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The **revised** area planted estimate and **second** production forecast for summer crops for 2018 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die **heriene** oppervlakte- en **tweede** produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2018 vrygestel.

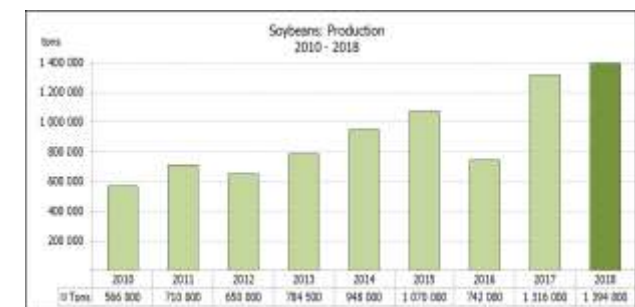
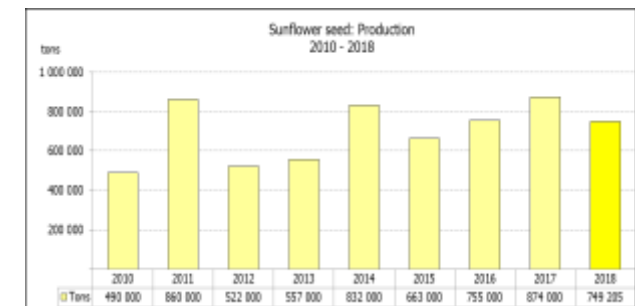
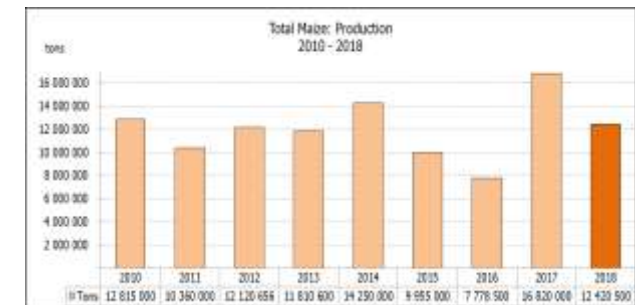
SUMMER CROPS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018

SOMERGEWASSE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (A)	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{de} skatting 2018 Tons (B)	1 st forecast/ 1 ^{ste} skatting 2018 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2017 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2017 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 268 100	6 363 100	6 108 000	1 643 100	9 916 000	+4,2
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 050 750	6 057 400	6 114 950	985 500	6 904 000	-0,9
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 318 850	12 420 500	12 222 950	2 628 600	16 820 000	+1,6
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	601 500	749 205	731 505	635 750	874 000	+2,4
Soybeans/Sojabone	787 200	1 394 800	1 374 700	573 950	1 316 000	+1,5
Groundnuts/Grondbone	56 300	80 600	88 850	56 000	92 050	-9,3
Sorghum	28 800	84 750	78 200	42 350	152 000	+8,4
Dry beans/Droëbone	53 360	68 210	70 770	45 050	68 525	-3,6
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 846 010	14 798 065	14 566 975	3 981 700	19 322 575	+1,6

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 and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018			2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{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	43 200	629 950	673 150	3 500	45 000	48 500	46 200	666 000	712 200
Free State/Vrystaat	644 000	410 000	1 054 000	3 316 600	2 070 500	5 387 100	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	288 000	375 000	663 000	50 000	50 000	100 000	350 000	390 000	740 000
Mpumalanga	140 000	340 000	480 000	805 000	1 955 000	2 760 000	160 000	330 000	490 000	1 088 000	2 342 500	3 430 500
Limpopo	12 000	21 000	33 000	81 600	136 500	218 100	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	1 517 000	407 000	1 924 000	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	6 363 100	6 057 400	12 420 500	1 643 100	985 500	2 628 600	9 916 000	6 904 000	16 820 000

SUNFLOWER SEED – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
SONNEBLMSAAD – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{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	423 900	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	279 600	210 000	304 500
Total/Totaal	601 500	749 205	635 750	874 000

SOYBEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018
SOJABONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{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	9 000	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	345 000	517 500	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	573 500	241 000	554 300
Limpopo	20 000	55 000	8 500	29 750
Gauteng	30 000	60 000	25 400	71 120
North West/Noordwes	36 000	52 200	23 000	52 900
Total/Totaal	787 200	1 394 800	573 950	1 316 000

GROUNDNUTS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**GRONDBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{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	8 400	4 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	33 000	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	32 200	27 000	39 150
Total/Totaal	56 300	80 600	56 000	92 050

SORGHUM – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**SORGHUM – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{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	18 900	7 700	24 640
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	500	1 750	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	17 600	3 500	10 640
Total/Totaal	28 800	84 750	42 350	152 000

DRY BEANS – REVISED AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2018**DROËBONE – HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2018**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	2 nd forecast/ 2 ^{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	31 200	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	68 210	45 050	68 525

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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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**REVISED AREA ESTIMATE AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2018 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2018 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
28 MARCH 2018 / 27 MAART 2018**

Summer field crops – 2018

Commercial maize: The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 12,420 mill. tons, which is 1,62% or 197 550 tons more than the previous forecast of 12,223 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize was increased by 16 150 ha to 2,319 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,36 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 26% smaller than the 2017 crop, which was the highest crop ever produced in the RSA. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 81% 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 6,363 mill. tons, which is 4,18% or 255 100 tons more than the 6,108 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 5,02 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,057 mill. tons, which is 0,94% or 57 550 tons less than the 6,115 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,76 t/ha.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the ARC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2018; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2018. The current yield figures are mainly obtained from producers in the different provinces.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed is 749 205 tons, which is 2,42% or 17 700 tons more than the 731 505 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed was increased by 16 600 ha to 601 500 ha, while the expected yield is 1,25 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soybeans** is 1,395 mill. tons, which is 1,46% or 20 100 tons more than the 1,375 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The estimated area planted to soybeans was increased by 11 900 ha to 787 200 ha and the expected yield is 1,77 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 80 600 tons, which is 9,29% or 8 250 tons less than the 88 850 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate remained unchanged at 56 300 ha, with an expected yield of 1,43 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 84 750 tons, which is 8,38% or 6 550 tons more than the 78 200 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum was increased by 4 000 ha to 28 800 ha and the expected yield is 2,94 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 68 210 tons, which is 3,62% or 2 560 tons less than the 70 770 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans was decreased by 3 240 ha to 53 360 ha, with an expected yield of 1,28 t/ha.

Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2018 will be released on 25 April 2018.

Somergewasse – 2018

Kommersiële mielies: Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 12,420 milj. ton gestel, wat 1,62% of 197 550 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 12,223 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies het met 16 150 ha toegeneem na 2,319 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,36 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 26% kleiner as die 2017-oes, wat die grootste oes was wat die RSA nog ooit geproduseer het. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 81% 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 6,363 milj. ton, 4,18% of 255 100 ton meer is as die 6,108 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 5,02 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,057 milj. ton, wat 0,94% of 57 550 ton minder is as die 6,115 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,76 t/ha.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die LNR vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2018 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2018. Die huidige opbrengs syfers is hoofsaaklik verkry vanaf produsente in die verskillende provinsies.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 749 205 ton, wat 2,42% of 17 700 ton meer is as die 731 505 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is opwaarts aangepas met 16 600 ha na 601 500 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,25 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 1,395 milj. ton, wat 1,46% of 20 100 ton meer is as die 1,375 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is opwaarts aangepas met 11 900 ha na 787 200 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,77 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 80 600 ton, wat 9,29% of 8 250 ton minder is as die 88 850 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting onveranderd gelaat op 56 300 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,43 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 84 750 ton, wat 8,38% of 6 550 ton meer is as die 78 200 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is opwaarts aangepas met 4 000 ha na 28 800 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,94 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 68 210 ton, wat 3,62% of 2 560 ton minder is as die 70 770 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is verminder met 3 240 ha na 53 360 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,28 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2017, op 25 April 2018 vrygestel sal word.