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**The preliminary area planted estimate for summer crops for 2015 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die voorlopige oppervlakteskating vir somergewasse vir 2015 vrygestel.**

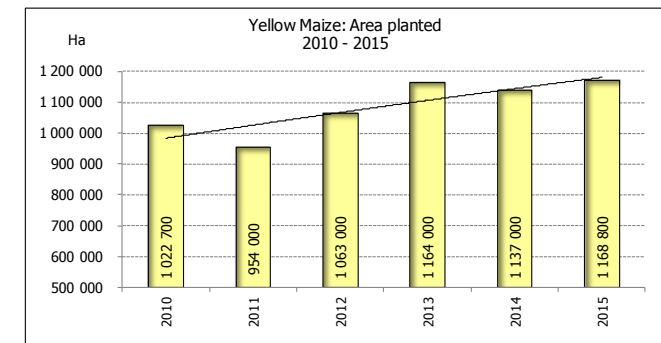
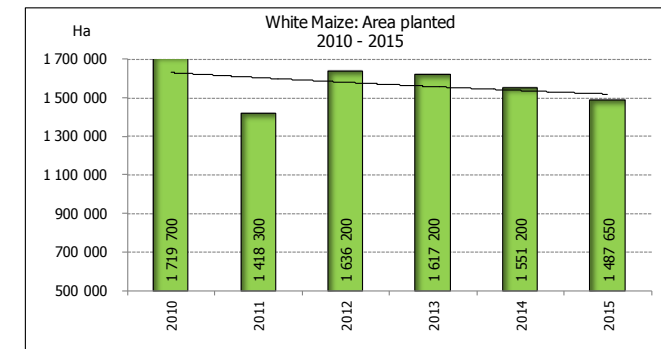
SUMMER CROPS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2015

SOMERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATING: 2015

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant	Area planted/ Opp beplant	Final estimate/ Finale skatting	Change/ Verandering/
	2015 Ha (A)	2014 Ha (B)	2014 Tons (C)	% (A) ÷ (B)
Commercial/Kommersieel:				
White maize/Witmielies	1 487 650	1 551 200	7 697 350	-4,10
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 168 800	1 137 000	6 609 700	+2,80
Maize/Mielies	2 656 450	2 688 200	14 307 050	-1,18
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	561 000	598 950	853 325	-6,34
Soya-beans/Sojabone	620 300	502 900	944 340	+23,34
Groundnuts/Grondbone	55 200	52 125	78 090	+5,90
Sorghum	75 000	78 850	268 920	-4,88
Dry beans/Droëbone	64 000	55 820	82 130	+14,65
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 031 950	3 976 845	16 533 855	+1,39

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

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



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 – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2015

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2015

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted Oppervlakte beplant 2015			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2014			Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ 2014		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Geel/ Yellow Tons	Totaal/ Total Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	450	3 800	4 250	500	3 000	3 500	4 500	28 500	33 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 600	47 000	49 600	2 200	48 000	50 200	25 300	638 400	663 700
Free State/Vrystaat	712 000	500 000	1 212 000	730 000	465 000	1 195 000	3 759 500	2 511 000	6 270 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 600	16 000	18 600	2 500	16 000	18 500	13 750	97 600	111 350
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	45 000	85 000	43 000	45 000	88 000	266 600	294 750	561 350
Mpumalanga	160 000	315 000	475 000	168 000	332 000	500 000	907 200	1 892 400	2 799 600
Limpopo	30 000	22 000	52 000	30 000	20 000	50 000	183 000	124 000	307 000
Gauteng	60 000	50 000	110 000	65 000	53 000	118 000	344 500	310 050	654 550
North West/Noordwes	480 000	170 000	650 000	510 000	155 000	665 000	2 193 000	713 000	2 906 000
Total/Totaal	1 487 650	1 168 800	2 656 450	1 551 200	1 137 000	2 688 200	7 697 350	6 609 700	14 307 050

1) 30 September 2014

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**PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2015 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2015 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)**

27 JANUARY 2015 / 27 JANUARIE 2015

Summer field crops – 2015

The preliminary area estimate is mainly 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 January 2015.

Please note that only provisional national area planted figures for sunflower seed, soya-beans, groundnuts, sorghum and dry beans for the current production season are being released today. The estimates are based on a relatively poor response rate by farmers on the above survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department.

The revised area planted and production figures, which will be released by the Crop Estimates Committee on 26 February 2015, will mainly be based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) survey for the Northern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces, and should therefore be more accurate and comprehensive.

