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The revised area planted estimate and first production forecast for summer crops for 2024 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die heriene oppervlakte- en eerste produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2024 vrygestel.

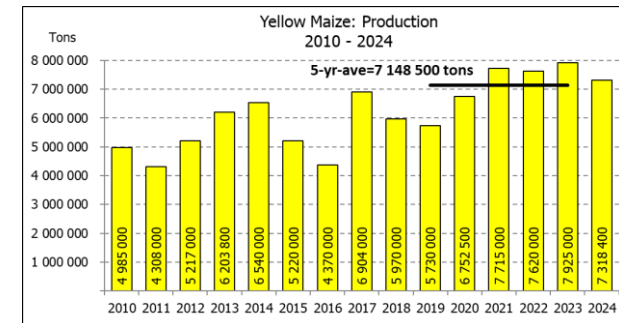
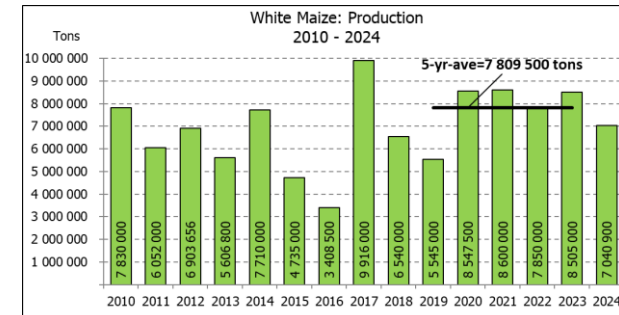
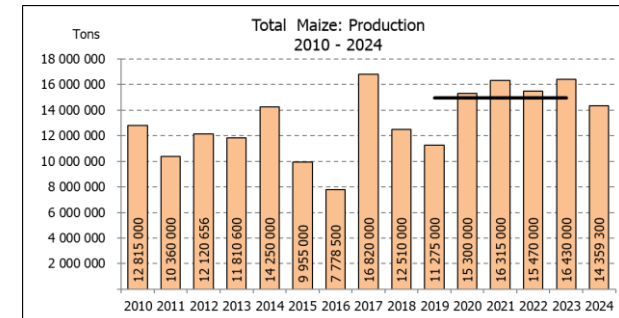
SUMMER CROPS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024

SOMERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (A)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2024 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2023 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2023 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (D)
Commercial/Kommersieël:					
White maize/Witmielies	1 557 750	7 040 900	1 521 300	8 505 000	-17,21
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 081 500	7 318 400	1 064 800	7 925 000	-7,65
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 639 250	14 359 300	2 586 100	16 430 000	-12,60
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	559 500	671 100	555 700	720 000	-6,79
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 122 500	2 139 480	1 148 300	2 770 000	-22,76
Groundnuts/Grondbone	41 200	64 395	31 300	53 000	+21,50
Sorghum	42 100	110 780	34 000	94 360	+17,40
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 550	59 880	36 650	50 260	+19,14
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 444 100	17 404 935	4 392 050	20 117 620	-13,48

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

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



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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 – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2024			1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	18 150	676 200	694 350	1 000	43 500	44 500	12 500	696 000	708 500
Free State/Vrystaat	835 000	415 000	1 250 000	3 882 750	2 407 000	6 289 750	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	42 000	216 000	258 000	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	976 000	2 448 000	3 424 000	156 500	352 000	508 500	1 032 900	2 596 000	3 628 900
Limpopo	11 000	15 000	26 000	72 600	121 500	194 100	16 800	22 800	39 600	114 075	187 000	301 075
Gauteng	57 000	62 000	119 000	347 700	434 000	781 700	56 000	52 000	108 000	364 000	392 500	756 500
North West/Noordwes	440 000	90 000	530 000	1 408 000	414 000	1 822 000	456 000	100 000	556 000	2 194 000	595 000	2 789 000
Total/Totaal	1 557 750	1 081 500	2 639 250	7 040 900	7 318 400	14 359 300	1 521 300	1 064 800	2 586 100	8 505 000	7 925 000	16 430 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
SONNEBLMSAAD – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	5 000	2 500	6 250
Free State/Vrystaat	280 000	378 000	290 000	402 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	700	1 400	700	1 400
KwaZulu-Natal	300	600	300	600
Mpumalanga	3 500	5 250	5 000	7 140
Limpopo	95 000	76 000	100 000	75 000
Gauteng	3 000	3 600	2 200	2 860
North West/Noordwes	175 000	201 250	155 000	224 750
Total/Totaal	559 500	671 100	555 700	720 000

SOYBEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
SOJABONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	4 440	1 000	3 750
Free State/Vrystaat	520 000	936 000	565 000	1 330 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 300	14 840	4 300	12 900
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	169 200	44 000	163 000
Mpumalanga	320 000	624 000	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	152 000	235 600	155 000	395 250
Total/Totaal	1 122 500	2 139 480	1 148 300	2 770 000

GROUNDNUTS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
GRONDBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	12 600	2 000	5 300
Free State/Vrystaat	17 000	26 350	12 300	21 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	750	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	1 700	3 995	2 000	4 700
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	18 000	20 700	15 000	22 000
Total/Totaal	41 200	64 395	31 300	53 000

SORGHUM – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
SORGHUM – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	25 875	5 200	14 820
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	400	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	100	400	100	400
Mpumalanga	8 300	36 105	8 500	35 275
Limpopo	18 000	39 600	15 500	33 325
Gauteng	100	400	100	420
North West/Noordwes	4 000	8 000	4 600	10 120
Total/Totaal	42 100	110 780	34 000	94 360

DRY BEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2024
DROëBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2024

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} 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	1 100	450	990
Free State/Vrystaat	13 500	16 200	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	1 020	800	880
North West/Noordwes	7 500	9 750	6 000	8 400
Total/Totaal	39 550	59 880	36 650	50 260

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**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2024 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2024 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
28 FEBRUARY / FEBRUARIE 2024**

Summer field crops – 2024

Commercial maize: The revised area estimate for maize is 2 639 250 ha, which is 2,06% or 53 150 ha more than the 2 586 100 ha planted for the previous season, and 0,06% or 1 500 ha more than the preliminary area estimate of 2 637 750 ha released in January 2024.

The expected commercial maize crop is 14 359 300 tons, which is 12,60% or 2,071 mill. tons less than the 16 430 000 tons of the previous season (2023). The yield for maize is 5,44 t/ha.

The area planted figures are mainly based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES), conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC) for Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces.

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.

The area estimate for **white maize** is 1 557 750 ha, which represents an increase of 2,40% or 36 450 ha compared to the 1 521 300 ha planted last season. The production forecast of white maize is 7 040 900 tons, which is 17,21% or 1,464 mill. tons less than the 8 505 000 tons of last season. The yield for white maize is 4,52 t/ha.

In the case of **yellow maize**, the area estimate is 1 081 500 ha, which is 1,57% or 16 700 ha more than the 1 064 800 ha planted last season. The yellow maize production forecast is 7 318 400 tons, which is 7,65% or 606 600 tons less than the 7 925 000 tons of last season. The yield for yellow maize is 6,77 t/ha.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 559 500 ha, which is 0,68% or 3 800 ha more than the 555 700 ha planted the previous season. The production forecast for sunflower seed is 671 100 tons, which is 6,79% or 48 900 tons less than the 720 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,20 t/ha.

Other crops: It is estimated that 1 122 500 ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents a decrease of 2,25% or 25 800 ha compared to the 1 148 300 ha planted last season. The production forecast is 2 139 480 tons, which is 22,76% or 630 520 tons less than the 2 770 000 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,91 t/ha.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 41 200 ha, which is 31,63% or 9 900 ha more than the 31 300 ha planted for the previous season. The expected crop is 64 395 tons – which is 21,50% or 11 395 tons more than the 53 000 tons of last season. The expected yield is 1,56 t/ha.

The area estimate for **sorghum** increased by 23,82% or 8 100 ha, from 34 000 ha to 42 100 ha against the previous season. The production forecast for sorghum is 110 780 tons, which is 17,40% or 16 420 tons more than the 94 360 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 2,63 t/ha.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 39 550 ha, which is 7,91% or 2 900 ha more than the 36 650 ha planted for the previous season. The production forecast is 59 880 tons, which is 19,14% or 9 620 tons more than the 50 260 tons of the previous season. The expected yield is 1,51 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for summer field crops for 2024 will be released on 26 March 2024.

Somergewasse – 2024

Kommersiële mielies: Die hersiëne skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2 639 250 ha, wat 2,06% of 53 150 ha meer is as die 2 586 100 ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, en 0,06% of 1 500 ha meer as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van 2 637 750 ha soos vrygestel in Januarie 2024.

Die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is 14 359 300 ton, wat 12,60% of 2,071 milj. ton minder is as die 16 430 000 ton van die vorige seisoen (2023). Die opbrengs van mielies is 5,44 t/ha.

