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The area planted estimate and seventh production forecast for summer crops for 2017 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en sewende produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017

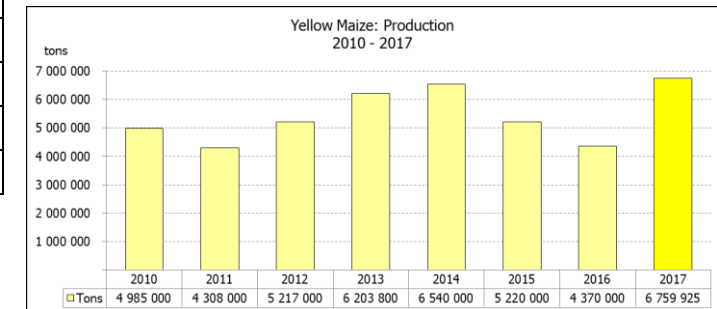
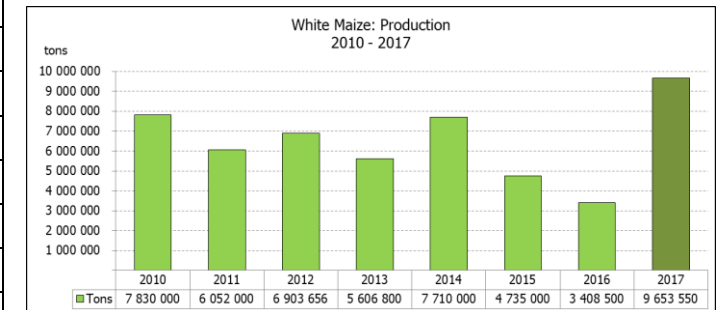
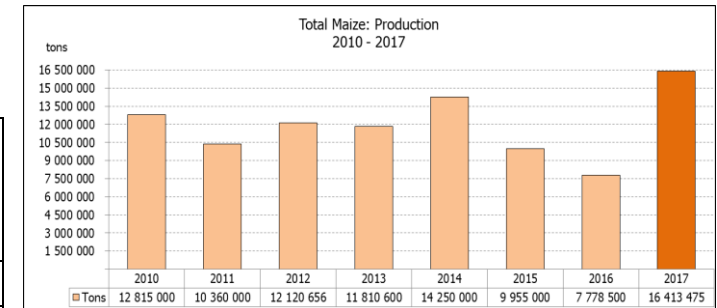
SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting 2017 Tons (B)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2017 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël						
White maize/Witmielies	1 643 100	9 653 550	9 507 050	1 014 750	3 408 500	+1,54
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	985 500	6 759 925	6 462 250	932 000	4 370 000	+4,61
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	2 628 600	16 413 475	15 969 300	1 946 750	7 778 500	+2,78
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	635 750	870 095	821 970	718 500	755 000	+5,85
Soybeans/Sojabone	573 950	1 316 370	1 340 370	502 800	742 000	-1,79
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 000	90 550	90 550	22 600	17 680	-
Sorghum	42 350	151 335	151 335	48 500	70 500	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 050	68 525	68 525	34 400	35 445	-
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersiële Mielies						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	366 650	731 000	731 000	266 130	435 740	-
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersieël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersieël						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 995 250	17 144 475	16 700 300	2 212 880	8 214 240	+2,66

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2016/17 = 2017

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2016/17 = 2017

29 August/Augustus 2017



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); BFAP and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting 2017			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2016			Final crop/ Finale oes 2016		
	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	200	2 000	2 200	2 000	20 000	22 000	500	4 000	4 500	5 000	40 000	45 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 500	45 000	48 500	45 500	657 000	702 500	3 750	50 000	53 750	35 000	675 000	710 000
Free State/Vrystaat	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	5 031 250	2 183 250	7 214 500	390 000	310 000	700 000	1 190 500	1 023 000	2 213 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	4 400	9 500	13 900	30 800	63 175	93 975	2 000	12 000	14 000	10 000	66 000	76 000
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	50 000	100 000	340 000	385 000	725 000	38 000	48 000	86 000	215 000	307 000	522 000
Mpumalanga	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 040 000	2 343 000	3 383 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	752 000	1 567 000	2 319 000
Limpopo	40 000	24 000	64 000	296 000	192 000	488 000	31 500	22 000	53 500	178 000	132 000	310 000
Gauteng	60 000	60 000	120 000	372 000	372 000	744 000	49 000	56 000	105 000	207 000	235 000	442 000
North West/Noordwes	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 496 000	544 500	3 040 500	340 000	100 000	440 000	816 000	325 000	1 141 000
Total/Totaal	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 653 550	6 759 925	16 413 475	1 014 750	932 000	1 946 750	3 408 500	4 370 000	7 778 500

