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The **preliminary** area planted estimate for summer crops for 2026 is hereby released.
Hiermee word die **voorlopige** oppervlakteskatting vir somergewasse vir 2026 vrygestel.

SUMMER CROPS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2026

SOMERGEWASSE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKSKATTING: 2026

CROP/GEWAS	Prel area planted/ Voorl opp beplant 2026 Ha (A)	Intentions ^{1)/} Voorneme ¹⁾ 2026 Ha (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2025 Ha (C)	Final estimate ^{2)/} Finale skatting ²⁾ 2025 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering/ 2026 vs 2025 % (A) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersiëel:					
White maize/Witmielies	1 644 200	1 614 700	1 599 700	8 378 250	2,78%
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	1 030 000	1 051 000	997 000	8 057 400	3,31%
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	2 674 200	2 665 700	2 596 700	16 435 650	2,98%
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	560 800	531 100	555 700	708 300	0,92%
Soybeans/Sojabone	1 185 000	1 179 200	1 151 000	2 771 225	2,95%
Groundnuts/Grondbone	43 650	42 240	48 125	62 474	-9,30%
Sorghum	39 000	39 250	41 150	146 605	-5,22%
Dry beans/Droëbone	36 400	36 420	45 620	90 556	-20,21%
TOTAL/TOTAAL	4 539 050	4 493 910	4 438 295	20 214 810	2,27%

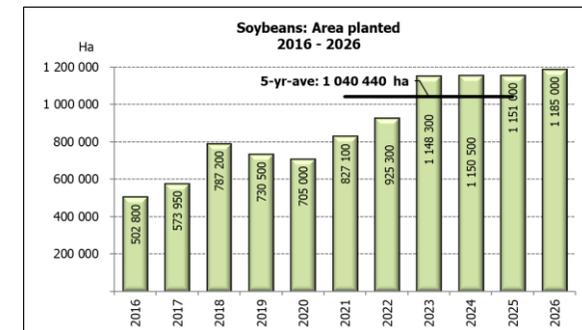
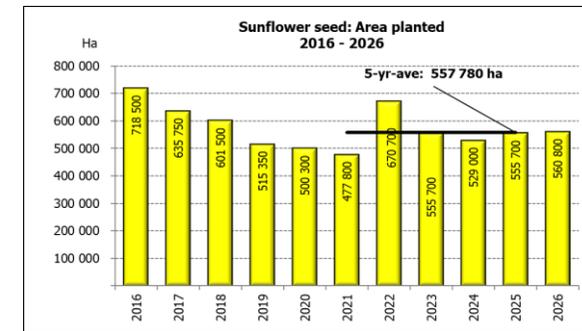
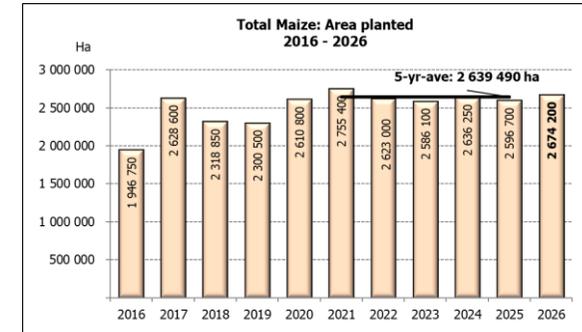
1) Soos middel Oktober 2025/ As mid October 2025

2) 27 November 2025

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2025/26 = 2026

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2025/26 = 2026

27 January / Januarie 2026



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; and Grain Crops); BFAP and Statistics SA.

WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2026

WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2026

Province/ Provinsie	Preliminary area planted Voorlopige oppervlakte beplant 2026			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2025			Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ 2025		
	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Ha	Yellow/ Geel Ha	Totaal/ Total Ha	White/ Wit Tons	Geel/ Yellow Tons	Totaal/ Total Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	200	4 000	4 200	200	3 500	3 700	1 900	32 900	34 800
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 000	42 000	45 000	1 500	42 000	43 500	18 750	676 200	694 950
Free State/Vrystaat	860 000	350 000	1 210 000	850 000	345 000	1 195 000	4 292 500	2 484 000	6 776 500
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	6 000	30 000	36 000	6 000	28 000	34 000	42 600	232 400	275 000
KwaZulu-Natal	47 000	70 000	117 000	50 000	66 000	116 000	315 000	600 600	915 600
Mpumalanga	172 000	372 000	544 000	162 000	362 000	524 000	1 093 500	2 950 300	4 043 800
Limpopo	16 000	20 000	36 000	10 000	18 500	28 500	71 000	159 100	230 100
Gauteng	60 000	60 000	120 000	55 000	57 000	112 000	357 500	453 150	810 650
North West/Noordwes	480 000	82 000	562 000	465 000	75 000	540 000	2 185 500	468 750	2 654 250
Total/Totaal	1 644 200	1 030 000	2 674 200	1 599 700	997 000	2 596 700	8 378 250	8 057 400	16 435 650

1) 27 November 2025

SUNFLOWER SEED – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2026

SONNEBLOMSAAD – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2026

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2026	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2025
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	500	1 000	2 300
Free State/Vrystaat	280 000	264 500	383 525
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	500	700	1 400
KwaZulu-Natal	800	1 000	2 000
Mpumalanga	3 000	2 500	3 625
Limpopo	95 000	90 000	90 000
Gauteng	1 000	1 000	1 200
North West/Noordwes	180 000	195 000	224 250
Total/Totaal	560 800	555 700	708 300

SOYBEANS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2026

SOJABONE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2026

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voorl opp beplant Ha 2026	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2025
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 000	2 000	7 200
Free State/Vrystaat	604 000	565 000	1 271 250
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	5 500	5 500	16 500
KwaZulu-Natal	44 000	47 000	190 350
Mpumalanga	312 000	315 000	771 750
Limpopo	16 000	16 500	51 975
Gauteng	51 500	52 000	114 400
North West/Noordwes	150 000	148 000	347 800
Total/Totaal	1 185 000	1 151 000	2 771 225

GROUNDNUTS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2026**GRONDBONE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2026**

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voortl opp beplant Ha 2026	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2025
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	2 500	3 100	8 525
Free State/Vrystaat	16 000	21 700	29 295
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	0	0	0
KwaZulu-Natal	200	175	184
Mpumalanga	0	0	0
Limpopo	2 650	1 650	2 970
Gauteng	0	0	0
North West/Noordwes	22 300	21 500	21 500
Total/Totaal	43 650	48 125	62 474

SORGHUM – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2026**SORGHUM – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2026**

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voortl opp beplant Ha 2026	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2025
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	0	0	0
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	0	0	0
Free State/Vrystaat	8 000	12 800	46 080
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	200	600
KwaZulu-Natal	100	100	380
Mpumalanga	7 500	9 200	44 160
Limpopo	18 000	13 000	36 400
Gauteng	550	850	3 485
North West/Noordwes	4 750	5 000	15 500
Total/Totaal	39 000	41 150	146 605

1) 27 November 2024

DRY BEANS – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED ESTIMATE: 2026**DROëBONE – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING: 2026**

Province/ Provinsie	Prel area planted Voortl opp beplant Ha 2026	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2025	Final estimate ¹⁾ / Finale skatting ¹⁾ Tons 2025
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	100	200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	600	950	2 280
Free State/Vrystaat	10 000	17 500	28 875
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	170	200	400
KwaZulu-Natal	1 200	3 000	5 100
Mpumalanga	1 200	2 320	4 176
Limpopo	16 000	11 100	30 525
Gauteng	930	950	1 900
North West/Noordwes	6 200	9 500	17 100
Total/Totaal	36 400	45 620	90 556

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- 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
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PRELIMINARY AREA ESTIMATE OF SUMMER CROPS (2026 PRODUCTION SEASON)/
VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2026 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)

27 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2026

Summer field crops – 2026 production season

The preliminary area estimate of today is primarily based on findings from a non-probability survey of farmers. The survey was conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture. Please note that the area planted to crops refers to the area already planted for all purposes, including grain, silage and crop damaged area(s).

