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The area estimate and fifth production forecast for winter cereals for the 2025 is hereby released. /
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en vyfde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2025 vrygestel.

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2025 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN

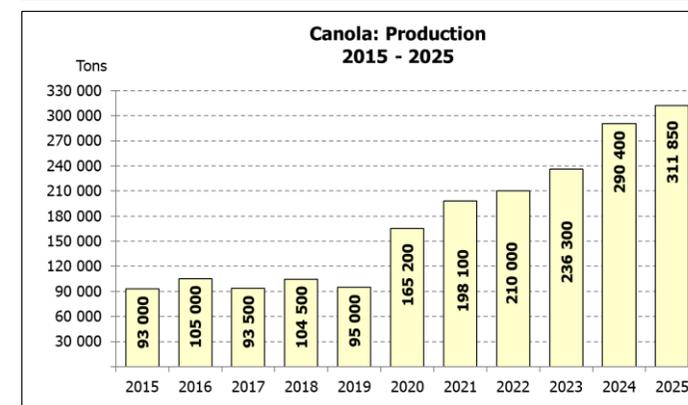
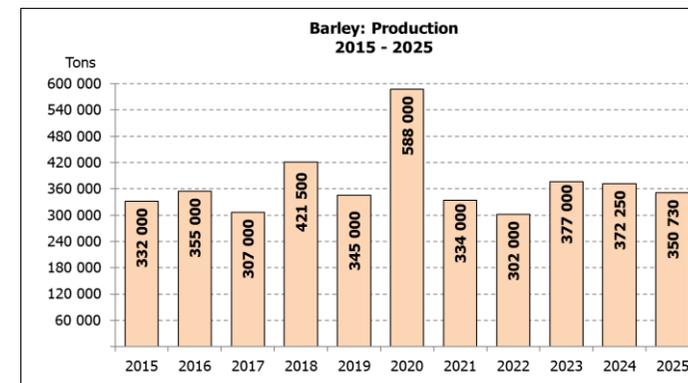
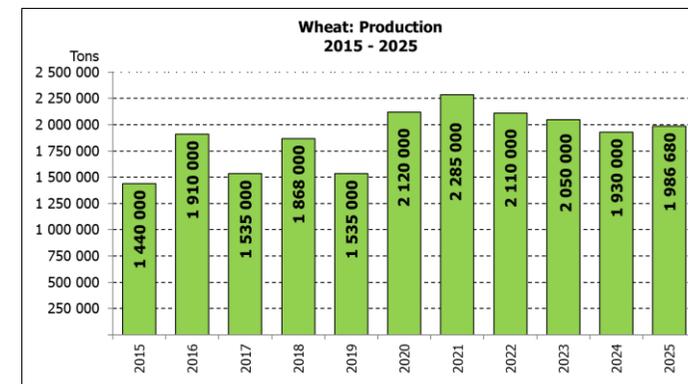
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2025 Ha (A)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2025 Tons (B)	4 th forecast/ 4 ^{de} skatting 2025 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2024 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieël:						
Wheat/Koring	517 300	1 986 680	2 028 680	505 300	1 930 000	-2,1%
Barley/Gars	96 950	350 730	341 770	100 700	372 250	2,6%
Canola/Kanola	174 515	311 850	311 850	165 750	290 400	0,0%
Oats/Hawer	35 520	48 543	53 813	31 000	43 400	-9,8%
Sweet lupines/Soetlupine	21 000	21 000	21 000	16 000	19 200	0,0%
Total winter/Totaal winter	845 285	2 718 803	2 757 113	818 750	2 655 250	-1,4%

1) Commercial only. Excluding barley or oats used as pasture, silage, hay and/or on the farm as fodder for livestock /
Slegs kommersieël. Uitgesluit gars of hawer wat gebruik word as weiding, kuilvoer, hooi en/of op die plaas as voer vir vee.

