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**The third production forecast for summer crops for 2015 is hereby released. /  
 Hiermee word die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2015 vrygestel.**

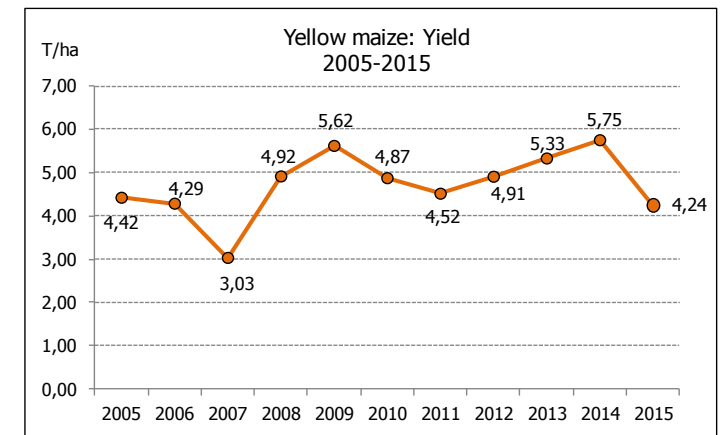
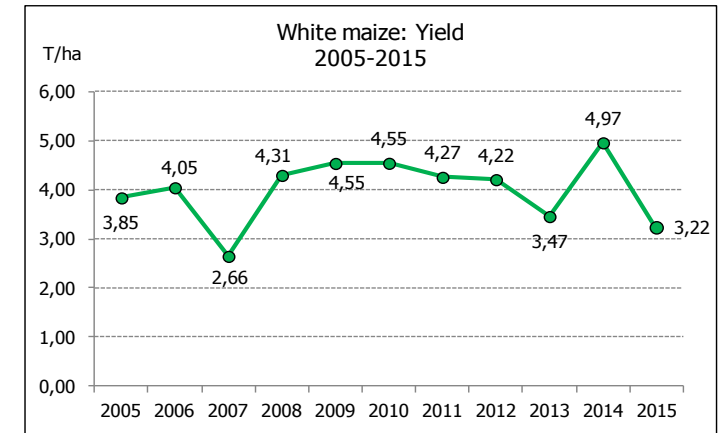
**SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**

**SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2015 Tons (B)	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2015 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2014 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 448 050	4 658 800	4 639 400	1 551 200	7 710 000	+0,42
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 204 800	5 103 750	5 026 950	1 137 000	6 540 000	+1,53
Maize/Mielies	2 652 850	9 762 550	9 666 350	2 688 200	14 250 000	+1,00
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	576 000	612 400	578 600	598 950	832 000	+5,84
Soybeans/Sojabone	687 300	942 850	942 850	502 900	948 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	58 000	66 725	66 225	52 125	74 500	+0,76
Sorghum	70 500	139 600	158 300	78 850	265 000	-11,81
Dry beans/Droëbone	64 000	75 815	75 815	55 820	82 130	-
<b>TOTAL/TOTAAL</b>	<b>4 108 650</b>	<b>11 599 940</b>	11 488 140	3 976 845	16 451 630	+0,97

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2014/15 = 2015

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2014/15 = 2015



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**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 THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2015			3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2015			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2014			Final crop/ Finale oes 2014		
	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	450	3 800	4 250	4 050	34 200	38 250	500	3 000	3 500	4 500	28 500	33 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 500	46 000	49 500	35 000	611 800	646 800	2 200	48 000	50 200	25 300	638 400	663 700
Free State/Vrystaat	710 000	510 000	1 220 000	2 165 500	1 683 000	3 848 500	730 000	465 000	1 195 000	3 759 500	2 487 750	6 247 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600	2 500	16 000	18 500	13 750	97 600	111 350
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	45 000	85 000	218 000	270 000	488 000	43 000	45 000	88 000	266 600	292 500	559 100
Mpumalanga	154 000	315 000	469 000	800 800	1 559 250	2 360 050	168 000	332 000	500 000	907 200	1 875 000	2 782 200
Limpopo	28 500	21 000	49 500	156 750	126 000	282 750	30 000	20 000	50 000	183 000	124 000	307 000
Gauteng	44 000	65 000	109 000	193 600	273 000	466 600	65 000	53 000	118 000	357 150	291 250	648 400
North West/Noordwes	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 069 500	462 500	1 532 000	510 000	155 000	665 000	2 193 000	705 000	2 898 000
Total/Totaal	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 658 800	5 103 750	9 762 550	1 551 200	1 137 000	2 688 200	7 710 000	6 540 000	14 250 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	500	900	450
Free State/Vrystaat	285 000	342 000	280 000	448 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	550	825
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 500	3 000	3 500	4 550
Limpopo	82 000	61 500	90 000	76 275
Gauteng	6 000	5 400	3 000	3 900
North West/Noordwes	200 000	200 000	221 000	298 000
Total/Totaal	576 000	612 400	598 950	832 000

