

The results (as averages per region) are made available weekly on the SAGL website (www.sagl.co.za) as soon as the first samples are received. The hard copy reports are distributed to all Directly Affected Groups and interested parties and are also available for download in a PDF format from the website.

In addition to the quality information compared over a number of seasons, production figures (obtained from the CEC) relating to hectares planted, tons produced and yields obtained on a national as well as provincial basis, over a ten season period, are provided in this report.

SAGIS supply and demand information over several seasons is presented in table and graph format. Information with regards to the manufacture, import and export of wheat products as well as the manufacture of pan baked products is also incorporated into the report.

Data on wheat imported for domestic use during the 2015/2016 (previous) season is included and compared to the quality of the local corresponding crop.

The national bread wheat grading regulations as published in the Government Gazette of 29 January 2016 are provided as the last section of the report.

The goal of this crop quality survey is to accumulate quality data on the commercial wheat crop on a national level. This valuable data reveals general tendencies and highlights quality differences in the commercial wheat produced in different local production regions. A detailed database containing reliable analytical data collected over several seasons is essential to enable industry to comment on proposed legislative levels and to supply reliable data for targeted research projects.

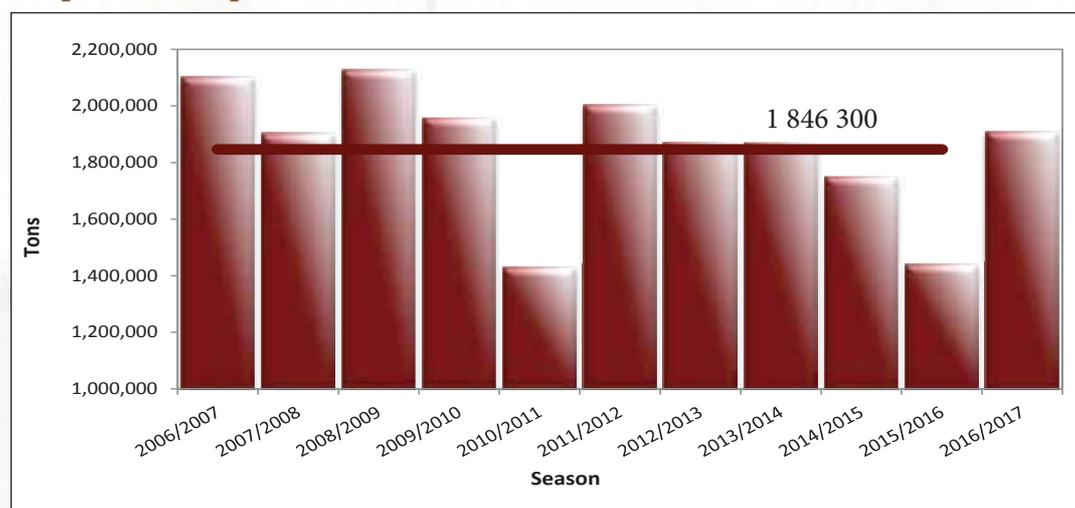
Production

Wheat contributed 81% to the total winter cereal crop production in South Africa this season. Other winter crops produced are malting barley and canola.

South Africa (comprising nine provinces) is divided into 36 crop production regions with wheat planted in approximately 28 of these regions. Please see Figure 1 (RSA Provincial map) and Figure 2 (RSA Crop Production Regional map) on pages 28 and 29.

The national CEC's estimated total production figures were revised, using as basis for the calculations, SAGIS' published figures of actual deliveries. Figures to determine on-farm usage and retentions obtained from a wheat utilization survey conducted by DAFF, were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.

Graph 1: Wheat production in the RSA from the 2006/2007 to 2016/2017 seasons



Figures provided by the CEC.