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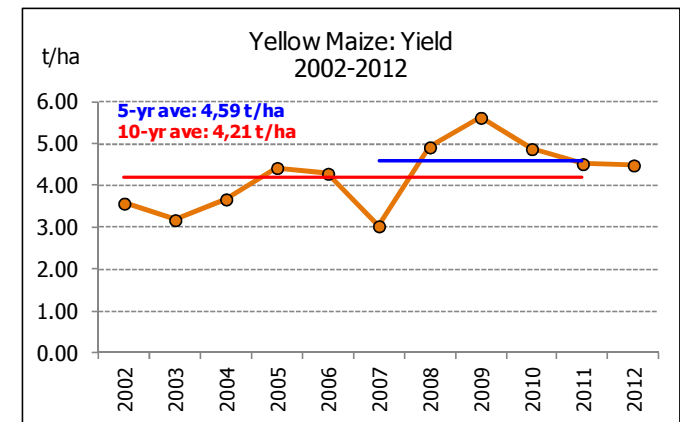
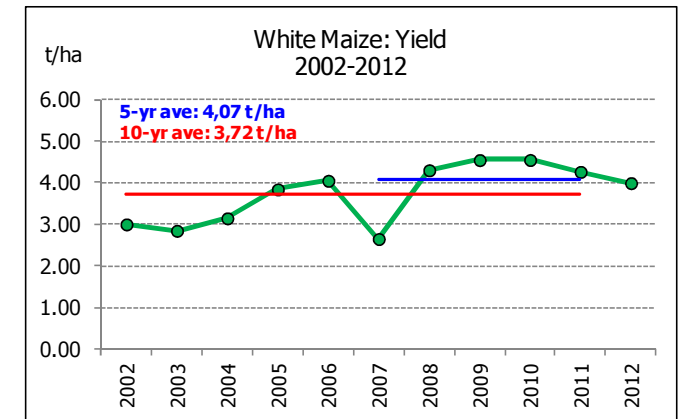
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The second production forecast for summer crops for 2012 is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die tweede produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012 vrygestel.

**SUMMER CROPS** – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012

**SOMERGEWASSE** – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2012 Ha (A)	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting  2012 Tons (B)	1 <sup>st</sup> forecast/ 1 <sup>ste</sup> skatting  2012 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant  2011 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop  2011 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/  %
						(B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersiële:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 636 200	6 539 200	6 803 700	1 418 300	6 052 000	-3,89
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 063 000	4 766 350	4 901 650	954 000	4 308 000	-2,76
Maize/Mielies	2 699 200	11 305 550	11 705 350	2 372 300	10 360 000	-3,42
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	453 350	514 890	540 820	642 700	860 000	-4,79
Soya-beans/Sojabone	472 000	720 500	755 950	418 000	710 000	-4,69
Groundnuts/Grondbone	45 450	62 240	67 165	55 150	64 250	-7,33
Sorghum	48 550	138 825	145 150	69 200	155 000	-4,36
Dry beans/Droëbone	39 750	47 315	50 530	41 900	41 980	-6,36
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 758 300	12 789 320	13 264 965	3 599 250	12 191 230	-3,59



