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**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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The area planted estimate and third production forecast for summer crops for 2019 is hereby released.  
 Hiermee word die oppervlakte- en derde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2019 vrygestel.

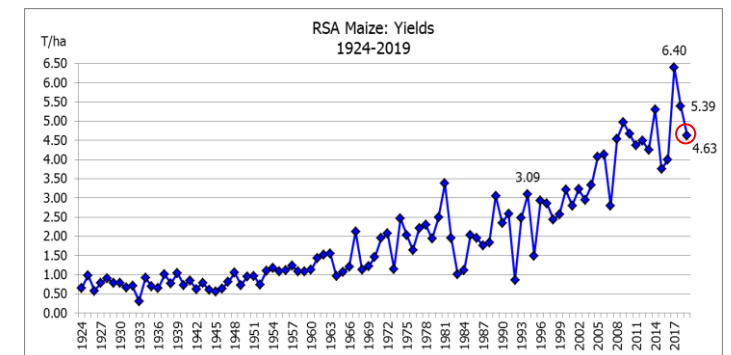
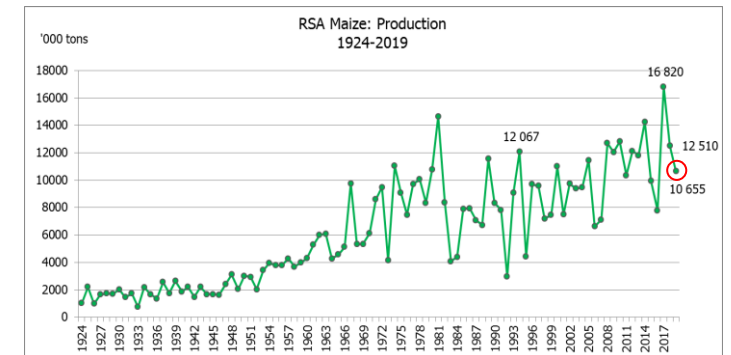
**SUMMER CROPS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**

**SOMERGEWASSE – OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant <b>2019</b> Ha <b>(A)</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting <b>2019</b> Tons <b>(B)</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> forecast/ 2 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2019 Tons (C)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (D)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2018 Tons (E)	Change/ Verandering/ %
						(B) ÷ (C)
<b>Commercial/Kommersieël:</b>						
White maize/Witmielies	<b>1 298 400</b>	<b>5 286 540</b>	5 220 540	1 268 100	6 540 000	+1,26
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	<b>1 002 100</b>	<b>5 368 820</b>	5 340 170	1 050 750	5 970 000	+0,54
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	<b>2 300 500</b>	<b>10 655 360</b>	10 560 710	2 318 850	12 510 000	+0,90
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	<b>515 350</b>	<b>611 140</b>	563 590	601 500	862 000	+8,44
Soybeans/Sojabone	<b>730 500</b>	<b>1 295 845</b>	1 276 035	787 200	1 540 000	+1,55
Groundnuts/Grondbone	<b>20 050</b>	<b>22 705</b>	20 100	56 300	57 000	+12,96
Sorghum	<b>50 500</b>	<b>165 850</b>	163 400	28 800	115 000	+1,50
Dry beans/Droëbone	<b>59 300</b>	<b>72 450</b>	70 950	53 360	69 360	+2,11
<b>TOTAL/TOTAAL</b>	<b>3 676 200</b>	<b>12 823 350</b>	12 654 785	3 846 010	15 153 360	+1,33

