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THE FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF WINTER CEREALS FOR THE 2012 PRODUCTION SEASON

At a meeting held on 7 May 2013, 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 2012.

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 2013, the size of the commercial wheat crop is now 1,870 mill. tons, which is 45 310 tons or 2,37% less than the final crop estimate figure of 1,915 mill. tons. For malting barley the recalculated crop size is 298 000 tons, which is 0,60% higher than the final crop estimate figure of 296 230 tons. The final recalculated canola crop estimate figure is 79 000 tons, which is 0,82% lower than the final crop estimate figure of 79 650 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2012 (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.

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CROP	Final area planted 2012 Ha	Final crop 2012 Tons	Final yield 2012 t/ha
Wheat	511 200	1 870 000	3,66
Malting barley	84 940	298 000	3,51
Canola	44 100	79 000	1,79

THE CALCULATION OF THE FINAL WINTER CEREAL CROPS FOR THE 2012 PRODUCTION SEASON IS AS FOLLOWS:

CROP	Final crop	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ¹⁾ (Oct 2012 - March 2013)	Estimated future deliveries (April – Sept 2013)	Retentions on farms for own use
	Tons			
Wheat	1 870 000	1 788 213	46 787	35 000 ²⁾
Malting barley	298 000	295 257	1 743	1 000
Canola	79 000	78 760	40	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 2012 PRODUCTION SEASON

Also at the meeting held on 7 May 2013, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) decided that the final recalculated size of the maize crop for 2012 (previous season), as released during November 2012, should be revised. This is mainly because the actual deliveries of maize for the period November 2012 to February 2013 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 2012 has been revised to 12,121 mill. tons. The previous figure, which was set during November 2012, was 11,830 mill. tons – therefore, an upward adjustment of 290 656 tons.

The updated figures for the commercial maize crop (2012) are as follows:

COMMERCIAL MAIZE:

CROP	Total	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar-Feb 2013)	Retentions on farm for own use/seed
	Tons		
White Maize	6 903 656	6 789 559	114 097
Yellow Maize	5 217 000	4 897 569	319 431
Total Maize	12 120 656	11 687 128	433 528

PLEASE NOTE that the expected size of the current maize crop for 2013 is 11,562 mill. tons, as estimated by the Crop Estimates Committee, which was released on 25 April 2013.