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## DELIVERY PROGRESS OF EXPECTED MAIZE HARVEST

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» The harvesting of maize is done later than normal due to the impact of the drought, which delayed plantings with up to three weeks, particularly in the western parts of the country. Apart from the late plantings, crops are taking longer to dry due to shorter days and lower temperatures. As a result, the white maize delivery rate is slower in comparison to the previous couple of seasons, whilst the delivery rate of yellow maize is much faster.

### Crop estimates vs producer deliveries

The main factors to be taken into account in order to compare producer deliveries with the crop estimate, is to consider the following points, as these are not incorporated into the SAGIS delivery figures:

- Future deliveries, including supplies still on farms in silo bags, grain dams, bags and farm silos;
- Direct sales to fellow producers; and
- Retention on farms for own use (including human consumption, animal feed and seed), as well as wastage during harvesting and transportation.

### Progress of maize deliveries - 2016/17 production season

The progress of the maize deliveries, as published by SAGIS, is compared to the size of the 5th crop estimate of the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) in the table below. **NB: Please note that points (a - c), as mentioned above, have already been taken into account in the CEC's production figure.**

	White maize	Yellow maize	Total maize
Early deliveries	344 826	477 058	821 884
Marketing season deliveries (week 1 to 10)	1 383 393	2 437 266	3 820 659
<b>Total deliveries (early deliveries plus weeks 1 to 10)</b>	<b>1 728 219</b>	<b>2 914 324</b>	<b>4 642 543</b>
CEC: 5th Crop Estimate	3 097 225	4 063 700	7 160 925
MINUS: Farm usage, seed retention, etc (points a - c)	80 000	350 000	430 000
<b>Crop Estimate MINUS farm usage, seed retention etc (points a - c)</b>	<b>3 017 225</b>	<b>3 713 700</b>	<b>6 730 925</b>
<b>% Maize delivered</b>	<b>57.3%</b>	<b>78.5%</b>	<b>69.0%</b>
<b>Average deliveries during the past 3 years (%)</b>	<b>63.8%</b>	<b>73.9%</b>	<b>68.6%</b>

Source: Grain SA & SAGIS

**Total maize:** The total deliveries for both white and yellow maize, for the first ten weeks of the 2016/17 marketing season amount to 3,821 million ton and added to the early deliveries in March and April (821 884 ton) 69,0% of the estimated 6.731 million ton have been delivered.

**White maize:** Together with early deliveries, thus far 1,728 million ton (57,3%) of the estimated 3,017 million ton white maize crop have been delivered.

**Yellow maize:** Currently, during the same period 2,914 million ton (78.5%) of the estimated yellow maize crop have been delivered.

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## SA GROUNDNUT FORUM - CULTIVAR AND PRODUCTION OPINION SURVEY

*Corné Louw, Snr Economist: Inputs, Grain SA*

» The SA Groundnut Forum is currently conducting a survey which aims to identify and address the necessary issues being experienced within the groundnut industry. Grain SA would like to encourage former groundnut producers and producers who still plant groundnuts, to complete the survey. The survey can highlight valuable information for the survival of the industry.

Please click on the link below to participate. All information will be treated confidentially.

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The most insistent and formidable concern of agriculture,  
wherever it is taken seriously,  
is the distinct individuality of  
every farm,  
every field on every farm,  
every farm family, and  
every creature on every farm.

~ Wendell Berry

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