Note: Estimate is for calendar year, e.g. production season 2018/19 = 2019

Nota: Skatting is vir kalenderjaar, bv. produksie-seisoen 2018/19 = 2019



**WHITE AND YELLOW MAIZE – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2019			3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting 2019			Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2018			Final crop/ Finale oes 2018		
	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	400	3 400	3 800	3 600	30 600	34 200	0	3 750	3 750	0	33 750	33 750
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	3 400	43 500	46 900	39 440	626 400	665 840	3 600	43 000	46 600	41 300	628 000	669 300
Free State/Vrystaat	650 000	380 000	1 030 000	2 567 500	1 596 000	4 163 500	644 000	410 000	1 054 000	3 350 000	1 925 000	5 275 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	3 800	10 200	14 000	22 800	67 320	90 120	3 500	11 000	14 500	21 700	71 500	93 200
KwaZulu-Natal	45 000	54 000	99 000	270 000	378 000	648 000	45 000	50 000	95 000	280 000	380 000	660 000
Mpumalanga	145 000	338 000	483 000	812 000	1 859 000	2 671 000	140 000	340 000	480 000	812 000	2 005 000	2 817 000
Limpopo	12 800	18 000	30 800	83 200	117 000	200 200	12 000	21 000	33 000	90 000	141 700	231 700
Gauteng	48 000	60 000	108 000	240 000	324 000	564 000	50 000	62 000	112 000	275 000	356 500	631 500
North West/Noordwes	390 000	95 000	485 000	1 248 000	370 500	1 618 500	370 000	110 000	480 000	1 670 000	428 550	2 098 550
Total/Totaal	1 298 400	1 002 100	2 300 500	5 286 540	5 368 820	10 655 360	1 268 100	1 050 750	2 318 850	6 540 000	5 970 000	12 510 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	100	100
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	950	1 140	1 600	1 920
Free State/Vrystaat	270 000	351 000	314 000	490 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	100	250	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	4 500	4 500	2 300	2 180
Limpopo	61 000	57 950	45 000	36 000
Gauteng	3 800	3 800	5 500	5 600
North West/Noordwes	175 000	192 500	233 000	326 200
Total/Totaal	515 350	611 140	601 500	862 000

**SOYBEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	100	10	800	1 200
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	1 550	5 425	3 000	10 500
Free State/Vrystaat	301 000	451 500	345 000	552 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 150	1 380	2 400	2 900
KwaZulu-Natal	33 000	102 300	40 000	124 000
Mpumalanga	310 000	573 500	310 000	672 700
Limpopo	16 200	46 980	20 000	54 000
Gauteng	31 500	66 150	30 000	61 500
North West/Noordwes	36 000	48 600	36 000	61 200
Total/Totaal	730 500	1 295 845	787 200	1 540 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>1 200</b>	<b>2 760</b>	2 800	7 000
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>11 500</b>	<b>10 925</b>	22 000	21 150
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	<b>1 850</b>	<b>4 070</b>	3 500	7 350
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	<b>5 500</b>	<b>4 950</b>	28 000	21 500
Total/Totaal	<b>20 050</b>	<b>22 705</b>	56 300	57 000

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	-	-	-	-
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>8 000</b>	<b>30 400</b>	6 300	25 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>500</b>	<b>1 750</b>	500	2 200
Mpumalanga	<b>7 500</b>	<b>37 500</b>	7 500	40 500
Limpopo	<b>25 000</b>	<b>67 500</b>	5 000	15 500
Gauteng	<b>1 000</b>	<b>3 200</b>	1 500	4 950
North West/Noordwes	<b>8 500</b>	<b>25 500</b>	8 000	26 650
Total/Totaal	<b>50 500</b>	<b>165 850</b>	28 800	115 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019****DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	3 <sup>rd</sup> forecast/ 3 <sup>de</sup> skatting Tons 2019	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2018	Final crop/ Finale oes Tons 2018
Western Cape/Wes-Kaap	<b>100</b>	<b>200</b>	20	30
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>1 000</b>	<b>2 000</b>	540	1 080
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>27 000</b>	<b>28 350</b>	26 000	28 600
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	<b>400</b>	<b>800</b>	300	450
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>3 500</b>	<b>4 200</b>	3 000	3 600
Mpumalanga	<b>7 500</b>	<b>7 500</b>	7 000	9 800
Limpopo	<b>7 800</b>	<b>15 600</b>	7 500	15 000
Gauteng	<b>1 500</b>	<b>2 250</b>	1 000	1 200
North West/Noordwes	<b>10 500</b>	<b>11 550</b>	8 000	9 600
Total/Totaal	<b>59 300</b>	<b>72 450</b>	53 360	69 360

