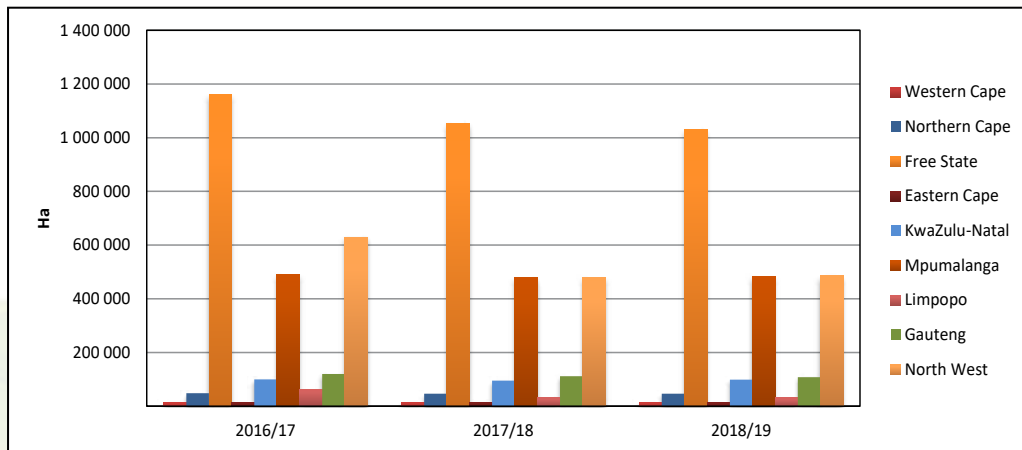


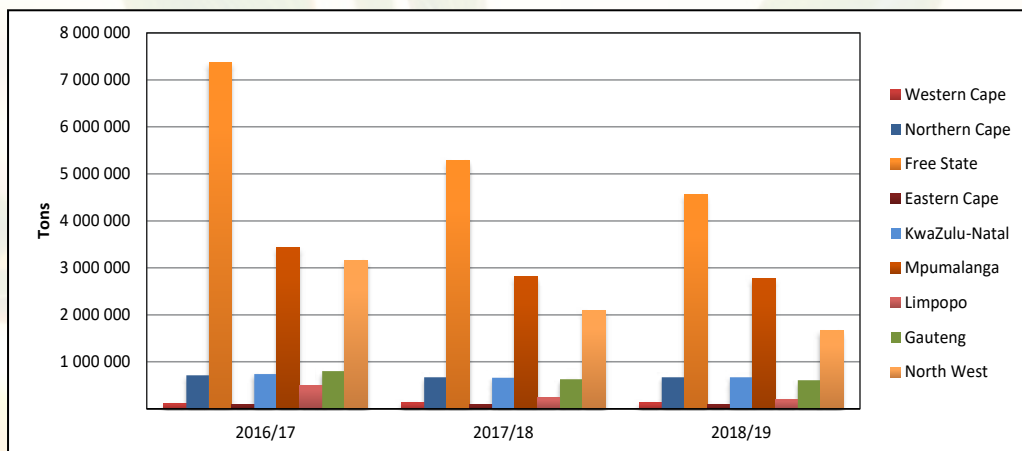
The major commercial maize-producing provinces are the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West, contributing 80% of the total maize production in the RSA. The Free State produced 4 553 000 tons of maize on 1 030 000 hectares with a yield of 4.42 t/ha. Mpumalanga produced 2 774 800 tons of maize on 483 000 hectares with a yield of 5.74 t/ha and North West harvested 1 673 000 tons of maize on 485 000 hectares yielding 3.45 t/ha. Yellow maize contributed 71% of the total maize production in Mpumalanga while the majority of maize produced in the Free State (61%) and North West (76%) was white.

Please see graphs 5 to 7 for provincial figures of area planted, production and yield over the last three seasons.

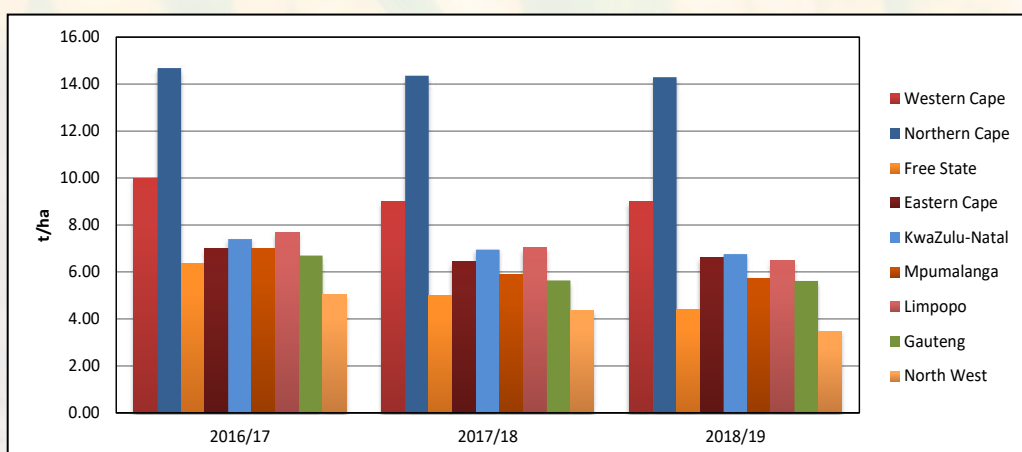
Graph 5: Area utilised for maize production per province over three seasons



Graph 6: Maize production per province over three seasons



Graph 7: Maize yield per province over three seasons



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