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The fourth production forecast for summer crops for 2015 is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2015 vrygestel.

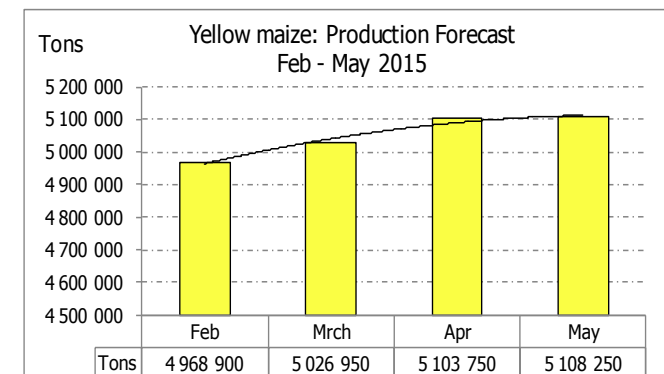
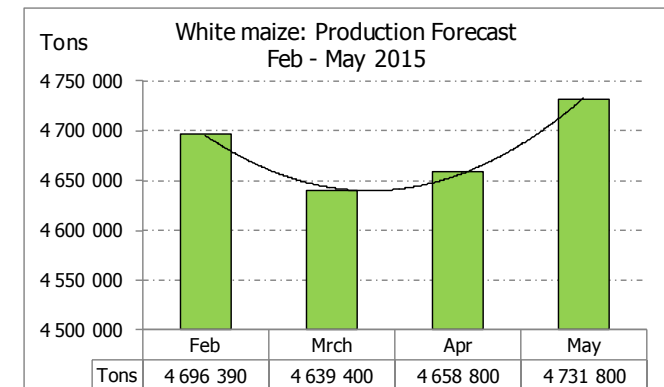
**SUMMER CROPS** – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015

**SOMERGEWASSE** – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2015 Ha (A)	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting  2015 Tons (B)	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting  2015 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2014 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop  2014 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/  %
						(B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 448 050	4 731 800	4 658 800	1 551 200	7 710 000	+1,57
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 204 800	5 108 250	5 103 750	1 137 000	6 540 000	+0,09
Maize/Mielies	2 652 850	9 840 050	9 762 550	2 688 200	14 250 000	+0,79
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	576 000	612 400	612 400	598 950	832 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	687 300	942 850	942 850	502 900	948 000	-
Groundnuts/Grondbone	58 000	66 725	66 725	52 125	74 500	-
Sorghum	70 500	125 400	139 600	78 850	265 000	-10,17
Dry beans/Droëbone	64 000	75 815	75 815	55 820	82 130	-
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 108 650	11 663 240	11 599 940	3 976 845	16 451 630	+0,55

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 – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015****WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2015			4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2015			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2014			Final crop/ Finale oes 2014		
	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	450	3 800	4 250	4 050	34 200	38 250	500	3 000	3 500	4 500	28 500	33 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 500	46 000	49 500	35 000	611 800	646 800	2 200	48 000	50 200	25 300	638 400	663 700
Free State/Vrystaat	710 000	510 000	1 220 000	2 236 500	1 683 000	3 919 500	730 000	465 000	1 195 000	3 759 500	2 487 750	6 247 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 600	14 000	16 600	15 600	84 000	99 600	2 500	16 000	18 500	13 750	97 600	111 350
KwaZulu-Natal	40 000	45 000	85 000	220 000	274 500	494 500	43 000	45 000	88 000	266 600	292 500	559 100
Mpumalanga	154 000	315 000	469 000	800 800	1 559 250	2 360 050	168 000	332 000	500 000	907 200	1 875 000	2 782 200
Limpopo	28 500	21 000	49 500	156 750	126 000	282 750	30 000	20 000	50 000	183 000	124 000	307 000
Gauteng	44 000	65 000	109 000	193 600	273 000	466 600	65 000	53 000	118 000	357 150	291 250	648 400
North West/Noordwes	465 000	185 000	650 000	1 069 500	462 500	1 532 000	510 000	155 000	665 000	2 193 000	705 000	2 898 000
Total/Totaal	1 448 050	1 204 800	2 652 850	4 731 800	5 108 250	9 840 050	1 551 200	1 137 000	2 688 200	7 710 000	6 540 000	14 250 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015****SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	500	900	450
Free State/Vrystaat	285 000	342 000	280 000	448 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	550	825
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	2 500	3 000	3 500	4 550
Limpopo	82 000	61 500	90 000	76 275
Gauteng	6 000	5 400	3 000	3 900
North West/Noordwes	200 000	200 000	221 000	298 000
Total/Totaal	576 000	612 400	598 950	832 000