Commercial maize: The preliminary area estimate for maize is 2,656 mill. ha, which is 1,18% or 31 750 ha less than the 2,688 mill. ha planted for the previous season, and also 2,17% or 56 450 ha more than the intentions to plant figure of 2,6 mill. ha released in October 2014.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,488 mill. ha, which represents a decrease of 4,10% or 63 550 ha compared to the 1,551 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize the area estimate is 1,169 mill. ha, which is 2,80% or 31 800 ha more than the 1,137 mill. ha planted last season.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The preliminary area estimate for sunflower seed is 561 000 ha, which is about 6,34% or 37 950 ha less than the 598 950 ha planted the previous season.

Other crops: It is estimated that 620 300 ha have been planted to **soya-beans**, which represents an increase of 23,34% compared to the 502 900 ha planted last season.

For **groundnuts** the area estimate is 55 200 ha, which is 5,90% more than the 52 125 ha planted for the previous season.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 4,88%, from 78 850 ha to 75 000 ha against the previous season.

In the case of **dry beans** the area estimate is 64 000 ha, which is 14,65% or 8 180 ha more than the 55 820 ha planted the previous season.

Please note that the revised area estimate and first production forecast for summer field crops for 2015 will be released on 26 February 2015.

Somergewasse – 2015

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direktooraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van Januarie 2015.

Let asb. daarop dat net die voorlopige syfers vir die nasionale aangeplante area vir sonneblomsaad, sojabone, grondbone, sorghum en droëbone vir die huidige produksieseisoen vandag vrygestel word. Die skattings is gebaseer op 'n relatief swak deelname deur boere aan die opname wat deur die Direktooraat Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement gedoen word.

Die hersiene aangeplante oppervlakte en produksiesyfers sal deur die Oesskattingskomitee op 26 Februarie 2015 vrygestel word en sal hoofsaaklik gebaseer wees op inligting verkry vanaf die "PICES"-opname vir die Noord-Kaap, Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies, en behoort gevolglik akkurater en omvattender te wees.

Kommersiële mielies: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,656 milj. ha, wat 1,18% of 31 750 ha minder is as die 2,688 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, maar ook 2,17% of 56 450 ha meer as die voornemens om te plant syfer van 2,6 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Oktober 2014.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,488 milj. ha, wat 'n afname van 4,10% of 63 550 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,551 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 1,169 milj. ha, 2,80% of 31 800 ha meer is as die 1,137 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 561 000 ha, wat omtrent 6,34% of 37 950 ha minder is as die 598 950 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen.

Ander gewasse: Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 620 300 ha, wat 'n toename van 23,34% verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 502 900 ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 55 200 ha, wat 5,90% meer is as die 52 125 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het afgeneem met 4,88%, van 78 850 ha tot 75 000 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 64 000 ha, wat 14,65% of 8 180 ha meer is as die 55 820 ha die vorige seisoen geplant.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die hersiene oppervlakte- en eerste produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2014, op 26 Februarie 2015 vrygestel sal word.

The area estimate and sixth production forecast for winter cereals for the 2014 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakeskatting en sesde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2014 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014

WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (A)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2014 Tons (B)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2014 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2013 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2013 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	476 570	1 775 534	1 760 034	505 500	1 870 000	+0,88
Malting barley/Moutgars	85 125	310 361	317 511	81 320	267 500	-2,25
Canola/Kanola	95 000	123 500	128 250	72 165	112 000	-3,70
Total/Totaal	656 695	2 209 395	2 205 795	658 985	2 249 500	+0,16

