



# Belg Seasonal update

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# Agriculture – Belg Season in Ethiopia



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- During the Belg season in Ethiopia, significant planting activities take place across various Regions , including cereal crops, pulses crops, and oil crops.
- This period marks a crucial time for farmers to prepare their lands and sow seeds for these essential crops, which contribute significantly to the country's agricultural output and food security.
- Cereal crops, such as **teff, wheat, barley, and maize**, are commonly planted during the Belg season. These crops play a vital role in providing staple foods for the Ethiopian population and are integral to the country's agricultural economy.
- In addition to cereal crops, pulses crops are also planted during the Belg season like lentils, chickpeas, Faba Beans, Field Pease, Haricot beans.....
- Furthermore, the Belg season sees the planting of oil crops, which include crops like sesame, sunflower, Neug, Linseed and Groundnut. These oil crops are valuable for their oil extraction, providing essential cooking oils and contributing to the country's economy through exports.

# Agricultural Activities in the Belg Season

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## Land Preparation

Farmers clear and till their fields in preparation for Belg season planting, which typically begins in March.



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## Sowing

Crops are sown during the March-April period, taking advantage of the onset of the Belg rains.



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## Harvesting

Belg crops are typically harvested from May to June, providing an important food and income source.



# Belg Season Cropping Calendar



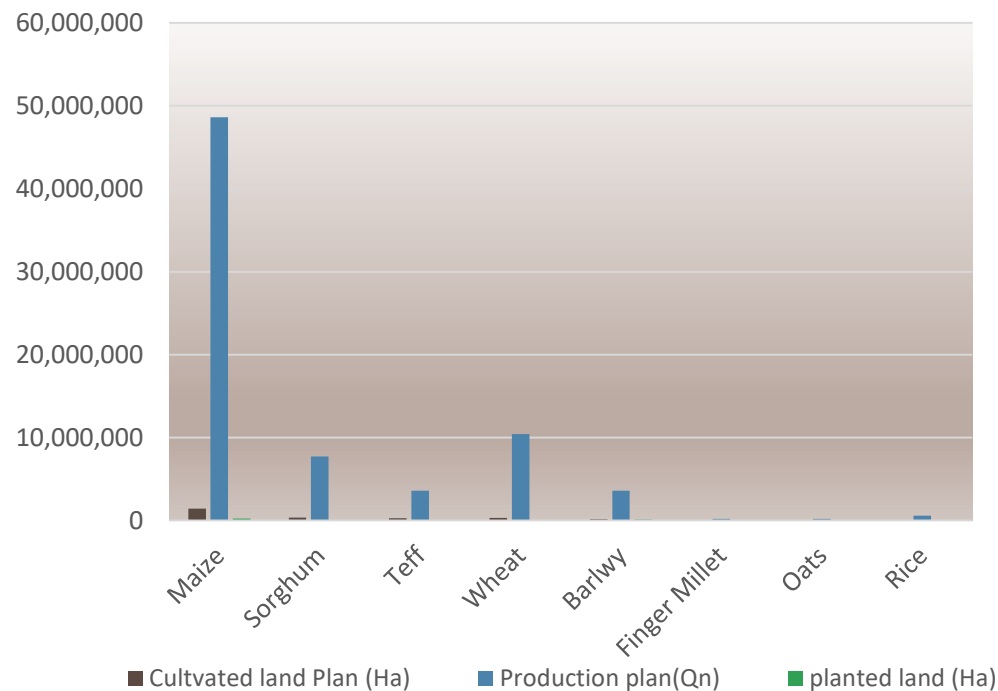
| Region             | Land Preparation     | Sowing               | Vegetative stage   | Harvesting  |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Oromia             | March                | Half of march- April | April -Jun         | Jun-July    |
| Amhara             | March                | March-April          | half of April -may | May-June    |
| South Ethiopia     | Jan-Feb              | Feb- March           | march-May          | May-July    |
| Central Ethiopia   | Jan-Feb              | Feb- March           | march-May          | May-Aug     |
| Sidama             | Feb- March           | March-April          | April-May          | May-July    |
| Southwest Ethiopia | Jan                  | Jan-Feb              | Feb-April          | May-July    |
| Somali             | Half of march- April | April -may           | Jun-July           | July-Oct... |
| Tigray             | Feb- March           | March-April          | April-May          | May -Jun    |

# Current Crop Performance

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## Cereal crop

During the Belgian season, 1,810,106 hectares and 56,367,217 Qu were planned, with 280,741 hectares ultimately planted in cereal crops.



