

South Africa expects record GMO corn harvest this season

[Editor's note: [More than 70%](#) of corn grown in South Africa is genetically modified. So far, South Africa is the [only country in Sub-Saharan Africa](#) to approve GE crops.]

South African farmers are expected to reap a record 14.73 tonnes of maize this season [2017] with current harvests indicating robust yields because of good rains, a Reuters poll of five traders and market analysts showed....

The government's Crop Estimates Committee (CEC), which will provide its fourth production forecast for the 2017 crop ... is seen pegging the harvest at 14.73 million tonnes, up 89 percent from the 7.78 million tonnes realized [in 2016] when an El Nino-triggered drought hit yields and plantings.

"Harvesting is underway in many areas of South Africa with yields reportedly well above average, which confirms that we are in for a big crop this season," said Wandile Sihlobo, an economist at the agricultural business chamber.

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