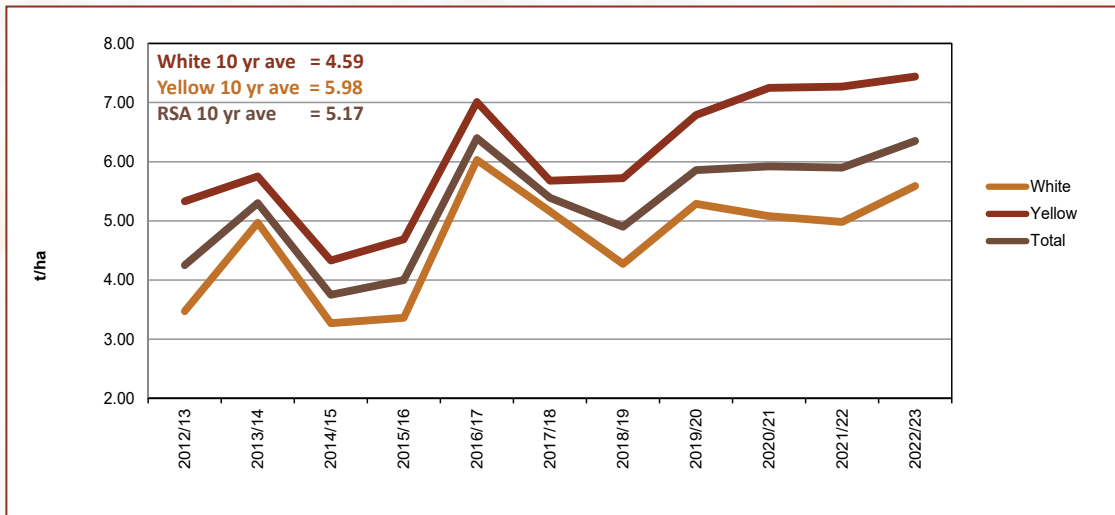


Graph 4: RSA Maize yield from 2012/13 to 2022/23



According to the CEC, the maize area planted in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 358 620 ha, representing a 5.33% decrease compared to the 378 800 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop is 664 040 tons for this sector, which is 0.44% less than the 667 000 tons of last season. Approximately 48% of non-commercial maize is produced in the Eastern Cape, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 21%.

Table 1: Maize production overview - 2022/23 season

| Province | Type of production | White | | | Yellow | | |
|---------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | Hectares planted, ha | Production, tons | Yield, t/ha | Hectares planted, ha | Production, tons | Yield, t/ha |
| Western Cape | Dryland | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Irrigation | 250 | 2 375 | 9.50 | 3 500 | 33 000 | 9.43 |
| | Total | 250 | 2 375 | 9.50 | 3 500 | 33 000 | 9.43 |
| Northern Cape | Dryland | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Irrigation | 1 000 | 12 500 | 12.50 | 43 500 | 696 000 | 16.00 |
| | Total | 1 000 | 12 500 | 12.50 | 43 500 | 696 000 | 16.00 |
| Free State | Dryland | 763 500 | 4 304 100 | 5.64 | 362 000 | 2 228 000 | 6.15 |
| | Irrigation | 16 500 | 141 900 | 8.60 | 39 000 | 468 000 | 12.00 |
| | Total | 780 000 | 4 446 000 | 5.70 | 401 000 | 2 696 000 | 6.72 |
| Eastern Cape | Dryland | 4 000 | 18 470 | 4.62 | 17 000 | 80 500 | 4.74 |
| | Irrigation | 1 750 | 21 780 | 12.45 | 8 000 | 112 000 | 14.00 |
| | Total | 5 750 | 40 250 | 7.00 | 25 000 | 192 500 | 7.70 |
| KwaZulu-Natal | Dryland | 41 000 | 223 700 | 5.46 | 46 000 | 324 000 | 7.04 |
| | Irrigation | 8 000 | 75 200 | 9.40 | 19 000 | 213 000 | 11.21 |
| | Total | 49 000 | 298 900 | 6.10 | 65 000 | 537 000 | 8.26 |
| Mpumalanga | Dryland | 148 500 | 956 900 | 6.44 | 334 500 | 2 400 000 | 7.17 |
| | Irrigation | 8 000 | 76 000 | 9.50 | 17 500 | 196 000 | 11.20 |
| | Total | 156 500 | 1 032 900 | 6.60 | 352 000 | 2 596 000 | 7.38 |
| Limpopo | Dryland | 8 300 | 33 300 | 4.01 | 10 800 | 48 040 | 4.45 |
| | Irrigation | 8 500 | 80 775 | 9.50 | 12 000 | 138 960 | 11.58 |
| | Total | 16 800 | 114 075 | 6.79 | 22 800 | 187 000 | 8.20 |
| Gauteng | Dryland | 52 500 | 330 750 | 6.30 | 44 000 | 299 500 | 6.81 |
| | Irrigation | 3 500 | 33 250 | 9.50 | 8 000 | 93 000 | 11.63 |
| | Total | 56 000 | 364 000 | 6.50 | 52 000 | 392 500 | 7.55 |
| North West | Dryland | 441 000 | 2 060 000 | 4.67 | 85 000 | 422 500 | 4.97 |
| | Irrigation | 15 000 | 134 000 | 8.93 | 15 000 | 172 500 | 11.50 |
| | Total | 456 000 | 2 194 000 | 4.81 | 100 000 | 595 000 | 5.95 |
| RSA | Dryland | 1 458 800 | 7 927 220 | 5.43 | 899 300 | 5 802 540 | 6.45 |
| | Irrigation | 62 500 | 577 780 | 9.24 | 165 500 | 2 122 460 | 12.82 |
| | Total | 1 521 300 | 8 505 000 | 5.59 | 1 064 800 | 7 925 000 | 7.44 |

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