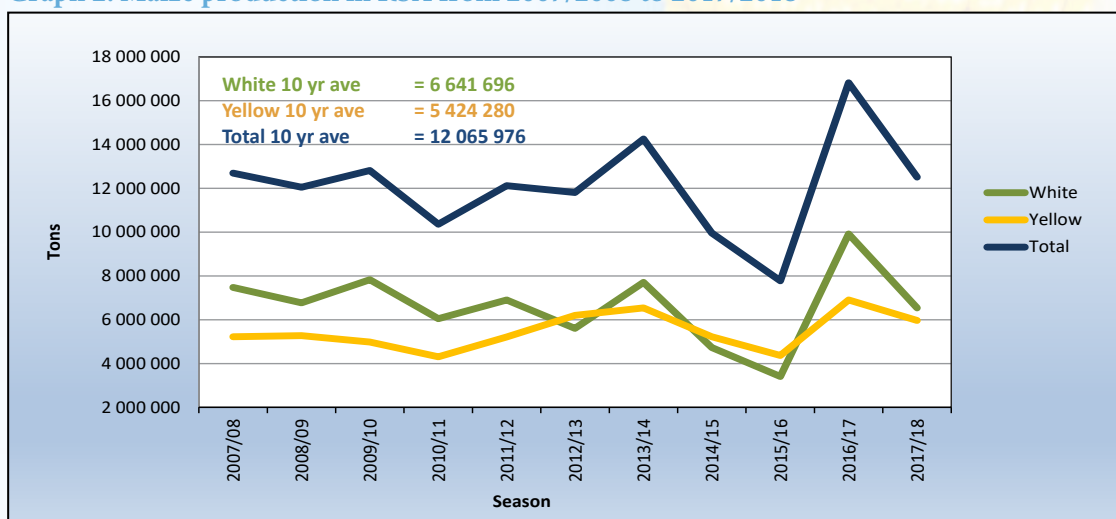


Production

The finalised crop figure for the 2017/2018 season commercial maize as overseen by the National Crop Estimates Liaison Committee (CELC) is 12,510 million tons. This figure represents a year on year decrease of 25.6% compared to the all-time high record crop of the previous season, but is however close to the previous 10-year crop average (12,065 million tons). White maize's contribution to the total production was 6,540 million tons (52%) and that of yellow maize 5,970 million tons (48%).

The national Crop Estimates Committee's (CEC) estimated total production figures were revised, using as basis for the calculations, the South African Grain Information Services' (SAGIS) published figures of actual deliveries. Figures to determine on-farm usage and retentions from the maize utilization survey, which was conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and 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 2007/2008 to 2017/2018



The total area utilised for maize production in the 2017/2018 season was 2 318 850 hectares, almost 12% less than the previous season and 10% lower than the previous 10-year average. White maize was planted on 1 268 100 hectares and yellow maize on 1 050 750 hectares (1 643 100 and 985 500 hectares respectively in the 2016/2017 season).

Graph 3: Total RSA area utilised for maize production from 2007/2008 to 2017/2018

