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The fourth production forecast for summer crops for 2014 is hereby released. /  
 Hiermee word die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2014 vrygestel.

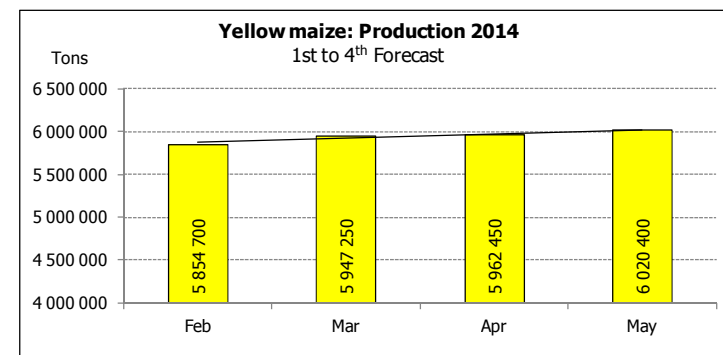
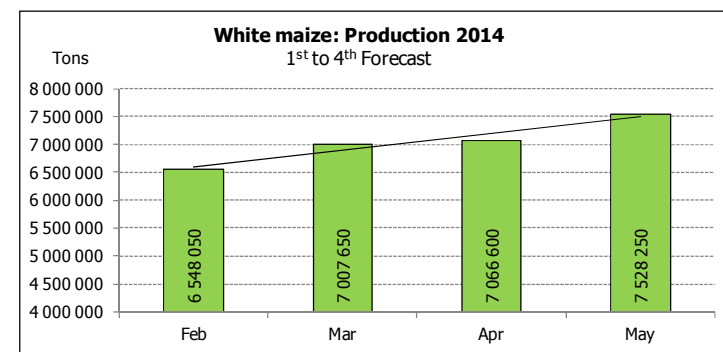
**SUMMER CROPS** – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014

**SOMERGEWASSE** – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2014 Ha (A)	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2014 Tons (B)	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2014 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2013 Ha (D)	Finale oes/ Final crop 2013 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ 2014 % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
White maize/Witmielies	1 551 200	7 528 250	7 066 600	1 617 200	5 606 800	+6,53
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 137 000	6 020 400	5 962 450	1 164 000	6 203 800	+0,97
Maize/Mielies	2 688 200	13 548 650	13 029 050	2 781 200	11 810 600	+3,99
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	598 950	853 325	825 325	504 700	557 000	+3,39
Soya-beans/Sojabone	502 900	893 090	867 700	516 500	784 500	+2,93
Groundnuts/Grondbone	52 125	89 640	85 265	46 900	41 500	+5,13
Sorghum	78 850	233 220	233 220	62 620	147 200	-
Dry beans/Droëbone	55 820	89 018	79 205	43 550	60 200	+12,39
TOTAL/TOTAAL	3 976 845	15 706 943	15 119 765	3 955 470	13 401 000	+3,88

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2013/14 = 2014

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2013/14 = 2014



The Crop Estimates Committee comprises officials of the following institutions:

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

**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2014			4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2014			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2013			Final crop/ Finale oes 2013		
	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	3 000	3 500	4 500	28 500	33 000	300	3 000	3 300	3 000	30 000	33 000
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 200	48 000	50 200	25 300	619 200	644 500	2 200	51 000	53 200	25 300	650 000	675 300
Free State/Vrystaat	730 000	465 000	1 195 000	3 650 000	2 162 250	5 812 250	725 000	505 000	1 230 000	2 574 000	2 310 800	4 884 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 500	16 000	18 500	13 750	96 000	109 750	3 700	15 000	18 700	18 500	90 000	108 500
KwaZulu-Natal	43 000	45 000	88 000	258 000	283 500	541 500	47 000	48 000	95 000	284 000	315 000	599 000
Mpumalanga	168 000	332 000	500 000	907 200	1 792 800	2 700 000	170 000	300 000	470 000	1 020 000	1 985 000	3 005 000
Limpopo	30 000	20 000	50 000	183 000	124 000	307 000	30 000	23 500	53 500	154 000	138 000	292 000
Gauteng	65 000	53 000	118 000	344 500	294 150	638 650	74 000	43 500	117 500	370 000	230 000	600 000
North West/Noordwes	510 000	155 000	665 000	2 142 000	620 000	2 762 000	565 000	175 000	740 000	1 158 000	455 000	1 613 000
Total/Totaal	1 551 200	1 137 000	2 688 200	7 528 250	6 020 400	13 548 650	1 617 200	1 164 000	2 781 200	5 606 800	6 203 800	11 810 600

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014**
**SONNEBLOMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2014	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	900	450	200	100
Free State/Vrystaat	280 000	448 000	220 000	297 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	550	825	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	3 500	5 250	6 600	9 900
Limpopo	90 000	85 500	99 000	85 000
Gauteng	3 000	3 900	3 900	4 000
North West/Noordwes	221 000	309 400	175 000	161 000
Total/Totaal	598 950	853 325	504 700	557 000