Die oppervlakte beplant syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel (PICES), soos deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium gerapporteer vir Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

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.

Die oppervlak onder **witmielies** is 1 557 750 ha, wat 'n toename van 2,40% of 36 450 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1 521 300 ha die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 7 040 900 ton, wat 17,21% of 1,464 milj. ton minder is as die 8 505 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,52 t/ha.

In die geval van **geelmielies** is die oppervlakteskatting 1 081 500 ha, wat 1,57% of 16 700 ha meer is as die 1 064 800 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van geelmielies is 7 318 400 ton, wat 7,65% of 606 600 ton minder is as die 7 925 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,77 t/ha.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die hersiëne oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 559 500 ha, wat 0,68% of 3 800 ha meer is as die 555 700 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 671 100 ton, wat 6,79% of 48 900 ton minder is as die 720 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,20 t/ha.

Ander gewasse: Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 1 122 500 ha, wat 'n afname van 2,25% of 25 800 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1 148 300 ha geplant die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting is 2 139 480 ton, wat 22,76% of 630 520 ton minder is as die 2 770 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,91 t/ha.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 41 200 ha, wat 31,63% of 9 900 ha meer is as die 31 300 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte grondbone-oes is 64 395 ton – 21,50% of 11 395 ton meer as die 53 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,56 t/ha.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het toegeneem met 23,82% of 8 100 ha, van 34 000 ha tot 42 100 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting van sorghum is 110 780 ton – 17,40% of 16 420 ton meer as die 94 360 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,63 t/ha.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 39 550 ha, wat 7,91% of 2 900 ha meer is as die 36 650 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen. Die produksieskatting is 59 880 ton, wat 19,14% of 9 620 ton meer is as die 50 260 ton van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,51 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2024, op 26 Maart 2024 vrygestel sal word.

The area estimate and final production estimate for winter cereals for the 2023 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2023 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2023 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE - OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2023 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2023 Ha (A)	Final estimate/ Finale skatting 2023 Tons (B)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2023 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2022 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2022 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	537 950	2 078 025	2 089 225	566 800	2 110 000	-0,54
Malting barley/Moutgars	107 600	376 195	376 195	101 000	302 000	-
Canola/Kanola	131 200	237 450	237 450	123 510	210 000	-
Cereal oats/Hawermout	27 500	40 250	40 250	27 000	27 550	-
Sweet lupines/Soetlupine	16 000	16 000	16 000	21 000	15 750	-

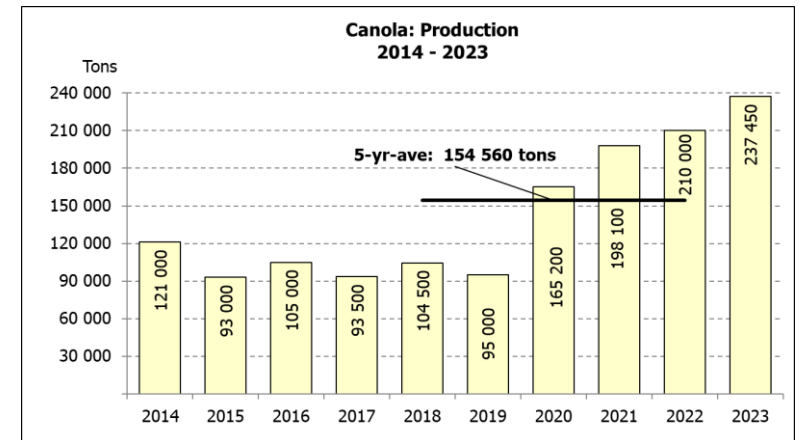
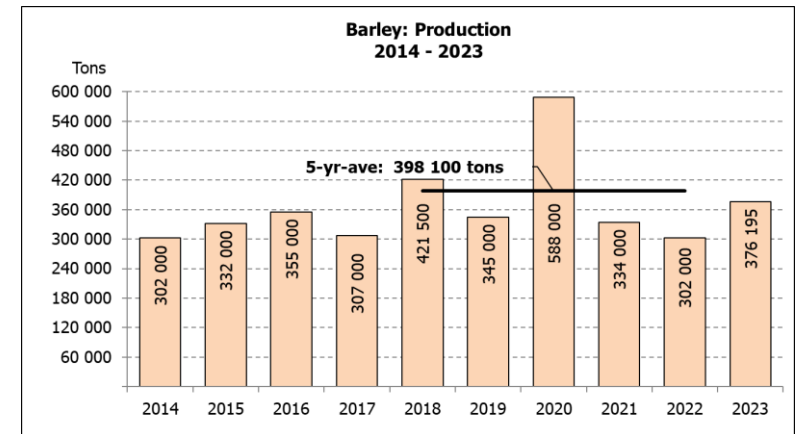
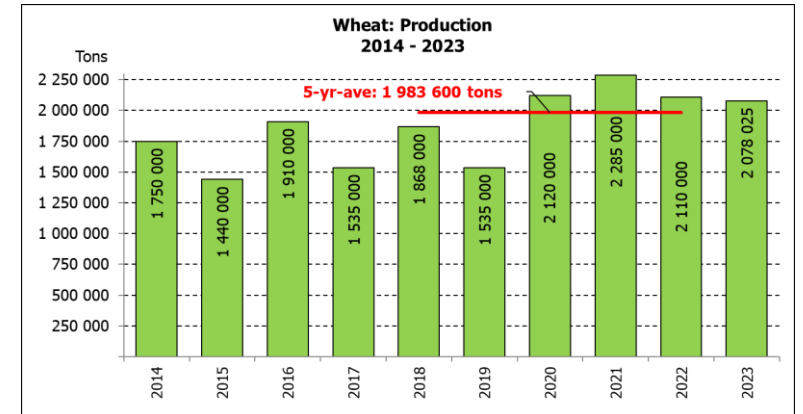
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* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2023/24 = 2023

