9,62
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 438 600	15 859 900	17 404 935	4 392 050	20 117 620	-8,88

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2023/24 = 2024

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2023/24 = 2024



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: 2024

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2024			2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2024			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2023			Final crop/ Finale oes 2023		
	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	250	3 500	3 750	2 300	32 200	34 500	250	3 500	3 750	2 375	33 000	35 375
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 500	42 000	43 500	18 000	676 200	694 200	1 000	43 500	44 500	12 500	696 000	708 500
Free State/Vrystaat	835 000	415 000	1 250 000	3 507 000	2 178 750	5 685 750	780 000	401 000	1 181 000	4 446 000	2 696 000	7 142 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 000	27 000	33 000	39 000	189 000	228 000	5 750	25 000	30 750	40 250	192 500	232 750
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	67 000	114 000	291 400	569 500	860 900	49 000	65 000	114 000	298 900	537 000	835 900
Mpumalanga	160 000	360 000	520 000	984 000	2 448 000	3 432 000	156 500	352 000	508 500	1 032 900	2 596 000	3 628 900
Limpopo	11 000	15 000	26 000	71 500	121 500	193 000	16 800	22 800	39 600	114 075	187 000	301 075
Gauteng	54 000	62 000	116 000	307 800	421 600	729 400	56 000	52 000	108 000	364 000	392 500	756 500
North West/Noordwes	440 000	90 000	530 000	1 056 000	342 000	1 398 000	456 000	100 000	556 000	2 194 000	595 000	2 789 000
Total/Totaal	1 554 750	1 081 500	2 636 250	6 277 000	6 978 750	13 255 750	1 521 300	1 064 800	2 586 100	8 505 000	7 925 000	16 430 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024

SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	4 600	2 500	6 250
Free State/Vrystaat	255 000	318 750	290 000	402 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	700	1 400	700	1 400
KwaZulu-Natal	300	600	300	600
Mpumalanga	3 500	4 900	5 000	7 140
Limpopo	90 000	72 000	100 000	75 000
Gauteng	2 500	3 000	2 200	2 860
North West/Noordwes	175 000	183 750	155 000	224 750
Total/Totaal	529 000	589 000	555 700	720 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024

SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 200	4 380	1 000	3 750
Free State/Vrystaat	545 000	708 500	565 000	1 330 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 300	14 310	4 300	12 900
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	169 200	44 000	163 000
Mpumalanga	320 000	576 000	305 000	671 000
Limpopo	21 000	71 400	26 000	88 500
Gauteng	56 000	84 000	48 000	105 600
North West/Noordwes	155 000	186 000	155 000	395 250
Total/Totaal	1 150 500	1 813 790	1 148 300	2 770 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 200	11 970	2 000	5 300
Free State/Vrystaat	17 000	24 650	12 300	21 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	795	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	1 700	3 995	2 000	4 700
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	18 000	16 200	15 000	22 000
Total/Totaal	41 200	57 610	31 300	53 000

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	11 500	14 950	5 200	14 820
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	300	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	100	350	100	400
Mpumalanga	8 300	34 860	8 500	35 275
Limpopo	18 000	32 400	15 500	33 325
Gauteng	100	370	100	420
North West/Noordwes	4 000	6 400	4 600	10 120
Total/Totaal	42 100	89 630	34 000	94 360

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	200	100	180
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	1 050	450	990
Free State/Vrystaat	13 500	12 825	14 000	13 300
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	400	200	360
KwaZulu-Natal	2 100	2 520	2 100	3 150
Mpumalanga	2 600	4 290	5 000	7 000
Limpopo	12 200	24 400	8 000	16 000
Gauteng	850	935	800	880
North West/Noordwes	7 500	7 500	6 000	8 400
Total/Totaal	39 550	54 120	36 650	50 260

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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 (2024 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEMASSE (2024 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
26 MARCH / MAART 2024**

Summer field crops – 2024

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial **maize crop** has been set at 13,256 mill. tons, which is 7,69% or 1,104 mill. tons less than the previous forecast of 14,359 mill. tons. The expected yield for maize is 5,03 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 19,32% or 3,174 mill. tons smaller than the 2023 crop. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 79% of the 2024 crop.

The production forecast of **white maize** is 6,277 mill. tons, which is 10,85% or 763 900 tons less than the 7,040 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The revised area estimate for white maize is 1,555 mill. ha and the expected yield is 4,04 t/ha.

In the case of **yellow maize**, the production forecast is 6,979 mill. tons, which is 4,64% or 339 650 tons less than the 7,318 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for yellow maize is 1,082 mill. ha and the yield is 6,45 t/ha.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the NCSC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2024; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2024. 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 589 000 tons, which is 12,23% or 82 100 tons less than the previous forecast of 671 100 tons. The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 529 000 ha (from 559 500 ha the previous month's estimate), while the expected yield is 1,11 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** decreased by 15,22% or 325 690 tons to 1,814 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans was revised to 1,151 mill. ha (from 1,122 mill. ha the previous month's estimate), with an expected yield of 1,58 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop has been set at 57 610 tons, which is 10,54% or 6 785 tons less than the previous forecast of 64 395 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 41 200 ha, with an expected yield of 1,40 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 89 630 tons, which is 19,09% or 21 150 tons less than the 110 780 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 42 100 ha and the expected yield is 2,13 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 54 120 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 39 550 ha, with an expected yield of 1,37 t/ha.

Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2024 will be released on 25 April 2024. The intentions to plant winter cereals for 2024 will also be released on 25 April 2024.

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 – 2024

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële **mielie-oes** is op 13,256 milj. ton gestel, wat 7,69% of 1,104 milj. ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 14,359 milj. ton. Die verwagte opbrengs van mielies is 5,03 t/ha.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 19,32% of 3,174 milj. ton minder as die 2023-oes. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 79% van die 2024-oes produseer.

Die produksieskatting van **witmielies** is 6,277 milj. ton, wat 10,85% of 763 900 ton minder is as die 7,040 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir witmielies is 1,555 milj. ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 4,04 t/ha.

In die geval van **geelmielies** is die produksieskatting 6,979 milj. ton, wat 4,64% of 339 650 ton minder is as die 7,318 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir geelmielies is 1,082 milj. ha en die opbrengs is 6,45 t/ha.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die Konsortium vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2024 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2024. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 589 000 ton, wat 12,23% of 82 100 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 671 100 ton. Die hersiene oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 529 000 ha (vanaf 559 500 ha die vorige maand se skatting), terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,11 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is verminder met 15,22% of 325 690 ton na 1,814 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is hersien na 1,151 milj. ha (vanaf 1,122 milj. ha die vorige maand se skatting), met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,58 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is op 57 610 ton gestel, wat 10,54% of 6 785 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 64 395 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 41 200 ha, terwyl the verwagte opbrengs 1,40 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 89 630 ton, wat 19,09% of 21 150 ton minder is as die 110 780 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 42 100 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,13 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 54 120 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 39 550 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,37 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2024, op 25 April 2024 vrygestel sal word. Die voornemens om wintergewasse te plant vir 2024 sal ook op 25 April 2024 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.