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 600	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	14 000	3 900	14 040
Free State/Vrystaat	305 000	305 000	201 000	352 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 500	2 100	2 000	3 600
KwaZulu-Natal	42 000	92 400	35 000	98 000
Mpumalanga	245 000	355 250	203 000	335 000
Limpopo	24 000	72 000	22 000	66 000
Gauteng	30 000	48 000	20 000	47 360
North West/Noordwes	35 000	52 500	16 000	32 000
Total/Totaal	687 300	942 850	502 900	948 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>7 100</b>	<b>20 235</b>	7 000	18 200
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>22 500</b>	<b>22 500</b>	20 000	23 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	75	90
Mpumalanga	-	-	50	100
Limpopo	<b>2 500</b>	<b>3 250</b>	3 000	4 110
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	<b>25 800</b>	<b>20 640</b>	22 000	28 500
Total/Totaal	<b>58 000</b>	<b>66 725</b>	52 125	74 500

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>36 000</b>	<b>59 400</b>	42 000	139 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>500</b>	<b>2 200</b>	850	4 400
Mpumalanga	<b>11 000</b>	<b>44 000</b>	11 000	54 000
Limpopo	<b>16 000</b>	<b>24 800</b>	14 000	32 200
Gauteng	<b>1 000</b>	<b>2 600</b>	1 500	4 800
North West/Noordwes	<b>6 000</b>	<b>6 600</b>	9 500	30 400
Total/Totaal	<b>70 500</b>	<b>139 600</b>	78 850	265 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015****DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>300</b>	<b>390</b>	300	450
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>900</b>	<b>2 160</b>	1 000	2 000
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>28 000</b>	<b>25 200</b>	26 000	37 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>800</b>	<b>1 040</b>	770	1 155
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>6 500</b>	<b>7 800</b>	5 000	6 500
Mpumalanga	<b>9 000</b>	<b>11 250</b>	8 750	12 250
Limpopo	<b>7 000</b>	<b>16 800</b>	5 500	9 625
Gauteng	<b>4 000</b>	<b>4 800</b>	3 000	4 200
North West/Noordwes	<b>7 500</b>	<b>6 375</b>	5 500	8 250
Total/Totaal	<b>64 000</b>	<b>75 815</b>	55 820	82 130

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**REVISED AREA AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2015)/  
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2015)**

**Summer field crops – 2015**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 9,763 mill. tons, which is 1,0% or 96 200 tons more than the previous forecast of 9,666 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,653 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 3,68 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,448 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,205 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 4,659 mill. tons, which is 0,42% or 19 400 tons more than the 4,639 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,22 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,104 mill. tons, which is 1,53% or 76 800 tons more than the 5,027 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,24 t/ha.

The yields per ha for the Mpumalanga province was mainly based on scientific and objective results provided by the National Crop Statistics Consortium, which is led by the ARC. The yields for the Free State and North West provinces will be available on 26 May 2015.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 612 400 tons, which is 5,84% or 33 800 tons more than the 578 600 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 576 000 ha, while the expected yield is 1,06 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 942 850 tons, which remained unchanged from the previous forecast. It is estimated that 687 300 ha have been planted to soya-beans, with an expected yield of 1,37 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 66 725 tons, which represents a slight increase of 0,76% or 500 tons from the previous forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 58 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,15 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 139 600 tons, which is 11,81% or 18 700 tons lower than the 158 300 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 70 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,98 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 75 815 tons against the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 64 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,18 t/ha.

