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THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2013 PRODUCTION SEASON

At a meeting held on 6 May 2014, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial wheat, malting barley and canola for 2013.

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 wheat utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), 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 February 2014, the size of the commercial wheat crop is now 1,870 mill. tons, which is 65 550 tons or 3,63% more than the final crop estimate figure of 1,804 mill. tons. For malting barley the recalculated crop size is 267 500 tons, which is 1 498 tons or 0,56% higher than the final crop estimate figure of 266 002 tons. The final recalculated canola crop estimate figure is 112 000 tons, which is slightly lower (41 tons or 0,04%) than the final crop estimate figure of 112 041 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2013 (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.

FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2013 PRODUCTION SEASON

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED HA (A)	FINAL CROP TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED ¹⁾ HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾ TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
Wheat	505 500	1 870 000	505 500	1 804 450	+3,63
Malting barley	81 320	267 500	81 320	266 002	+0,56
Canola	72 165	112 000	72 165	112 041	-0,04

1) As estimated by the CEC on 27 February 2014

THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2013 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

CROP	Final crop	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Oct 2013 - March 2014)	Estimated future deliveries (April – Sept 2014)	Retentions on farms for own use
	Tons			
Wheat	1 870 000	1 792 003	47 997	30 000 ²⁾
Malting barley	267 500	265 003	1 497	1 000
Canola	112 000	111 073	727	200

1) SAGIS deliveries relate to the current crop.

2) Based on a survey undertaken by the Directorate: Statistics and Economic Analysis of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

REVISED CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE FOR THE 2013 PRODUCTION SEASON

Also at the meeting held on 6 May 2014, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) decided that the final recalculated size of the maize crop for 2013 (previous season), as released during November 2013, should be revised. This is mainly because the actual deliveries of maize for the period November 2013 to February 2014 was considerably more than what projections allowed for. Thus, based on the increased actual delivery figures (as released by SAGIS), plus retentions on farms, the final maize crop for 2013 has been revised to 11,811 mill. tons. The previous figure, which was set during November 2013, was 11,690 mill. tons – therefore, an upward adjustment of 120 600 tons.

The updated figures for the commercial maize crop (2013) are as follows:

COMMERCIAL MAIZE:

CROP	Total	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar-Feb 2014)	Retentions on farm for own use/seed
	Tons		
White Maize	5 606 800	5 495 858	110 942
Yellow Maize	6 203 800	5 856 931	346 869
Total Maize	11 810 600	11 352 789	457 811

PLEASE NOTE that the expected size of the current maize crop for 2014 is 13,029 mill. tons, as estimated by the Crop Estimates Committee, which was released on 24 April 2014.

IMPORTANT:

The finalisation of the crop production figures of the summer crops for 2014, which is scheduled for 2 December 2014, will move to February 2015. The reason for the shift is to alleviate the problem of predicting the outstanding producer deliveries and therefore to finalise the sizes of the final calculated crop(s) with more certainty.