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	250	375	500	600
Free State/Vrystaat	330 000	478 500	400 000	440 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	300	300	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 200	2 420	4 000	4 400
Limpopo	90 000	81 000	65 000	48 750
Gauteng	3 000	3 000	4 000	4 000
North West/Noordwes	210 000	304 500	245 000	257 250
Total/Totaal	635 750	870 095	718 500	755 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	700	1 050	800	1 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	10 500	4 000	13 600
Free State/Vrystaat	240 000	504 000	174 000	148 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 850	2 775	1 500	2 100
KwaZulu-Natal	30 500	89 975	28 000	66 000
Mpumalanga	241 000	554 300	240 000	408 000
Limpopo	8 500	29 750	16 000	38 400
Gauteng	25 400	71 120	23 000	50 600
North West/Noordwes	23 000	52 900	15 500	14 100
Total/Totaal	573 950	1 316 370	502 800	742 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	14 000	5 000	10 000
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	34 100	6 500	2 920
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 000	4 650	1 600	1 440
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	27 000	37 800	9 500	3 320
Total/Totaal	56 000	90 550	22 600	17 680

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	7 700	24 640	28 000	24 150
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	400	1 520	500	1 650
Mpumalanga	12 000	62 400	10 000	32 500
Limpopo	18 000	50 400	7 000	9 800
Gauteng	750	2 400	-	-
North West/Noordwes	3 500	9 975	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	42 350	151 335	48 500	70 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017**DRÖËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	7 th forecast/ 7 ^{de} skatting Tons 2017	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2016	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2016
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	150	100	150
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	650	1 300	350	630
Free State/Vrystaat	20 000	32 000	17 000	17 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	300	450	250	375
KwaZulu-Natal	4 500	5 400	2 200	2 640
Mpumalanga	5 500	8 525	6 000	6 000
Limpopo	7 000	12 950	3 000	3 750
Gauteng	1 500	2 250	2 500	2 500
North West/Noordwes	5 500	5 500	3 000	2 400
Total/Totaal	45 050	68 525	34 400	35 445

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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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- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
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- 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 SEVENTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2017 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SEWENDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2017 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
29 AUGUST 2017**

Summer field crops – 2017

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 16,413 mill. tons, which is 2,78 % or 444 175 tons more than the previous forecast of 15,969 mill. tons. It is the largest maize crop produced in the history of SA. The area estimate for maize is 2,629 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 6,24 t/ha – also the highest yield ever.

The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 83% of the 2017 crop.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,643 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 985 500 ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 9,654 mill. tons, which is 1,54 % or 146 500 tons more than the 9,507 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,88 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,760 mill. tons, which is 4,61% or 297 675 tons more than the 6,462 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 6,86 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed showed an increase of 5,85% or 48 125 tons to 870 095 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 635 750 ha, while the expected yield is 1,37 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans**, however, declined by 1,79 % or 24 000 tons, from 1,340 mill. tons to 1,316 mill. tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 573 950 ha and the expected yield is 2,29 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop remained unchanged at 90 550 tons. The area estimate is 56 000 ha and the expected yield is 1,62 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** also remained unchanged at 151 335 tons, whilst the area estimate for sorghum is 42 350 ha. The expected yield is 3,57 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 68 525 tons, the same as the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 45 050 ha, with an expected yield of 1,52 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for summer field crops for 2017 will be released on 28 September 2017.

Somergewasse – 2017

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 16,413 milj. ton gestel, wat 2,78% of 444 175 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 15,969 milj. ton. Dit is die grootste mielie-oes nog geproduseer in die geskiedenis van SA. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,629 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 6,24 t/ha is – ook die hoogste opbrengs ooit.

Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 83% van die 2017-oes produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,643 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 985 500 ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 9,654 milj. ton, wat 1,54% of 146 500 ton meer is as die 9,507 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,88 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,760 milj. ton, wat 4,61% of 297 675 ton meer is as die 6,462 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,86 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad het op 'n styging van 5,85 % of 48 125 ton gedui, na 870 095 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 635 750 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,37 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** het egter met 1,79 % of 24 000 ton afgeneem, van 1,340 milj. ton tot 1,316 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 573 950 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,29 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is onveranderd gelaat op 90 550 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 56 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,62 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 151 335 ton, terwyl die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum 42 350 ha is. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,57 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 68 525 ton, dieselfde as die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 45 050 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,52 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017, op 28 September 2017 vrygestel sal word.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2017 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2017 vrygestel.

