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The area planted estimate and fourth production forecast for summer crops for 2016 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016 vrygestel.

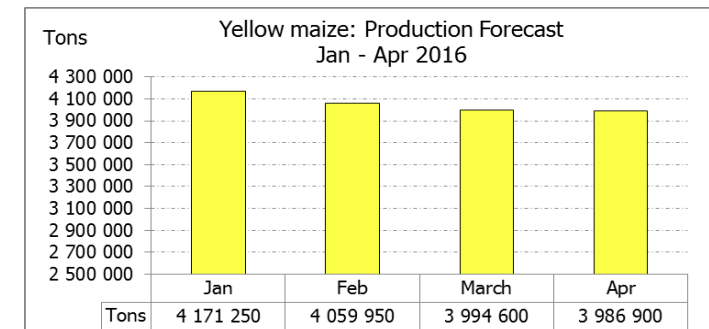
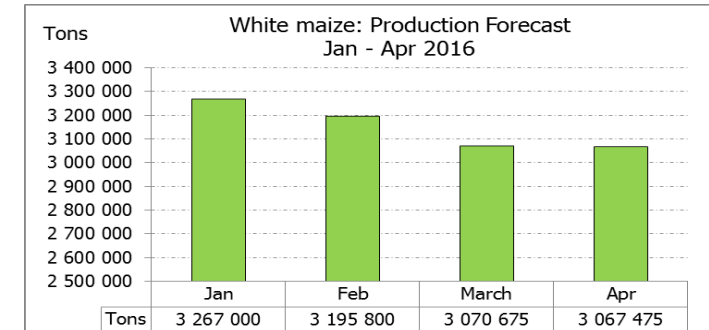
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A)	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2016 Tons (B)	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2016 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ %
						(B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 014 750	3 067 475	3 070 675	1 448 050	4 735 000	-0,10
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	932 000	3 986 900	3 994 600	1 204 800	5 220 000	-0,19
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	1 946 750	7 054 375	7 065 275	2 652 850	9 955 000	-0,15
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	718 500	730 500	710 500	576 000	663 000	+2,81
Soybeans/Sojabone	502 800	694 550	691 750	687 300	1 070 000	+0,40
Groundnuts/Grondbone	22 600	32 550	33 550	58 000	62 300	-2,98
Sorghum	48 500	88 500	92 700	70 500	120 500	-4,53
Dry beans/Droëbone	34 400	38 095	38 195	64 000	73 390	-0,26
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 273 550	8 638 570	8 631 970	4 108 650	11 944 190	+0,08

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2015/16 = 2016

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2015/16 = 2016



The Crop Estimates Committee comprises officials of the following institutions:

Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute); and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016			4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2016			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2015			Final crop/ Finale oes 2015		
	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	500	4 000	4 500	5 000	40 000	45 000	450	3 800	4 250	4 050	34 200	38 250
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 750	50 000	53 750	35 625	665 000	700 625	3 500	46 000	49 500	35 000	644 000	679 000
Free State/Vrystaat	390 000	310 000	700 000	1 092 000	945 500	2 037 500	710 000	510 000	1 220 000	2 236 000	1 708 500	3 944 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 000	12 000	14 000	10 000	60 000	70 000	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600
KwaZulu-Natal	38 000	48 000	86 000	193 800	278 400	472 200	40 000	45 000	85 000	224 000	283 500	507 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	672 000	1 452 000	2 124 000	154 000	315 000	469 000	824 000	1 605 300	2 429 300
Limpopo	31 500	22 000	53 500	173 250	127 600	300 850	28 500	21 000	49 500	156 750	124 000	280 750
Gauteng	49 000	56 000	105 000	205 800	218 400	424 200	44 000	65 000	109 000	193 600	292 500	486 100
North West/Noordwes	340 000	100 000	440 000	680 000	200 000	880 000	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 046 000	444 000	1 490 000
Total/Totaal	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 067 475	3 986 900	7 054 375	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 735 000	5 220 000	9 955 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	600	500	500
Free State/Vrystaat	400 000	440 000	285 000	370 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	4 000	4 400	2 500	3 300
Limpopo	65 000	48 750	82 000	61 500
Gauteng	4 000	4 000	6 000	7 200
North West/Noordwes	245 000	232 750	200 000	220 000
Total/Totaal	718 500	730 500	576 000	663 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 200	800	1 600
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	12 400	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	174 000	156 600	305 000	366 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 500	2 100	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	28 000	61 600	42 000	102 900
Mpumalanga	240 000	360 000	245 000	389 900
Limpopo	16 000	38 400	24 000	72 000
Gauteng	23 000	48 300	30 000	69 000
North West/Noordwes	15 500	13 950	35 000	52 500
Total/Totaal	502 800	694 550	687 300	1 070 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	5 000	15 500	7 100	22 700
Free State/Vrystaat	6 500	6 500	22 500	21 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	100	100
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	1 600	2 000	2 500	3 250
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	9 500	8 550	25 800	14 450
Total/Totaal	22 600	32 550	58 000	62 300

