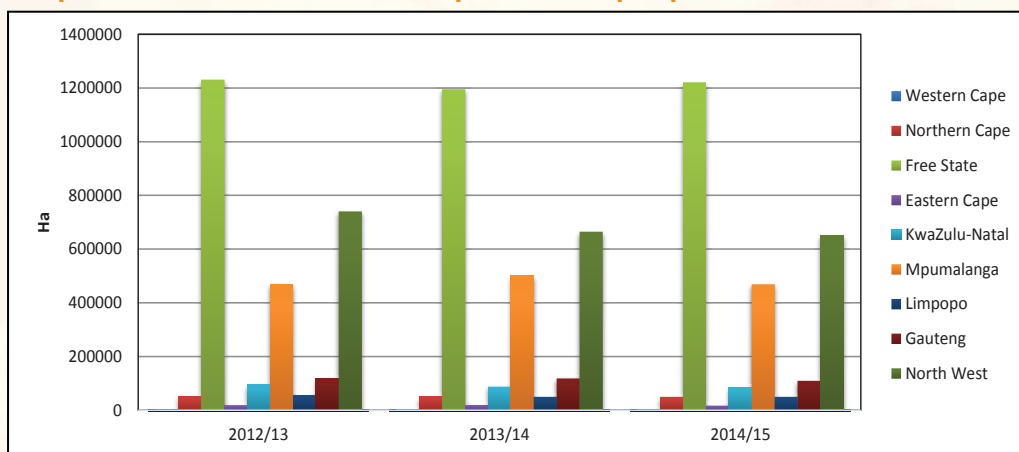


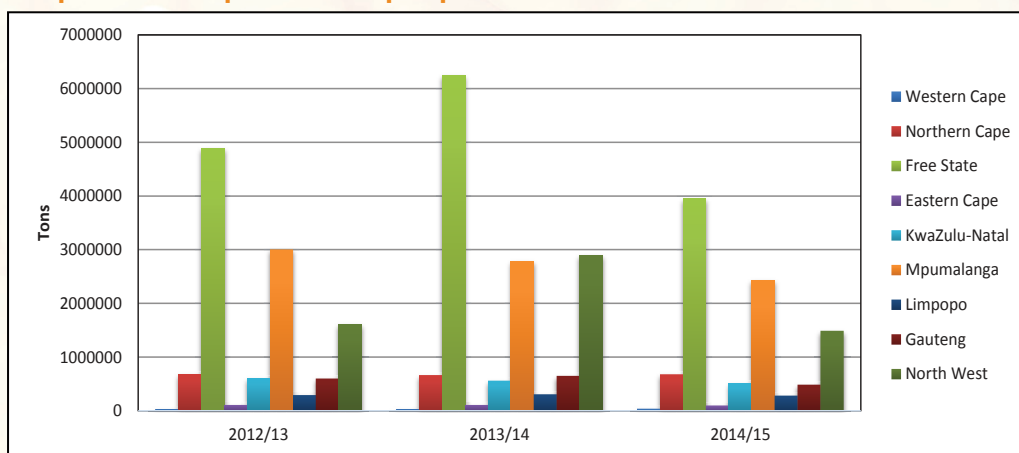
The major commercial maize-producing provinces are the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West, contributing 79% of the total maize production in the RSA. The Free State produced 3 944 500 tons of maize on 1 220 000 hectares with a yield of 3.23 t/ha. Mpumalanga produced 2 429 300 tons of maize on 469 000 hectares with a yield of 5.18 t/ha and North West harvested 1 490 000 tons of maize on 650 000 hectares yielding 2.29 t/ha. Yellow maize contributed 66% of the total maize production in Mpumalanga while the majority of maize produced in the North West (70%) and Free State (57%) is white.

Please see graphs 5 to 7 for provincial figures for area planted, production and yield over the last three seasons.

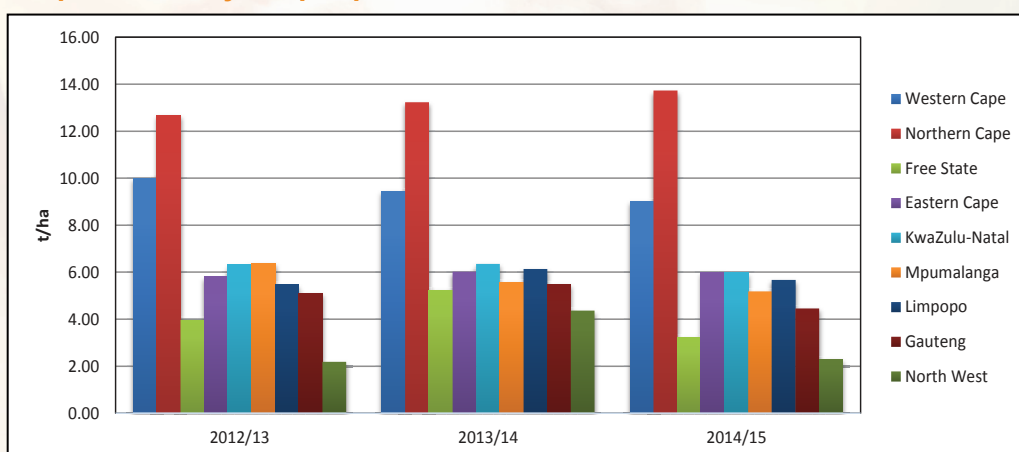
**Graph 5: Area utilized for maize production per province over three seasons**



**Graph 6: Maize production per province over three seasons**



**Graph 7: Maize yield per province over three seasons**



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