

In addition to the quality information, production figures (obtained from the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC)) relating to hectares planted, tons produced and yields obtained on a national as well as provincial basis, over an eleven season period, are provided in this report. SAGIS (South African Grain Information Service) supply and demand information is provided in table and graph format. Import and export figures over several seasons as well as information on the manufacture, import and export of oil seeds products, are also included.

The 2021/22 Report of the National Soybean Cultivar Trials conducted by the ARC-Grain Crops in Potchefstroom, is included in totality and as received, in this report. The national grading regulations as published in Government Notice NO. R. 370 of 21 April 2017 are also provided.

Production

Soybeans are the most important oilseed crop produced in South Africa, driven mainly by the demand for protein feed in the animal feed industry. Soybeans have benefits to producers in crop rotation programs, especially as part of conservation agriculture, but also due to lower input requirements compared to other commodities for example wheat and maize.

Table 1: Soybean production overview over two seasons							
Province	Type of production	2021/22			2020/21		
		Hectares planted, ha	Production, tons	Yield, t/ha	Hectares planted, ha	Production, tons	Yield, t/ha
Western Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	800	3 000	3.75	1 000	3 500	3.50
	Total	800	3 000	3.75	1 000	3 500	3.50
Free State	Dryland	403 000	868 250	2.15	353 000	734 700	2.08
	Irrigation	12 000	44 250	3.69	12 000	31 800	2.65
	Total	415 000	912 500	2.20	365 000	766 500	2.10
Eastern Cape	Dryland	2 600	7 670	2.95	2 700	7 850	2.91
	Irrigation	400	1 330	3.33	400	1 450	3.63
	Total	3 000	9 000	3.00	3 100	9 300	3.00
KwaZulu-Natal	Dryland	26 000	93 000	3.58	20 500	71 500	3.49
	Irrigation	13 000	57 000	4.38	15 500	58 100	3.75
	Total	39 000	150 000	3.85	36 000	129 600	3.60
Mpumalanga	Dryland	292 000	680 400	2.33	282 000	614 550	2.18
	Irrigation	8 000	29 600	3.70	8 000	30 000	3.75
	Total	300 000	710 000	2.37	290 000	644 550	2.22
Limpopo	Dryland	4 500	11 700	2.60	4 000	10 700	2.68
	Irrigation	18 000	64 800	3.60	16 500	61 050	3.70
	Total	22 500	76 500	3.40	20 500	71 750	3.50
Gauteng	Dryland	41 500	86 750	2.09	38 500	92 400	2.40
	Irrigation	3 500	12 250	3.50	3 500	12 600	3.60
	Total	45 000	99 000	2.20	42 000	105 000	2.50
North West	Dryland	86 300	220 700	2.56	57 400	130 500	2.27
	Irrigation	13 700	49 300	3.60	12 100	36 300	3.00
	Total	100 000	270 000	2.70	69 500	166 800	2.40
RSA	Dryland	855 900	1 968 470	2.30	758 100	1 662 200	2.19
	Irrigation	69 400	261 530	3.77	69 000	234 800	3.40
	Total	925 300	2 230 000	2.41	827 100	1 897 000	2.29

Figures provided by the CEC.