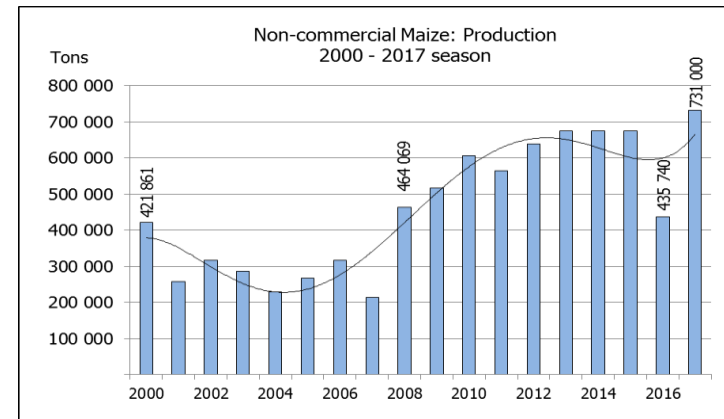
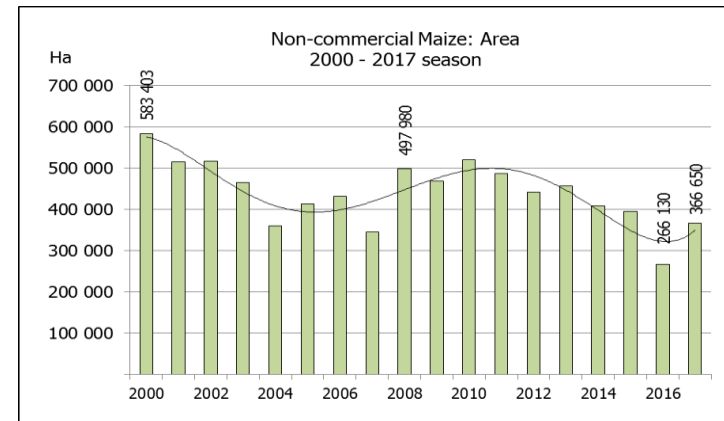
NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2017

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2017 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	248 500	463 600	191 225	286 175	+62,00
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	118 150	267 400	74 905	149 565	+78,79
Maize/Mielies	366 650	731 000	266 130	435 740	+67,76

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 366 650 ha, which represents an increase of 37,77%, compared to the 266 130 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 731 000 tons, which is 67,76% more than the 435 740 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 64% 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 366 650 ha, wat 'n toename van 37,77 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 266 130 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 731 000 ton, wat 67,76% meer is as die 435 740 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 64% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.



The revised area estimate and first production forecast for winter cereals for the 2017 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die hersiene oppervlakte- en eerste produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017-PRODUKSIESEISOEN

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (A)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2017 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Commercial/Kommersieel:					
Wheat/Koring	479 600	1 603 700	508 365	1 910 000	-16,04
Malting barley/Moutgars	91 250	265 990	88 695	355 000	-25,07
Canola/Kanola	84 000	109 200	68 075	105 000	+4,00

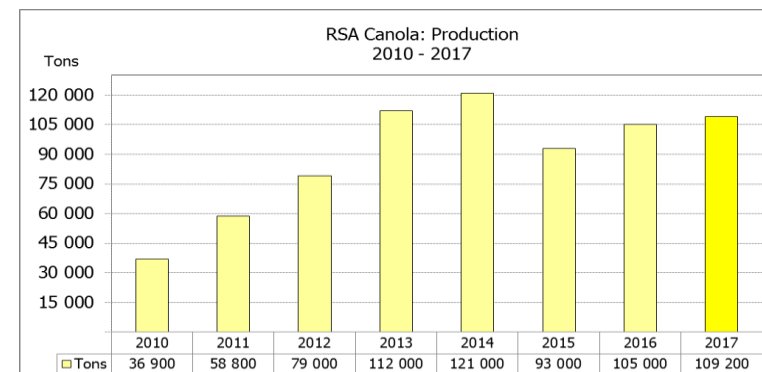
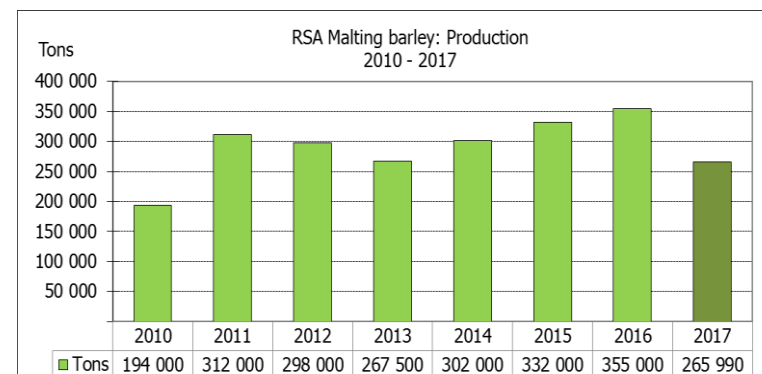
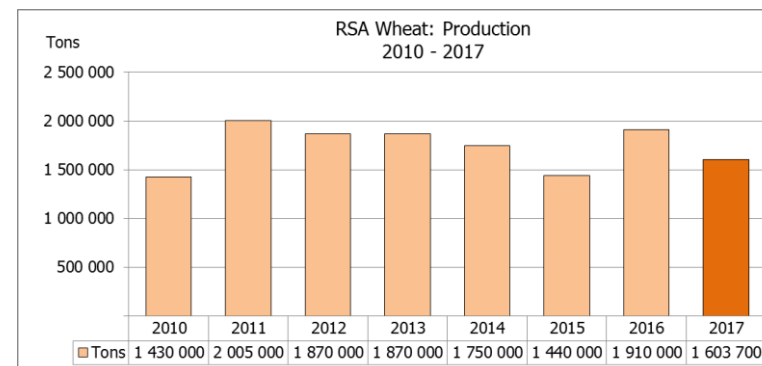
* Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2017/18 = 2017

* Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2017/18 = 2017

WHEAT – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2017

KORING – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2017

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2017 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2016 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2016 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	325 000	861 250	323 000	1 098 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	285 000	35 000	266 000
Free State/Vrystaat	70 000	182 000	110 000	308 460
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 900	9 500	2 200	11 000
KwaZulu-Natal	7 500	42 750	6 500	37 050
Mpumalanga	3 300	19 800	2 300	13 800
Limpopo	20 000	120 000	17 000	103 700
Gauteng	400	2 400	365	2 190
North West/Noordwes	13 500	81 000	12 000	69 600
Total/Totaal	479 600	1 603 700	508 365	1 910 000



**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2017) /
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTEKSKATTING EN EERSTE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2017)
29 AUGUST/ AUGUSTUS 2017**

Winter cereal crops - 2017 production season

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 1,604 mill. tons, which is 16,04% or 306 300 tons less than the previous seasons' crop of 1,910 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,34 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 861 250 tons (54%), which is 236 950 tons less than the 1,098 mill. tons produced in the previous season. In the Northern Cape, the expected production is 285 000 tons (18%), which is 19 000 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 266 000 tons. In the Free State, 182 000 tons (11%) is expected to be produced – 126 460 tons less than the 308 460 tons produced in the previous season.

The area estimate for wheat was revised to 479 600 ha, which is 19 250 ha less than the 498 850 ha of the previous forecast. An estimated 325 000 ha or 68 % is planted in the Western Cape, 70 000 ha or 15 % in the Free State and 38 000 ha or 8 % in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** is 265 990 tons, which is 25,07% or 89 010 tons less than the previous seasons' crop of 355 000 tons. The area planted is estimated at 91 250 ha, while the expected yield is 2,91 t/ha.

The expected **canola crop** is 109 200 tons, which is 4,0% or 4 200 tons more than the previous seasons' crop of 105 000 tons. The area estimate for canola is 84 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,30 t/ha.

Please note that the second production forecast for winter cereals for 2017 will be released on 28 September 2017.

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 - 2017 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 1,604 milj. ton, wat 16,04% of 306 300 ton minder is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 1,910 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,34 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 861 250 ton (54%), wat 236 950 ton minder is as die 1,098 milj. ton geproduseer in die vorige seisoen. In die Noord-Kaap is die verwagte produksie 285 000 ton (18%), wat 19 000 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 266 000 ton. In die Vrystaat is die beraamde produksie 182 000 ton (11%) – 126 460 ton minder as die 308 460 ton geproduseer in die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is hersien na 479 600 ha, wat 19 250 ha minder is as die 498 850 ha teenoor die vorige skatting. Die beraamde oppervlakte geplant in die Wes-Kaap is 325 000 ha of 68 %, die Vrystaat is 70 000 ha of 15 % en 38 000 ha of 8 % is in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** is 265 990 ton, wat 25,07% of 89 010 ton minder is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 355 000 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 91 250 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 2,91 t/ha behoort.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is 109 200 ton, wat 4,0% of 4 200 ton meer is as die vorige seisoen se oes van 105 000 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 84 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,30 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die tweede produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2017 op 28 September 2017 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 Oesskatting Komitee.**