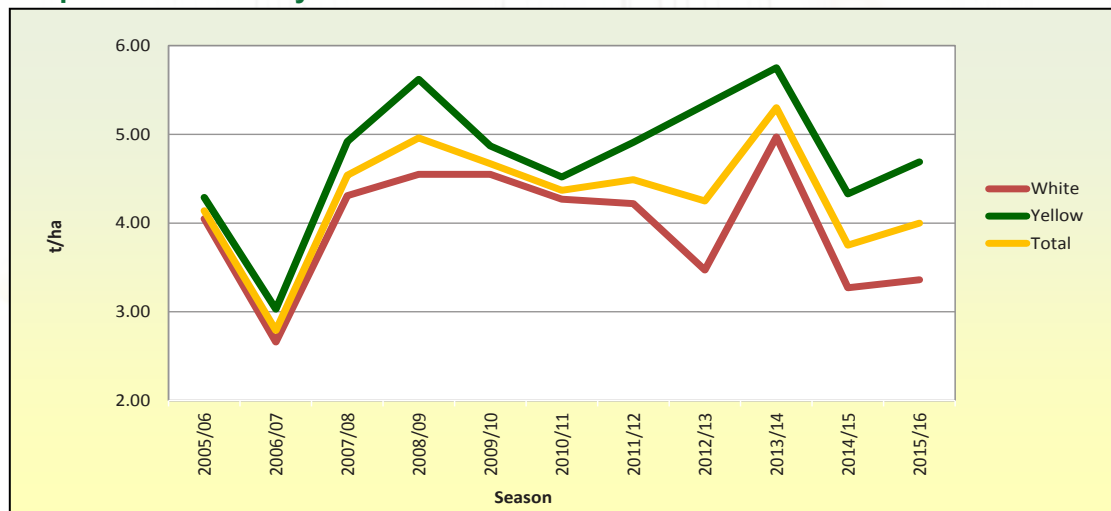


The maize yield increased slightly from 3.75 t/ha in the previous season to 4.00 t/ha this season. White maize yielded 3.36 t/ha and yellow maize 4.69 t/ha, representing increases of 2.8% and 8.3% respectively compared to the previous season.

Graph 4: RSA Maize yield from 2005/2006 to 2015/2016



As with commercial maize production, both the area planted as well as the crop size of maize planted in the non-commercial agricultural sector decreased compared to the previous season. Area planted decreased by approximately 33% and the crop size by 35%. Approximately 60% of non-commercial maize is produced in the Eastern Cape.

Table1: Maize production overview - 2015/2016 season

Province	Type of production	White			Yellow		
		Hectares planted, ha	Production, tons	Yield, t/ha	Hectares planted, ha	Production, tons	Yield, t/ha
Western Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	500	5 000	10.00	4 000	40 000	10.00
	Total	500	5 000	10.00	4 000	40 000	10.00
Northern Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	3 750	35 000	9.33	50 000	675 000	13.50
	Total	3 750	35 000	9.33	50 000	675 000	13.50
Free State	Dryland	368 000	957 000	2.60	285 000	755 500	2.65
	Irrigation	22 000	233 500	10.61	25 000	267 500	10.70
	Total	390 000	1 190 500	3.05	310 000	1 023 000	3.30
Eastern Cape	Dryland	1 400	3 500	2.50	7 000	17 500	2.50
	Irrigation	600	6 500	10.83	5 000	48 500	9.70
	Total	2 000	10 000	5.00	12 000	66 000	5.50
KwaZulu-Natal	Dryland	28 000	125 000	4.46	33 000	173 500	5.26
	Irrigation	10 000	90 000	9.00	15 000	133 500	8.90
	Total	38 000	215 000	5.66	48 000	307 000	6.40
Mpumalanga	Dryland	153 900	700 000	4.55	310 000	1 400 000	4.52
	Irrigation	6 100	52 000	8.52	20 000	167 000	8.35
	Total	160 000	752 000	4.70	330 000	1 567 000	4.75
Limpopo	Dryland	13 500	20 000	1.48	6 000	8 400	1.40
	Irrigation	18 000	158 000	8.78	16 000	123 600	7.73
	Total	31 500	178 000	5.65	22 000	132 000	6.00
Gauteng	Dryland	45 600	174 500	3.83	49 300	173 500	3.52
	Irrigation	3 400	32 500	9.56	6 700	61 500	9.18
	Total	49 000	207 000	4.22	56 000	235 000	4.20
North West	Dryland	320 325	641 000	2.00	78 000	140 000	1.79
	Irrigation	19 675	175 000	8.89	22 000	185 000	8.41
	Total	340 000	816 000	2.40	100 000	325 000	3.25
RSA	Dryland	930 725	2 621 000	2.82	768 300	2 668 400	3.47
	Irrigation	84 025	787 500	9.37	163 700	1 701 600	10.39
	Total	1 014 750	3 408 500	3.36	932 000	4 370 000	4.69

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