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	28 000	37 800	36 000	45 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	2 000	500	2 200
Mpumalanga	10 000	35 000	11 000	48 000
Limpopo	7 000	9 800	16 000	17 600
Gauteng	-	-	1 000	2 600
North West/Noordwes	3 000	3 900	6 000	5 100
Total/Totaal	48 500	88 500	70 500	120 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2016**DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2016	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2015
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	150	300	390
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	630	900	2 160
Free State/Vrystaat	17 000	17 000	28 000	22 400
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	250	375	800	1 040
KwaZulu-Natal	2 200	2 640	6 500	7 800
Mpumalanga	6 000	6 000	9 000	11 250
Limpopo	3 000	4 500	7 000	16 800
Gauteng	2 500	3 500	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	3 000	3 300	7 500	6 750
Total/Totaal	34 400	38 095	64 000	73 390

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- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
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- Members must regard the detail of any information that was collected for and/or discussed during the meeting, as confidential
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**AREA ESTIMATE AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2016 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2016 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
26 APRIL 2016**

Summer field crops – 2016

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 7,054 million tons, which is 0,15% or 10 900 tons less than the previous forecast of 7,065 million tons. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 1,947 million ha, while the expected yield is 3,62 t/ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 3,067 million tons, which is 0,10% or 3 200 tons less than the 3,071 million tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,02 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 3,987 million tons, which is 0,19% or 7 700 tons less than the 3,995 million tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,28 t/ha.

The yield per ha for the Mpumalanga province was based on scientific and objective results provided by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), which is led by the ARC. Please note that the objective results for the Free State and North West provinces will be available in May 2016.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 730 500 tons, which is 2,81% or 20 000 tons more than the 710 500 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 718 500 ha, while the expected yield is 1,02 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** is 694 550 tons, which is 0,40% or 2 800 tons more than the 691 750 tons of the previous forecast. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 502 800 ha, with an expected yield of 1,38 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 32 550 tons, which is 2,98% or 1 000 tons less than the 33 550 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 22 600 ha, with an expected yield of 1,44 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 88 500 tons, which is 4,53% or 4 200 tons less than the 92 700 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 48 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,82 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 38 095 tons, which is 0,26% or 100 tons less than the 38 195 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 34 400 ha, with an expected yield of 1,11 t/ha.

Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for 2016 will be released on 26 May 2016.

Somergewasse – 2016

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 7,054 miljoen ton gestel, wat 0,15% of 10 900 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 7,065 miljoen ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 1,947 miljoen ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,62 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 3,067 miljoen ton, wat 0,10% of 3 200 ton minder is as die 3,071 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,02 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 3,987 miljoen ton, wat 0,19% of 7 700 ton minder is as die 3,995 miljoen ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,28 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Mpumalanga provinsie is gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrek deur die Nasionale Oesskattingskonsortium, gelei deur die LNR. Neem kennis dat die objektiewe resultate vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies, in Mei 2016 gerapporteer sal word.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 730 500 ton, wat 2,81% of 20 000 ton meer is as die 710 500 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 718 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,02 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 694 550 ton, wat 0,40% of 2 800 ton meer is as die 691 750 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 502 800 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,38 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 32 550 ton, wat 2,98% of 1 000 ton minder is as die 33 550 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 22 600 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,44 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 88 500 ton, wat 4,53% of 4 200 ton laer is as die 92 700 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is onveranderd gelaat op 48 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,82 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 38 095 ton, wat 0,26% of 100 ton minder is as die 38 195 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 34 400 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,11 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2016, op 26 May 2016 vrygestel sal word.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2016 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2016 vrygestel.

