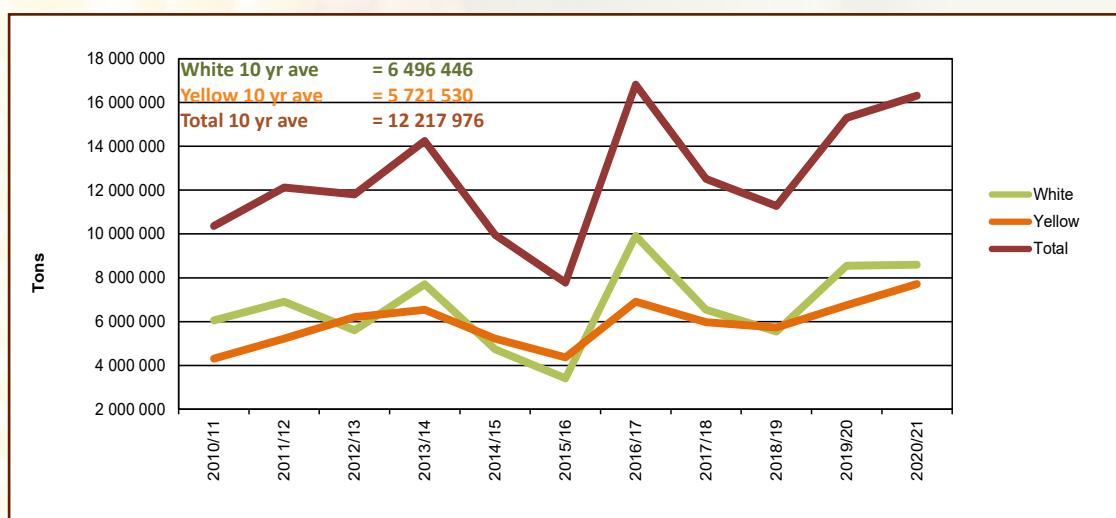


Production

The final figure for the 2020/21 season's commercial maize crop as overseen by the National Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) is 16 315 million tons, the second largest maize crop on record. This figure represents a year on year increase of 6.6% and is also 33.5% higher than the previous 10-year crop average (12 218 million tons). White maize's contribution to the total production was 8 600 million tons (52.7%) and that of yellow maize 7 715 million tons (47.3%).

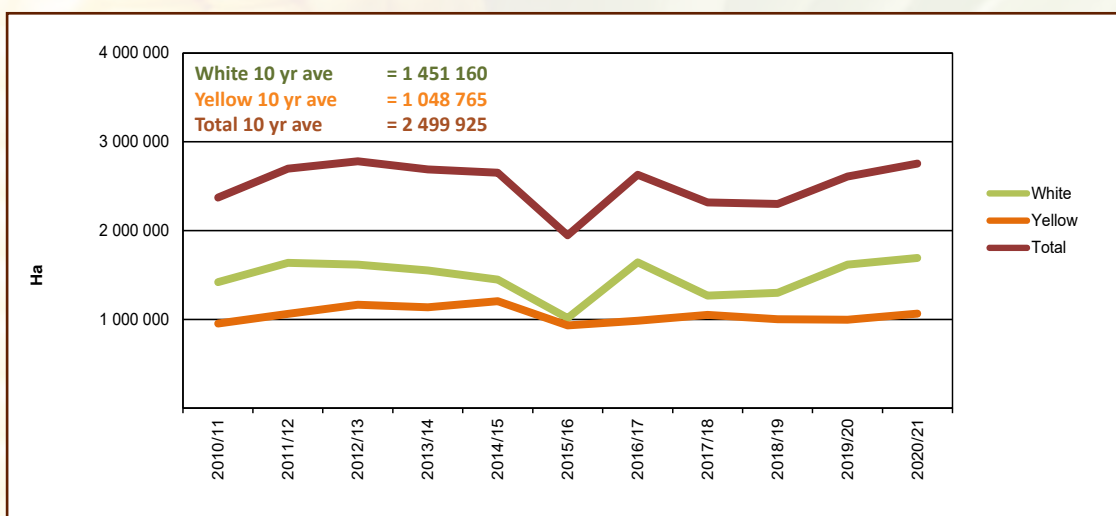
The national Crop Estimates Committee's (CEC) estimated total production figures were revised, using the South African Grain Information Services' (SAGIS) published figures of actual deliveries as basis for the calculations. Figures from the maize utilisation survey, conducted by the Department of Agriculture, 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 2010/11 TO 2020/21



The total area utilised for maize production in the 2020/21 season was 2 755 400 hectares, representing an increase of 5.5% compared to the previous season and which is also 10.2% higher than the previous 10-year average. White maize was planted on 1 691 900 hectares and yellow maize on 1 063 500 hectares (1 616 300 and 994 500 hectares respectively in the 2019/20 season).

GRAPH 3: TOTAL RSA AREA UTILISED FOR MAIZE PRODUCTION FROM 2010/11 TO 2020/21



The maize yield of 5.92 tons per hectare (t/ha) this season, was 1% higher than the previous season. The previous 10-year average is 4.87 t/ha. White maize yielded 5.08 t/ha and yellow maize 7.25 t/ha (5.29 t/ha and 6.79 t/ha respectively last season).