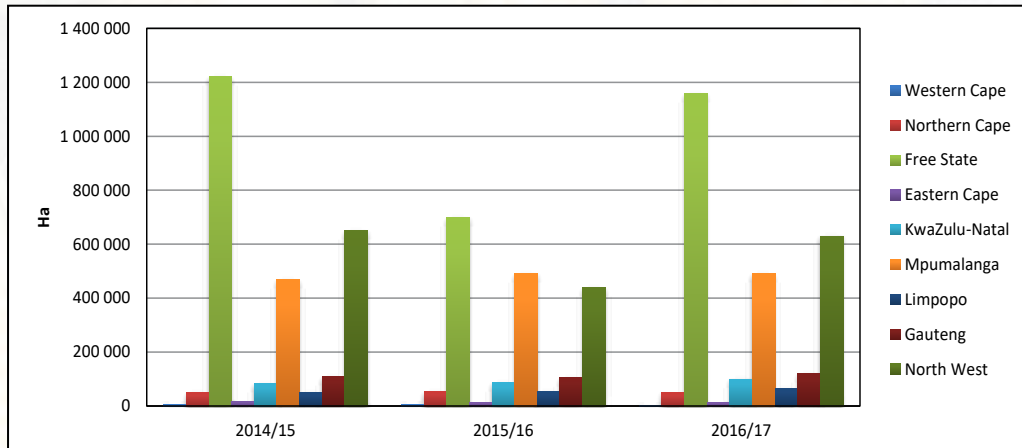


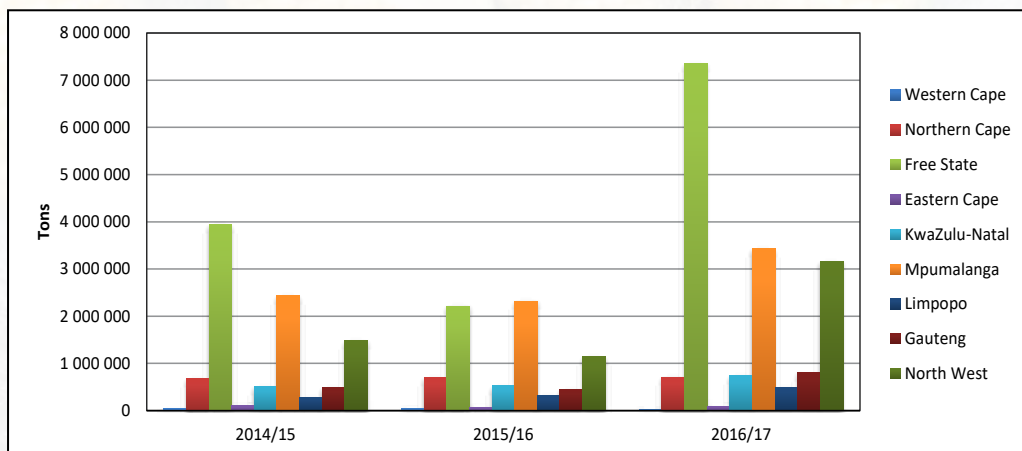
The major commercial maize-producing provinces are the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West, contributing 83% of the total maize production in the RSA. The Free State produced 7 362 000 tons of maize on 1 160 000 hectares with a yield of 6.35 t/ha. Mpumalanga produced 3 430 500 tons of maize on 490 000 hectares with a yield of 7.00 t/ha and North West harvested 3 160 000 tons of maize on 630 000 hectares yielding 5.02 t/ha. Yellow maize contributed 68% of the total maize production in Mpumalanga while the majority of maize produced in the North West (82%) and Free State (69%) was white.

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

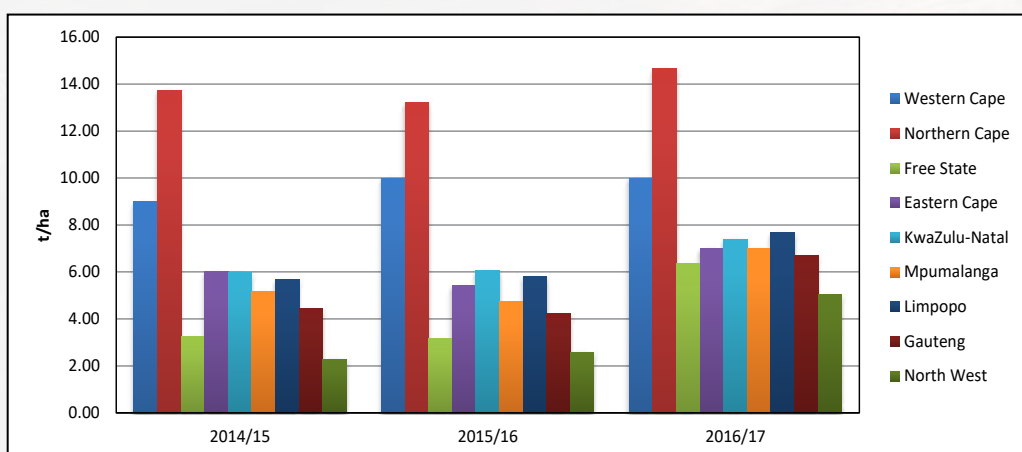
**Graph 5: Area utilized for maize production per province over three seasons**



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



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



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