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FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2020

At a meeting held on 11 February 2021, the Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) oversaw the process for the finalisation of the crop production figures of commercial white and yellow maize, sunflower seed, soybeans, groundnuts and sorghum for 2020.

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 maize utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) and the telephonic survey conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), 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 November 2020, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 15,300 mill. tons, which is 0,70% or 108 180 tons less than the final crop estimate figure of 15,408 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 8,548 mill. tons, which is 1,37% or 118 810 tons less than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 6,752 mill. tons, which is 0,16% or 10 630 tons more than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of the commercial sunflower seed crop, the final calculated crop figure is now 788 500 – 0,33% or 2 590 tons more than the final crop estimate figure of 785 910 tons. The sorghum crop were adjusted upward by 1,57% (or 2 440 tons) to 158 000 tons. The soybeans crop remained unchanged at 1,246 mill. tons, whilst the groundnuts crop also remained unchanged at 50 080 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2020 (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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SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR 2020:

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2020 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2020 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED NOV 2020 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾ NOV 2020 TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
White Maize	1 616 300	8 547 500	1 616 300	8 666 310	-1,37
Yellow Maize	994 500	6 752 500	994 500	6 741 870	+0,16
Total Maize	2 610 800	15 300 000	2 610 800	15 408 180	-0,70
Sunflower seed	500 300	788 500	500 300	785 910	0,33
Soybeans	705 000	1 245 500	705 000	1 245 500	-
Groundnuts	37 500	50 080	37 500	50 080	-
Sorghum	42 500	158 000	42 500	155 560	+1,57

1) As estimated by the CEC on 26 November 2020

CALCULATION SUMMARY: COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar 2020 - Dec 2020) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Jan 2021 - Feb 2021) Tons	On-farm for own use/direct sales, seed, etc. Tons
White Maize	8 547 500	8 199 388	93 112	255 000
Yellow Maize	6 752 500	6 260 330	91 170	401 000
Total Maize	15 300 000	14 459 718	184 282	656 000
Sunflower seed	788 500	784 230	4 170	100
Soybeans	1 245 500	1 209 371	10 129	26 000
Groundnuts	50 080	49 345	485	250
Sorghum	158 000	152 444	4 706	850

2) SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the current crop.

3) Projected deliveries for maize, sunflower seed and soybeans are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries (as recorded by SAGIS) for the month of February. With regard to sorghum and groundnuts, projected deliveries are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries for the month of January and February.