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Eswatini – Maize

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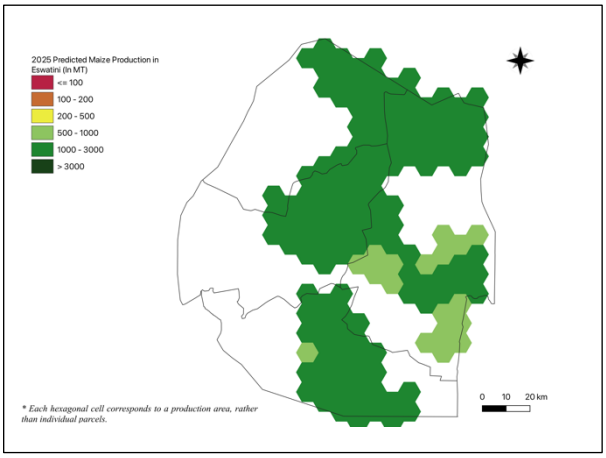
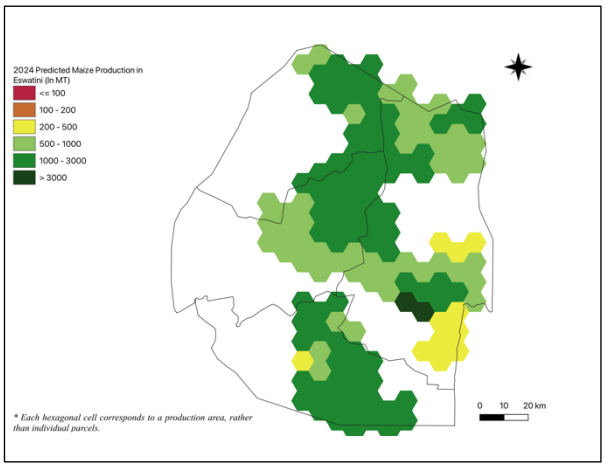
The crop production forecast brief series by AKADEMIYA2063's Africa Agriculture Watch (AAgWa) aims to provide more accurate and timely data on harvest and yields for 10 major crops across nearly 50 African countries. The timeliness, wide availability, and easy access to this type of data will allow stakeholders 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 231, we provide forecasts on maize production in Eswatini.

Figure 1. *Eswatini 2025 Maize Production Forecast.*



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

Figure 2. *Eswatini 2024 Maize Production Forecast.*



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In 2025, maize production in Eswatini is projected to reach 97,352 metric tons (MT), corresponding to a 6% increase over 2024 production levels. The most significant maize production volumes are expected in districts such as Mkhiweni (Manzini), Nkilongo (Lubombo), Mhlangatane (Hhohho), Mhlume (Lubombo), and Mafutseni (Manzini) with production levels estimated at 10,240 MT, 8,965 MT, 7,929 MT, 7,211 MT, and 6,125 MT, respectively. In comparison, lower production values are observed in areas such as Lubuli (Lubombo), Ludzeludze (Manzini), Hhukwini (Hhohho), Lobamba Lomdzala (Manzini), and Timpisini (Hhohho) with production volumes of respectively, 883 MT, 942 MT, 1,056 MT, 1,069 MT, and 1,090 MT.

Compared to 2024, the most significant maize production increases in 2025 are expected to occur in Lubombo districts such as Mhlume, Mpholonjeni (Lubombo), Nkilongo, Siphofaneni (Lubombo), and Lomahasha (Lubombo), with differences of respectively, 1,870 MT, 893 MT, 724 MT, 704 MT, and 523 MT, respectively. These correspond to changes of 35%, 94%, 9%, 52%, and 13%.

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Annex – 2025 Eswatini Maize Production Forecast at District Level

Regions	Districts	2025 Production (MT)	2024 Production (MT)	Difference (MT)	Change (%)
Hhohho	Hhukwini	1056	707	350	49%
Hhohho	Madlangempisi	2029	2220	-191	-9%
Hhohho	Mayiwane	3363	3338	25	1%
Hhohho	Mhlangatane	7929	7569	361	5%
Hhohho	Ndzingeni	2049	2244	-195	-9%
Hhohho	Timpisini	1090	741	348	47%
Lubombo	Dvokodvweni	4028	4411	-383	-9%
Lubombo	Lomahasha	4421	3897	523	13%
Lubombo	Lubuli	883	476	407	86%
Lubombo	Mhlume	7211	5341	1870	35%
Lubombo	Mpholonjeni	1843	950	893	94%
Lubombo	Nkilongo	8965	8240	724	9%
Lubombo	Siphofaneni	2054	1350	704	52%
Manzini	Ekukhanyeni	3537	3599	-62	-2%
Manzini	Kwaluseni	1103	754	349	46%
Manzini	Lobamba Lomdzala	1069	727	342	47%
Manzini	Ludzeludze	942	515	427	83%
Manzini	Mafutseni	6125	6747	-621	-9%
Manzini	Mkhiweni	10240	11236	-996	-9%
Manzini	Mthongwaneni	3371	3370	1	0%
Manzini	Nhlambeni	1161	869	292	34%
Shiselweni	Hosea	3129	2981	147	5%
Shiselweni	Kubuta	1455	1300	155	12%
Shiselweni	Matsanjeni South	3269	3190	79	2%
Shiselweni	Mtsambama	2598	2116	482	23%
Shiselweni	Ngudzeni	3815	4063	-248	-6%
Shiselweni	Sandleni	3211	3089	122	4%
Shiselweni	Shiselweni	5408	5629	-221	-4%
Total		**97352**	**91669**	**5683**	**6%**

MT (Metric tons): *1 MT is equivalent to 1,000 kilograms.*
Change: *refers to the relative difference and is calculated as (2025 prod – 2024 prod) divided by 2024 prod.*

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