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 SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2012			2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2012			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2011			Final crop/ Finale oes 2011		
	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	500	2 500	3 000	5 000	25 000	30 000	300	2 000	2 300	2 000	12 400	14 400
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 200	47 000	49 200	25 300	540 500	565 800	2 000	45 000	47 000	23 000	515 200	538 200
Free State/Vrystaat	710 000	450 000	1 160 000	2 982 000	1 755 000	4 737 000	595 000	395 000	990 000	2 590 000	1 461 500	4 051 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 500	13 500	17 000	17 500	74 250	91 750	3 000	12 000	15 000	10 500	57 600	68 100
KwaZulu-Natal	44 000	45 000	89 000	228 800	247 500	476 300	39 000	42 000	81 000	214 500	235 000	449 500
Mpumalanga	160 000	290 000	450 000	744 000	1 363 000	2 107 000	180 000	260 000	440 000	900 000	1 290 000	2 190 000
Limpopo	32 000	18 000	50 000	153 600	77 400	231 000	25 000	12 000	37 000	125 000	48 000	173 000
Gauteng	74 000	42 000	116 000	370 000	172 200	542 200	74 000	41 000	115 000	362 500	180 300	542 800
North West/Noordwes	610 000	155 000	765 000	2 013 000	511 500	2 524 500	500 000	145 000	645 000	1 824 500	508 000	2 332 500
Total/Totaal	1 636 200	1 063 000	2 699 200	6 539 200	4 766 350	11 305 550	1 418 300	954 000	2 372 300	6 052 000	4 308 000	10 360 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	350	490	500	680
Free State/Vrystaat	190 000	237 500	300 000	434 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	200	220
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	10 000	13 000	10 000	12 000
Limpopo	100 000	95 000	98 000	98 000
Gauteng	3 000	3 900	4 000	4 800
North West/Noordwes	150 000	165 000	230 000	310 300
Total/Totaal	453 350	514 890	642 700	860 000

**SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	1 500	500	1 500
Free State/Vrystaat	175 000	253 750	135 000	190 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	500	750	1 000	1 500
KwaZulu-Natal	34 000	83 300	34 000	92 000
Mpumalanga	200 000	260 000	190 000	294 500
Limpopo	22 000	52 800	23 500	58 800
Gauteng	19 000	28 500	14 000	21 700
North West/Noordwes	21 000	39 900	20 000	50 000
Total/Totaal	472 000	720 500	418 000	710 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	6 500	16 250	7 500	18 950
Free State/Vrystaat	20 000	23 000	23 000	20 700
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	150	150	150	200
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	2 800	3 640	2 500	3 500
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	16 000	19 200	22 000	20 900
Total/Totaal	45 450	62 240	55 150	64 250

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	22 000	57 200	43 000	81 550
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	200	600	200	600
Mpumalanga	11 500	47 725	13 000	46 500
Limpopo	10 000	21 000	8 000	14 000
Gauteng	350	1 050	1 000	2 750
North West/Noordwes	4 500	11 250	4 000	9 600
Total/Totaal	48 550	138 825	69 200	155 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2012****DROËBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN TWEEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2012**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2012	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2012	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2011	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2011
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	500	1 000	100	320
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	750	1 500	500	1 000
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	17 600	15 000	10 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	240	100	100
KwaZulu-Natal	4 000	5 200	4 000	4 800
Mpumalanga	6 300	7 875	10 000	8 500
Limpopo	5 000	6 000	5 200	9 360
Gauteng	2 000	2 400	2 000	1 900
North West/Noordwes	5 000	5 500	5 000	5 500
Total/Totaal	39 750	47 315	41 900	41 980

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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
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**AREA AND SECOND PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2012)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN TWEDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEGASSE (2012)  
27 MARCH / MAART 2012**

**Summer field crops – 2012**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 11,306 mill. tons, which is 3,42% or 399 800 tons lower than the previous forecast of 11,705 mill. tons. The expected production of maize was reduced mainly due to a mid-season dry spell prevailing during February and March, which affected crop yields negatively. The area estimate for maize is 2,699 mill. ha, which is 0,63% or 17 000 ha more than the 2,682 mill. ha of the previous forecast. The expected yield is 4,19 t/ha as against 4,36 t/ha of the previous forecast.

The area estimate for the Northern Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces is based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) as conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), which is led by the ARC.