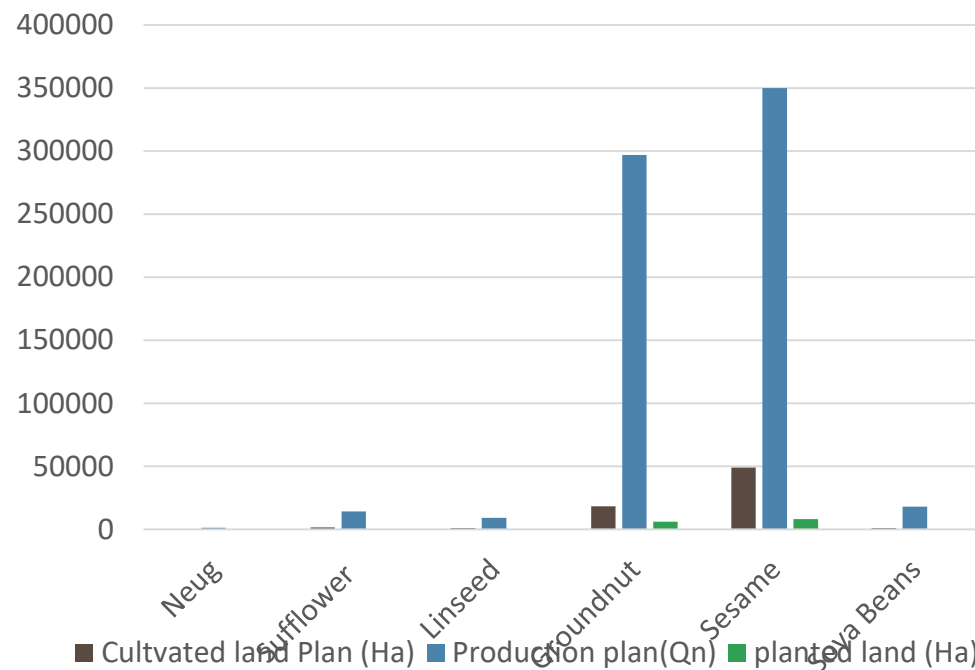
# Current Crop Performance

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## Oil crop

During the Belg season, 70,607 hectares and 689,603 qu were planned, with 14,338 hectares planted in oil crops.

