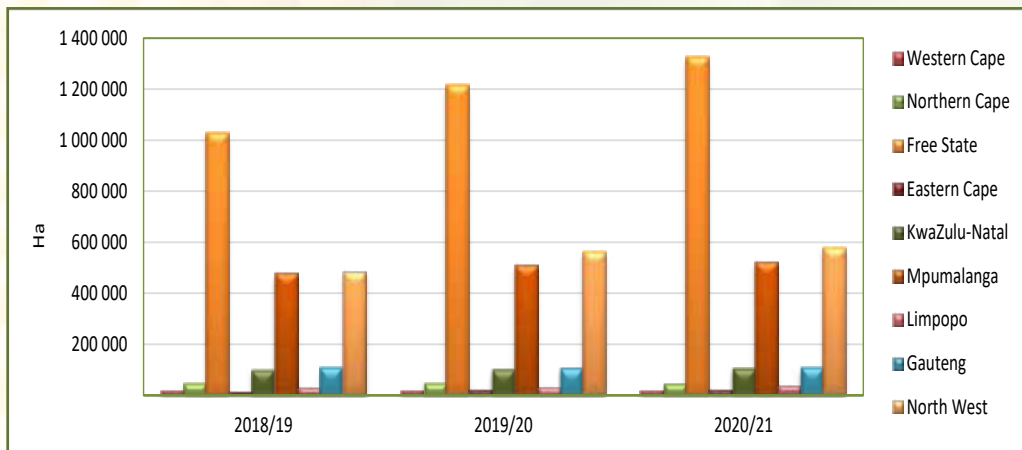


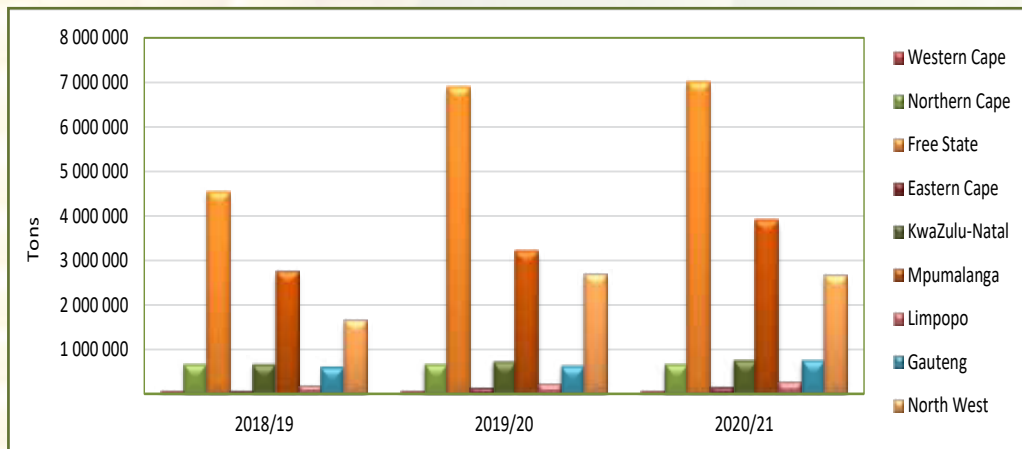
The major commercial maize-producing provinces are the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West, contributing 84% of the total maize production in the RSA. The Free State produced 7 034 000 tons of maize on 1 327 500 hectares with a yield of 5.30 t/ha. Mpumalanga produced 3 920 500 tons of maize on 525 000 hectares with a yield of 7.47 t/ha and North West harvested 2 686 000 tons of maize on 580 000 hectares yielding 4.63 t/ha. Yellow maize contributed 72% of the total maize production in Mpumalanga while the majority of maize produced in the Free State (64%) and North West (79%) was white.

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

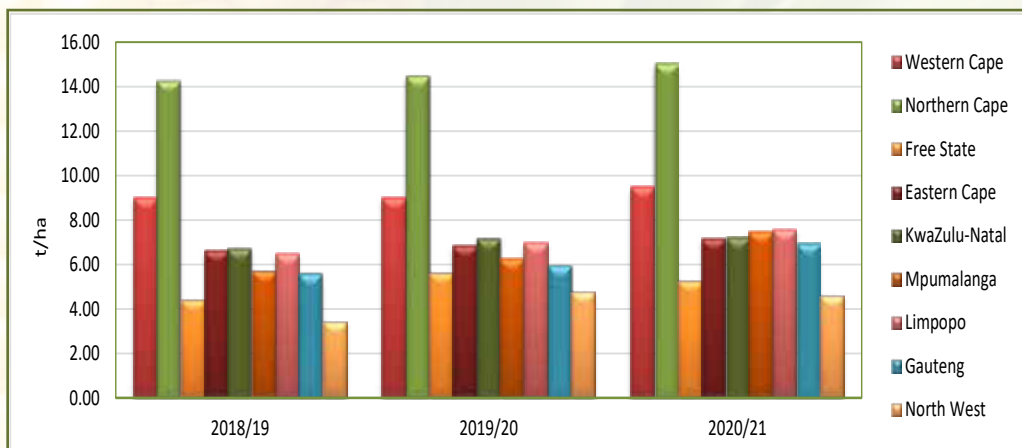
GRAPH 5: AREA UTILISED FOR MAIZE PRODUCTION PER PROVINCE OVER THREE SEASONS



GRAPH 6: MAIZE PRODUCTION PER PROVINCE OVER THREE SEASONS



GRAPH 7: MAIZE YIELD PER PROVINCE OVER THREE SEASONS



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