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FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYA BEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2013

At a meeting held on 29 November 2013, 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, soya beans, groundnuts and sorghum 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 maize utilisation survey to determine on-farm usage and retentions, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) 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 September 2013, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 11,690 mill. tons, which is 32 550 tons or 0,28% less than the final crop estimate figure of 11,723 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 5,545 mill. tons, which is 0,63% or 35 300 tons less than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 6,145 mill. tons, which is 0,04% or 2 750 tons higher than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of commercial sunflower seed, the final calculated crop figure was adjusted downward by 1,69% or 9 600 tons, from 566 600 tons to 557000 tons. Soya-beans, groundnuts and sorghum were also adjusted downward by 0,33% (or 2 600 tons), 1,89% (or 800 tons) and 2,56% (or 3 864 tons), respectively.

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.

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SUMMARY: FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL SUMMER CROPS FOR 2013:

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2013 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2013 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED SEP 2013 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾ SEP 2013 TONS (D)	FINAL CROP vs FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
White Maize	1 617 200	5 545 000	1 617 200	5 580 300	-0,63
Yellow Maize	1 164 000	6 145 000	1 164 000	6 142 250	+0,04
Total Maize	2 781 200	11 690 000	2 781 200	11 722 550	-0,28
Sunflower seed	504 700	557 000	504 700	566 600	-1,69
Soya beans	516 500	784 500	516 500	787 100	-0,33
Groundnuts	46 900	41 500	46 900	42 300	-1,89
Sorghum	62 620	147 200	62 620	151 064	-2,56

1) As estimated by the CEC on 26 September 2013

COMMERCIAL MAIZE:

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar-Oct 2013) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Nov 2013 - Feb 2014) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ seed Tons
White Maize	5 545 000	5 272 196	161 894	110 910
Yellow Maize	6 145 000	5 649 559	148 541	346 900
Total Maize	11 690 000	10 921 755	310 435	457 810

COMMERCIAL SUNFLOWER SEED AND SOYA BEANS:

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Jan-Oct 2013) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Nov - Dec 2013) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc. Tons
Sunflower seed	557 000	555 853	1 147	-
Soya beans	784 500	755 570	2 930	26 000

COMMERCIAL GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM:

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar-Oct 2013) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Nov 2013 - Feb 2014) Tons	Retentions on farm for own use/ direct sales, etc. Tons
Groundnuts	41 500	39 683	817	1 000
Sorghum	147 200	139 198	5 102	2 900

2) SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the current crop

3) Projected deliveries are based on the historic trend of producer deliveries, as recorded by SAGIS