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**The fourth production forecast for summer crops for 2013 is hereby released. /
 Hiermee word die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2013 vrygestel.**

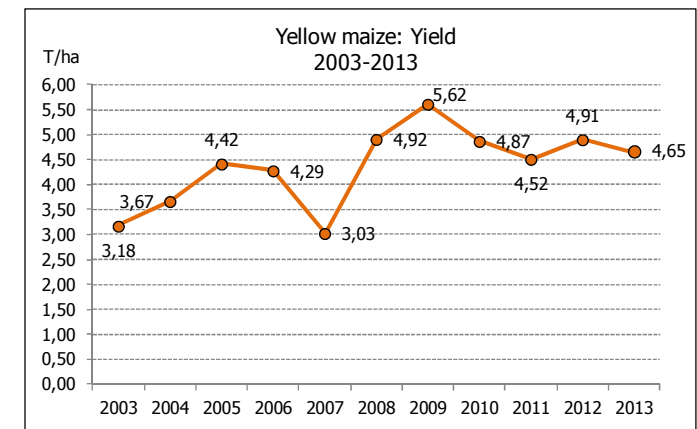
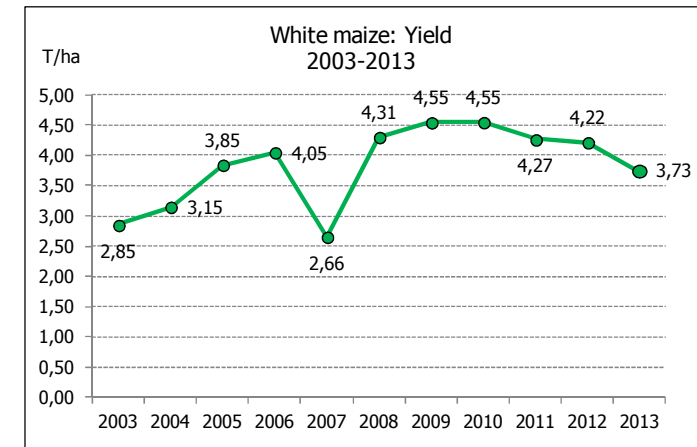
SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013

SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2013 Ha (A)	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2013 Tons (B)	3 rd forecast/ 3 ^{de} skatting 2013 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2012 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 617 200	6 026 200	6 155 200	1 636 200	6 903 656	-2,10
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 164 000	5 414 050	5 406 800	1 063 000	5 217 000	+0,13
Maize/Mielies	2 781 200	11 440 250	11 562 000	2 699 200	12 120 656	-1,05
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	504 700	554 500	554 500	453 350	522 000	-
Soya-beans/Sojabone	516 500	825 600	851 000	472 000	650 000	-2,98
Groundnuts/Grondbone	46 900	50 600	57 900	45 450	59 000	-12,61
Sorghum	62 620	168 114	168 114	48 550	135 500	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	43 550	57 780	56 100	39 750	47 695	+2,99
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 955 470	13 039 064	13 249 614	3 758 300	13 534 851	-1,59

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2012/13 = 2013

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2012/13 = 2013



The Crop Estimates Committee comprises of the following officials:

**Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries; Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute; and Grain Crops Institute),
 Statistics SA**

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013
WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2013			4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2013			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			Final crop/ Finale oes 2012		
	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	300	3 000	3 300	3 000	30 000	33 000	500	2 500	3 000	5 000	25 000	30 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 200	51 000	53 200	25 300	632 400	657 700	2 200	47 000	49 200	25 400	592 000	617 400
Free State/Vrystaat	725 000	505 000	1 230 000	2 791 250	1 969 500	4 760 750	710 000	450 000	1 160 000	3 050 000	1 773 000	4 823 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 700	15 000	18 700	18 500	84 000	102 500	3 500	13 500	17 000	17 756	75 000	92 756
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	48 000	95 000	258 500	288 000	546 500	44 000	45 000	89 000	242 000	270 000	512 000
Mpumalanga	170 000	300 000	470 000	1 003 000	1 650 000	2 653 000	160 000	290 000	450 000	904 000	1 625 000	2 529 000
Limpopo	30 000	23 500	53 500	165 000	126 900	291 900	32 000	18 000	50 000	174 500	99 000	273 500
Gauteng	74 000	43 500	117 500	377 400	195 750	573 150	74 000	42 000	116 000	378 500	200 000	578 500
North West/Noordwes	565 000	175 000	740 000	1 384 250	437 500	1 821 750	610 000	155 000	765 000	2 106 500	558 000	2 664 500
Total/Totaal	1 617 200	1 164 000	2 781 200	6 026 200	5 414 050	11 440 250	1 636 200	1 063 000	2 699 200	6 903 656	5 217 000	12 120 656

SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013
SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	200	100	350	100
Free State/Vrystaat	220 000	275 000	190 000	247 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	6 600	10 230	10 000	13 500
Limpopo	99 000	89 100	100 000	85 000
Gauteng	3 900	5 070	3 000	3 900
North West/Noordwes	175 000	175 000	150 000	172 500
Total/Totaal	504 700	554 500	453 350	522 000

SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013
SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	7 000	500	1 500
Free State/Vrystaat	215 000	247 250	175 000	192 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	500	750	500	750
KwaZulu-Natal	32 000	80 000	34 000	81 600
Mpumalanga	205 000	369 000	200 000	263 050
Limpopo	20 000	55 000	22 000	50 600
Gauteng	20 000	38 000	19 000	28 500
North West/Noordwes	22 000	28 600	21 000	31 500
Total/Totaal	516 500	825 600	472 000	650 000

GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	7 000	14 700	6 500	16 900
Free State/Vrystaat	18 000	19 800	20 000	21 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	150	150	150
Mpumalanga	750	750	-	-
Limpopo	1 000	1 200	2 800	3 350
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	20 000	14 000	16 000	16 800
Total/Totaal	46 900	50 600	45 450	59 000

SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	32 000	80 000	22 000	60 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	320	1 344	200	800
Mpumalanga	11 500	42 550	11 500	49 450
Limpopo	12 000	27 600	10 000	13 700
Gauteng	500	1 500	350	1 050
North West/Noordwes	6 300	15 120	4 500	10 000
Total/Totaal	62 620	168 114	48 550	135 500

DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2013**DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting Tons 2013	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2012
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	200	400	500	1 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	850	1 700	750	1 500
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	18 400	16 000	17 600
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	200	200	240
KwaZulu-Natal	6 000	7 800	4 000	5 200
Mpumalanga	7 000	11 900	6 300	8 505
Limpopo	5 400	9 180	5 000	6 250
Gauteng	2 000	3 400	2 000	2 400
North West/Noordwes	6 000	4 800	5 000	5 000
Total/Totaal	43 550	57 780	39 750	47 695

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- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
- No member is allowed to leave the meeting before 12:00 in order to prevent disclosure of the information
- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 15:30
- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
- Only the Chairperson, or a member appointed by the Chairperson, may release the figures to the media
- 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 AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2013)/
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2013)
23 MAY/ MEI 2013**

Summer field crops – 2013

Commercial maize: The potential size of the maize crop was further decreased by 121 750 tons or 1,05% to 11,440 mill. tons as the dry conditions earlier this year in the North West and Free State provinces impacted negatively on maize yields.

The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,781 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 4,11 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,617 mill. ha and for yellow maize it is 1,164 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,026 mill. tons, which is 129 000 tons or 2,10% less than the 6,155 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,73 t/ha as against the previous 3,81 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,414 mill. tons, which is 7 250 tons or 0,13% more than the 5,407 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize remained unchanged at 4,65 t/ha.

Sunflower seed: The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 554 500 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 504 700 ha, with an expected yield of 1,10 t/ha.

Other crops: The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 825 600 tons, which is 25 400 tons or 2,98% less than the previous forecast. For soya-beans the area estimate is 516 500 ha, with an expected yield of 1,60 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop decreased by 7 300 tons or 12,61% to 50 600 tons. The area estimate is 46 900 ha, and the expected yield is 1,08 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 168 114 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 62 620 ha, and the expected yield is 2,68 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast increased by 1 680 tons or 2,99% to 57 780 tons, with an area estimate of 43 550 ha. The expected yield is 1,33 t/ha.

Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for 2013 will be released on 25 June 2013.

Somergewasse – 2013

Kommerciële mielies: Die potensiële grootte van die mielie-oes is verder verlaag met 121 750 ton of 1,05% tot 11,440 milj. ton omrede die droë toestande vroeër in die jaar 'n negatiewe impak op die opbrengste van mielies in die Noord-Wes en Vrystaat provinsies toon.

Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,781 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,11 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,617 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is dit 1,164 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,026 miljoen ton, wat 129 000 ton of 2,10% minder is as die 6,155 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,73 t/ha teenoor die vorige 3,81 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,414 miljoen ton, wat 7 250 ton of 0,13% meer is as die 5,407 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is onveranderd gelaat op 4,65 t/ha.

Sonneblomsaad: Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 554 500 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 504 700 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,10 t/ha is.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting van sojabone is 825 600 ton, wat 25 400 ton of 2,98% minder is as die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 516 500 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,60 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is afwaarts aangepas met 7 300 ton of 12,61% na 50 600 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 46 900 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,08 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van sorghum is onveranderd gelaat op 168 114 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** is 62 620 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,68 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting opwaarts aangepas met 1 680 ton of 2,99% na 57 780 ton, met 'n oppervlakteskatting van 43 550 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,33 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2013 op 25 Junie 2013 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at 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.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by http://www.daff.gov.za/crop_estimates of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **15:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.

The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2013 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2013 vrygestel.

NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2013

NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2013

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2013 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2013 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2012 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2012 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	320 105	459 995	302 316	429 329	+7,14
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	136 795	215 095	139 798	209 134	+2,85
Maize/Mielies	456 900	675 090	442 114	638 463	+5,74

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 456 900 ha, which represents an increase of 3,34% compared to the 442 114 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 675 090 tons, which is 5,74 % higher than the 638 463 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 58% 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 456 900 ha, wat 'n toename van 3,34 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 442 114 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 675 090 ton, wat 5,74 % hoër is as die 638 463 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 58% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.

