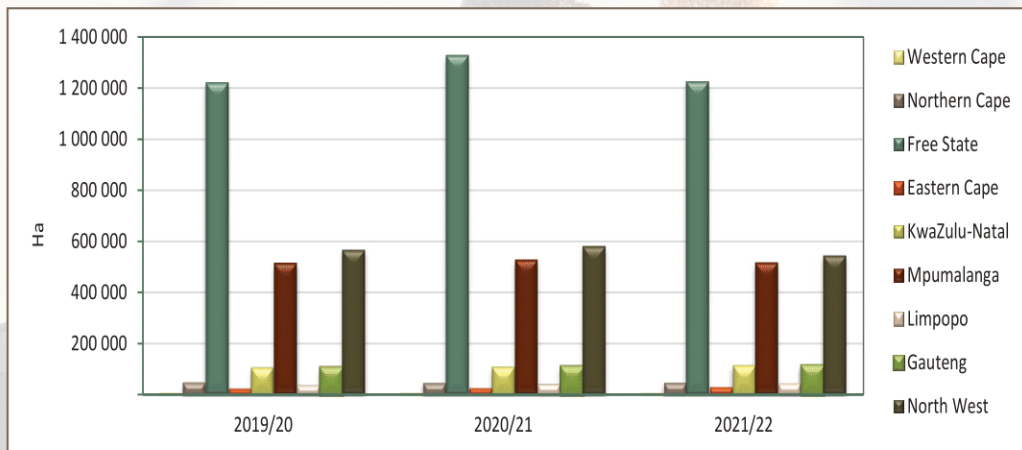


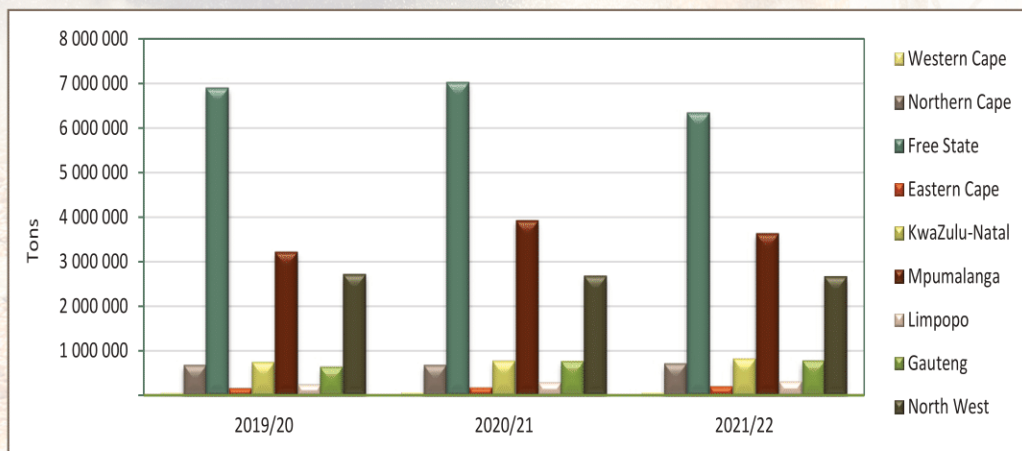
The major commercial maize-producing provinces are the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West, contributing 82% of the total maize production in the RSA. The Free State produced 6 349 700 tons of maize on 1 224 500 hectares with a yield of 5.19 t/ha. Mpumalanga produced 3 626 500 tons of maize on 515 000 hectares with a yield of 7.04 t/ha and North West harvested 2 667 750 tons of maize on 544 000 hectares yielding 4.90 t/ha. Yellow maize contributed 70% of the total maize production in Mpumalanga while the majority of maize produced in the Free State (60%) and North West (79%) was white.

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

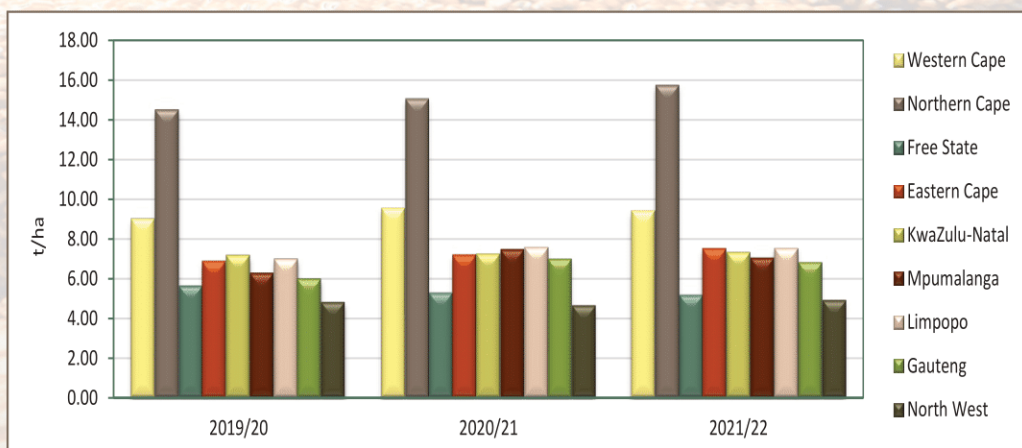
**Graph 5: Area utilised for maize production per province over three seasons**



**Graph 6: Maize production per province over three seasons**



**Graph 7: Maize yield per province over three seasons**



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