

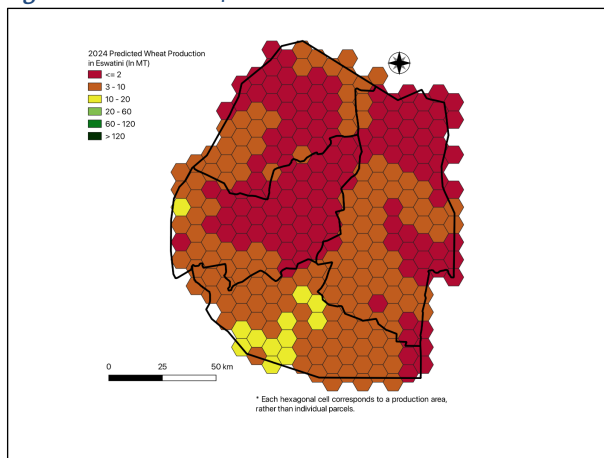
AAGWa Crop Production Forecasts Brief Series Eswatini – Wheat

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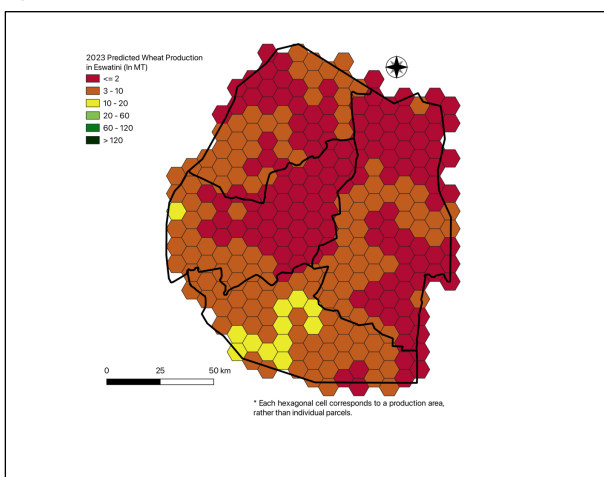
The crop production forecast brief series by AKADEMIYA2063's Africa Agriculture Watch (AAGWa) aims to provide more accurate and timely data on harvest and yields for ten major crops across nearly 50

Figure 1. Eswatini 2024 Wheat Production Forecast.



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

Figure 2. Eswatini 2023 Wheat Production Forecast.



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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 221, we provide forecasts on wheat production in Eswatini.

In 2024, wheat production in Eswatini is projected to reach 793 metric tons (MT), indicating a 0.4% decrease over 2023 production levels. The highest wheat producers are expected to be Mbangweni (Shiselweni), Sithobela (Lubombo), Mtsambama (Shiselweni), Dvokodvweni (Lubombo), and Motjane (Hhohho), with production levels estimated at 49 MT, 42 MT, 39 MT, 37 MT, and 32 MT. In contrast, lower production values are observed at Ludzeludze (Manzini), Timpisini (Hhohho), Mbabane East (Hhohho), Kwaluseni (Manzini), and Lobamba (Hhohho) with production of respectively, 4 MT, 3 MT, 3 MT, 2 MT, and 1 MT.

Compared to 2023, the most significant wheat production increases in 2024 are expected in districts such as Sithobela (Lubombo), Lubuli (Lubombo), Nkilonko (Lubombo), Dvokodvweni (Lubombo), and Mkhweni (Manzini), with differences of 6 MT, 4 MT, 4 MT, 3 MT, and 3 MT, respectively. These correspond to changes of 17 %, 26 %, 16 %, 9 %, and 20 %.

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Annex – 2024 Eswatini Wheat Production Forecast at District Level

Regions	Districts	2024 Production (MT)	2023 Production (MT)	Difference (MT)	Change (%)
Hhohho	Hhukwini	7	8	-1	-12,8%
Hhohho	Lobamba	1	1	-1	-84,4%
Hhohho	Madlangempisi	9	9	0	0,0%
Hhohho	Mayiwane	5	6	0	0,0%
Hhohho	Mbabane East	3	4	-1	-28,4%
Hhohho	Mbabane West	6	7	-1	-14,1%
Hhohho	Mhlangatane	19	18	1	5,6%
Hhohho	Motjane	32	34	-3	-8,7%
Hhohho	Mphalaleni	16	20	-4	-20,1%
Hhohho	Ndzingeni	9	10	-1	-9,6%
Hhohho	Nkhaba	23	26	-3	-11,5%
Hhohho	Ntfonjeni	7	8	-2	-23,9%
Hhohho	Pigg's Peak	7	11	-4	-35,1%
Hhohho	Timpisini	3	4	0	0,0%
Lubombo	Dvokodvweni	37	34	3	9,0%
Lubombo	Hlane	13	12	1	8,5%
Lubombo	Lomahasha	8	9	-1	-11,3%
Lubombo	Lubuli	19	15	4	26,5%
Lubombo	Lugongolweni	11	12	-1	-8,3%
Lubombo	Matsanjeni North	8	9	-1	-11,5%
Lubombo	Mhlume	14	13	2	15,7%
Lubombo	Mpholonjeni	19	18	1	5,6%
Lubombo	Nkilongo	30	26	4	15,7%
Lubombo	Siphofaneni	27	25	2	8,0%
Lubombo	Sithobela	42	36	6	16,5%
Manzini	Ekukhanyeni	5	5	0	0,0%
Manzini	Kwaluseni	2	2	0	0,0%
Manzini	Lamgabhi	5	6	-1	-17,2%
Manzini	Lobamba Lomdzala	6	7	-1	-13,7%
Manzini	Ludzeludze	4	5	-1	-19,9%
Manzini	Mafutseni	10	10	0	0,0%
Manzini	Mahlangatja	25	26	-1	-3,8%
Manzini	Mangcongco	4	5	-1	-19,0%
Manzini	Mhlambanyatsi	26	29	-3	-10,4%
Manzini	Mkhiweni	18	15	3	20,0%
Manzini	Mthongwaneni	6	6	0	0,0%
Manzini	Ngwenpisi	32	35	-3	-8,6%
Manzini	Nhlambeni	8	7	0	0,0%
Manzini	Ntondozi	4	4	-1	-22,4%
Shiselweni	Gege	19	20	-1	-5,0%
Shiselweni	Hosea	8	8	1	13,3%
Shiselweni	Kubuta	10	9	0	0,0%
Shiselweni	Maseyisini	10	9	0	0,0%
Shiselweni	Matsanjeni South	15	13	2	15,3%
Shiselweni	Mbangweni	49	49	0	0,0%
Shiselweni	Mtsambama	39	39	-1	-2,5%
Shiselweni	Ngudzeni	25	25	0	0,0%
Shiselweni	Nkwene	23	24	-1	-4,1%
Shiselweni	Sandleni	14	15	0	0,0%



Shiselweni	Shiselweni	14	13	1	7,7%
Shiselweni	Sigwe	10	9	2	23,4%
Shiselweni	Somntongo	11	9	3	33,8%
Shiselweni	Zombodze	16	17	0	0,0%
Total		793	796	-3	-0,4%

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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