

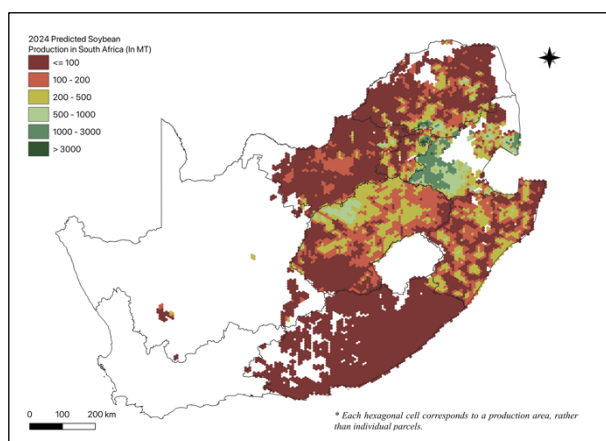
AAGWa Crop Production Forecasts Brief Series South Africa – Soybean

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The crop production forecast brief series by AKADEMIYA2063's Africa Agriculture Watch (AAGWa) aims to provide more accurate and timely data on harvest and yields for nine major crops across nearly

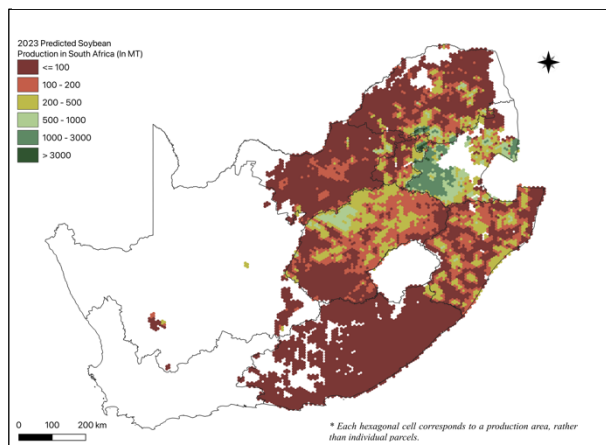
Figure 1. South Africa 2024 Soybean production forecast.



Data source: Africa Agriculture Watch (www.aagwa.org).

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Figure 2. South Africa 2023 Soybean production forecast.



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Waterberg (Limpopo), Cacadu (Eastern Cape), and Ngaka Modiri Molema (North west), with differences of respectively 6,493 MT, 6,441 MT, 6,365 MT, 5,284 MT, and 5,217 MT. These correspond to changes of respectively, 10%, 19%, 15%, 205%, and 22%.

50 African countries. The timeliness, wide availability, and easy access to this type of data will allow stakeholders across the value chain to better plan and execute policy and business actions more efficiently. The data published in the briefs are generated through the Africa Crop Production (AfCP) model, an Artificial Intelligence (AI-based) model applied to remotely sensed geo-biophysical data to produce estimates at pixel as well as administrative levels as early as the beginning of every growing season. In Brief 124, we provide forecasts on soybean production in South Africa.

In 2024, soybean production in South Africa is projected to reach 1,238,981 metric tons (MT), which corresponds to a 3% increase over 2023 production levels. However, the most significant Soybean production levels are expected in the Eastern districts, particularly in Gert Sibande (Mpumalanga), Nkangala (Mpumalanga), Lejweleputswa (Free State), Thabo Mofutsanyane (Free State), and Ehlanzeni (Mpumalanga) with production levels estimated at 235,851 MT, 143,152 MT, 113,285 MT, 72,769 MT, and 68,931 MT, respectively. In contrast, lower production values are observed in John Taolo Gaetsewe (Northern Cape), Frances Baard (Northern Cape), Nelson Mandela Bay (Eastern Cape), Buffalo City (Eastern Cape), and Namakwa (Northern Cape), with production of, respectively, 89 MT, 372 MT, 382 MT, 731 MT, and 747 MT.

Moreover, the highest soybean production increases in 2024 are expected to occur in areas such as Thabo Mofutsanyane (Free State), Xhariep (Free State),

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Annex – 2024 South Africa Soybean Production Forecast at District level

Provinces	Districts	2024 Production (MT)	2023 Production (MT)	Difference (MT)	Change (%)
Eastern Cape	Alfred Nzo	5497	3453	2045	59%
Eastern Cape	Amathole	5609	1781	3828	215%
Eastern Cape	Buffalo City	731	229	502	219%
Eastern Cape	Cacadu	7855	2572	5284	205%
Eastern Cape	Chris Hani	6903	1802	5102	283%
Eastern Cape	Joe Gqabi	4619	480	4139	862%
Eastern Cape	Nelson Mandela Bay	382	15	367	2456%
Eastern Cape	O.R.Tambo	3481	1133	2348	207%
Free State	Fezile Dabi	57049	53701	3348	6%
Free State	Lejweleputswa	113285	113885	-601	-1%
Free State	Mangaung Thabo	12935	11894	1041	9%
Free State	Mofutsanyane	72769	66276	6493	10%
Free State	Xhariep City of	39988	33548	6441	19%
Gauteng	Johannesburg	835	542	292	54%
Gauteng	City of Tshwane	14639	14150	489	3%
Gauteng	Ekurhuleni	10538	10815	-277	-3%
Gauteng	Sedibeng	6588	6089	498	8%
Gauteng	West Rand	8335	7702	633	8%
KwaZulu-Natal	Amajuba	10468	9793	674	7%
KwaZulu-Natal	eThekwini	2418	2155	263	12%
KwaZulu-Natal	iLembe	8135	7599	537	7%
KwaZulu-Natal	Sisonke	20074	18627	1448	8%
KwaZulu-Natal	Ugu	9920	8641	1279	15%
KwaZulu-Natal	Umgungundlovu	21099	19724	1375	7%
KwaZulu-Natal	Umkhanyakude	19201	17731	1470	8%
KwaZulu-Natal	Umzinyathi	14872	14069	803	6%
KwaZulu-Natal	Uthukela	19407	18050	1357	8%
KwaZulu-Natal	Uthungulu	13939	12803	1135	9%
KwaZulu-Natal	Zululand	30892	29518	1374	5%
Limpopo	Capricorn	21095	18878	2216	12%
Limpopo	Mopani	24640	23221	1419	6%
Limpopo	Sekhukhune	53454	56300	-2846	-5%
Limpopo	Vhembe	12285	8972	3313	37%
Limpopo	Waterberg	49869	43504	6365	15%
Mpumalanga	Ehlanzeni	68931	75672	-6740	-9%
Mpumalanga	Gert Sibande	235851	257337	-21486	-8%
Mpumalanga	Nkangala	143152	160589	-17437	-11%
North West	Bojanala	22282	19748	2534	13%
North West	Dr Kenneth Kaunda Dr Ruth Segomotsi	13028	10424	2604	25%
North West	Mompoti Ngaka Modiri	18584	14074	4511	32%
North West	Molema	29173	23956	5217	22%
Northern Cape	Frances Baard John Taolo	372	372	0	0%
Northern Cape	Gaetsewe	89	81	8	10%
Northern Cape	Namakwa	747	818	-71	-9%
Northern Cape	Pixley ka Seme	2965	2598	368	14%



Total	1238981	1205322	33659	3%
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MT (Metric tons): 1 MT is equivalent to 1,000 kilograms.
Change: refers to the relative difference and is calculated as (2024 prod – 2023 prod) divided by 2023 prod.

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