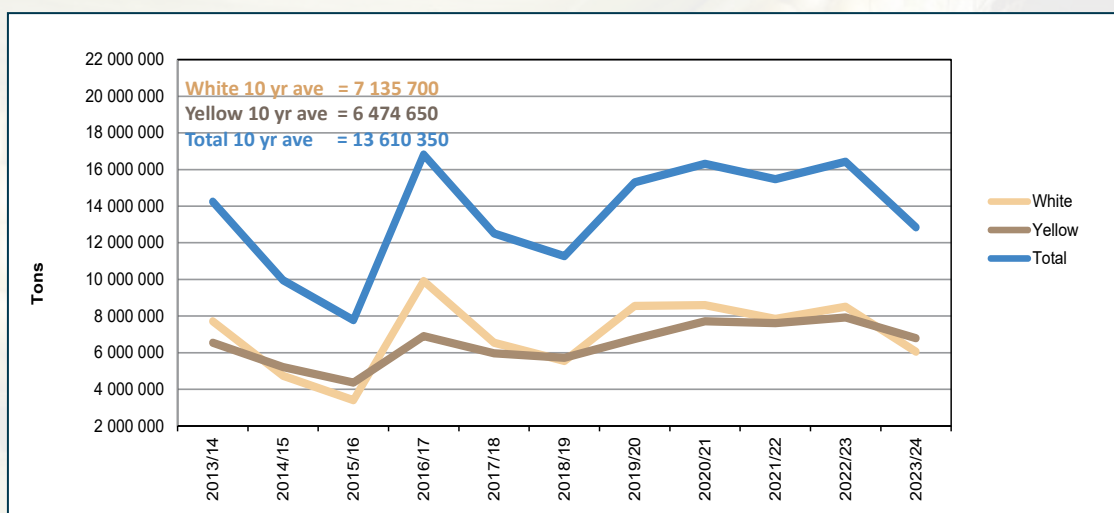
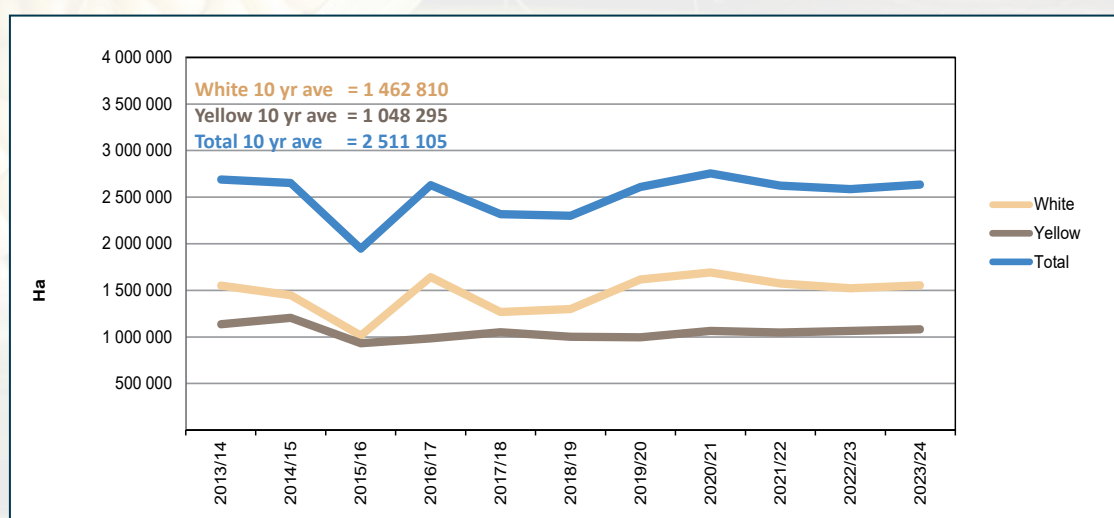




Graph 2: Maize production in RSA from 2013/14 to 2023/24

As shown in Graph 3, the total area utilised for maize production in the 2023/24 season was 2 636 250 hectares, representing increases of 1.9% compared to the previous season and 5% compared to the 10-year average. White maize was produced on 1 554 750 hectares and yellow maize on 1 081 500 hectares (1 521 300 and 1 064 800 hectares respectively in the 2022/23 season).



Graph 3: Total RSA area utilised for maize production from 2013/14 to 2023/24

Graph 4 depicts the maize yield of 4.87 tons per hectare (t/ha), which was 23% lower than the previous season (6.35 t/ha) and 9.5% lower than the 10-year average (5.38 t/ha). White maize yielded 3.89 t/ha and yellow maize 6.28 t/ha (5.59 t/ha and 7.44 t/ha respectively during the previous season).

According to the CEC, the maize area planted in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 347 000 ha, representing a 3.24% decrease compared to the 358 620 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 575 000 tons, which is 13.41% less than the 664 040 tons of last season. Approximately 46% of non-commercial maize is produced in the Eastern Cape, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 22%.