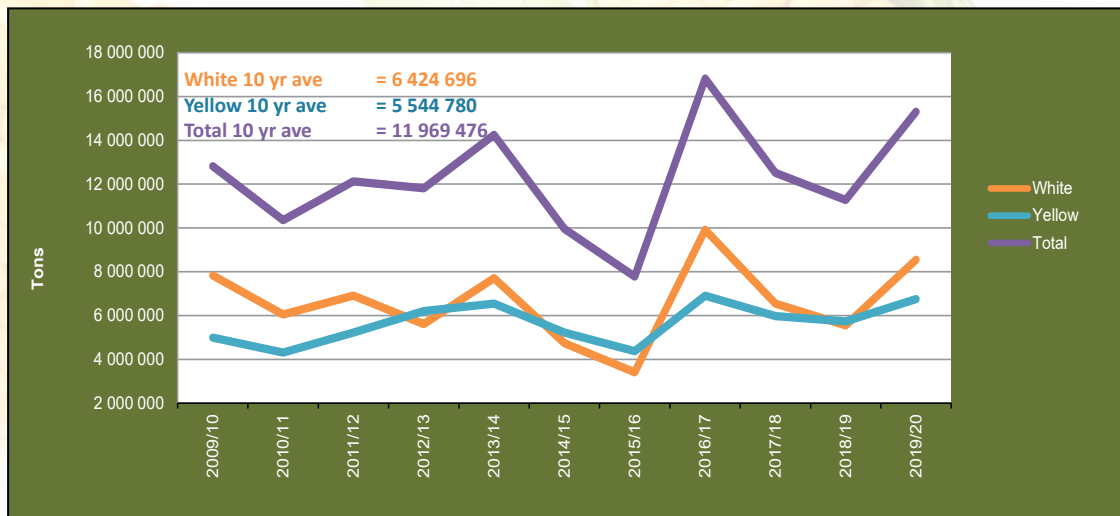


Production

The final figure for the 2019/20 season's commercial maize crop as overseen by the National Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) is 15 300 million tons. This figure represents a year on year increase of 35.7% and is also 27.8% higher than the previous 10-year crop average (11 969 million tons). White maize's contribution to the total production was 8 548 million tons (55.9%) and that of yellow maize 6 753 million tons (44.1%).

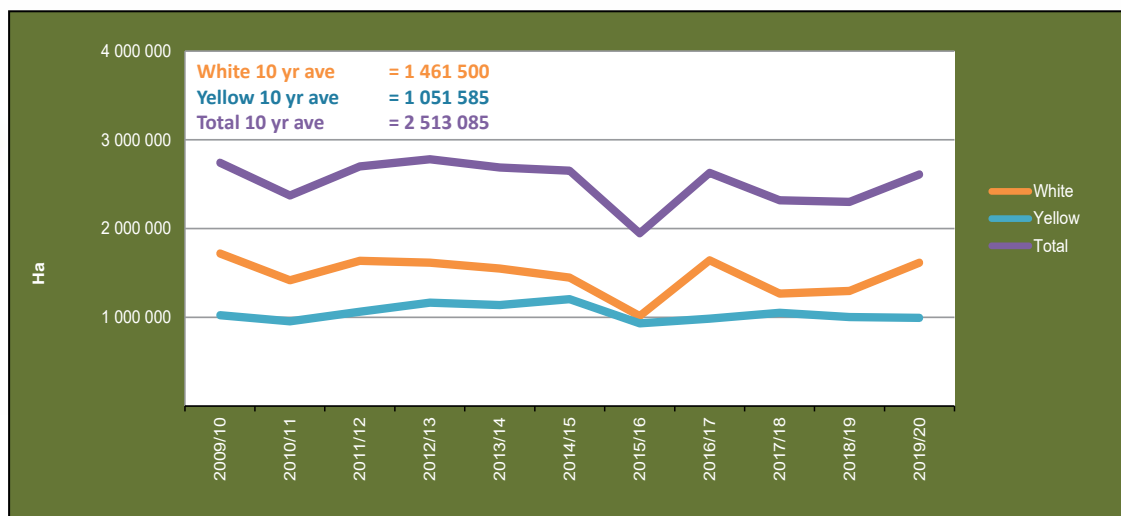
The national Crop Estimates Committee's (CEC) estimated total production figures were revised, using the South African Grain Information Services' (SAGIS) published figures of actual deliveries as basis for the calculations. Figures from the maize utilisation survey, conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALLRD) to determine on-farm usage and retentions as well as 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 2009/10 to 2019/20



The total area utilised for maize production in the 2019/20 season was 2 610 800 hectares, representing an increase of 13.5% compared to the previous season and which is also 3.9% higher than the previous 10-year average. White maize was planted on 1 616 300 hectares and yellow maize on 994 500 hectares (1 298 400 and 1 002 100 hectares respectively in the 2018/19 season).

Graph 3: Total RSA area utilised for maize production from 2009/10 to 2019/20



The maize yield of 5.86 tons per hectare (t/ha) this season, was 0.96 t/ha higher than the previous season. The previous 10-year average is 4.75 t/ha. White maize yielded 5.29 t/ha and yellow maize 6.79 t/ha (4.27 t/ha and 5.72 t/ha respectively last season).