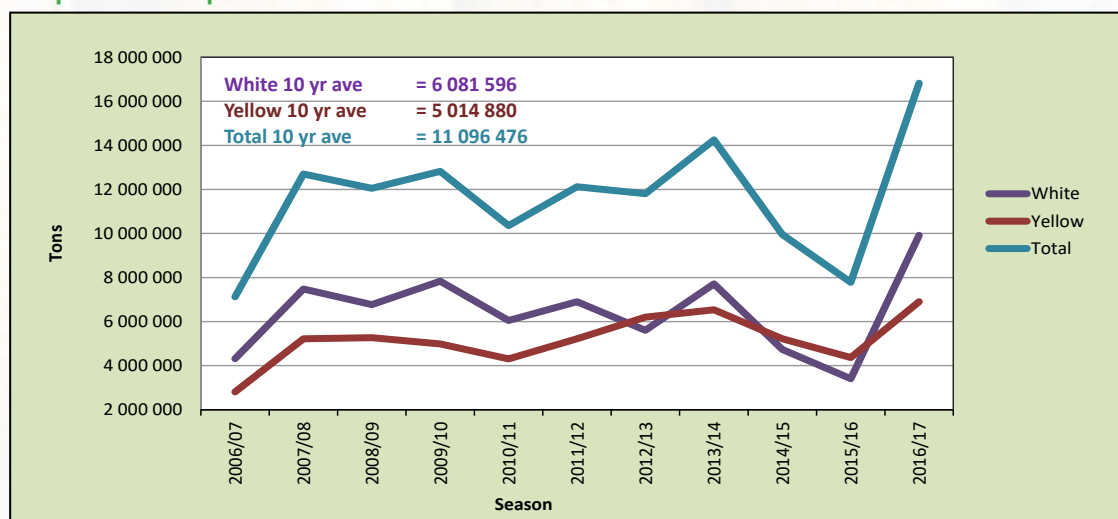


Production

The finalized crop figure for commercial maize for the 2016/2017 season as overseen by the National Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) is 16 820 000 tons. This all-time high record crop is more than double that of the severely drought affected 2015/2016 season and 51.6% higher than the previous 10-year crop average (11 096 476 tons). White maize's contribution to the total production was 9 916 000 tons (59%) and that of yellow maize 6 904 000 tons (41%).

The national Crop Estimates Committee's (CEC) estimated total production figures were revised, using as basis for the calculations, the South African Grain Information Services' (SAGIS) published figures of actual deliveries. Figures to determine on-farm usage and retentions from the maize utilization survey, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the telephonic survey conducted by the National Crop Statistics Consortium (NCSC), were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Graph 2: Maize production in RSA from 2006/2007 to 2016/2017



The total area utilized for maize production in the 2016/2017 season was 2 628 600 hectares, an increase of 35% compared to the previous season and 2.4% higher than the previous 10-year average. White maize was planted on 1 643 100 hectares and yellow maize on 985 500 hectares (1 014 750 and 932 000 hectares respectively in the 2015/2016 season).

Graph 3: Total RSA area utilized for maize production from 2006/2007 to 2016/2017

