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

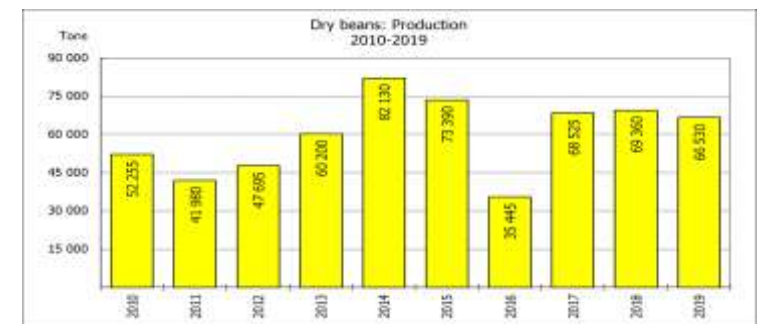
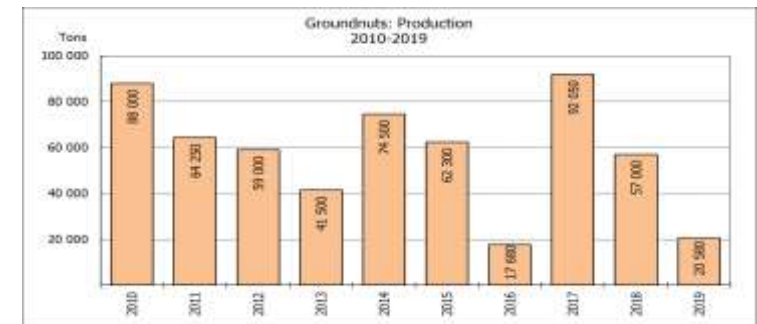
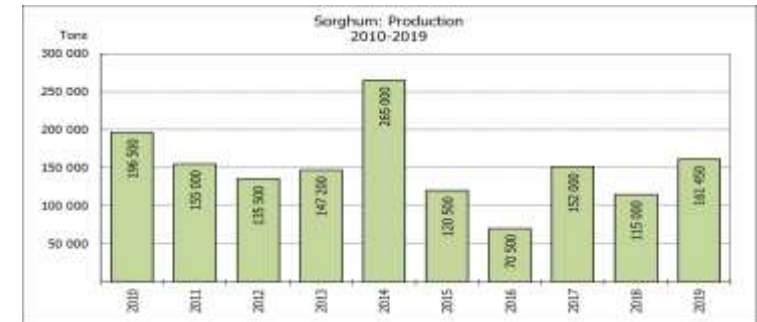
**SUMMER CROPS** – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019

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

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant <b>2019 Ha (A)</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <sup>de</sup> skatting <b>2019 Tons (B)</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 4 <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/Kommersiëel:</b>						
White maize/Witmielies	<b>1 298 400</b>	<b>5 488 040</b>	5 488 040	1 268 100	6 540 000	-
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	<b>1 002 100</b>	<b>5 444 620</b>	5 412 220	1 050 750	5 970 000	+0,60
Total Maize/Totale Mielies	<b>2 300 500</b>	<b>10 932 660</b>	10 900 260	2 318 850	12 510 000	+0,30
Sunflower seed/Sonneblomsaad	<b>515 350</b>	<b>611 140</b>	611 140	601 500	862 000	-
Soybeans/Sojabone	<b>730 500</b>	<b>1 216 395</b>	1 295 845	787 200	1 540 000	-6,13
Groundnuts/Grondbone	<b>20 050</b>	<b>20 580</b>	22 705	56 300	57 000	-9,36
Sorghum	<b>50 500</b>	<b>161 450</b>	165 850	28 800	115 000	-2,65
Dry beans/Droëbone	<b>59 300</b>	<b>66 530</b>	72 450	53 360	69 360	-8,17
<b>Non-Commercial Maize/Nie-Kommersiële Mielies</b>						
Total Maize/Totaal Mielies	<b>296 000</b>	<b>549 180</b>	549 180	314 835	593 975	-
<b>Maize/Mielies: Commercial/Kommersiëel + Non-Commercial/Nie-Kommersiëel</b>						
Total Maize RSA/Totaal Mielies RSA	<b>2 596 500</b>	<b>11 481 840</b>	11 449 440	2 633 685	13 103 975	+0,28