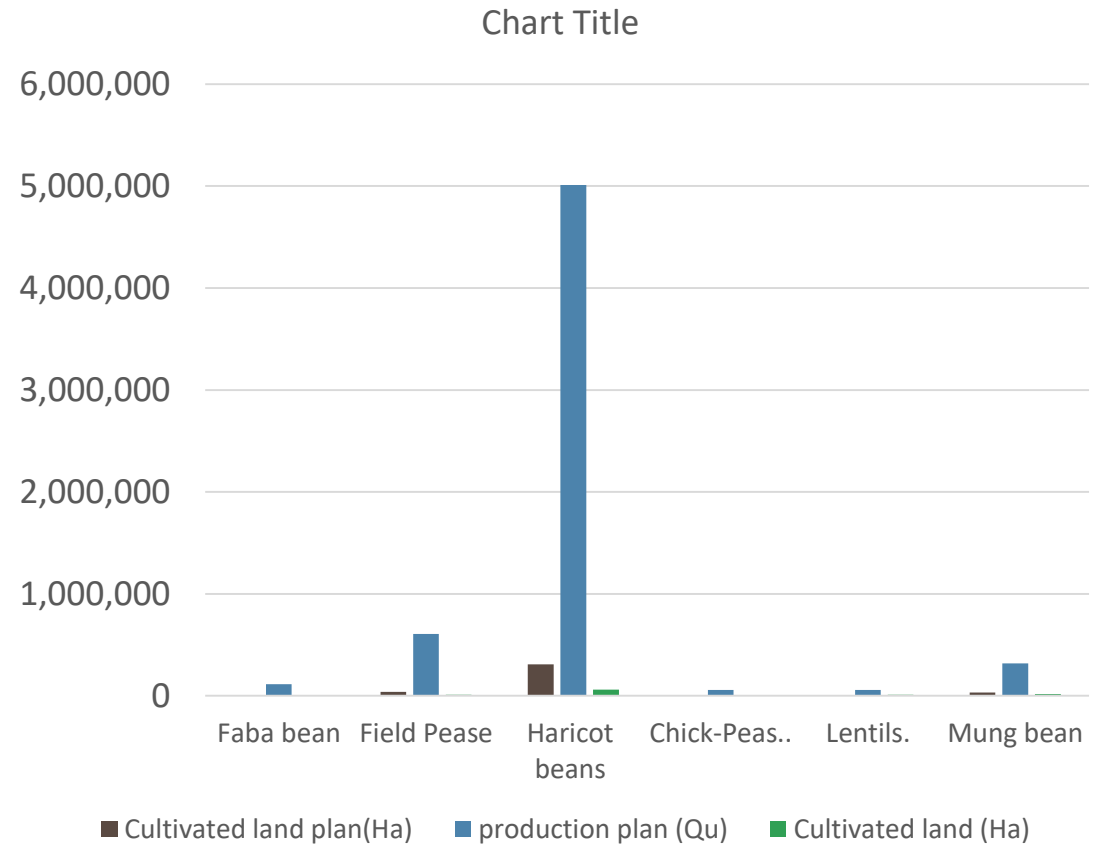
## Oil crop



# Current Crop Performance

## 2 Pulse Crop

During the Belg season, 403,481 hectares and 6,202,460 qu were planned, with 108,286 hectares planted in pulses crops.





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## Cultivated land **Plan** (Ha)

In the 2015/16 belg season, 3,123,797 hectares of land are planned to be cultivated in the regions of Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, Sidama, South Ethiopia, Central Ethiopia, Southwest and Somalia.

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## Production plan (Qu)

In the 2015/16 belg season, 81,852,093 quintals of produce are planned in the regions of Amhara, Oromia, Tigray, Sidama, South Ethiopia, Central Ethiopia, Southwest and Somalia.

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## Performance

The According to the data we received from the regions , Belg seasonal activity's is being done in all belg growing regions, 2,523,161 ha of land has been cultivated and 578,060 ha of land has been covered.



# Belg cropping by regions (631k ha)

| ተ. ቁ | Region              | Plan             |                   | Cultivated በሕ/ር  |                |                  | Planted (Ha)   |
|------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
|      |                     | Area(ha)         | Yield(Qt)         | Traditional      | Tractor        | Total            |                |
| 1    | Amhara              | 239,509          | 4,260,370         | 230,533          | 1102           | 231,635          | 180,617        |
| 2    | Oormia              | 1,228,349        | 28,201,717        | 746,835          | 512,781        | 1,259,616        | 113,224        |
| 3    | Tigray              | 15,350           | 153,500           | 14,000           | 0              | 14,000           | 10,504         |
| 4    | South Ethiopia      | 590,656          | 13,754,342        | 542,910          | 20,328         | 563,238          | 180,699        |
| 5    | Centre Ethiopia     | 234,129          | 10,700,843        | 72,648           | 33,676         | 106,324          | 28,584         |
| 6    | Sidama              | 64,735           | 3,555,023         | 65,068           | 0              | 65,068           | 7,536          |
| 7    | South-west Ethiopia | 321,831          | 11,987,177        | 277,376          | 5,904          | 283,280          | 110,223        |
| 8    | Somali              | 429,238          | 9,239,621         | 0                | 0              | 0                | 0              |
|      | <b>Total</b>        | <b>3,123,797</b> | <b>81,852,593</b> | <b>1,949,370</b> | <b>573,791</b> | <b>2,523,161</b> | <b>631,387</b> |

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