**SOYA-BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2014	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 900	14 040	2 000	7 000
Free State/Vrystaat	201 000	321 600	215 000	249 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	2 000	3 600	500	750
KwaZulu-Natal	35 000	98 000	32 000	82 000
Mpumalanga	203 000	314 650	205 000	335 000
Limpopo	22 000	66 000	20 000	53 500
Gauteng	20 000	44 000	20 000	34 000
North West/Noordwes	16 000	31 200	22 000	22 750
Total/Totaal	502 900	893 090	516 500	784 500

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2014	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>7 000</b>	<b>18 900</b>	7 000	14 000
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>20 000</b>	<b>32 000</b>	18 000	15 100
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>75</b>	<b>90</b>	150	150
Mpumalanga	<b>50</b>	<b>100</b>	750	750
Limpopo	<b>3 000</b>	<b>5 550</b>	1 000	1 500
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	<b>22 000</b>	<b>33 000</b>	20 000	10 000
Total/Totaal	<b>52 125</b>	<b>89 640</b>	46 900	41 500

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2014	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>42 000</b>	<b>119 700</b>	32 000	68 800
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>850</b>	<b>3 570</b>	320	1 280
Mpumalanga	<b>11 000</b>	<b>46 200</b>	11 500	42 620
Limpopo	<b>14 000</b>	<b>33 600</b>	12 000	21 000
Gauteng	<b>1 500</b>	<b>4 500</b>	500	1 500
North West/Noordwes	<b>9 500</b>	<b>25 650</b>	6 300	12 000
Total/Totaal	<b>78 850</b>	<b>233 220</b>	62 620	147 200

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2014****DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2014**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2014	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2014	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2013	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2013
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>300</b>	<b>450</b>	200	400
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>1 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	850	1 700
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>26 000</b>	<b>44 200</b>	16 000	19 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>770</b>	<b>1 155</b>	100	200
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>5 000</b>	<b>6 500</b>	6 000	7 800
Mpumalanga	<b>8 750</b>	<b>11 813</b>	7 000	11 900
Limpopo	<b>5 500</b>	<b>10 450</b>	5 400	10 800
Gauteng	<b>3 000</b>	<b>4 200</b>	2 000	3 400
North West/Noordwes	<b>5 500</b>	<b>8 250</b>	6 000	4 800
Total/Totaal	<b>55 820</b>	<b>89 018</b>	43 550	60 200

**CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUES that CEC members are committed to adhere to on the day of the meeting**

- 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
- Individual information received for crop estimate purposes is treated strictly confidential, and is not divulged for any other purposes

**AREA AND FOURTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2014)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VIERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEMASSE (2014)  
27 MAY 2014**

**Summer field crops – 2014**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 13,549 mill. tons, which is 3,99% or 519 600 tons higher than the previous forecast of 13,029 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize remained unchanged at 2,688 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 5,04 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,551 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,137 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 7,528 mill. tons, which is 6,53% or 461 650 tons more than the 7,067 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 4,85 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 6,020 mill. tons, which is 0,97% or 57 950 tons more than the 5,962 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,29 t/ha.

The yields per ha for the Free State and North West provinces were based on scientific and objective results provided by the National Crop Statistics Consortium, which is led by the ARC.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 853 325 tons, an increase of 3,39% compared to the 825 325 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 598 950 ha, with an expected yield of 1,42 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soya-beans** is 893 090 which is 2,93% more than the 867 700 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate is 502 900 ha, and the expected yield is 1,78 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop was increased by 5,13% to 89 640 tons. For groundnuts, the area estimate is 52 125 ha, with an expected yield of 1,72 t/ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** remained unchanged at 233 220 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 78 850 ha, and the expected yield is 2,96 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast is 89 018 tons, which is 12,39% more than the 79 205 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate of dry beans is 55 820 ha, and the expected yield is 1,59 t/ha.

**Please note that the fifth production forecast for summer field crops for 2014 will be released on 26 June 2014.**

Information is available on the internet at [http://www.daff.gov.za/crop estimates](http://www.daff.gov.za/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 – 2014**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 13,549 milj. ton gestel, wat 3,99% of 519 600 ton hoër is as die vorige skatting van 13,029 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is onveranderd gelaat op 2,688 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 5,04 t/ha is.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,551 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,137 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 7,528 milj. ton, wat 6,53% of 461 650 ton meer is as die 7,067 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,85 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 6,020 milj. ton, wat 0,97% of 57 950 ton meer is as die 5,962 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,29 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepalings per ha vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies is gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrekk deur die Nasionale Oesskattingskonsortium, gelei deur die LNR.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 853 325 ton, 'n toename van 3,39% in vergelyking met die 825 325 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 598 950 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,42 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is 893 090 ton, wat 2,93% meer is as die 867 700 ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sojabone is 502 900 ha, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,78 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes het toegeneem met 5,13% na 89 640 ton. Vir grondbone is die oppervlakteskatting 52 125 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,72 t/ha is.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is onveranderd gelaat op 233 220 ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met sorghum is 78 850 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 2,96 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting 89 018 ton, wat 12,39% meer is as die vorige skatting van 79 205 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 55 820 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,59 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die vyfde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2014, op 26 Junie 2014 vrygestel sal word.**

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