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**AREA ESTIMATE AND THIRD PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2019 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN DERDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEWASSE (2019 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
25 APRIL 2019**

**Summer field crops – 2019**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 10,655 mill. tons, which is 0,90% or 94 650 tons more than the previous forecast of 10,561 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,301 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 4,63 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 15% smaller than the 2018 crop. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 79% of the 2019 crop.

The area estimate for white maize is 1,298 mill. ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1,002 mill. ha.

The production forecast of white maize is 5,287 mill. tons, which is 1,26% or 66 000 tons more than the 5,221 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 4,07 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,369 mill. tons, which is 0,54% or 28 650 tons more than the 5,340 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,36 t/ha.

The yield per ha for the Mpumalanga province was based on scientific and objective results provided by the ARC. Please note that the objective results for the Free State and North West provinces will be available in May 2019.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed is 611 140 tons, which is 8,44% or 47 550 tons more than the previous forecast of 563 590 tons. The area estimate for sunflower seed is 515 350 ha, while the expected yield is 1,19 t/ha.

**Other crops:** The production forecast for **soybeans** has been set at 1,296 mill. tons, which is 1,55% or 19 810 tons higher than the 1,276 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 730 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,77 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop increased by 12,96% or 2 605 tons, from 20 100 tons to 22 705 tons, with an expected yield of 1,13 t/ha. Please note that a correction was made with regard to the area planted to groundnuts in the Free State (3 500 ha added) and North West (3 500 ha deducted) provinces. The national area estimate for groundnuts has remained unchanged at 20 050 ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** is 165 850 tons, which is 1,50% or 2 450 tons more than the 163 400 tons of the previous forecast. The area estimate for sorghum is 50 500 ha and the expected yield is 3,28 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast also increased slightly by 1 500 tons, from 70 950 tons to 72 450 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 59 300 ha, with an expected yield of 1,22 t/ha.

**Please note that the fourth production forecast for summer field crops for 2019 will be released on 28 May 2019.**

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**Somergewasse – 2019**

**Kommerciële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 10,655 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,90% of 94 650 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 10,561 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,301 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,63 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 15% kleiner as die 2018-oes. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 79% van die 2019-oes produseer.

Die oppervlak onder witmielies is 1,298 milj. ha en vir geelmielies is die oppervlak 1,002 milj. ha.

Die produksieskatting van witmielies is 5,287 milj. ton, 1,26% of 66 000 ton meer as die 5,221 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,07 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,369 milj. ton, wat 0,54% of 28 650 ton meer is as die 5,340 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,36 t/ha.

Die opbrengs-bepaling per ha vir die Mpumalanga provinsie is gebaseer op wetenskaplike en objektiewe resultate verstrek deur die LNR. Neem kennis dat die objektiewe resultate vir die Vrystaat en Noordwes provinsies, in Mei 2019 gerapporteer sal word.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 611 140 ton, wat 8,44% of 47 550 ton meer is as die vorige skatting se 563 590 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sonneblomsaad is 515 350 ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,19 t/ha is.

**Ander gewasse:** Die produksieskatting van **sojabone** is op 1,296 milj. ton gestel, wat 1,55% of 19 810 ton hoër is as die 1,276 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 730 500 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,77 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes het met 12,96% of 2 605 ton toegeneem, vanaf 20 100 ton na 22 705 ton, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 1,13 t/ha is. Neem asseblief kennis dat 'n korreksie gemaak is ten opsigte van die oppervlakte beplant met grondbone in die Vrystaat (3 500 ha bygevoeg) en Noordwes (3 500 ha afgetrek) provinsies. Die nasionale oppervlakteskatting vir grondbone is wel onveranderd gelaat op 20 050 ha.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** is 165 850 ton, wat 1,50% of 2 450 ton meer is as die 163 400 ton van die vorige skatting. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 50 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,28 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** het die produksieskatting effens met 1 500 ton toegeneem, vanaf 70 950 ton na 72 450 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 59 300 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,22 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die vierde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2019, op 28 Mei 2019 vrygestel sal word.**