Commercial maize: The preliminary area estimate for maize is 2,674 mill. ha, which is 2,98% or 77 500 ha more than the 2,597 mill. ha planted for the previous season, and also 0,32% or 8 500 ha more than the intentions to plant figure of 2,666 mill. ha released in October 2025.

The preliminary area estimate for white maize is 1,644 mill. ha, which represents an increase of 2,78% or 44 500 ha compared to the 1,600 mill. ha planted last season. In the case of yellow maize, the area estimate is 1,030 mill. ha, which is 3,31% or 33 000 ha more than the 997 000 ha planted last season.

Other summer crops:

Sunflower seed: The preliminary area estimate for sunflower seed is 560 800 ha, which is 0,92% or 5 100 ha more than the 555 700 ha planted the previous season.

It is estimated that 1,185 mill. ha have been planted to **soybeans**, which represents an increase of 2,95% or 34 000 ha compared to the 1,151 mill. ha planted last season.

For **groundnuts**, the area estimate is 43 650 ha, which is 9,30% or 4 475 ha less than the 48 125 ha planted for the previous season.

The area estimate for **sorghum** decreased by 5,22% or 2 150 ha, from 41 150 ha to 39 000 ha against the previous season.

For **dry beans**, the area estimate is 36 400 ha, which is 20,21% or 9 220 ha less than the 45 620 ha planted for the previous season.

The revised area planted and production figures, which will be released by the Crop Estimates Committee on **26 February 2026**, will mainly be based on information obtained from the Producer Independent Crop Estimation System (PICES) survey for the Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng and North West provinces.

Somergewasse – 2026 produksie-seisoen

Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting van vandag is hoofsaaklik gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-waarskynlikheidsopname onder boere. Die opname is deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou uitgevoer. Neem asseblief kennis dat die oppervlakte wat met gewasse beplant is, verwys na die area wat reeds vir alle doeleindes beplant is, insluitend graan, kuilvoer en gewas beskadigde area(s).

Kommersiële mielies: Die voorlopige skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies beloop 2,674 milj. ha, wat 2,98% of 77 500 ha meer is as die 2,597 milj. ha wat verlede seisoen aangeplant is, en ook 0,32% of 8 500 ha meer as die voornemens om te plant syfer van 2,666 milj. ha soos vrygestel in Oktober 2025.

Die voorlopige oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,644 milj. ha, wat 'n toename van 2,78% of 44 500 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,600 milj. ha die vorige seisoen. In die geval van geelmielies is die oppervlakteskatting 1,030 milj. ha, wat 3,31% of 33 000 ha meer is as die 997 000 ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Ander somergewasse:

Sonneblomsaad: Die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 560 800 ha, wat 0,92% of 5 100 ha meer is as die 555 700 ha aangeplant die vorige seisoen.

Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant met **sojabone** is 1,185 milj. ha, wat 'n toename van 2,95% of 34 000 ha verteenwoordig vergeleke met die 1,151 milj. ha geplant die vorige seisoen.

Vir **grondbone** is die oppervlakteskatting 43 650 ha, wat 9,30% of 4 475 ha minder is as die 48 125 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die oppervlakteskatting vir **sorghum** het afgeneem met 5,22% of 2 150 ha, van 41 150 ha tot 39 000 ha teenoor die vorige seisoen.

Vir **droëbone** is die geskatte oppervlakte beplant 36 400 ha, wat 20,21% of 9 220 ha minder is as die 45 620 ha geplant vir die vorige seisoen.

Die hersiene aangeplante oppervlakte en produksiesyfers sal deur die Oesskattingskomitee op **26 Februarie 2026** vrygestel word en sal hoofsaaklik gebaseer wees op inligting verkry vanaf die Produsente Onafhanklike Oesskattingstelsel ("PICES") opname vir die Vrystaat, KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng en Noordwes provinsies.

