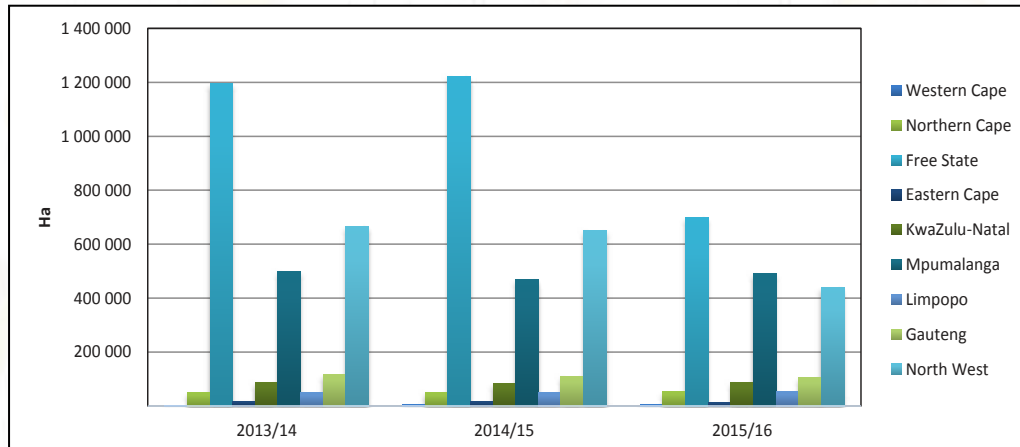


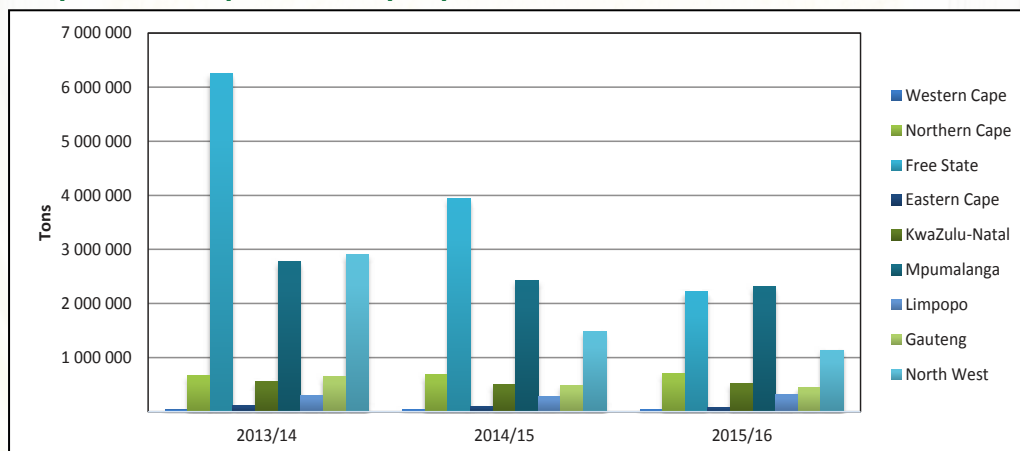
The major commercial maize-producing provinces are Mpumalanga, the Free State and North West, contributing 72% of the total maize production in the RSA. Mpumalanga produced 2 319 000 tons of maize on 490 000 hectares with a yield of 4.73 t/ha. The Free State produced 2 213 500 tons of maize on 700 000 hectares with a yield of 3.16 t/ha and North West harvested 1 141 000 tons of maize on 440 000 hectares yielding 2.59 t/ha. Yellow maize contributed 68% of the total maize production in Mpumalanga while the majority of maize produced in the North West (72%) and Free State (54%) is white.

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

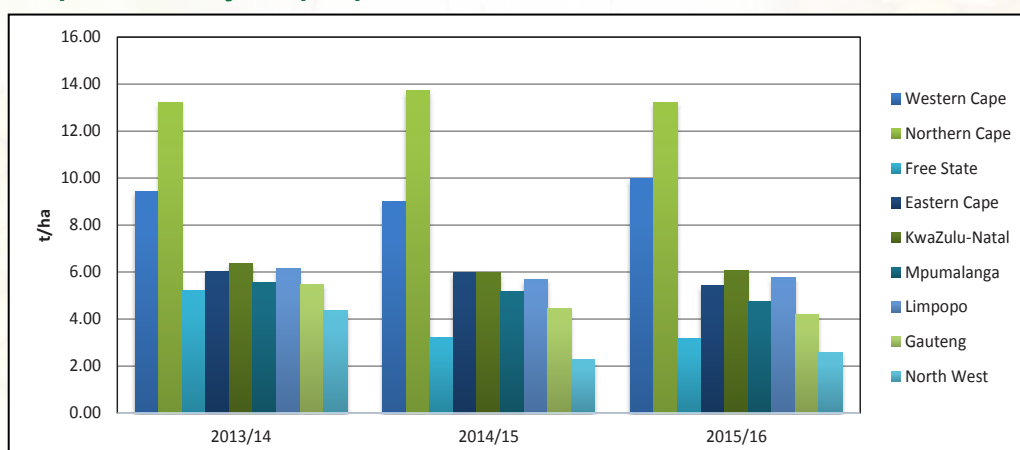
Graph 5: Area utilized for maize production per province over three seasons



Graph 6: Maize production per province over three seasons



Graph 7: Maize yield per province over three seasons



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