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 FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**
**WIT- EN GEELMIELIES – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Provinsie/ Province	Area planted/ Oppervlakte beplant 2019			5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <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	2 730 000	1 634 000	4 364 000	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	383 400	653 400	45 000	50 000	95 000	280 000	380 000	660 000
Mpumalanga	145 000	338 000	483 000	812 000	1 875 900	2 687 900	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	330 000	570 000	50 000	62 000	112 000	275 000	356 500	631 500
North West/Noordwes	390 000	95 000	485 000	1 287 000	380 000	1 667 000	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	5 488 040	5 444 620	10 932 660	1 268 100	1 050 750	2 318 850	6 540 000	5 970 000	12 510 000

**SUNFLOWER SEED – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**
**SONNEBLMSAAD – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <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 FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019**
**SOJABONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <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	406 350	345 000	552 000
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	1 150	1 380	2 400	2 900
KwaZulu-Natal	33 000	99 000	40 000	124 000
Mpumalanga	310 000	542 500	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	1 216 395	787 200	1 540 000

**GROUNDNUTS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019****GRONDBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <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>2 520</b>	2 800	7 000
Free State/Vrystaat	<b>11 500</b>	<b>9 775</b>	22 000	21 150
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	-	-	-	-
Mpumalanga	-	-	-	-
Limpopo	<b>1 850</b>	<b>3 885</b>	3 500	7 350
Gauteng	-	-	-	-
North West/Noordwes	<b>5 500</b>	<b>4 400</b>	28 000	21 500
Total/Totaal	<b>20 050</b>	<b>20 580</b>	56 300	57 000

**SORGHUM – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019****SORGHUM – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <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>28 800</b>	6 300	25 200
Eastern Cape/Oos-Kaap	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>500</b>	<b>1 500</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>22 950</b>	8 000	26 650
Total/Totaal	<b>50 500</b>	<b>161 450</b>	28 800	115 000

**DRY BEANS – AREA PLANTED AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST: 2019****DROëBONE – OPPERVLAKTE EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019**

Province/ Provinsie	Area planted/ Opp beplant Ha 2019	5 <sup>th</sup> forecast/ 5 <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>180</b>	20	30
Northern Cape/Noord-Kaap	<b>1 000</b>	<b>1 400</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>720</b>	300	450
KwaZulu-Natal	<b>3 500</b>	<b>4 200</b>	3 000	3 600
Mpumalanga	<b>7 500</b>	<b>6 750</b>	7 000	9 800
Limpopo	<b>7 800</b>	<b>12 480</b>	7 500	15 000
Gauteng	<b>1 500</b>	<b>1 950</b>	1 000	1 200
North West/Noordwes	<b>10 500</b>	<b>10 500</b>	8 000	9 600
Total/Totaal	<b>59 300</b>	<b>66 530</b>	53 360	69 360

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- Personal items such as laptops, handbags, cell phones, etc. are not allowed in the venue during the meeting
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- The embargo time for the release of crop estimates information is 14:30
- 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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**AREA ESTIMATE AND FIFTH PRODUCTION FORECAST OF SUMMER CROPS (2019 PRODUCTION SEASON)/  
OPPERVLAKTE- EN VYFDE PRODUKSIESKATTING VIR SOMERGEMASSE (2019 PRODUKSIE-SEISOEN)  
26 JUNE/JUNIE 2019**

**Summer field crops – 2019**

**Commercial maize:** The size of the expected commercial maize crop has been set at 10,933 mill. tons, which is 0,30% or 32 400 tons more than the previous forecast of 10,900 mill. tons. The area estimate for maize is 2,301 mill. ha, while the expected yield is 4,75 t/ha.

The estimated maize crop is 13% smaller than the 2018 crop. The three main maize producing areas, namely the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West provinces are expected to produce 80% of the 2019 crop.

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

The production forecast of white maize remained unchanged at 5,488 mill. tons against the previous forecast. The yield for white maize is 4,23 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5,445 mill. tons, which is 0,60% or 32 400 tons more than the 5,412 mill. tons of the previous forecast. The yield for yellow maize is 5,43 t/ha.

**Sunflower seed:** The production forecast for sunflower seed remained unchanged at 611 140 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** is 1,216 mill. tons, which is 6,13% or 79 450 tons less than the previous forecast of 1,296 million tons. The estimated area planted to soybeans is 730 500 ha and the expected yield is 1,67 t/ha.

The expected **groundnut** crop decreased by 9,36% or 2 125 tons to 20 580 tons, with an expected yield of 1,03 t/ha. The area estimate for groundnuts is 20 050 ha.

The production forecast for **sorghum** also decreased slightly by 2,65% or 4 400 tons, from 165 850 tons to 161 450 tons. The area estimate for sorghum is 50 500 ha and the expected yield is 3,20 t/ha.

In the case of **dry beans**, the production forecast has been adjusted downwards with 8,17% or 5 920 tons – from 72 450 tons to 66 530 tons. The area estimate of dry beans is 59 300 ha, with an expected yield of 1,12 t/ha.