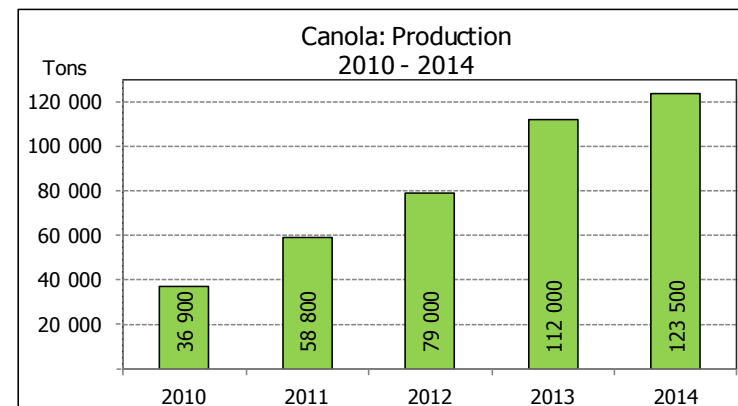
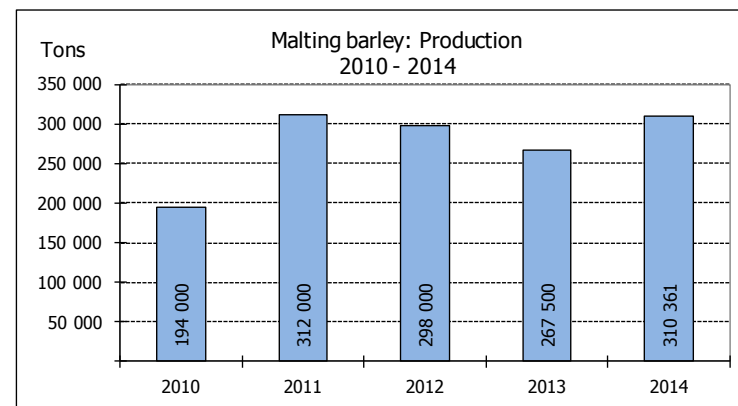
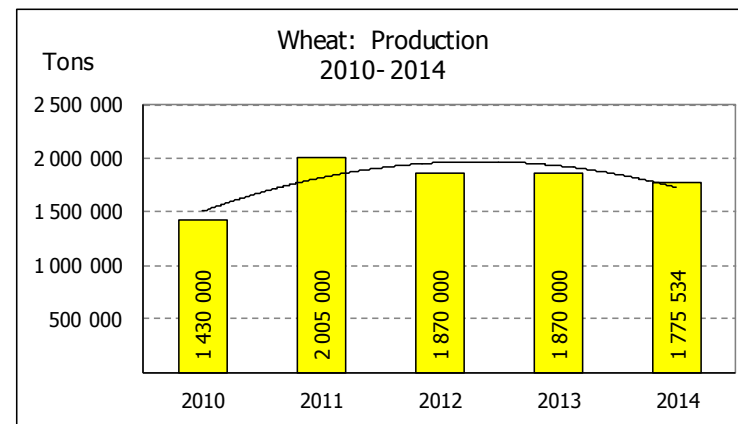
Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2014/15 = 2014

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

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2014 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2013 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2013 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	310 000	899 000	310 000	928 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	38 000	285 000	42 000	320 000
Free State/Vrystaat	69 500	271 050	90 000	270 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 000	12 000	4 500	19 800
KwaZulu-Natal	6 500	39 000	7 000	42 000
Mpumalanga	3 500	21 350	4 500	28 000
Limpopo	27 500	137 500	28 000	146 000
Gauteng	570	3 534	1 000	6 200
North West/Noordwes	18 000	107 100	18 500	110 000
Total/Totaal	476 570	1 775 534	505 500	1 870 000



**AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CEREALS (2014 PRODUCTION SEASON) /
OPPERVLAK - EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR WINTERGEWASSE (2014 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)
27 JANUARY/ JANUARIE 2015**

Winter cereal crops - 2014 production season

Wheat: The expected commercial production of wheat is 1,776 mill. tons, which is 0,9% or 15 500 tons more than the previous forecast of 1,760 mill. tons, whilst the expected yield is 3,73 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 899 000 tons (51%), in the Northern Cape 285 000 tons (16%) and in the Free State 271 050 tons (15%).

The area estimate for wheat remained unchanged at 476 570 ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **malting barley** decreased slightly by 7 150 tons to 310 361 tons. The area planted is estimated at 85 125 ha, while the expected yield is 3,65 t/ha.

The expected **canola** crop was also adjusted downwards by 4 750 tons to 123 500 tons. The area estimate for canola is 95 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,30 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for winter cereals for 2014 will be released on 26 February 2015.

Wintergewasse - 2014 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte kommersiële produksie vir koring is 1,776 milj. ton, wat 0,9% of 15 500 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 1,760 milj. ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,73 t/ha is.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 899 000 ton (51%), in die Noord-Kaap 285 000 ton (16%) en in die Vrystaat 271 050 ton (15%).

Die oppervlakteskatting vir koring is onveranderd gelaat op 476 570 ha.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **moutgars** het effens afgeneem met 7 150 ton tot 310 361 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant is beraam op 85 125 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,65 t/ha behoop.

Die verwagte **kanola**-oes is ook afwaarts aangepas met 4 750 ton na 123 500 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir kanola is 95 000 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,30 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2014 op 26 Februarie 2015 vrygestel sal word.

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