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FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2025

At a meeting held on 12 February 2026, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soybeans, groundnuts and sorghum for 2025.

The estimated total production figures as released by the national Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) were revised, using the published figures of the South Africa Grain Information Services (SAGIS) of actual deliveries as the basis for the calculations. The figures from the maize, sunflower seed, soybeans, groundnuts and sorghum utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture (DoA) and the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Comparing the final calculated crop figures with the numbers set by the CEC during November 2025, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 16,650 mill. tons, which is 1,30% or 214 350 tons more than the final crop estimate figure of 16,436 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 8,450 mill. tons, which is 0,86% or 71 750 tons more than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 8,200 mill. tons, which is 1,77% or 142 600 tons more than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of the commercial sunflower seed crop, the final calculated crop figure is 700 000 tons, which is 1,17% or 8 300 tons less than the final crop estimate figure of 708 300 tons. The soybeans crop is 2,800 mill. tons (up by 1,04% or 28 775 tons), whilst the final groundnuts crop is 63 350 tons, which is 876 tons or 1,40% more than the final crop estimate figure. The sorghum crop was also adjusted upward by 2,28% (or 3 395 tons) to 150 000 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2025 (please refer to the figures in the accompanying tables).

The CEC would like to thank all producers and industry role-players who provided information on a regular basis to improve the accuracy of the crop estimates. Producers, who do not participate in the Department's monthly survey, are requested as a matter of urgency to make an effort to contribute to the crop estimates process.

SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR 2025:

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2025 HA (A)	FINAL CROP ¹⁾ 2025 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED NOV 2025 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ²⁾ NOV 2025 TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
White Maize	1 599 700	8 450 000	1 599 700	8 378 250	+0,86
Yellow Maize	997 000	8 200 000	997 000	8 057 400	+1,77
Total Maize	2 596 700	16 650 000	2 596 700	16 435 650	+1,30
Sunflower seed	555 700	700 000	555 700	708 300	-1,17
Soybeans	1 151 000	2 800 000	1 151 000	2 771 225	+1,04
Groundnuts	48 125	63 350	48 125	62 474	+1,40
Sorghum	41 150	150 000	41 150	146 605	+2,32

1) For ease of reference, projected figures have been rounded to the nearest 1 000 tons.

2) As estimated by the CEC on 27 November 2025

CALCULATION SUMMARY: COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM

CROP	Total ¹⁾ Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar 2025 - Dec 2025) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Jan 2026 - Feb 2026) Tons	On-farm for own use/direct sales, seed, etc. Tons
White Maize	8 450 000	8 073 219	206 781	170 000
Yellow Maize	8 200 000	7 483 677	321 323	395 000
Total Maize	16 650 000	15 556 896	528 104	565 000
Sunflower seed	700 000	694 427	5 573	0
Soybeans	2 800 000	2 709 892	43 608	46 500
Groundnuts	63 350	62 372	728	250
Sorghum	150 000	145 770	3 000	1 230

1) Final crop production figures = SAGIS producer deliveries from 1 March to 28 February PLUS on-farm usage.

2) SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the actual monthly producer deliveries, i.e. 1 March to 31 December.

3) Projected producer deliveries for maize, sunflower seed and soybeans for the month of January are based on unverified weekly producer deliveries (as recorded by SAGIS), whereas projected producer deliveries for the month of February are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries.

With regard to sorghum and groundnuts, projected deliveries are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries for the month of January and February.