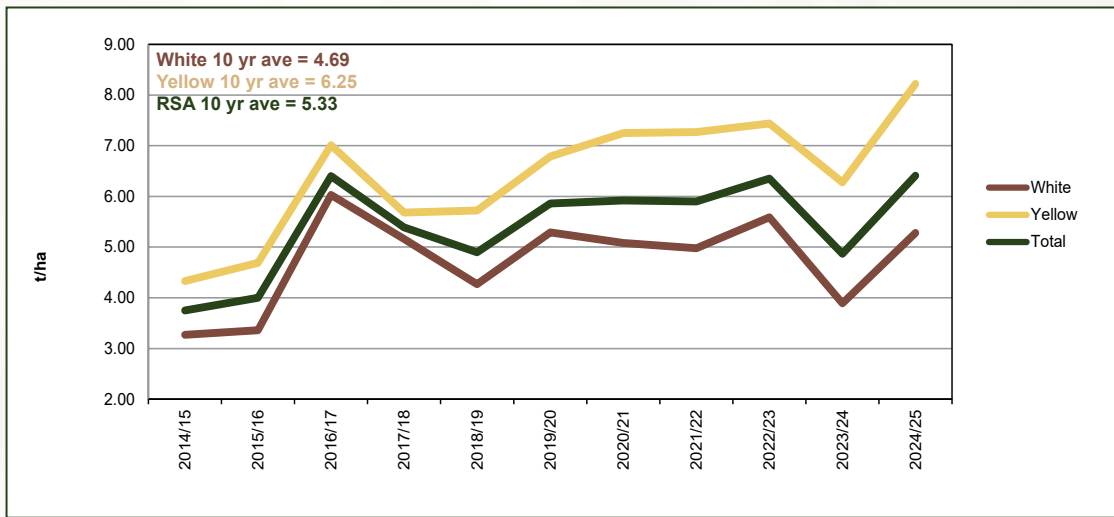




Graph 4: RSA Maize yield from 2014/15 to 2024/25

The major commercial maize-producing provinces are the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West, contributing 81.9% of the total maize production in the RSA (Table 1). The Free State produced 6 870 900 tons of maize on 1 195 000 hectares with a yield of 5.75 t/ha. Mpumalanga produced 4 080 000 tons of maize on 524 000 hectares with a yield of 7.79 t/ha and North West produced 2 690 850 tons of maize on 540 000 hectares yielding 4.98 t/ha. Yellow maize contributed 73% of the total maize production in Mpumalanga while the majority of maize produced in the Free State (63%) and North West (82%) was white.

Table 1: Maize production overview (2024/25 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	200	1 800	9.00	3 500	33 850	9.67
	Total	200	1 800	9.00	3 500	33 850	9.67
Northern Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	1 500	18 750	12.50	42 000	680 400	16.20
	Total	1 500	18 750	12.50	42 000	680 400	16.20
Free State	Dryland	826 000	4 139 400	5.01	307 000	2 072 300	6.75
	Irrigation	24 000	195 600	8.15	38 000	463 600	12.20
	Total	850 000	4 335 000	5.10	345 000	2 535 900	7.35
Eastern Cape	Dryland	4 000	19 000	4.75	17 000	89 000	5.24
	Irrigation	2 000	23 600	11.80	11 000	149 000	13.55
	Total	6 000	42 600	7.10	28 000	238 000	8.50
KwaZulu-Natal	Dryland	42 000	234 000	5.57	46 000	365 100	7.94
	Irrigation	8 000	86 000	10.75	20 000	252 000	12.60
	Total	50 000	320 000	6.40	66 000	617 100	9.35
Mpumalanga	Dryland	152 400	990 600	6.50	340 000	2 703 000	7.95
	Irrigation	9 600	102 900	10.72	22 000	283 500	12.89
	Total	162 000	1 093 500	6.75	362 000	2 986 500	8.25
Limpopo	Dryland	4 000	12 800	3.20	6 500	28 400	4.37
	Irrigation	6 000	58 200	9.70	12 000	134 400	11.20
	Total	10 000	71 000	7.10	18 500	162 800	8.80
Gauteng	Dryland	52 000	330 250	6.35	51 800	396 200	7.65
	Irrigation	3 000	30 000	10.00	5 200	65 500	12.60
	Total	55 000	360 250	6.55	57 000	461 700	8.10
North West	Dryland	443 500	1 994 250	4.50	58 500	303 900	5.19
	Irrigation	21 500	212 850	9.90	16 500	179 850	10.90
	Total	465 000	2 207 100	4.75	75 000	483 750	6.45
RSA	Dryland	1 523 900	7 720 300	5.07	826 800	5 957 900	7.21
	Irrigation	75 800	729 700	9.63	170 200	2 242 100	13.17
	Total	1 599 700	8 450 000	5.28	997 000	8 200 000	8.22

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