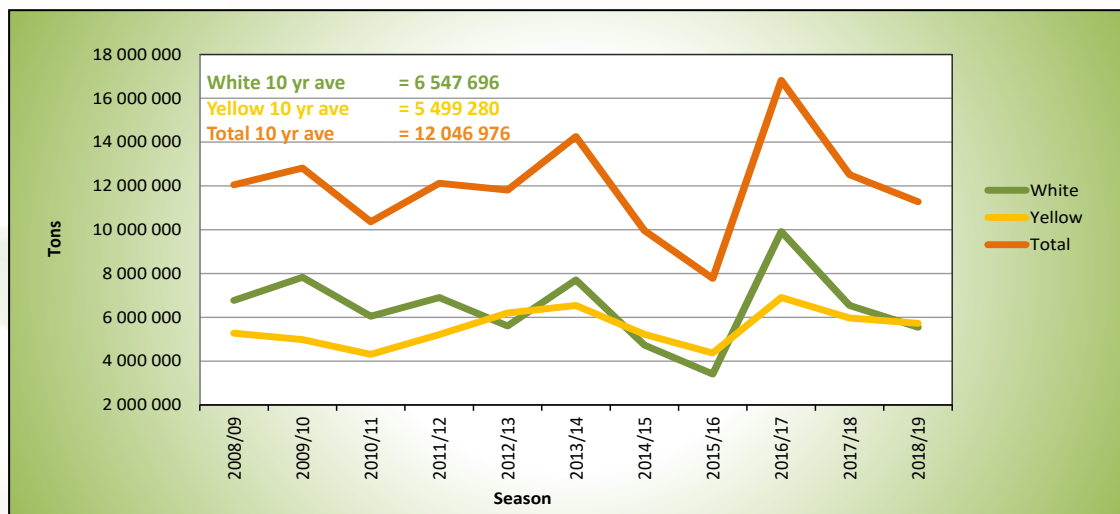


Production

The final figure for the 2018/19 season's commercial maize crop as overseen by the National Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) is 11,275 million tons. This figure represents a year on year decrease of 9.9% and is also 6.4% lower than the previous 10-year crop average (12,047 million tons). White maize's contribution to the total production was 5,545 million tons (49.2%) and that of yellow maize 5,730 million tons (50.8%).

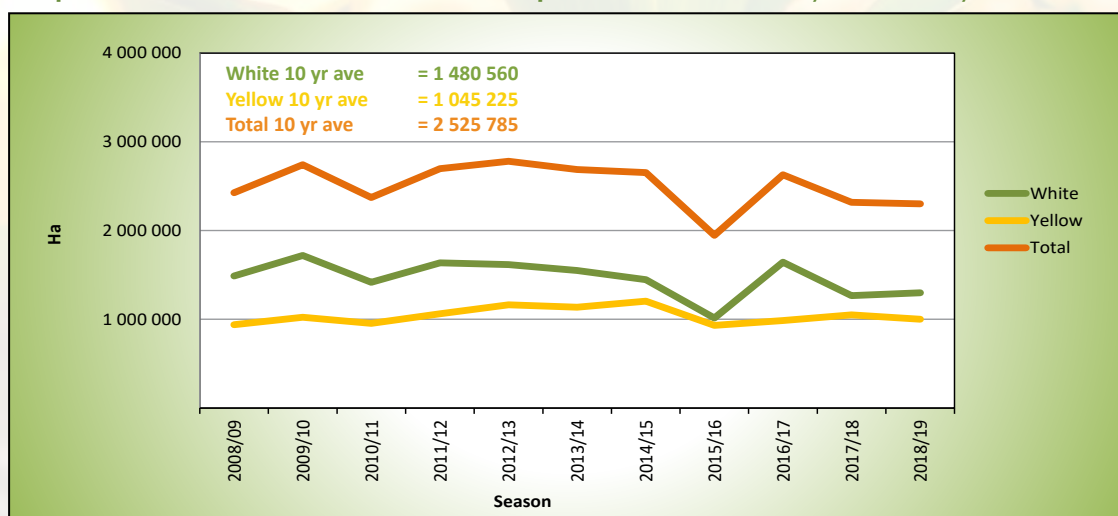
The national Crop Estimates Committee's (CEC) estimated total production figures were revised, using the South African Grain Information Services' (SAGIS) published figures of actual deliveries as basis for the calculations. Figures from the maize utilisation survey, conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) 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 2008/09 to 2018/19



The total area utilised for maize production in the 2018/19 season was 2 300 500 hectares, 0.8% less than the previous season and 9% lower than the previous 10-year average. White maize was planted on 1 298 400 hectares and yellow maize on 1 002 100 hectares (1 268 100 and 1 050 750 hectares respectively in the 2017/18 season).

Graph 3: Total RSA area utilised for maize production from 2008/09 to 2018/19



The maize yield of 4.90 tons per hectare (t/ha) this season, was 0.49 t/ha lower than the previous season. The previous 10-year average is 4.76 t/ha. White maize yielded 4.27 t/ha and yellow maize 5.72 t/ha (5.16 t/ha and 5.68 t/ha respectively last season).