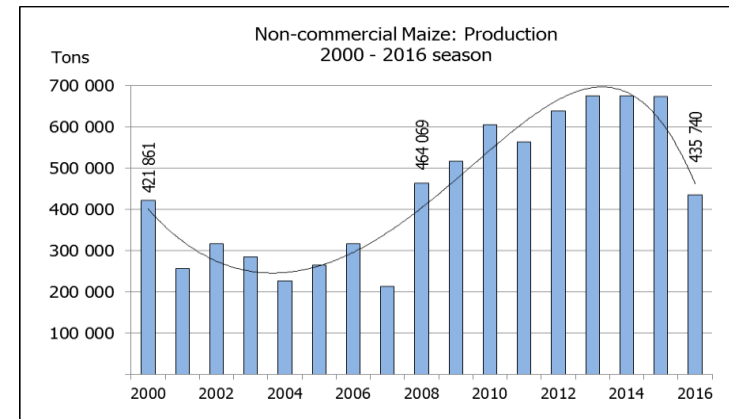
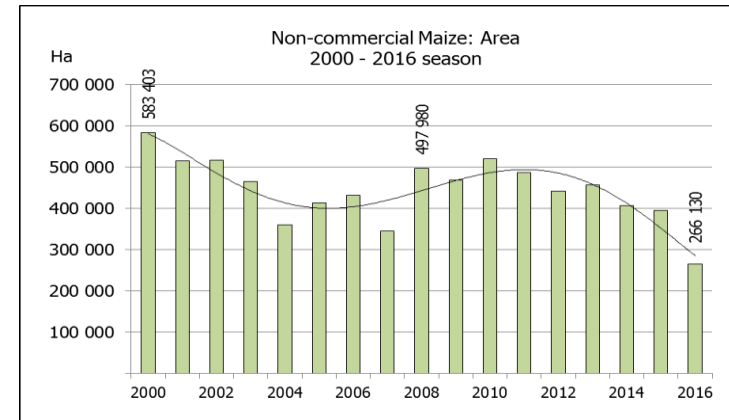
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2016

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2016

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2016 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2015 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	191 225	286 175	278 000	442 200	-35,28
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	74 905	149 565	117 200	231 600	-35,42
Maize/Mielies	266 130	435 740	395 200	673 800	-35,33

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 266 130 ha, which represents a decrease of 32,7% compared to the 395 200 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 435 740 tons, which is 35,3% less than the 673 800 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 60% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape.

Die oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 266 130 ha, wat 'n afname van 32,7 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 395 200 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 435 740 ton, wat 35,3% minder is as die 673 800 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 60% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.



The intentions to plant winter cereals for the 2016 production season is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir die 2016 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

WINTERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2016

WINTER CEREALS – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2016

GEWAS/CROP	Voorneme/ Intentions* 2016 Ha (A)	Opp beplant/ Area planted 2015 Ha (B)	Finale skatting/ Final estimate 2015 Tons (C)	Verandering/ Change %
				(A) ÷ (B)
Koring/Wheat	481 850	482 150	1 457 015	-0,06
Moutgars/Malting barley	92 000	93 730	333 373	-1,84
Kanola/Canola	71 050	78 050	97 600	-8,97
Totaal/Total	644 900	653 930	1 887 988	-1,38

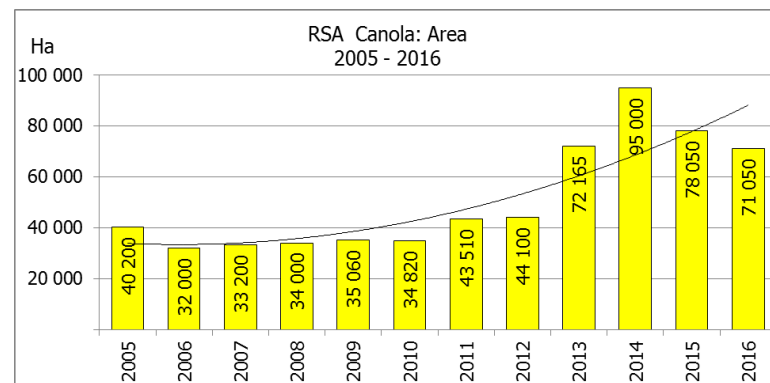
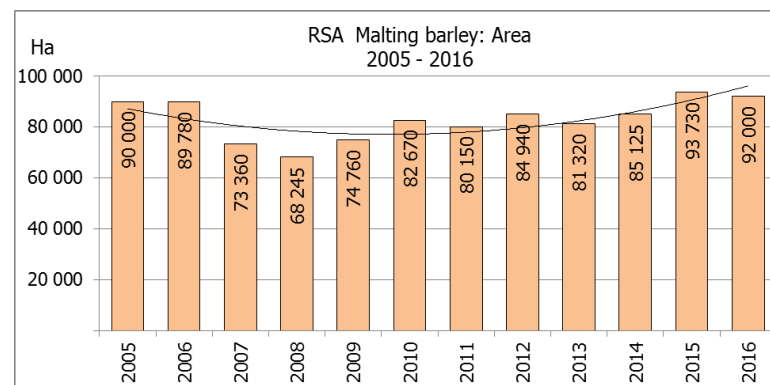
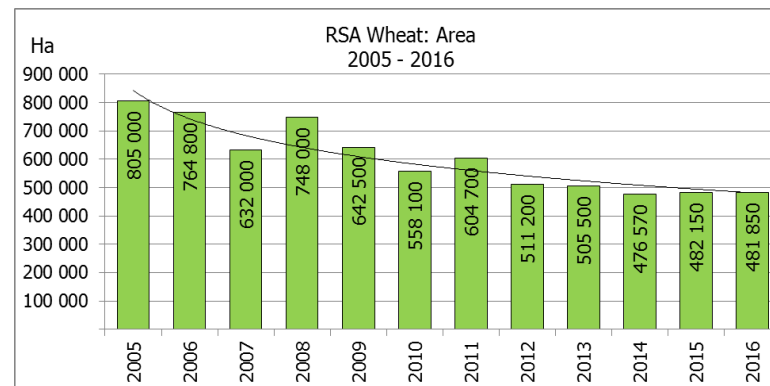
* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2016 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2016.

KORING – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2016

WHEAT – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2016

Provinsie/ Province	Voorneme/ Intentions Ha 2016	Opp beplant/ Area planted Ha 2015	Finale skatting/ Final estimate Tons 2015
Wes-Kaap/Western Cape	320 000	310 000	697 500
Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape	34 000	36 000	259 200
Vrystaat/Free State	80 000	80 000	184 000
Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape	2 600	3 100	14 880
KwaZulu-Natal	7 000	7 300	41 610
Mpumalanga	3 000	3 500	20 125
Limpopo	22 000	27 000	151 200
Gauteng	250	250	1 500
Noordwes/North West	13 000	15 000	87 000
Totaal/Total	481 850	482 150	1 457 015

* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2016 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2016.



INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS FOR 2016 / VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE AAN TE PLANT VIR 2016

Winter cereal crops – 2016

Producers' intentions to plant winter cereals are based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and reflects the position as at the middle of April 2016.

The figures for wheat represent the total number of hectares that are intended to be planted for grain, excluding any hectares that will be planted for fodder and grazing.

Early indications are that producers intend to plant 481 850 ha of **wheat** for the 2016 season. This is 0,1% or 300 ha less than 482 150 ha planted to wheat in 2015. The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 320 000 ha (66%), followed by the Free State with 80 000 ha (17%) and the Northern Cape with 34 000 ha (7%).

The expected area planted to **malting barley** is 92 000 ha, which is 1,8% or 1 730 ha less than the 93 730 ha of the previous year. The expected area planted to **canola** is 71 050 ha, which is 9,0% or 7 000 ha less than the 78 050 ha planted in 2015.

Please note that the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for 2016 will be released on 27 July 2016.

Information is available on the internet at http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30 on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.**

Wintergewasse – 2016

Produsente se voorneme om wintergewasse te plant is gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van April 2016.

Die syfers vir koring verteenwoordig die totale aantal hektare wat werklik beplant gaan word vir graan, uitgesluit alle hektare wat beplant gaan word vir groenvoer en weiding.

Vroeë aanduidings is dat produsente van voorneme is om 481 850 ha **koring** te plant vir die 2016-produksie-seisoen. Dit is 0,1% of 300 ha minder koring aangeplant as in 2015. Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 320 000 ha (66%), gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 80 000 ha (17%) en die Noord-Kaap met 34 000 ha (7%).

Die verwagte aanplantings van **moutgars** is 92 000 ha – 1,8% of 1 730 ha minder as die 93 730 ha van die vorige jaar. Die verwagte aanplantings van **kanola** is 71 050 ha, wat 9,0% of 7 000 ha minder is as die 78 050 ha wat aangeplant was in 2015.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2016 op 27 Julie 2016 vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **15:30 op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.**