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The intentions to plant winter cereals for the 2019 production season is hereby released. /  
Hiermee word die voorneme om wintergewasse te plant vir die 2019 produksie-seisoen vrystel.

**WINTERGEWASSE – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2019**

**WINTER CEREALS –INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2019**

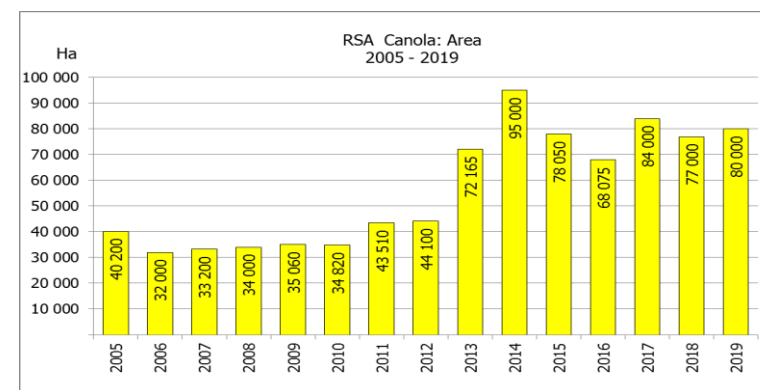
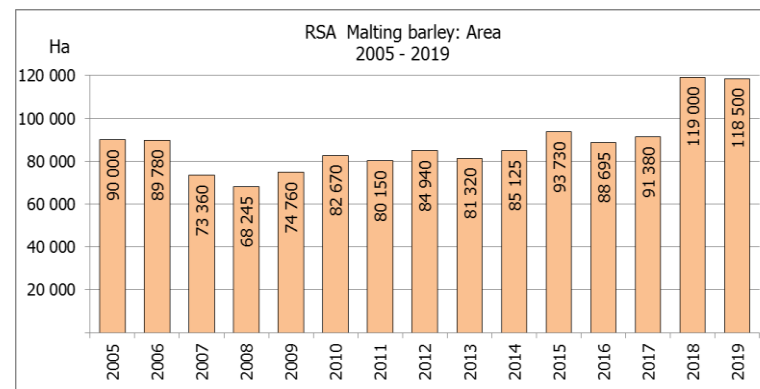
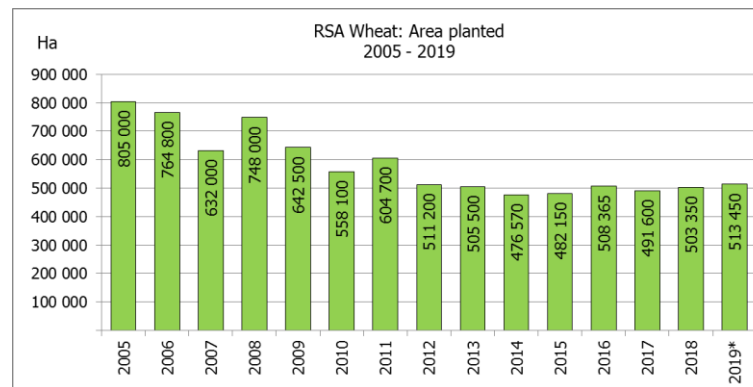
GEWAS/CROP	Voorname/ Intentions* 2019 Ha (A)	Opp beplant/ Area planted 2018 Ha (B)	Finale skatting/ Final estimate 2018 Tons (C)	Verandering/ Change %
				(A) ÷ (B)
Koring/Wheat	<b>513 450</b>	503 350	1 841 050	+2,01
Moutgars/Malting barley	<b>118 500</b>	119 000	421 790	-0,42
Kanola/Canola	<b>80 000</b>	77 000	103 950	+3,90
Totaal/Total	<b>711 950</b>	699 350	2 366 790	+1,80

\* Based on conditions at the middle of April 2019 / Gebaseer op toestande soos teen middel April 2019.

