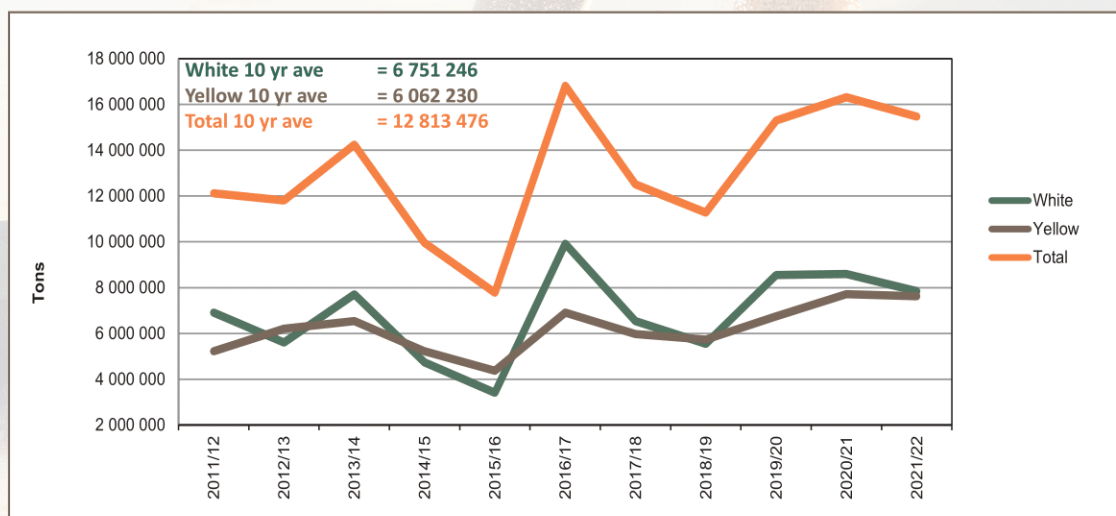


Production

The final figure for the 2021/22 season's commercial maize crop as overseen by the National Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) is 15 470 million tons, the third largest maize crop on record. Although this figure represents a year-on-year decrease of just more than 5%, it is still almost 21% higher than the previous 10-year crop average (12 813 million tons). White maize's contribution to the total production was 7 850 million tons (50.7%) and that of yellow maize 7 620 million tons (49.3%).

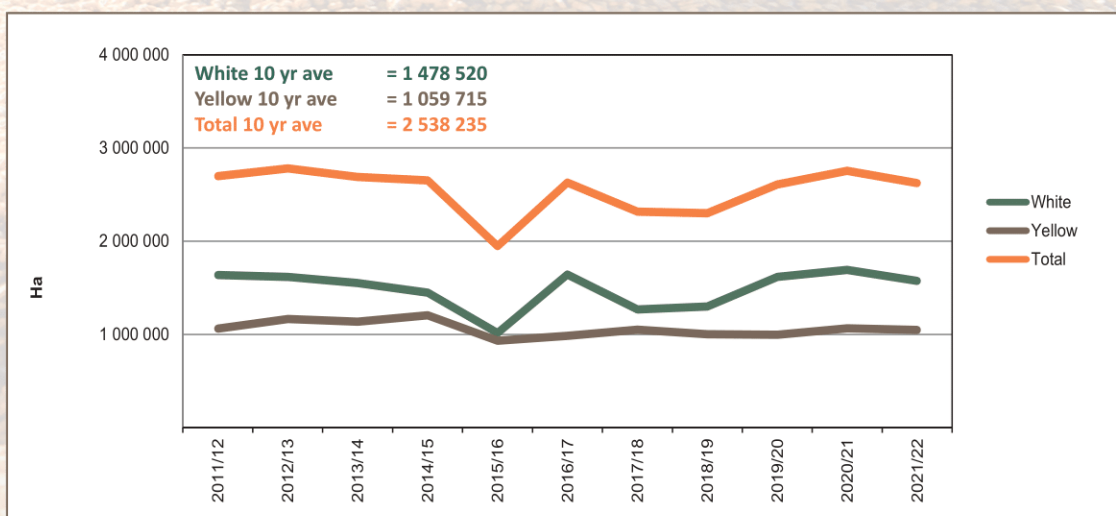
The national Crop Estimates Committee's (CEC) estimated total production figures were revised, using the South African Grain Information Services' (SAGIS) published figures of actual deliveries as basis for the calculations. Figures from the maize utilisation survey, conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALLRD) 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 2011/12 to 2021/22



The total area utilised for maize production in the 2021/22 season was 2 623 000 hectares, representing a decrease of 4.8% compared to the previous season but still 3.3% higher than the previous 10-year average. White maize was planted on 1 575 000 hectares and yellow maize on 1 048 000 hectares (1 691 900 and 1 063 500 hectares respectively in the 2020/21 season).

Graph 3: Total RSA area utilised for maize production from 2011/12 to 2021/22



The maize yield of 5.90 tons per hectare (t/ha) this season, was almost equal to the 5.92 t/ha of the previous season. The previous 10-year average is 5.03 t/ha. White maize yielded 4.98 t/ha and yellow maize 7.27 t/ha (5.08 t/ha and 7.25 t/ha respectively last season).