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015****SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	800	1 600	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	4 000	14 000	3 900	14 040
Free State/Vrystaat	305 000	305 000	201 000	352 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 500	2 100	2 000	3 600
KwaZulu-Natal	42 000	92 400	35 000	98 000
Mpumalanga	245 000	355 250	203 000	335 000
Limpopo	24 000	72 000	22 000	66 000
Gauteng	30 000	48 000	20 000	47 360
North West/Noordwes	35 000	52 500	16 000	32 000
Total/Totaal	687 300	942 850	502 900	948 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>7 100</b>	<b>20 235</b>	7 000	18 200
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>22 500</b>	<b>22 500</b>	20 000	23 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	75	90
Mpumalanga	-	-	50	100
Limpopo	<b>2 500</b>	<b>3 250</b>	3 000	4 110
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	<b>25 800</b>	<b>20 640</b>	22 000	28 500
Total/Totaal	<b>58 000</b>	<b>66 725</b>	52 125	74 500

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>36 000</b>	<b>50 400</b>	42 000	139 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>500</b>	<b>2 200</b>	850	4 400
Mpumalanga	<b>11 000</b>	<b>44 000</b>	11 000	54 000
Limpopo	<b>16 000</b>	<b>20 800</b>	14 000	32 200
Gauteng	<b>1 000</b>	<b>2 600</b>	1 500	4 800
North West/Noordwes	<b>6 000</b>	<b>5 400</b>	9 500	30 400
Total/Totaal	<b>70 500</b>	<b>125 400</b>	78 850	265 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2015****DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2015	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2015	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2014
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>300</b>	<b>390</b>	300	450
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>900</b>	<b>2 160</b>	1 000	2 000
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>28 000</b>	<b>25 200</b>	26 000	37 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>800</b>	<b>1 040</b>	770	1 155
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>6 500</b>	<b>7 800</b>	5 000	6 500
Mpumalanga	<b>9 000</b>	<b>11 250</b>	8 750	12 250
Limpopo	<b>7 000</b>	<b>16 800</b>	5 500	9 625
Gauteng	<b>4 000</b>	<b>4 800</b>	3 000	4 200
North West/Noordwes	<b>7 500</b>	<b>6 375</b>	5 500	8 250
Total/Totaal	<b>64 000</b>	<b>75 815</b>	55 820	82 130

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**REVISED AREA AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2015)/  
HERSIENE OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEMASSE (2015)**

**Summer field crops – 2015**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 9,840 mill. tons, which is 0,79% or 77 500 tons more than the previous forecast of 9,763 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,653 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 3,71 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,448 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,205 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 4,732 mill. tons, which is 1,57% or 73 000 tons more than the 4,659 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 3,27 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,108 mill. tons, which is 0,09% or 4 500 tons more than the 5,104 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,24 t/ha.

The yields per ha for the Free State and North West provinces were mainly based on scientific and objective results provided by the National Crop Statistics Consortium, which is led by the ARC.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 612 400 tons, against the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 576 000 ha, while the expected yield is 1,06 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** is 942 850 tons, which remained unchanged from the previous forecast. It is estimated that 687 300 ha have been planted to soya-beans, with an expected yield of 1,37 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop also remained unchanged at 66 725 tons, against the previous forecast. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 58 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,15 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 125 400 tons, which is 10,17% or 14 200 tons lower than the 139 600 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 70 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,78 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 75 815 tons, against the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 64 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,18 t/ha.

**Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for 2015 will be released on 30 June 2015.**

**Somergewasse – 2015**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 9,840 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,79% of 77 500 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 9,763 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,653 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,71 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,448 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,205 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 4,732 milj. ton, 1,57% of 73 000 ton meer as die 4,659 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 3,27 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,108 milj. ton, wat 0,09% of 4 500 ton meer is as die 5,104 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,24 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrek deur die Nasionale Oesskattingkonsortium, gelei deur die LNR.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 612 400 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 576 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,06 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is onveranderd gelaat op 942 850 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 687 300 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,37 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is ook onveranderd gelaat op 66 725 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 58 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,15 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 125 400 ton, wat 10,17% of 14 200 ton laer is as die 139 600 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 70 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,78 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** het die produksieskatting onveranderd gebly op 75 815 ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 64 000 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,18 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2015, op 30 Junie 2015 vrygestel sal word.**

**The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2015 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2015 vrygestel.**

**NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2015**

**NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2015**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2015 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2015 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2014 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	278 000	442 200	288 100	447 500	-1,18
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	117 200	231 600	119 900	227 500	+1,80
Maize/Mielies	395 200	673 800	408 000	675 000	-0,18

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 395 200 ha, which represents a decrease of 3,14% compared to the 408 000 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 673 800 tons, which is 0,18% less than the 675 000 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 60% 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 395 200 ha, wat 'n afname van 3,14 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 408 000 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 673 800 ton, wat 0,18% minder is as die 675 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 60% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word.

