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The area planted estimate and **fifth** production forecast for summer crops for 2025 is hereby released.  
Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2025 vrygestel.

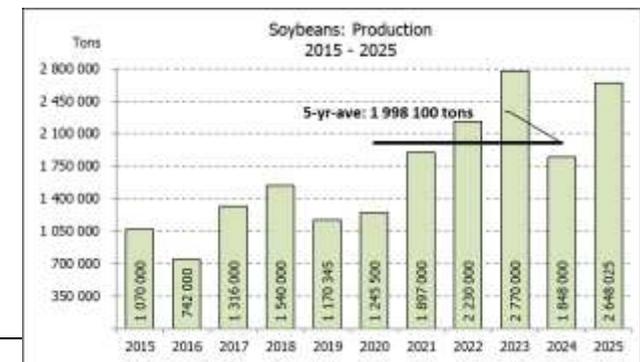
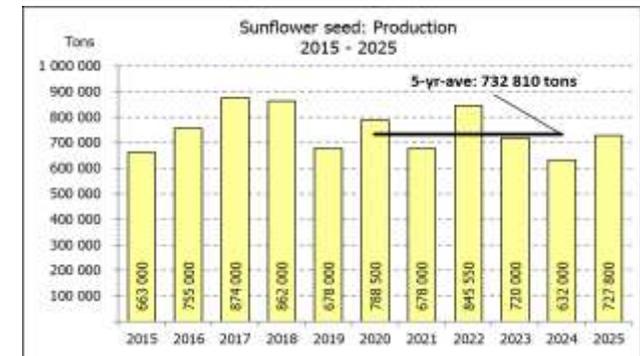
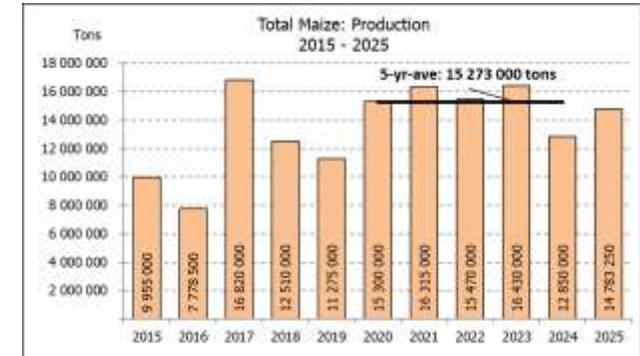
**SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**

**SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

<b>CROP/GEWAS</b>	<b>Area planted/ Opp beplant 2025 Ha (A)</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5<sup>de</sup> skatting 2025 Tons (B)</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4<sup>de</sup> skatting 2025 Tons (C)</b>	<b>Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (D)</b>	<b>Final crop/ Finale oes 2024 Tons (E)</b>	<b>Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)</b>
<b>Commercial/Kommersieël:</b>						
White maize/Witmielies	1 599 700	7 648 450	7 648 450	1 554 750	6 055 000	0,00%
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	997 000	7 134 800	6 995 500	1 081 500	6 795 000	1,99%
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 596 700	14 783 250	14 643 950	2 636 250	12 850 000	0,95%
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	555 700	727 800	727 800	529 000	632 000	0,00%
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 151 000	2 648 025	2 330 975	1 150 500	1 848 000	13,60%
Groundnuts/Grondbone	48 125	63 510	63 510	41 200	52 000	0,00%
Sorghum	41 150	137 970	137 970	42 100	98 000	0,00%
Dry beans/Droëbone	45 620	74 299	71 415	39 550	50 495	4,04%
<b>TOTAL/TOTAAL</b>	<b>4 438 295</b>	<b>18 434 854</b>	17 975 620	4 438 600	15 530 495	2,55%
<b>Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersieël Mielies</b>						
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	358 000	621 500	621 500	347 000	575 000	0,00%
<b>Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersieël + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersieël</b>						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	2 954 700	15 404 750	15 265 450	2 983 250	13 425 000	0,91%

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2024/25 = 2025

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2024/25 = 2025



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; and Grain Crops Institute); BFAP and Statistics SA.