WHEAT – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2025 PRODUCTION SEASON

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	363 000	1 016 400	368 000	1 067 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	40 000	308 000	38 000	298 300
Free State/Vrystaat	57 000	290 700	49 000	225 260
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 500	37 400	5 000	34 500
KwaZulu-Natal	8 500	52 700	8 300	52 290
Mpumalanga	3 500	22 750	3 500	24 500
Limpopo	28 000	179 200	20 500	145 550
Gauteng	800	5 280	1 000	6 800
North West/Noordwes	11 000	74 250	12 000	75 600
Total/Totaal	517 300	1 986 680	505 300	1 930 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2025) /
OPPERVLAKTESKATTING EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2025)
18 DECEMBER / DESEMBER 2025**

Winter cereal crops - 2025 production season

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 1,987 mill. tons, which is 2,07% or 42 000 tons less than the previous forecast of 2,029 mill. tons. The expected yield is 3,84 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 1,016 mill. tons (51%), which is 36 300 tons less previous month's forecast of 1,053 mill. tons. In the Northern Cape, 308 000 tons (16%) are expected to be produced – unchanged from the previous month's forecast. In the Free State, the expected production is 290 700 tons (15%), which is 5 700 tons less than the previous month's expected crop of 296 400 tons.

The area estimate for wheat is 517 300 ha, of which an estimated 363 000 ha or 70 % is planted in the Western Cape, 57 000 ha or 11 % in the Free State and 40 000 ha or 8 % in the Northern Cape.

Other crops: The production forecast for **barley** was increased by 2,62% or 8 960 tons, from 341 770 tons to 350 730 tons. The area planted is estimated at 96 950 ha, while the expected yield is 3,62 t/ha.

The expected **canola crop** remained unchanged at 311 850 tons. This is the largest canola crop on record. The area estimate for canola is 174 515 ha, with an expected yield of 1,79 t/ha.

The expected crop for **oats** for the 2025 season was decreased by 9,79% or 5 270 tons, from 53 813 tons to 48 543 tons. The area planted is 35 520 ha. The expected yield is 1,37 t/ha.

In the case of **sweet lupines**, the production forecast remained unchanged at 21 000 tons. The area estimate of sweet lupines is 21 000 ha, with an expected yield of 1,00 t/ha.

Please note that the sixth production forecast for winter cereals for 2025 will be released on 27 January 2026 at 15:30.

Wintergewasse - 2025 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 1,987 milj. ton, wat 2,07% of 42 000 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 2,029 mill. ton. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,84 t/ha.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 1,016 mij. ton (51%), wat 36 300 ton minder as die vorige maand se skatting van 1,053 mill. ton. In die Noord-Kaap word verwag dat 308 000 ton (16%) geproduseer sal word – wat onveranderd is van die vorige maand se skatting. In die Vrystaat is die verwagte produksie 290 700 ton (15%), wat 5 700 ton minder is as die vorige maand se verwagte oes van 296 400 ton.

Die oppervlakeskatting vir koring is 517 300 ha, waarvan 'n geraamde 363 000 ha of 70 % in die Wes-Kaap geplant is, 57 000 ha of 11% in die Vrystaat en 40 000 ha of 8 % in die Noord-Kaap.

Ander gewasse: Die produksieskatting vir **gars** is verhoog met 2,62% of 8 960 ton, van 341 770 ton na 350 730 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 96 950 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,62 t/ha beloop.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is onveranderd gelaat op 311 850 ton. Dit is die grootste kanola-oes op rekord. Die oppervlakeskatting vir kanola is 174 515 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,79 t/ha.

Die verwagte oes vir **hawer** vir die 2025-seisoen is verminder met 9,79% of 5 270 ton, vanaf 53 813 ton na 48 543 ton. Die oppervlakeskatting is 35 520 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,37 t/ha.

In die geval van **soetlupine** is die produksieskatting onveranderd gelaat op 21 000 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met soetlupine is 21 000 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,00 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die sesde produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2025 op 27 January 2026 om 15:30 vrygestel sal word.

Information is available on the internet at

[http://www.nda.gov.za/core business/EDT&M/SEA/Reports/Crop Estimates](http://www.nda.gov.za/core_business/EDT&M/SEA/Reports/Crop%20Estimates) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **14:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

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The Crop Estimates Committee comprises officials of the following institutions:

Department of Agriculture, Provincial Departments of Agriculture; various ARC-Institutes (Soil, Climate and Water; Small Grains Institute, Grain Crops Institute), BFAP and Statistics SA.