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FINAL AREA PLANTED AND CROP PRODUCTION FIGURES OF COMMERCIAL MAIZE, SUNFLOWER SEED, SOYBEANS, GROUNDNUTS AND SORGHUM FOR 2021

At a meeting held on 10 February 2022, 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 2021.

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 2021, the size of the commercial maize crop is now 16,315 mill. tons, which is 0,50% or 80 735 tons more than the final crop estimate figure of 16,234 mill. tons. For white maize, the recalculated crop size is 8,600 mill. tons, which is 0,10% or 8 815 tons less than the final crop estimate figure, and for yellow maize the recalculated crop size is 7,715 mill. tons, which is 1,17% or 89 550 tons more than the final crop estimate figure.

In the case of the commercial sunflower seed crop, the final calculated crop figure is now 678 000 tons – 0,11% or 760 tons more than the final crop estimate figure of 677 240 tons. The soybeans crop is 1,897 mill. tons (up by 0,35% or 6 550 tons), whilst the groundnuts crop is 64 300 tons. The sorghum crop were slightly adjusted upwards by 0,63% (or 1 355 tons) to 215 000 tons.

CELC accepted the final recalculated crop production figures for 2021 (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 2021:

CROP	FINAL AREA PLANTED 2021 HA (A)	FINAL CROP 2021 TONS (B)	CEC AREA PLANTED NOV 2021 HA (C)	CEC FINAL ESTIMATE ¹⁾ NOV 2021 TONS (D)	FINAL CROP VS FINAL ESTIMATE % (B) ÷ (D)
White Maize	1 691 900	8 600 000	1 691 900	8 608 815	-0,10
Yellow Maize	1 063 500	7 715 000	1 063 500	7 625 450	+1,17
Total Maize	2 755 400	16 315 000	2 755 400	16 234 265	+0,50
Sunflower seed	477 800	678 000	477 800	677 240	+0,11
Soybeans	827 100	1 897 000	827 100	1 890 450	+0,35
Groundnuts	38 550	64 300	38 550	59 950	+7,26
Sorghum	49 200	215 000	49 200	213 645	+0,63

1) As estimated by the CEC on 25 November 2021

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

CROP	Total Tons	Producer deliveries reported by SAGIS ²⁾ (Mar 2021 - Dec 2021) Tons	Projected deliveries ³⁾ (Jan 2022 - Feb 2022) Tons	On-farm for own use/direct sales, seed, etc. Tons
White Maize	8 600 000	8 295 441	102 559	202 000
Yellow Maize	7 715 000	7 190 331	102 669	422 000
Total Maize	16 315 000	15 485 772	205 228	624 000
Sunflower seed	678 000	675 406	2 594	0
Soybeans	1 897 000	1 848 838	13 162	35 000
Groundnuts	64 300	63 433	667	200
Sorghum	215 000	210 906	3 194	900

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.