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2023

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2023

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2023	Final estimate/ Finale skatting Tons 2023	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2022	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2022
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	365 000	1 095 000	360 000	918 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	40 000	296 000	47 000	338 500
Free State/Vrystaat	72 000	288 000	96 000	436 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 300	40 950	6 000	40 200
KwaZulu-Natal	8 500	56 950	9 200	60 730
Mpumalanga	4 200	28 560	4 000	27 600
Limpopo	30 000	198 000	29 000	187 000
Gauteng	950	6 365	1 100	7 370
North West/Noordwes	11 000	68 200	14 500	93 800
Total/Totaal	537 950	2 078 025	566 800	2 110 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND FINAL PRODUCTION ESTIMATE OF WINTER CROPS (2023) /
OPPERVLAKTE- EN FINALE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2023)
28 FEBRUARY/FEBRUARIE 2024**

Winter cereal crops - 2023 production season

Wheat: The production forecast for **wheat** is 2,078 mill. tons, which is 0,54% or 11 200 tons less than the previous forecast of 2,089 mill. tons. The area planted is estimated at 537 950 ha, while the expected yield is 3,86 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 1,095 mill. tons (53%), in the Northern Cape 296 000 tons (14%) and in the Free State 288 000 tons (14%).

The estimated area estimate for wheat in the Western Cape is 365 000 ha or 68%, 72 000 ha or 13% in the Free State and 40 000 ha or 7% in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **barley** remained unchanged at 376 195 tons. The area planted is estimated at 107 600 ha, while the expected yield is 3,50 t/ha.

The expected **canola crop** remained unchanged at 237 450 tons. The area estimate for canola is 131 200 ha, with an expected yield of 1,81 t/ha.

The expected crop for **oats** for the 2023 season is 40 250 tons and the area planted is 27 500 ha. The expected yield is 1,46 t/ha.

In the case of **sweet lupines**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 16 000 tons. The area estimate of sweet lupines is 16 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,00 t/ha.

Please note that the intentions to plant winter cereals for 2024 will be released on 25 April 2024.

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http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates or
<http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **14:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.**

Wintergewasse - 2023 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die produksieskatting vir **koring** is 2,078 milj. ton, wat 0,54% of 11 200 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 2,089 milj. ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 537 950 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,86 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 1,095 milj. ton (53%), in die Noord-Kaap 296 000 ton (14%) en in die Vrystaat 288 000 ton (14%).

Die geraamde oppervlakteskatting vir koring in die Wes-Kaap is 365 000 ha of 68%, 72 000 ha of 13% in die Vrystaat en 40 000 ha of 7% in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **gars** is onveranderd gelaat op 376 195 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 107 600 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,50 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is onveranderd gelaat op 237 450 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 131 200 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,81 t/ha.

Die verwagte oes vir **hawer** vir die 2023-seisoen is 40 250 ton en die oppervlakteskatting is 27 500 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,46 t/ha.

In die geval van **soetlupine** is die produksieskatting is onveranderd gelaat op 16 000 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met soetlupine is 16 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,00 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voornemens om wintergewasse te plant vir 2024 op 25 April 2024 vrygestel sal word.

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