**Please note that the sixth production forecast for summer field crops for 2019 will be released on 25 July 2019.**

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

**Somergewasse – 2019**

**Kommersiële mielies:** Die grootte van die verwagte kommersiële mielie-oes is op 10,933 milj. ton gestel, wat 0,30% of 32 400 ton meer is as die vorige skatting van 10,900 milj. ton. Die skatting van die oppervlakte onder mielies is 2,301 milj. ha, terwyl die verwagte opbrengs 4,75 t/ha is.

Die geskatte mielie-oes is 13% kleiner as die 2018-oes. Die drie belangrikste mielieproduserende gebiede, nl. die Vrystaat, Mpumalanga en Noordwes provinsies, gaan na verwagting 80% 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 onveranderd gelaat op 5,488 milj. ton teenoor die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van witmielies is 4,23 t/ha. In die geval van geelmielies is die produksieskatting 5,445 milj. ton, wat 0,60% of 32 400 ton meer is as die 5,412 milj. ton van die vorige skatting. Die opbrengs van geelmielies is 5,43 t/ha.

**Sonneblomsaad:** Die produksieskatting vir sonneblomsaad is onveranderd gelaat op 611 140 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 1,216 milj. ton, wat 6,13% of 79 450 ton minder is as die vorige skatting van 1,296 milj. ton. Die geskatte oppervlakte beplant van sojabone is 730 500 ha en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,67 t/ha.

Die verwagte **grondbone**-oes het met 9,36% of 2 125 ton tot 20 580 ton afgeneem, met 'n verwagte opbrengs van 1,03 t/ha. Die oppervlakteskatting vir grondbone is 20 050 ha.

Die produksieskatting van **sorghum** het ook effens afgeneem met 2,65% of 4 400 ton, van 165 850 ton tot 161 450 ton. Die oppervlakteskatting vir sorghum is 50 500 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 3,20 t/ha.

In die geval van **droëbone** is die produksieskatting afwaarts aangepas met 8,17% of 5 920 ton – van 72 450 ton na 66 530 ton. Die oppervlakte beplant met droëbone is 59 300 ha, en die verwagte opbrengs is 1,12 t/ha.

**Neem asseblief kennis dat die sesde produksieskatting vir somergewasse vir 2019, op 25 Julie 2019 vrygestel sal word.**

Inligting is beskikbaar op die internet by [http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics\\_and\\_economic\\_reports](http://www.daff.gov.za/statistics_and_economic_reports) of by <http://www.sagis.org.za>, vanaf **14:30** op die dag van die toepaslike vergadering van die Oesskattingskomitee.

The preliminary non-commercial agricultural sectors' production estimate for maize for 2019 is hereby released. / Hiermee word die voorlopige nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor se produksieskatting vir mielies vir 2019 vrygestel.

**NON-COMMERCIAL MAIZE** – PRELIMINARY AREA PLANTED AND PRODUCTION ESTIMATE: 2019

**NIE-KOMMERSIËLE MIELIES** – VOORLOPIGE OPPERVLAKTE- EN PRODUKSIESKATTING: 2019

CROP/GEWAS	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2019 Ha (A)	Production/ Produksie 2019 Tons (B)	Area planted/ Opp beplant 2018 Ha (C)	Final crop/ Finale oes 2018 Tons (D)	Change/ Verandering % (B) ÷ (D)
Non-commercial agriculture/Nie-kommersiële landbou:					
White maize/Witmielies	221 300	379 460	236 644	414 162	-8,38
Yellow maize/Geelmielies	74 700	169 720	78 191	179 813	-5,61
Maize/Mielies	296 000	549 180	314 835	593 975	-7,54

The preliminary area planted to maize in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 296 000 ha, which represents a decrease of 5,98%, compared to the 314 835 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 549 180 tons, which is 7,54% less than the 593 975 tons of last season. It is important to note that about 43% of the maize produced in the non-commercial sector, is planted in the Eastern Cape, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 27%.

Die voorlopige oppervlakte beplant met mielies in die nie-kommersiële landbou-sektor word geskat op 296 000 ha, wat 'n afname van 5,98 % verteenwoordig in vergelyking met die 314 835 ha van die vorige seisoen. Die verwagte mielie-oes van dié sektor is 549 180 ton, wat 7,54% minder is as die 593 975 ton van die vorige seisoen. Dit is belangrik om daarop te let dat ongeveer 43% van die mielies wat geproduseer word in die nie-kommersiële sektor, in die Oos-Kaap geplant word, gevolg deur KwaZulu-Natal met 27%.