**Please note that the fourth production forecast for summer field crops for 2015 will be released on 26 May 2015.**

**Somergewasse – 2015**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 9,763 milj. ton gestel, wat 1,0% of 96 200 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 9,666 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,653 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,68 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,448 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,205 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 4,659 miljoen ton, 0,42% of 19 400 ton meer as die 4,639 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,22 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,104 miljoen ton, wat 1,53% of 76 800 ton meer is as die 5,027 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,24 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Mpumalanga provinsie is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrekk deur die Nasionale Oesskattingskonsortium, geleidelik deur die LNR. Die opbrengste vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies sal op 26 Mei 2015 gerapporteer word.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 612 400 ton, wat 5,84% of 33 800 ton meer is as die 578 600 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 576 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,06 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is onveranderd gelaat op 942 850 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 687 300 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,37 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 66 725 ton, wat 'n effense toename van 0,76% of 500 ton teenoor die vorige skatting verteenwoordig. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 58 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,15 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 139 600 ton, wat 11,81% of 18 700 ton laer is as die 158 300 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 70 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,98 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** het die produksieskatting onveranderd gebly op 75 815 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 64 000 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,18 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2015, op 26 Mei 2015 vrygestel sal word.**

The intentions to plant winter cereals for the 2015 production season is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir die 2015 produksie-seisoen vrygestel.

**WINTERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2015**

**WINTER CEREALS –INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2015**

GEWAS/CROP	<b>Voorneme/ Intentions* 2015 Ha (A)</b>	Opp beplant/ Area planted 2014 Ha (B)	Finale skatting/ Final estimate 2014 Tons (C)	Verandering/ Change %
Koring/Wheat	<b>481 300</b>	476 570	1 775 534	+1,00
Moutgars/Malting barley	<b>95 800</b>	85 125	306 786	+12,54
Kanola/Canola	<b>85 000</b>	95 000	123 500	-10,53
Totaal/Total	<b>662 100</b>	656 695	2 205 820	+0,82

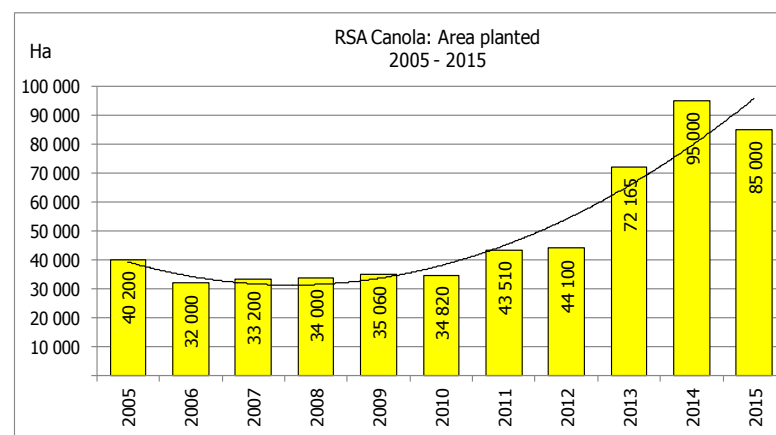
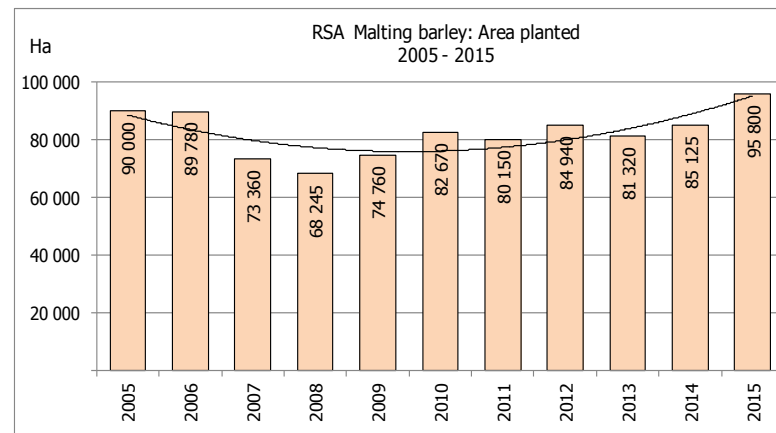
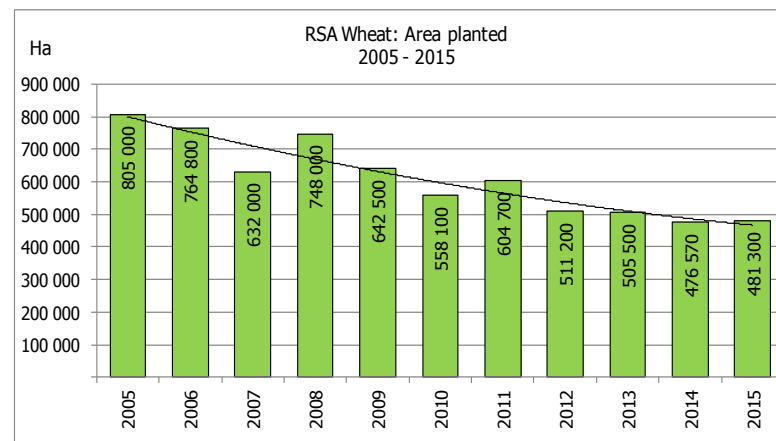
\* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2015 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2015.