**KORING – VOORNEME OM TE PLANT: 2019**

**WHEAT – INTENTIONS TO PLANT: 2019**

Provinsie/ Province	Voorname/ Intentions Ha 2019	Opp beplant/ Area planted Ha 2018	Finale skatting/ Final estimate Tons 2018
Wes-Kaap/Western Cape	<b>324 000</b>	318 000	890 400
Noord-Kaap/Northern Cape	<b>34 000</b>	38 000	294 500
Vrystaat/Free State	<b>105 000</b>	100 000	360 000
Oos-Kaap/Eastern Cape	<b>3 500</b>	1 650	10 725
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>7 500</b>	7 000	43 400
Mpumalanga	<b>3 450</b>	3 500	22 225
Limpopo	<b>22 000</b>	20 000	128 000
Gauteng	<b>1 000</b>	1 200	7 800
Noordwes/North West	<b>13 000</b>	14 000	84 000
Totaal/Total	<b>513 450</b>	503 350	1 841 050



## INTENTIONS TO PLANT WINTER CROPS FOR 2019 / VOORNEME OM WINTERGEWASSE AAN TE PLANT VIR 2019

### **Winter cereal crops – 2019**

Producers' intentions to plant winter cereals are based on the results of a non-probability survey conducted by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries and reflects the position as at the middle of April 2019.

The figures for wheat represent the total number of hectares that are intended to be planted for grain, excluding any hectares that will be planted for fodder and grazing.

Early indications are that producers intend to plant 513 450 ha of **wheat** for the 2019 production season. This is 2,01% or 10 100 ha more than the 503 350 ha planted to wheat in 2018.

The main producing areas are within the Western Cape with 324 000 ha (63%), followed by the Free State with 105 000 ha (20%) and the Northern Cape with 34 000 ha (7%).

The expected area planted to **malting barley** is 118 500 ha, which is 0,42% or 500 ha less than the 119 000 ha of the previous year. The expected area planted to **canola** is 80 000 ha, which is 3,90% or 3 000 ha more than the 77 000 ha planted in 2018.

Please note that the preliminary area estimate of winter crops for 2019 will be released on 25 July 2019.

### **Wintergewasse – 2019**

Produsente se voorneme om wintergewasse te plant is gebaseer op die resultate van 'n nie-ewekansige opname onderneem deur die Direkoraat: Statistiek en Ekonomiese Analise van die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye en weerspieël die situasie teen die middel van April 2019.

Die syfers vir koring verteenwoordig die totale aantal hektare wat werklik beplant gaan word vir graan, uitgesluit alle hektare wat beplant gaan word vir groenvoer en weiding.

Vroeë aanduidings is dat produsente van voorneme is om 513 450 ha **koring** te plant vir die 2019-produksie-seisoen. Dit is 2,01% of 10 100 ha meer koring aangeplant as doe 503 350 ha in 2018.

Die grootste produserende gebiede is in die Wes-Kaap, met 324 000 ha (63%), gevolg deur die Vrystaat met 105 000 ha (20%) en die Noord-Kaap met 34 000 ha (7%).

Die verwagte aanplantings van **moutgars** is 118 500 ha – 0,42% of 500 ha minder as die 119 000 ha van die vorige jaar. Die verwagte aanplantings van **kanola** is 80 000 ha, wat 3,90% of 3 000 ha meer is as die 77 000 ha wat aangeplant was in 2018.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die voorlopige oppervlakteskatting vir wintergewasse vir 2019 op 25 Julie 2019 vrygestel sal word.

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