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

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

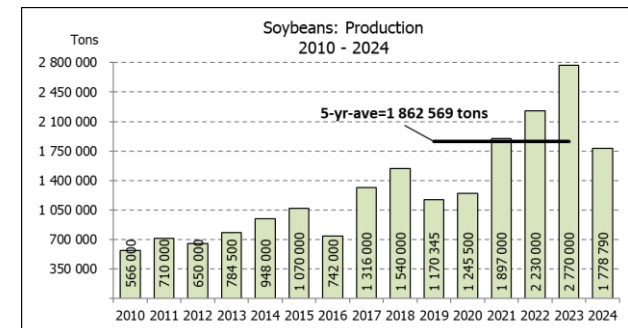
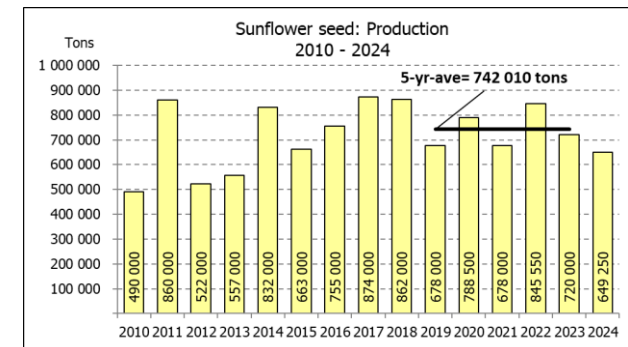
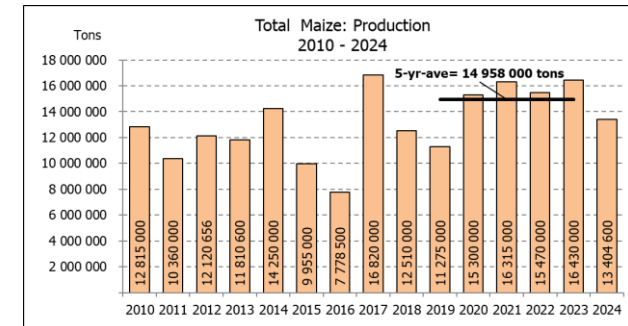
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (A)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2024 Tons (B)	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} 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	6 347 700	6 343 350	1 521 300	8 505 000	0,07%
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 081 500	7 056 900	6 966 500	1 064 800	7 925 000	1,30%
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 636 250	13 404 600	13 309 850	2 586 100	16 430 000	0,71%
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	529 000	649 250	649 250	555 700	720 000	0,00%
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 150 500	1 778 790	1 778 790	1 148 300	2 770 000	0,00%
Groundnuts/Grondbone	41 200	54 440	54 440	31 300	53 000	0,00%
Sorghum	42 100	95 830	95 830	34 000	94 360	0,00%
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 550	52 190	52 190	36 650	50 260	0,00%
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 438 600	16 035 100	15 940 350	4 392 050	20 117 620	0,59%
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersieël Mielies						
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	347 000	575 000	575 000	358 620	664 040	0,00%
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersieël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersieël						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 983 250	13 979 600	13 884 850	2 944 720	17 094 040	0,68%

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 FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2024			5 th forecast/ 5 ^{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	18 900	663 600	682 500	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	2 158 000	5 665 000	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	40 800	197 100	237 900	5 750	25 000	30 750	40 250	192 500	232 750
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	67 000	114 000	296 100	582 900	879 000	49 000	65 000	114 000	298 900	537 000	835 900
Mpumalanga	160 000	360 000	520 000	1 000 000	2 520 000	3 520 000	156 500	352 000	508 500	1 032 900	2 596 000	3 628 900
Limpopo	11 000	15 000	26 000	74 800	121 500	196 300	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	1 100 000	360 000	1 460 000	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	6 347 700	7 056 900	13 404 600	1 521 300	1 064 800	2 586 100	8 505 000	7 925 000	16 430 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	4 600	2 500	6 250
Free State/Vrystaat	255 000	357 000	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	76 500	100 000	75 000
Gauteng	2 500	3 000	2 200	2 860
North West/Noordwes	175 000	201 250	155 000	224 750
Total/Totaal	529 000	649 250	555 700	720 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 200	4 380	1 000	3 750
Free State/Vrystaat	545 000	681 250	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	178 250	155 000	395 250
Total/Totaal	1 150 500	1 778 790	1 148 300	2 770 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 200	9 450	2 000	5 300
Free State/Vrystaat	17 000	25 500	12 300	21 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	0	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	300	840	0	0
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	0
Limpopo	1 700	4 250	2 000	4 700
Gauteng	0	0	0	0
North West/Noordwes	18 000	14 400	15 000	22 000
Total/Totaal	41 200	54 440	31 300	53 000

