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upcoming  
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#### CROP ESTIMATE

## Canola crop forecast adjusted upwards

South Africa's canola harvest forecast has been adjusted upwards by the Crops Estimate Committee, as more land is predicted to have been planted.

Farmers are likely to harvest 147 250t in the 2014/2015 season, 5,6% more than August's prediction of 139 500t, and 31% more than last year's crop, according to the committee's second production forecast.

"The area estimate for canola was adjusted upwards by 5 000ha to 95 000ha, with an expected yield of 1,55t/ha," the committee reported in a statement.

Farmers are expected to reap 1,79 million tons of wheat, 4% less than last year.

The malting barley crop is estimated at 317 893t, or 18,8% more than the previous year. – *Jaco Visser*