**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**

**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2025			5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2025			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2024			Final crop/ Finale oes 2024		
	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	200	3 500	3 700	1 900	32 900	34 800	250	3 500	3 750	2 300	32 200	34 500
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 500	42 000	43 500	18 750	648 900	667 650	1 500	42 000	43 500	18 900	648 900	667 800
Free State/Vrystaat	850 000	345 000	1 195 000	3 867 500	2 070 000	5 937 500	835 000	415 000	1 250 000	3 385 000	1 992 000	5 377 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 000	28 000	34 000	41 400	210 000	251 400	6 000	27 000	33 000	40 800	191 700	232 500
KwaZulu-Natal	50 000	66 000	116 000	305 000	574 200	879 200	47 000	67 000	114 000	286 700	576 200	862 900
Mpumalanga	162 000	362 000	524 000	1 004 400	2 606 400	3 610 800	160 000	360 000	520 000	984 000	2 490 000	3 474 000
Limpopo	10 000	18 500	28 500	69 000	149 850	218 850	11 000	15 000	26 000	74 800	120 000	194 800
Gauteng	55 000	57 000	112 000	341 000	407 550	748 550	54 000	62 000	116 000	292 500	415 500	708 000
North West/Noordwes	465 000	75 000	540 000	1 999 500	435 000	2 434 500	440 000	90 000	530 000	970 000	328 500	1 298 500
Total/Totaal	1 599 700	997 000	2 596 700	7 648 450	7 134 800	14 783 250	1 554 750	1 081 500	2 636 250	6 055 000	6 795 000	12 850 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**

**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 000	2 300	2 000	4 600
Free State/Vrystaat	264 500	383 525	255 000	354 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	700	1 400	700	1 400
KwaZulu-Natal	1 000	2 000	300	600
Mpumalanga	2 500	3 625	3 500	4 900
Limpopo	90 000	90 000	90 000	63 000
Gauteng	1 000	1 200	2 500	3 000
North West/Noordwes	195 000	243 750	175 000	200 500
Total/Totaal	555 700	727 800	529 000	632 000

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025**

**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	7 200	1 200	4 380
Free State/Vrystaat	565 000	1 243 000	545 000	688 960
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 500	16 500	5 300	14 310
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	188 000	47 000	173 900
Mpumalanga	315 000	708 750	320 000	624 000
Limpopo	16 500	51 975	21 000	72 450
Gauteng	52 000	114 400	56 000	84 000
North West/Noordwes	148 000	318 200	155 000	186 000
Total/Totaal	1 151 000	2 648 025	1 150 500	1 848 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 100	8 525	4 200	8 610
Free State/Vrystaat	21 700	29 295	17 000	26 305
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	0	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	175	228	300	495
Mpumalanga	0	0	0	0
Limpopo	1 650	2 888	1 700	4 590
Gauteng	0	0	0	0
North West/Noordwes	21 500	22 575	18 000	12 000
Total/Totaal	48 125	63 510	41 200	52 000

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	0	0	0	0
Free State/Vrystaat	12 800	44 800	11 500	19 740
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	600	100	300
KwaZulu-Natal	100	380	100	350
Mpumalanga	9 200	43 240	8 300	36 520
Limpopo	13 000	30 550	18 000	35 100
Gauteng	850	3 400	100	390
North West/Noordwes	5 000	15 000	4 000	5 600
Total/Totaal	41 150	137 970	42 100	98 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025****DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2025	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2024	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2024
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	200	100	220
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	950	2 185	500	900
Free State/Vrystaat	17 500	23 625	13 500	10 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	200	400	200	440
KwaZulu-Natal	3 000	4 500	2 100	2 730
Mpumalanga	2 320	3 944	2 600	4 680
Limpopo	11 100	23 865	12 200	23 790
Gauteng	950	1 330	850	935
North West/Noordwes	9 500	14 250	7 500	6 000
Total/Totaal	45 620	74 299	39 550	50 495

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- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting (*if in-person meeting*)
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- No member is allowed to discuss crop estimates information with anyone other than a member of the Committee before the embargo time
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**AREA ESTIMATE AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2025 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2025 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
27 JUNE / JUNIE 2025**

**Summer field crops – 2025**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial **maize crop** has been set at 14,783 mill. tons, which is 0,95% or 139 300 tons more than the previous forecast of 14,644 mill. tons. The expected yield for maize is 5,69 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 15,04% or 1,933 mill. tons larger than the 2024 crop. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 81% of the 2025 crop.