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2024	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2023
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Free State/Vrystaat	11 500	18 400	5 200	14 820
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	300	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	100	350	100	400
Mpumalanga	8 300	35 690	8 500	35 275
Limpopo	18 000	35 100	15 500	33 325
Gauteng	100	390	100	420
North West/Noordwes	4 000	5 600	4 600	10 120
Total/Totaal	42 100	95 830	34 000	94 360

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{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	11 475	14 000	13 300
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	440	200	360
KwaZulu-Natal	2 100	2 520	2 100	3 150
Mpumalanga	2 600	4 420	5 000	7 000
Limpopo	12 200	24 400	8 000	16 000
Gauteng	850	935	800	880
North West/Noordwes	7 500	6 750	6 000	8 400
Total/Totaal	39 550	52 190	36 650	50 260

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 FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2024 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2024 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
27 JUNE / JUNIE 2024**

Summer field crops – 2024

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial **maize crop** has been set at 13,405 mill. tons, which is 0,71% or 94 750 tons more than the previous forecast of 13,310 mill. tons. The expected yield for maize is 5,08 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 18,41% or 3,025 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 6,348 mill. tons, which is 0,07% or 4 350 tons more than the 6,343 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for white maize is 1,555 mill. ha and the expected yield is 4,08 t/ha.

In the case of **yellow maize**, the production forecast is 7,057 mill. tons, which is 1,30% or 90 400 tons more than the 6,967 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for yellow maize is 1,082 mill. ha and the yield is 6,53 t/ha.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 649 250 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 529 000 ha, while the expected yield is 1,23 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** also remained unchanged at 1,779 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 1,151 mill. ha, with an expected yield of 1,55 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 54 440 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 41 200 ha, with an expected yield of 1,32 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 95 830 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 42 100 ha and the expected yield is 2,28 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 52 190 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 39 550 ha, with an expected yield of 1,32 t/ha.

Please note that the sixth production forecast for summer field crops for 2024, as well as the preliminary area planted estimate for winter cereals for 2024, will be released on 26 July 2024.

Information is available on the internet at [http:// www.dalrrd.gov.za/old website/statistics](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/oldwebsite/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 13,405 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,71% of 94 750 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 13,310 milj. ton. Die verwagte opbrengs van mielies is 5,08 t/ha.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 18,41% of 3,025 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 6,348 milj. ton, wat 0,07% of 4 350 ton meer is as die 6,343 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir witmielies is 1,555 milj. ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 4,08 t/ha.

In die geval van **geelmielies** is die produksieskatting 7,057 milj. ton, wat 1,30% of 90 400 ton meer is as die 6,967 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir geelmielies is 1,082 milj. ha en die opbrengs is 6,53t/ha.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 649 250 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 529 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,23 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 1,779 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 1,151 milj. ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,55 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 54 440 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 41 200 ha, terwyl the verwagte opbrengs 1,32 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 95 830 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 42 100 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,28 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 52 190 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 39 550 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,32 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die sesde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2024, asook die voorlopige oppervlakte skatting vir wintergrane vir 2024, op 26 Julie 2024 vrygestel sal word.

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

The non-commercial agricultural sectors’ production estimate for maize for 2024 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2024 vrygestel.

NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2024

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2024 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2023 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2023 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	267 570	407 500	278 655	472 765	-13,80
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	79 430	167 500	79 965	191 275	-12,43
Maize/Mielies	347 000	575 000	358 620	664 040	-13,41

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 347 000 ha, which represents a decrease of 3,24%, compared to the 358 620 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 575 000 tons, which is 13,41% less than the 664 040 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 46% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 22%.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 347 000 ha, wat ’n afname van 3,24% verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 358 620 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 575 000 ton, wat 13,41% minder is as die 664 040 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 46% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word, gevolg deur KwaZulu-Natal met 22%.