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

WINTER CEREALS – AREA PLANTED AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025 PRODUCTION SEASON

WINTERGEWASSE - OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN

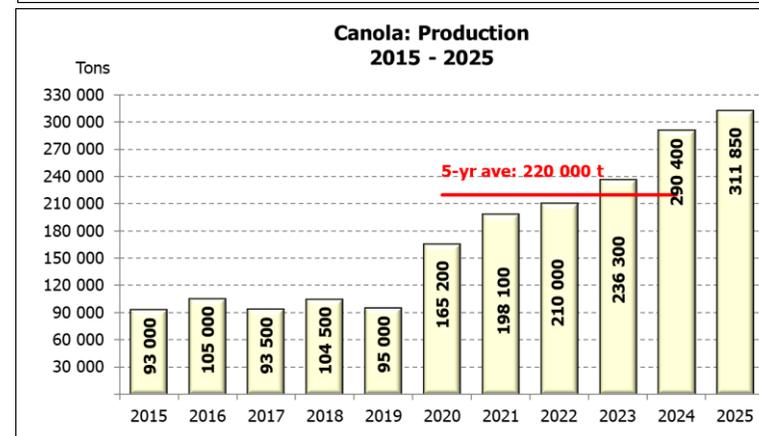
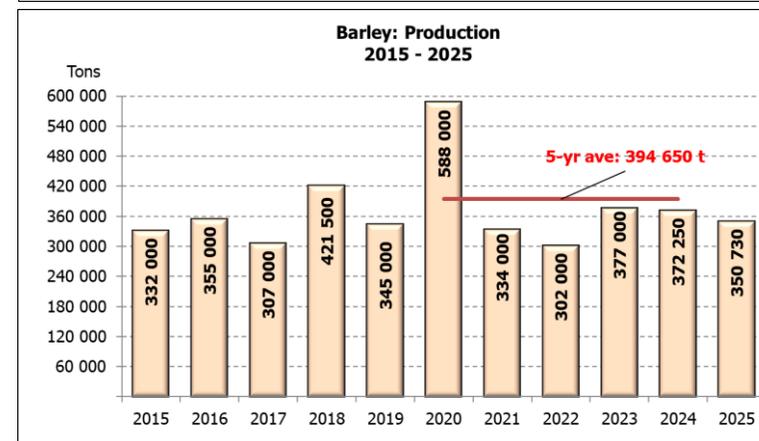
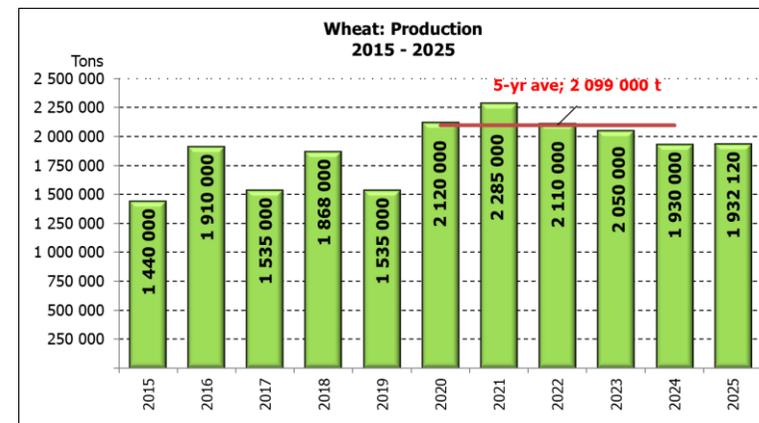
CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2025 Ha (A)	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2025 Tons (B)	5 th forecast/ 5 ^{de} skatting 2025 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2024 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (C)
Commercial/Kommersieel:						
Wheat/Koring	517 300	1 932 120	1 986 680	505 300	1 930 000	-2,7%
Barley/Gars	96 950	350 730	350 730	100 700	372 250	0,0%
Canola/Kanola	174 515	311 850	311 850	165 750	290 400	0,0%
Oats/Hawer	35 520	45 143	48 543	31 000	43 400	-7,0%
Sweet lupines/Soetlupine	21 000	18 900	21 000	16 000	19 200	-10,0%
Total winter/Totaal winter	845 285	2 658 743	2 718 803	818 750	2 655 250	-2,2%

