

## South Africa: Grape volumes in line with the first estimate

The South African Table Grape Industry (SATI) today released the 2nd Crop Estimate for the 2016/17 table grape season, with a normal crop still on the cards, in line with the original 11 November 2016 estimate of between 61,1 million and 63 million cartons.

The Northern Provinces Region has completed harvesting and ended within the 1st crop estimate on 5.3 million cartons. They received normal summer rain towards the end of the harvest, which did not have a big impact on the intakes.

Despite a slower start to the season the Orange River Region, one of the largest table grape production regions, is now expected to pack 20.3 million cartons. thereby slightly exceeding the 1st crop estimate.

The Olifants River Region has packed more than half of its harvest and is expected to end within the lower range of the estimate at 4.2 million cartons.

Harvesting in the Berg River and Hex River regions, which experienced good weather, is currently in full swing. It is expected that these regions will end in line with the 1st crop estimate.

This 2nd estimate was reached by taking into account the experience and observations of a group of industry experts and the latest intake data.

REGIONS	2016/2017		2016/2017		ACTUAL PACKED VOLUMES	
	2nd CROP ESTIMATE		1st CROP ESTIMATE		2015/2016	2014/2015
	Low	High	Low	High		
Northern Province	5,3		5,2	5,5	4 730 931	4 510 726
Orange River	20,3		18,7	19,2	18 642 605	17 686 726
Olifants River	4,2		4,2	4,4	3 157 059	3 788 287
Berg River	13,3	13,8	13,3	13,8	12 599 726	13 062 449
Hex River	19,7	20,2	19,7	20,2	18 849 218	20 331 091
Grand Total	62,8	63,8	61,1	63	57 979 539	59 379 279

Table: 2nd Crop Estimate in 4.5 kg carton equivalents (Millions)

Despite the relatively drier conditions leading up to the harvest it has developed very well, with the indication that we are heading for the upper limit of 63 million cartons, which could be marginally exceeded by 1.3% compared to the 1st crop estimate.

As stated, this year's harvest does not show a huge increase but rather reflects a return to normal berry and bunch development, coupled with new generation varieties that provide a better yield and pack out.

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