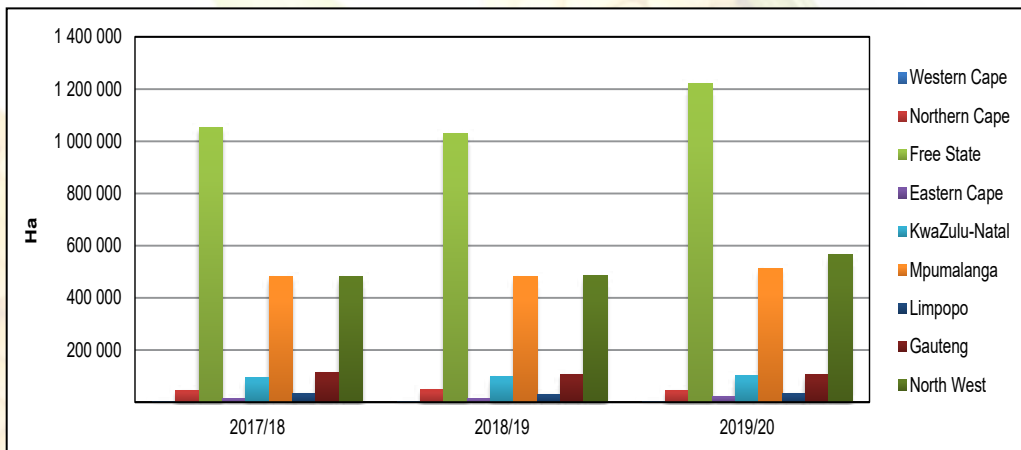


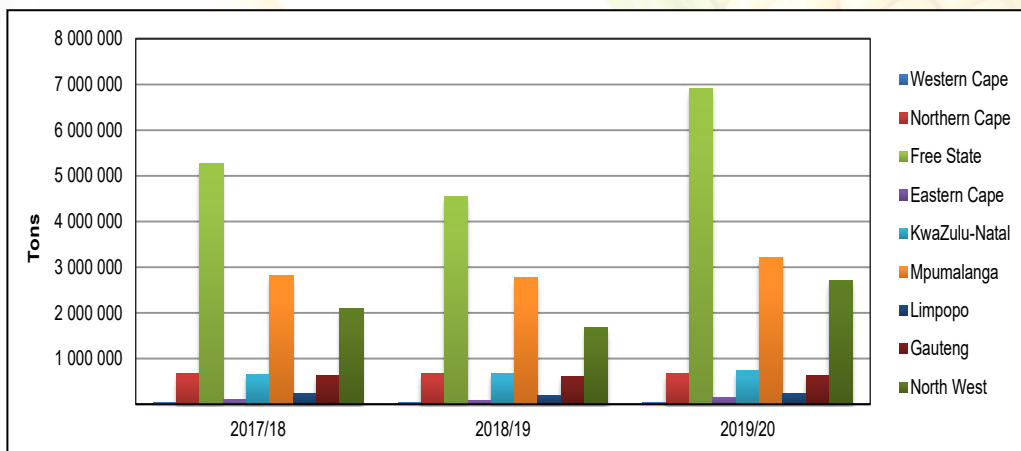
The major commercial maize-producing provinces are the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West, contributing 84% of the total maize production in the RSA. The Free State produced 6 909 000 tons of maize on 1 220 000 hectares with a yield of 5.66 t/ha. Mpumalanga produced 3 219 500 tons of maize on 513 000 hectares with a yield of 6.28 t/ha and North West harvested 2 718 000 tons of maize on 565 000 hectares yielding 4.81 t/ha. Yellow maize contributed 73% of the total maize production in Mpumalanga while the majority of maize produced in the Free State (68%) and North West (81%) was white.

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

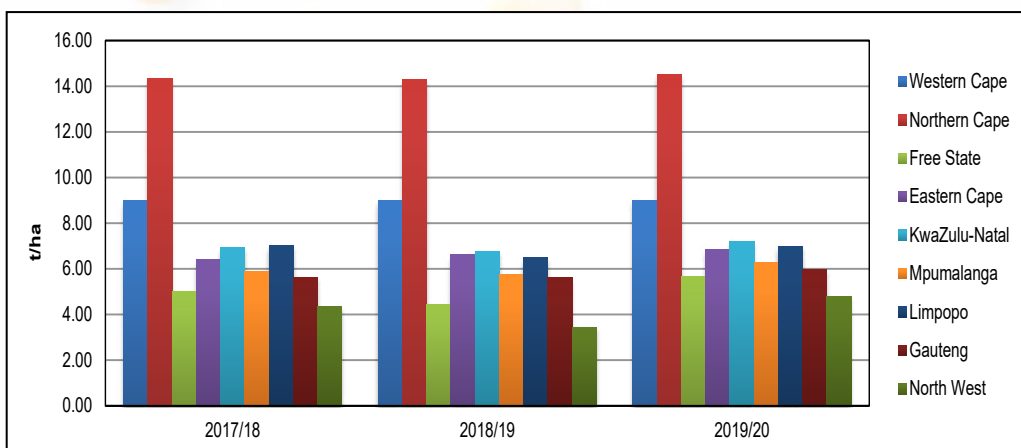
Graph 5: Area utilised for maize production per province over three seasons



Graph 6: Maize production per province over three seasons



Graph 7: Maize yield per province over three seasons



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