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The area planted estimate and fifth production forecast for summer crops for 2018 is hereby released.

Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

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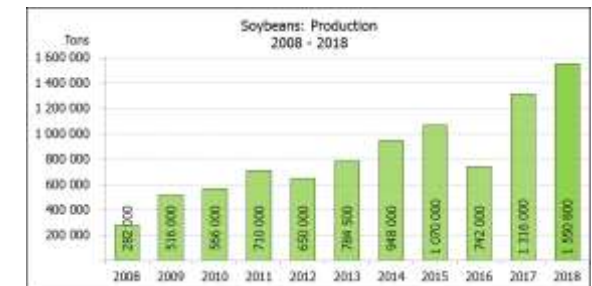
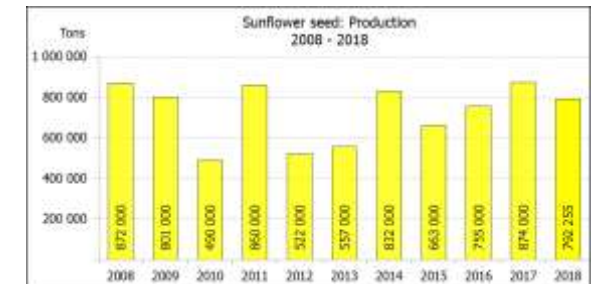
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2018 Tons (B)	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2018 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersiële:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 268 100	6 879 960	6 701 260	1 643 100	9 916 000	+2,7
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 050 750	6 327 350	6 207 350	985 500	6 904 000	+1,9
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 318 850	13 207 310	12 908 610	2 628 600	16 820 000	+2,3
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	601 500	792 255	792 255	635 750	874 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	787 200	1 550 800	1 430 300	573 950	1 316 000	+8,4
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 300	60 600	68 400	56 000	92 050	-11,4
Sorghum	28 800	83 070	83 070	42 350	152 000	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	53 360	65 610	65 610	45 050	68 525	-
Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersiële Mielies						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	314 835	593 975	593 975	366 650	731 000	-
Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersiël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersiël						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 633 685	13 801 285	13 502 585	2 995 250	17 551 000	+2,2

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2017/18 = 2018

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2017/18 = 2018



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, Statistics SA and CSIR.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018			5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2018			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2017			Final crop/ Finale oes 2017		
	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	0	3 750	3 750	0	33 750	33 750	200	2 000	2 200	2 000	20 000	22 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 600	43 000	46 600	41 760	636 400	678 160	3 500	45 000	48 500	46 200	666 000	712 200
Free State/Vrystaat	644 000	410 000	1 054 000	3 542 000	2 111 500	5 653 500	805 000	355 000	1 160 000	5 110 000	2 252 000	7 362 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 500	11 000	14 500	21 700	71 500	93 200	4 400	9 500	13 900	30 800	66 500	97 300
KwaZulu-Natal	45 000	50 000	95 000	301 500	390 000	691 500	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	390 000	740 000
Mpumalanga	140 000	340 000	480 000	854 000	2 108 000	2 962 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 342 500	3 430 500
Limpopo	12 000	21 000	33 000	90 000	147 000	237 000	40 000	24 000	64 000	300 000	192 000	492 000
Gauteng	50 000	62 000	112 000	290 000	378 200	668 200	60 000	60 000	120 000	390 000	414 000	804 000
North West/Noordwes	370 000	110 000	480 000	1 739 000	451 000	2 190 000	520 000	110 000	630 000	2 599 000	561 000	3 160 000
Total/Totaal	1 268 100	1 050 750	2 318 850	6 879 960	6 327 350	13 207 310	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 916 000	6 904 000	16 820 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	100	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 600	1 920	250	400
Free State/Vrystaat	314 000	455 300	330 000	478 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	300	300
Mpumalanga	2 300	2 185	2 200	2 300
Limpopo	45 000	36 000	90 000	85 500
Gauteng	5 500	5 500	3 000	3 000
North West/Noordwes	233 000	291 250	210 000	304 500
Total/Totaal	601 500	792 255	635 750	874 000

SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 200	700	1 050
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	10 500	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	345 000	552 000	240 000	504 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 400	2 400	1 850	2 775
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	124 000	30 500	89 605
Mpumalanga	310 000	682 000	241 000	554 300
Limpopo	20 000	56 000	8 500	29 750
Gauteng	30 000	61 500	25 400	71 120
North West/Noordwes	36 000	61 200	23 000	52 900
Total/Totaal	787 200	1 550 800	573 950	1 316 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 800	7 000	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	24 200	22 000	34 100
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	3 500	7 000	3 000	4 800
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	28 000	22 400	27 000	39 150
Total/Totaal	56 300	60 600	56 000	92 050

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	6 300	18 270	7 700	24 640
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	1 500	400	1 520
Mpumalanga	7 500	36 000	12 000	62 400
Limpopo	5 000	6 000	18 000	50 400
Gauteng	1 500	4 500	750	2 400
North West/Noordwes	8 000	16 800	3 500	10 640
Total/Totaal	28 800	83 070	42 350	152 000

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**DRÖËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2018	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2017	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2017
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	20	30	100	150
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	540	1 080	650	1 300
Free State/Vrystaat	26 000	28 600	20 000	32 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	300	450	300	450
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	3 600	4 500	5 400
Mpumalanga	7 000	9 800	5 500	8 525
Limpopo	7 500	11 250	7 000	12 950
Gauteng	1 000	1 200	1 500	2 250
North West/Noordwes	8 000	9 600	5 500	5 500
Total/Totaal	53 360	65 610	45 050	68 525

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**AREA ESTIMATE AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2018 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2018 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
27 JUNE/JUNIE 2018**

Summer field crops – 2018

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 13,207 mill. tons, which is 2,31% or 298 700 tons more than the previous forecast of 12,909 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,319 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,70 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 21% smaller than the 2017 crop, which was the highest crop ever (16,820 mill. tons). The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 82% of the 2018 crop.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,268 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,051 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,880 mill. tons, which is 2,67% or 178 700 tons more than the 6,701 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,43 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,327 mill. tons, which is 1,93% or 120 000 tons more than the 6,207 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 6,02 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 792 255 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 601 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,32 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** is 1,551 mill. tons, which is 8,42% or 120 500 tons more than the 1,430 mill. tons of the previous forecast. It is also the largest soybean crop produced in the history of SA. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 787 200 ha and the expected yield is 1,97 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop was decreased by 11,40% or 7 800 tons to 60 600 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 56 300 ha and the expected yield is 1,08 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 83 070 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 28 800 ha. The expected yield is 2,88 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast also remained unchanged at 65 610 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 53 360 ha, with an expected yield of 1,23 t/ha.

Please note that the sixth production forecast for summer field crops for 2018, as well as the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for 2018, will be released on 26 July 2018.

Somergewasse – 2018

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 13,207 milj. ton gestel, wat 2,31% of 298 700 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 12,909 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,319 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,70 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 21% kleiner as die 2017-oes, wat die grootste oes nog ooit was (16,820 milj. ton). Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 82% van die 2018-oes produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,268 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,051 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,880 milj. ton, wat 2,67% of 178 700 ton meer is as die 6,701 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,43 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,327 milj. ton, wat 1,93% of 120 000 ton meer is as die 6,207 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 6,02 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 792 255 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 601 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,32 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 1,551 milj. ton, wat 8,42% of 120 500 ton meer is as die 1,430 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Dit is ook die grootste sojaboon-oes wat nóg geproduseer is in die geskiedenis van SA. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 787 200 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,97 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 11,40% of 7 800 ton na 60 600 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 56 300 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,08 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 83 070 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met sorghum is 28 800 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,88 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting ook onveranderd gelaat op 65 610 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 53 360 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,23 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die sesde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018, sowel as die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2018, op 26 Julie 2018 vrygestel sal word.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2018 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2018 vrygestel.

NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2018

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2018 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	236 644	414 162	248 500	463 600	-10,66
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	78 191	179 813	118 150	267 400	-32,76
Maize/Mielies	314 835	593 975	366 650	731 000	-18,74

The preliminary area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 314 835 ha, which represents a decrease of 14,13%, compared to the 366 650 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 593 975 tons, which is 18,74% less than the 731 000 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 40% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 314 835 ha, wat 'n afname van 14,13 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 366 650 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 593 975 ton, wat 18,74% minder is as die 731 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 40% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.

