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Agri Mega 2015

» Agri Mega started on 16 September 2015 in Bredasdorp with a welcomed sunny day, and the Grain SA members' tent was once again very popular with our members. Even when the warm weather was followed by rain and icy winds, members still popped in to enjoy some refreshments and a steaming cup of coffee, sponsored by John Deere Financial.

Mega-week provides the perfect opportunity to interact with key stakeholders and the Grain SA management met with collecting agents and mentors from the South. The informal networking opportunities also gave guests an opportunity to discuss the weather conditions in the Swartland, amongst others.

Grain SA, in cooperation with Standard Bank hosted the annual Agriculture debate on Thursday, 17 September 2015. The topic under discussion, "What is needed to increase wheat production in the Cape Province and also in the rest of South Africa" was led by Jannie de Villiers, CEO of Grain SA. The panel, consisting of André Uys, CEO of Overberg Agri, Gido Janse van Rensburg, Director: Grain of Bester Feeds and Grain and Erich Jordaan, Procurement Executive of Tiger Brands agreed that producers need to be more profitable for wheat production to increase.



Grain SA member's tent



Richard Krige (left) enjoying some coffee with Ters Maree, a producer from Caledon.



Executive Grain SA member, Rudolf Fourie from Kwagga Boerdery in Mpumalanga visited Agri Mega with a group of guests.



The Agriculture Debate panel (from left to right) Mr Jannie de Villiers, CEO, Grain SA; Mr Louw Steytler, Chairperson, Grain SA; Gido Janse van Rensburg, Director: Grain, Bester Feeds and Grain; André Uys, CEO, Overberg Agri; Nico Groenewald, Head Agribusiness SA, Standard Bank and Erich Jordaan, Procurement Executive, Tiger Brands



Mr Louw Steytler, Chairperson, Grain SA with a group of learners from Hoër Landbouskool Oakdale, Riversdal

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MAIZE – PRODUCER DELIVERIES VS CROP ESTIMATE - 2014/15 PRODUCTION SEASON

Petru Fourie, Research Coordinator & Production Cost Analyst Grain SA

The rate of maize deliveries as announced by SAGIS, is compared with the size of the 7th production forecast of the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) in Table 1.

White maize: Together with early deliveries, thus far 4.306 million tons of the estimated 4.540 million tons of white maize, available for commercial use, have been delivered. The total white maize deliveries for the current season is at

±94.8%, compared to the five-year average of 93.7%.

Yellow maize: During the same period, currently 4,604 million tons (95.2%) of the estimated 4.839 million tons yellow maize, available for commercial use, have been delivered. The five-year average deliveries are calculated at 94.6%; somewhat less than the current season's deliveries of 95.2%.

Total maize: The total deliveries for both white and yellow maize, for the first twenty one weeks of the 2014/15 production year amounts to 8,910 million tons. Together with the early deliveries in March and April 2015 (541 956 tons) it amounts to 95, 0% of the estimated 9 379 million ton crop (excluding withholdings) so far delivered.

Table 1: Progress of maize deliveries - 2014/15 marketing season (tons)

	White maize	Yellow maize	Total maize
Producer deliveries			
Early deliveries	174,836	367,120	541,956
+ Deliveries from week 1 to 21	4,131,033	4,237,033	8,368,066
= Total deliveries (week 1 to 21 plus early deliveries)	4,305,869	4,604,153	8,910,022
Crop estimate			
CEC: 7th Production estimate	4,649,800	5,188,700	9,838,500
Minus Farm usage, seed retention, etc.	110,000	350,000	460,000
= Available for commercial use	4,539,800	4,838,700	9,378,500
% Maize delivered			
2014/15 season	94.8%	95.2%	95.0%
5 year average	93.7%	94.6%	94.7%

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Hope all our members had a wonderful Heritage Day yesterday!



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