



SATI Press Release:

South African Table Grape Industry 3rd Crop Estimate for 2020/2021 season

3 February 2021 – The South African Table Grape Industry (SATI) released the 3rd Crop Estimate for the 2020/2021 season with intake volumes increased to between 65,3 million and 69,8 million cartons (4.5 kg equivalent) due to very good quality and harvest conditions in the Northern Provinces and the three Western Cape based production regions. This brings the estimate in line again with the 1st estimate released on 27 October 2020.

The Northern Provinces are on track to reach higher intake volumes due to favourable summer weather towards the end of the season. A new low of 7,5 and a high of 7,8 million cartons is estimated. The three Western Cape based regions, namely the Olifants, Hex and Berg river regions continue to expect healthy volumes as grapes are ripening well and packing picks up pace. This positive outlook is due to very good weather, enough water availability after last winter's rainfall, large berry sizes and the overall good quality of grapes.

The last few producers in the Orange River region are busy concluding the season. Due to the 2 weeks delay to the start of the season the effect of the rain at the beginning of the year had less of an impact on the later cultivars than initially estimated. Producers also took great care in harvesting and sorting grapes during packing, which contributed to the eventual good volumes. In hindsight, the better-than-expected volumes despite the rain indicate that the first estimate was too conservative. A new low of 18,0 and high of 18,3 million cartons is estimated.

The third estimate, in the table below, was reached by considering the best available information, experience and observations, the latest industry vine census and historical data.

Table 1 – 3rd Crop Estimate for 2020/2021 season (million 4.5 kg equivalent cartons)

REGION	2020/2021 SEASON CROP ESTIMATES			ACTUAL PACKED VOLUMES		
	3 rd 3 Feb 2021	2 nd 13 Jan 2021	1 st 27 Oct 2019	2019/2020	2018/2019	2017/2018
Northern Provinces	7,5 - 7,8	6,9 - 7,4	6,9 - 7,4	6,10	7,12	6,83
Orange River	18,0 - 18,3	15,0 - 16,0	18,5 - 19,9	19,86	19,21	19,02
Olifants River	3,7 - 4,0	3,7 - 4,0	3,5 - 3,8	3,32	2,37	2,80
Berg River	15,5 - 16,7	15,5 - 16,7	15,5 - 16,7	16,27	13,79	13,05
Hex River	20,6 - 23,0	20,6 - 23,0	20,6 - 22,0	20,60	18,65	20,37
TOTAL	65,3 - 69,8	61,7 - 67,1	65,0 - 69,8	66,15	61,13	62,06

Crop estimates are done in co-operation with growers and industry experts representing all production regions. This forum is used by SATI to be more responsive to in-season developments and deviations.

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