
Vine Academy and Model Farm 2025/26 Crop Production Forecast – South African Raisins

Current Production Outlook

Third Estimate – 13 February 2026

The expected raisin production for the **2025/26 season** is now estimated to be **86 500 tons**, which is 14% less than initially projected.

The January 2026 estimate was amended following consultations with stakeholders and producers on their experiences with the harvest season to date. It is only production in certain areas in the Northern Cape that has been affected by extreme weather conditions.

The main reasons for another downward amendment on the crop production forecast are:

- Downy mildew-affected areas were more severe than what was initially expected.
- Continuous heatwaves in January.
- Early cultivars did not set well and had very loose bunches, and subsequently weighed less;
- Overall yields along the Lower Orange River are less than in 2024/25 season.

The expected average yield is 6,3 tons per hectare after the amendment.

Regional Production Forecast

- **Northern Cape:** 66 442 (76.8%)
- **Western Cape:** 15 058 tons (17.4%)
- **Namibia:** 2 000 tons (2.3%)
- **Other:** 3 000 tons (3.5%)
 - 2 300 tons Northern Cape
 - 700 tons Western Cape

(Other includes table grape berries and experimental cultivars)

Production Estimates Timeline

- **First Estimate (1 December 2025):**
100 495 tons
- **Second Estimate (15 January 2026):**
97 420 tons
- **Third Estimate (13 February 2026):**
86 500 tons
- **Fourth Estimate (13 March 2026):**
To be released
- **Final Reconciliation (30 June 2026):**
Final verified production figure

VAMF will continue to monitor the season, and further estimates will be in line with the VAMF production forecast schedule.