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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONDITIONS

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONDITIONS - as on 22 November 2016

General: Producers in the eastern parts of the country is nearing its end with their maize plantings and soybeans plantings should mostly be completed by the end of the week. The optimum planting window for maize in the western parts of the country began mid-Nov and producers started planting maize here and there. With promising rain forecast for the rest of the week, the planting rate is expected to accelerate.

North West

- Maize optimal planting commencement is from mid-Nov
- Rain has occurred relatively widespread since the weekend but seemed rather erratic. Some areas still remain very dry and good, widespread rain is essential.
- Producers slowly began with their summer grain plantings. Weather outlook for the rest of the week looks good, it is expected
- therefore that the planting rate can increase rapidly

Limpopo

- Dryland maize plantings:
- Dryland maize plantings is expected to commence next week, with subsoil moisture conditions currently looking very good on average.
- Commercial maize and soybean irrigated plantings:
- Early maize plantings commenced mid-September
- Wheat harvesting is completed with an average yields for the region achieved. Producers are currently busy with their second batch of maize plantings.

- Although producers commenced with maize plantings here and there since last week, there are still to date very few maize hectares planted. (Optimal planting began mid-Nov)
- Producers are progressing well with soybean & groundnut plantings.
- Due to rain that occurred specifically in Bothaville/ Viljoenskroon and Wesselsbron, producers there are progressing well with plantings.
- Severe winds experienced in the last
- General widespread rain has not occurred yet but weather forecasts for the rest of the week looks promising.

- VKB service area: 90% of maize hectares have been planted.
- Producers are progressing well with soybeans
- (70%) and sunflower (60%) plantings. The fields are in some places to wet to continue
- plantings. Subsoil moisture conditions are very good and
- favourable for summer grain crops. Wheat crops look promising and good yields are expected - harvesting should start mid-
- OVK service area: Soybean plantings are mainly
- Estimated that ±70% of maize hectares have been planted while a few sunflower hectares have been planted.
- Conditions are generally good, however follow up rain remain essential

Mpumalanga

- Producers have mostly completed their maize plantings and the largest percentage of soybean hectares should be finished by the end of the
- There was sufficient time to complete plantings
- within the optimum planting window. General agricultural conditions are very good.

KwaZulu-Natal

- Maize plantings have mostly been completed with soybean plantings which should be done by next
- Estimated that plantings is ±2 weeks later than
- Rain occurred somewhat erratic, good widespread rains remains necessary

- Weskaap
 Producers in the Southern Cape and Overberg/ Ruens region have mainly completed the harvesting process, with above average yields achieved.
- The harvesting process is nearing completion in the Swartland region. Some producers in Ceres/Darling are still harvesting, average yields is being achieved.

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GRAIN SA SHINES AT THE SA AGRICULTURAL WRITERS AWARDS

» Grain SA was well represented at this year's Agricultural Writers SA's national awards for the Farmer of the Year, New Entrant into Commercial Agriculture and Agriculturalist of the Year for 2016.

Jannie de Villiers was announced as the Gauteng Agriculturist of the Year, together with fellow finalists Dr Gerhard Verdoorn (Eastern Cape), Dr Mias van der Westhuizen (Free State), Barry Christie (Mpumalanga), Hannes Hattingh (Northern Cape), Prof Flippie Cloete (North West), and Andre Roux (Western Cape). Dr Theo de Jager from Limpopo was ultimately awarded the Agriculturist of the Year accolade.



Jannie de Villiers receiving his nomination

Grain SA members Vickie Bruwer from Genade Boerdery represented the Northern Cape Farmer of the Year category, and Jerry Basson, a no-till grain producer from Delareyville the North West Farmer of the Year. Allesbeste Boerdery (Dr André, Liezel, Edrean and Zander Ernst) walked away with the honour of National Farmer of the Year for 2016.



Jerry Basson (top) and the Bruwer's of Genade Boerdery (bottom) during their respective video presentations

Grain SA New Era Commercial Farmer, Simon Teffo was the Northern Region's New Entrant into Commercial Agriculture together with Phirdy Motala from the Western Cape region, and the ultimate winner, Eric Ntlaba from the Central Region.



Simon Teffo in his video presentation

Grain SA's Dr Hendrik Smith, conservation agriculturists received runner-up in the Monsanto-Agriculturist Writers SA Technical Article competition for his two-part piece *Omgekrapte weerpatrone en verwoestende stofstorms: Die oplossing lê reg onder ons voetsole (Deel 1 en Deel 2)*" which was published in the March 2016 and April 2016 editions of *SA Graan/Grain*.



Pieter Smit from Monsanto presenting Dr Hendrik Smith with his award

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SUMMER GRAIN CULTIVAR EVALUATION RESULTS: 2015/16 PRODUCTION SEASON

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» The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) announced the results of the latest summer grains cultivar evaluation trails. The objective of the information is to evaluate the potential of cultivars in different environmental conditions, to finally determine which cultivars are the best adapted in a specific production regions.

Click on the link to view the document:

Maize (West): http://www.grainsa.co.za/upload/report_files/Weste-verslag-2016-10-Nov.pdf Maize (East): http://www.grainsa.co.za/upload/report_files/Weste-verslag-2016-10-Nov.pdf

Maize (Short growers): http://www.grainsa.co.za/upload/report_files/Besproeiing-verslag-2016-10-Nov.pdf

Soybeans: http://www.grainsa.co.za/upload/report_files/Soybean-2016-2017.pdf

Sunflower: http://www.grainsa.co.za/upload/report_files/Sonneblom-aanbev-2016-17.pdf

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STAY INSPIRED...

You will get the harvest...

"I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness, And you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard ground of your hearts, For now is the time to see the Lord, That he may come And shower righteousness upon you.'

~ Hosea 10:12

Every time you do something good to someone else, you will reap the benefit sooner or later. Even if it feels like months or years, you will be rewarded. Trust in God's timing.

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