**KORING – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2015**

**WHEAT – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2015**

Provinsie/ Province	<b>Voorneme/ Intentions Ha 2015</b>	Opp beplant/ Area planted Ha 2014	Finale skatting/ Final estimate Tons 2014
Wes-Kaap/Western Cape	<b>316 000</b>	310 000	899 000
Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape	<b>42 000</b>	38 000	285 000
Vrystaat/Free State	<b>70 000</b>	69 500	271 050
Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape	<b>2 800</b>	3 000	12 000
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>7 500</b>	6 500	39 000
Mpumalanga	<b>3 500</b>	3 500	21 350
Limpopo	<b>24 000</b>	27 500	137 500
Gauteng	<b>500</b>	570	3 534
Noordwes/North West	<b>15 000</b>	18 000	107 100
Totaal/Total	<b>481 300</b>	476 570	1 775 534

\* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2015 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2015.



## INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS FOR 2015 / VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE AAN TE PLANT VIR 2015

### **Winter cereal crops – 2015**

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 2015.

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 481 300 ha of **wheat** for the 2015 season. This is 1,0% or 4 730 ha more than the area planted to wheat in 2014. The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 316 000 ha (66%), followed by the Free State with 70 000 ha (14%) and the Northern Cape with 42 000 ha (9%).

The expected area planted to **malting barley** is 95 800 ha, which is 12,5% or 10 675 ha more than the 85 125 ha of the previous year. The expected area planted to **canola** is 85 000 ha, which is 10,5% or 10 000 ha less than the 95 000 ha planted in 2014. On record, this is the second largest area planted to canola.

Please note that the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for 2015 will be released on 28 July 2015.

### **Wintergewasse – 2015**

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 2015.

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 481 300 ha **koring** te plant vir die 2015-produksie-seisoen. Dit is 1,0% of 4 730 ha meer koring aangeplant as in 2014. Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 316 000 ha (66%), gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 70 000 ha (14%) en die Noord-Kaap met 42 000 ha (9%).

Die verwagte aanplantings van **moutgars** is 95 800 ha – 12,5% of 10 675 ha meer as die 85 125 ha van die vorige jaar. Die verwagte aanplantings van **kanola** is 85 000 ha, wat 10,5% of 10 000 ha minder is as die 95 000 ha wat aangeplant was in 2014. Volgens rekords, is dit die tweede grootste oppervlakte beplant met kanola.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2015 op 28 Julie 2015 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop\\_estimates](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.

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