Please note that information from the objective yield survey by the NCSC for the Mpumalanga province will be available in April 2012; and for the Free State and North West provinces in May 2012.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,636 mill. ha and for yellow maize it is 1,063 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 6,539 mill. tons, which is 264 500 tons less than the 6,804 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 4,00 t/ha as against 4,17 t/ha of the previous forecast. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 4,766 mill. tons, which is 135 300 tons less than the 4,902 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 4,48 t/ha as against 4,67 t/ha of the previous forecast.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 514 890 tons, which is 25 930 tons less than the 540 820 tons of the previous forecast. The revised area estimate for sunflower seed is 453 350 ha, which is 10 050 ha more than the 443 300 ha of the previous forecast. The expected yield is 1,14 t/ha as against 1,22 t/ha of the previous forecast.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 720 500 tons, which is 35 450 tons less than the 755 950 tons of the previous forecast. It is estimated that 472 000 ha have been planted to soya-beans, whilst the expected yield is 1,53 t/ha as against 1,60 t/ha of the last forecast.

The expected **groundnut** crop is 62 240 tons, which is 4 925 tons less than the 67 165 tons of the last forecast. For groundnuts the area estimate is 45 450 ha, whilst the expected yield is 1,37 t/ha as against 1,48 t/ha of the last forecast.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 138 825 tons, which is 6 325 tons less than the 145 150 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 48 550 ha. The expected yield is 2,86 t/ha as against 2,99 t/ha of the previous forecast.

In the case of **dry beans** the production forecast is 47 315 tons, which is 6,36% less than the 50 530 tons of the previous forecast. For dry beans, the area estimate is 39 750 ha, and the expected yield is 1,19 t/ha as against 1,27 t/ha of the previous forecast.

**Please note that the third production forecast for summer field crops for 2012, as well as the intentions to plant winter cereals for 2012 will be released on 24 April 2012.**

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/links/crop_estimates) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

**Somergewasse – 2012**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 11,306 milj. ton gestel, wat 3,42% of 399 800 ton laer is as die vorige skatting van 11,705 milj. ton. Die verwagte oesverwagting van mielies is verlaag hoofsaaklik a.g.v. mid-seisoen droogtetoestande wat gedurende Februarie en Maart geheers het en opbrengste negatief beïnvloed het. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,699 milj. ha, wat 0,63% of 17 000 ha meer is as die 2,682 milj. ha van die vorige skatting. Die verwagte opbrengs is 4,19 t/ha teenoor die 4,36 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

Die oppervlakeskatting vir die Noord-Kaap, Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies is gebaseer op inligting soos verkry vanaf die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES"), soos deur die LNR-geleide Konsortium gerapporteer.

Neem kennis dat inligting van die objektiewe opbrengs-opname van die Konsortium vir die Mpumalanga provinsie, in April 2012 gerapporteer word en vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies in Mei 2012.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,636 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is dit 1,063 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 6,539 miljoen ton, 264 500 ton minder as die 6,804 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,00 t/ha teenoor die 4,17 t/ha van die vorige skatting. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 4,766 milj. ton, wat 135 300 ton minder is as die 4,902 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 4,48 t/ha teenoor die 4,67 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 514 890 ton, wat 25 930 ton minder is as die 540 820 ton van die vorige skatting. Die hersiene oppervlakeskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 453 350 ha, wat 10 050 ha meer is as die 443 300 ha van die vorige skatting. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,14 t/ha teenoor die 1,22 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 720 500 ton, wat 35 450 ton minder is as die 755 950 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 472 000 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,53 t/ha is teenoor die 1,60 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is 62 240 ton, wat 4 925 ton minder is as die 67 165 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakeskatting 45 450 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,37 t/ha is teenoor die 1,48 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 138 825 ton, wat 6 325 ton minder is as die 145 150 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakeskatting vir sorghum is 48 550 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 2,86 t/ha teenoor die 2,99 t/ha van die vorige skatting.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 47 315 ton, wat 6,36% minder is as die 50 530 ton van die vorige skatting. Vir droëbone is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 39 750 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,19 t/ha teenoor die 1,27 t/ha die vorige skatting.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2012, sowel as die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir 2012 op 24 April 2012 vrygestel sal word.**

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