The production forecast of **white maize** remained unchanged at 7,648 mill. tons. The area estimate for white maize is 1,600 mill. ha and the expected yield is 4,78 t/ha.

In the case of **yellow maize**, the production forecast is 7,135 mill. tons, which is 1,99% or 139 300 tons more than the 6,996 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for yellow maize is 997 000 ha and the yield is 7,16 t/ha.

**Other summer crops:**

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 727 800 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 555 700 ha, while the expected yield is 1,31 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** is 2,648 mill. tons, which is 13,60% or 317 050 tons more than the 2,331 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 1,151 mill. ha, with an expected yield of 2,30 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop also remained unchanged at 63 510 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 48 125 ha, with an expected yield of 1,32 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 137 970 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 41 150 ha and the expected yield is 3,35 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast increased by 4,04% or 2 884 tons, from 71 415 tons to 74 299 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 45 620 ha, with an expected yield of 1,63 t/ha.

**Please note that the sixth production forecast for summer field crops for 2025, as well as the preliminary area planted estimate for winter cereals for 2025, will be released on 29 July 2025.**

**Information is available on the internet at [http:// www.dalrrd.gov.za/old/website/statistics](http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/old/website/statistics) or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **14:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.**

**Somergewasse – 2025**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële **mielie-oes** is op 14,783 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,95% of 139 300 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 14,644 milj. ton. Die verwagte opbrengs van mielies is 5,69 t/ha.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 15,04% of 1,933 milj. ton meer as die 2024-oes. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 81% van die 2025-oes produseer.

Die produksieskatting van **witmielies** is onveranderd gelaat op 7,648 milj. ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir witmielies is 1,600 milj. ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 4,78 t/ha.

In die geval van **geelmielies** is die produksieskatting 7,135 milj. ton, wat 1,99% of 139 300 ton meer is as die 6,996 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir geelmielies is 997 000 ha en die opbrengs is 7,16 t/ha.

**Ander somergewasse:**

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 727 800 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 555 700 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,31 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is op 2,648 milj. ton gestel, wat 13,60% of 317 050 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 2,331 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 1,151 milj. ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 2,30 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes is ook onveranderd gelaat op 63 510. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 48 125 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,32 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 137 970 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 41 150 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,35 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting verhoog met 4,04% of 2 884 ton, vanaf 71 415 ton na 74 299 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 45 620 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,63 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die sesde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2025, asook die voorlopige oppervlakte skatting vir wintergrane vir 2025, op 29 Julie 2025 vrygestel sal word.**

**Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by <http://www.dalrrd.gov.za/old/website/statistics> of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **14:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingstokomitee.**

**The non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2025 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2025 vrygestel.**

**NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2025**

**NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2025 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2025 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2024 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
<b>Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:</b>					
White maize/Witmielies	<b>275 150</b>	<b>439 700</b>	267 570	407 500	+7,90
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	<b>82 850</b>	<b>181 800</b>	79 430	167 500	+8,54
Maize/Mielies	<b>358 000</b>	<b>621 500</b>	347 000	575 000	+8,09

The area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 358 000 ha, which represents an increase of 3,17%, compared to the 347 000 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 621 500 tons, which is 8,09% more than the 575 000 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 46,75% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 20,88% and then Limpopo with 20,65%.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 358 000 ha, wat 'n toename van 3,17% verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 347 000 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 621 500 ton, wat 8,09% meer is as die 575 000 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 46,75% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word, gevolg deur KwaZulu-Natal met 20,88% en dan Limpopo met 20,65%.

