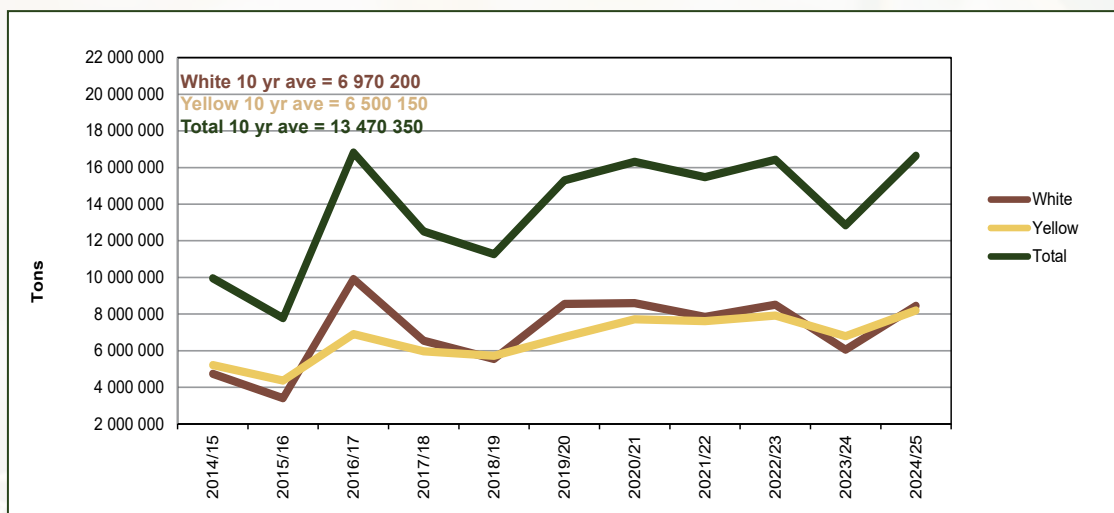
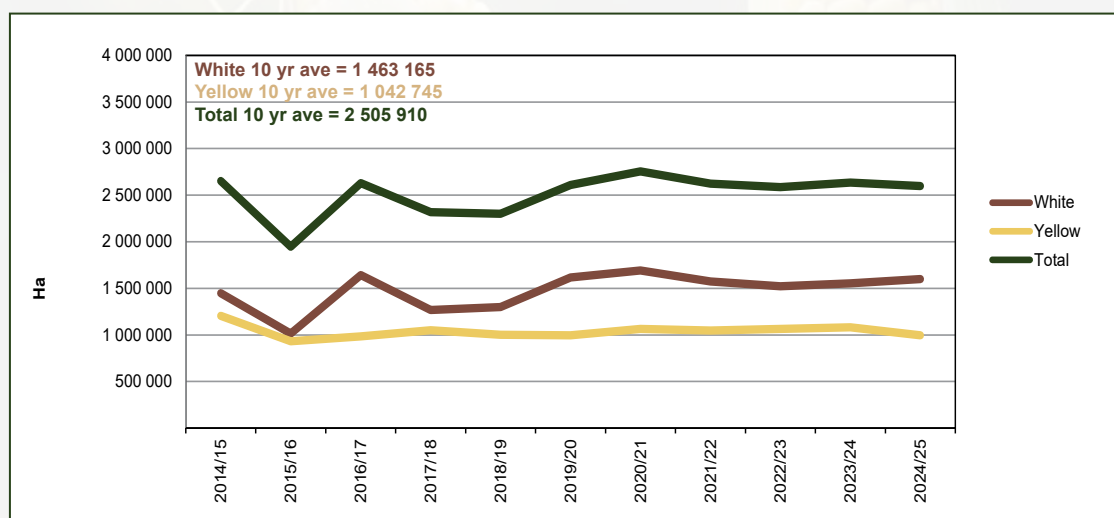




Graph 2: Maize production in RSA from 2014/15 to 2024/25

As shown in Graph 3, the total area utilised for maize production in the 2024/25 season was 2 596 700 hectares, representing a 1.5% decrease compared to the previous season and a 3.6% increase compared to the previous 10-year average (2014/15-2023/24). White maize was produced on 1 599 700 hectares and yellow maize on 997 000 hectares (1 554 750 and 1 081 500 hectares respectively in the 2023/24 season).



Graph 3: Total RSA area utilised for maize production from 2014/15 to 2024/25

Graph 4 depicts the maize yield of 6.41 tons per hectare (t/ha), which was almost 32% higher than the previous season (4.87 t/ha) and also 20.3% higher than the previous 10-year average (2014/15 - 2023/24) of 5.33 t/ha. White maize yielded 5.28 t/ha and yellow maize 8.22 t/ha (3.89 t/ha and 6.28 t/ha respectively during the previous season).

According to the CEC, the maize area planted in the non-commercial agricultural sector is estimated at 358 000 ha, representing a 3.17% increase compared to the 347 000 ha of the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 621 500 tons, which is 8.09% more than the 575 000 tons of last season. Approximately 46.75% of non-commercial maize is produced in the Eastern Cape, followed by KwaZulu-Natal with 20.88% and Limpopo with 20.65%.