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 SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2025

KORING – OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2025

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2025 Ha	6 th forecast/ 6 ^{de} skatting 2025 Tons	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2024 Ha	Final crop/ Finale oes 2024 Tons
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	363 000	980 100	368 000	1 067 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	40 000	308 000	38 000	298 300
Free State/Vrystaat	57 000	279 300	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	173 600	20 500	145 550
Gauteng	800	5 120	1 000	6 800
North West/Noordwes	11 000	73 150	12 000	75 600
Total/Totaal	517 300	1 932 120	505 300	1 930 000



**AREA ESTIMATE AND SIXTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF WINTER CROPS (2025) /
OPPERVLAKTE- EN SESDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VAN WINTERGEWASSE (2025)
27 JANUARY / JANUARIE 2026**

Winter cereal crops - 2025 production season

Wheat: The expected production of wheat is 1,932 mill. tons, which is 2,75% or 54 560 tons less than the previous forecast of 1,987 mill. tons. The expected yield is 3,74 t/ha.

The expected production in the Western Cape is 980 100 tons (51%), which is 36 300 tons less than the previous month's forecast of 1,016 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 279 300 tons (14%), which is 11 400 tons less than the previous month's expected crop of 290 700 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** remained unchanged at 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** also 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 further decreased by 7,00% or 3 400 tons, from 48 543 tons to 45 143 tons. The area planted is 35 520 ha. The expected yield is 1,27 t/ha.

In the case of **sweet lupines**, the production forecast is 18 900 tons, which is 10,00% or 2 100 tons less than the previous month's expected crop of 21 000 tons. The area estimate of sweet lupines is 21 000 ha, with an expected yield of 0,90 t/ha.

Please note that the final production estimate for winter cereals for 2025 will be released on **26 February 2026**.

Information is available on the internet at
http://www.nda.gov.za/core_business/EDT&M/SEA/Reports/CropEstimates or <http://www.sagis.org.za>, as from **15:30** on the date of the relevant meeting of the Crop Estimates Committee.

Wintergewasse - 2025 produksie-seisoen

Koring: Die verwagte produksie vir koring is 1,932 milj. ton, wat 2,75% of 54 560 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 1,987 mill. ton. Die verwagte opbrengs is 3,74 t/ha.

Die verwagte produksie in die Wes-Kaap is 980 100 ton (51%), wat 36 300 ton minder is as die vorige maand se skatting van 1,016 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 279 300 ton (14%), wat 11 400 ton minder is as die vorige maand se verwagte oes van 290 700 ton.

Die oppervlakteskatting 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 onveranderd gelaat op 350 730 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant word beraam op 96 950 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 3,62 t/ha behoop.

Die verwagte **kanola-oes** is ook onveranderd gelaat op 311 850 ton. Dit is die grootste kanola-oes op rekord. Die oppervlakteskatting 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 verder verminder met 7,00% of 3 400 ton, vanaf 48 543 ton na 45 143 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting is 35 520 ha. Die verwagte opbrengs is 1,27 t/ha.

In die geval van **soetlupine** is die produksieskatting 18 900 ton, wat 10,00% of 2 100 ton minder is as die vorige maand se verwagte oes van 21 000 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met soetlupine is 21 000 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 0,90 t/ha.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die finale produksieskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2025 op **26 Februarie 2026** vrygestel sal word.

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by
http://www.nda.gov.za/core_business/EDT&M/SEA/Reports/CropEstimates of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **15:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingkomitee.