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**FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2016**

At a meeting held on 10 February 2017, 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 2016.

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 2016, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 7,778 mill. tons, which is 3,21% or 241 625 tons more than the final crop estimate figure of 7,537 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 3,408 mill. tons, which is 4,76% or 154 725 tons higher than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 4,370 mill. tons, which is 2,03% or 86 900 tons more than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of commercial sunflower seed, the final calculated crop figure remained unchanged at 755 000 tons. Sorghum and groundnuts were adjusted downward by 4,92% (or 3 650 tons) and 6,21% (or 1 170 tons), respectively. The soybeans crop was slightly adjusted upward, from 741 550 tons to 742 000 tons, which is 0,06% or 450 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2016 (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 2016:

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| CROP | **FINAL**  **AREA PLANTED**  **2016**  **HA**  **(A)** | **FINAL**  **CROP**  **2016**  **TONS**  **(B)** | CEC  AREA PLANTED  SEP 2016  HA  (C) | CEC  FINAL ESTIMATE1)  SEP 2016  TONS  (D) | FINAL CROP  vs  FINAL ESTIMATE  %  (B) ÷ (D) |
| White Maize | **1 014 750** | **3 408 500** | 1 014 750 | 3 253 775 | +4,76 |
| Yellow Maize | **932 000** | **4 370 000** | 932 000 | 4 283 100 | +2,03 |
| Total Maize | **1 946 750** | **7 778 500** | 1 946 750 | 7 536 875 | +3,21 |
| Sunflower seed | **718 500** | **755 000** | 718 500 | 755 000 | - |
| Soybeans | **502 800** | **742 000** | 502 800 | 741 550 | +0,06 |
| Groundnuts | **22 600** | **17 680** | 22 600 | 18 850 | -6,21 |
| Sorghum | **48 500** | **70 500** | 48 500 | 74 150 | -4,92 |

1. As estimated by the CEC on 27 September 2016

**COMMERCIAL MAIZE and SORGHUM:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CROP | Total  Tons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS2)  (Mar-Dec 2016)  Tons | Projected deliveries3)  (Jan 2017 - Feb 2017)  Tons | On-farm for own use  Tons |
| White Maize | 3 408 500 | 3 250 676 | 116 772 | 41 052 |
| Yellow Maize | 4 370 000 | 3 987 022 | 96 314 | 286 664 |
| Total Maize | 7 778 500 | 7 237 698 | 213 086 | 327 716 |
| Sorghum | 70 500 | 66 213 | 1 787 | 2 500 |

#### COMMERCIAL SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS and GROUNDNUTS:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| CROP | Total  Tons | Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS2)  (Mar-Dec 2016)  Tons | Projected deliveries3)  (Jan 2017 - Feb 2017)  Tons | On-farm for own use/ direct sales, etc.  Tons |
| Sunflower seed | 755 000 | 751 705 | 3 295 | 0 |
| Soybeans | 742 000 | 704 286 | 5 714 | 32 000 |
| Groundnuts | 17 680 | 17 177 | 0 | 503 |

1. SAGIS producer deliveries relates to the current crop. However, please take note that early deliveries of maize (82 997 tons), which occurred during January and February 2016, are included in the 2016-seasons’ estimate of 7,778 million tons.
2. Projected deliveries for maize are based on the weekly producer deliveries (31 December 2016 to 3 February 2017), as recorded by SAGIS and for sorghum, sunflower seed, soybeans and groundnuts on the historic trend of producer deliveries, as recorded by SAGIS