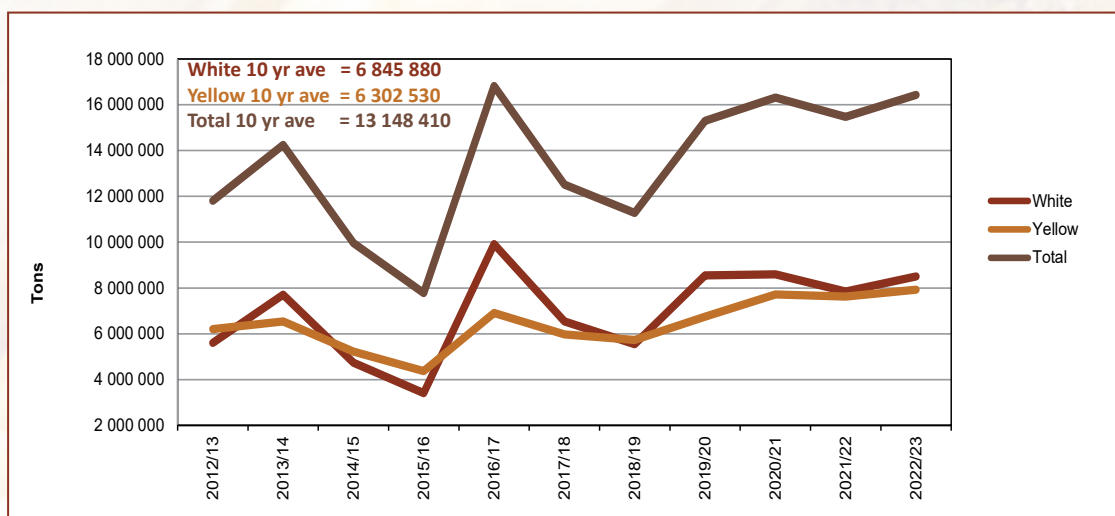


# Production

The final figure as shown in Graph 2 for the 2022/23 season's commercial maize crop as overseen by the National Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) is 16 430 million tons and the second largest maize crop on record after the 16 820 million tons of the 2016/17 season. The 2022/23 figure represents a year-on-year increase of just more than 6% and is also 25% higher than the previous 10-year crop average (13 148 million tons). White maize's contribution to the total production was 8 505 million tons (51.8%) and that of yellow maize 7 925 million tons (48.2%).

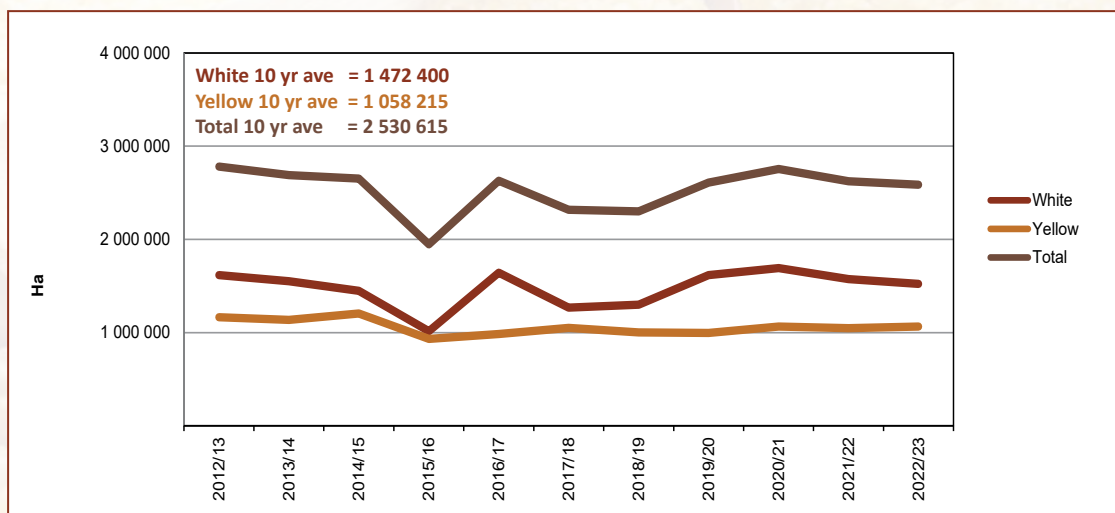
The national Crop Estimates Committee's (CEC) estimated total production figures were revised, using the South African Grain Information Services' (SAGIS) published figures of actual deliveries as basis for the calculations. Figures from the maize utilisation survey, conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRD) 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 2012/13 to 2022/23**



As shown in Graph 3, the total area utilised for maize production in the 2022/23 season was 2 586 100 hectares, representing a decrease of 1.4% compared to the previous season. This was however still 2.1% higher than the average for the previous 10-years. White maize was produced on 1 521 300 hectares and yellow maize on 1 064 800 hectares (1 575 000 and 1 048 000 hectares respectively in the 2021/22 season).

**Graph 3: Total RSA area utilised for maize production from 2012/13 to 2022/23**



Graph 4 depict the maize yield of 6.35 tons per hectare (t/ha), which was the second highest yield ever reported after the 6.40 t/ha of the 2016/17 season. Last season's yield was 5.90 t/ha and the previous 10-year average 5.17 t/ha. White maize yielded 5.59 t/ha and yellow maize 7.44 t/ha (4.98 t/ha and 7.27 t/ha respectively during the previous season).