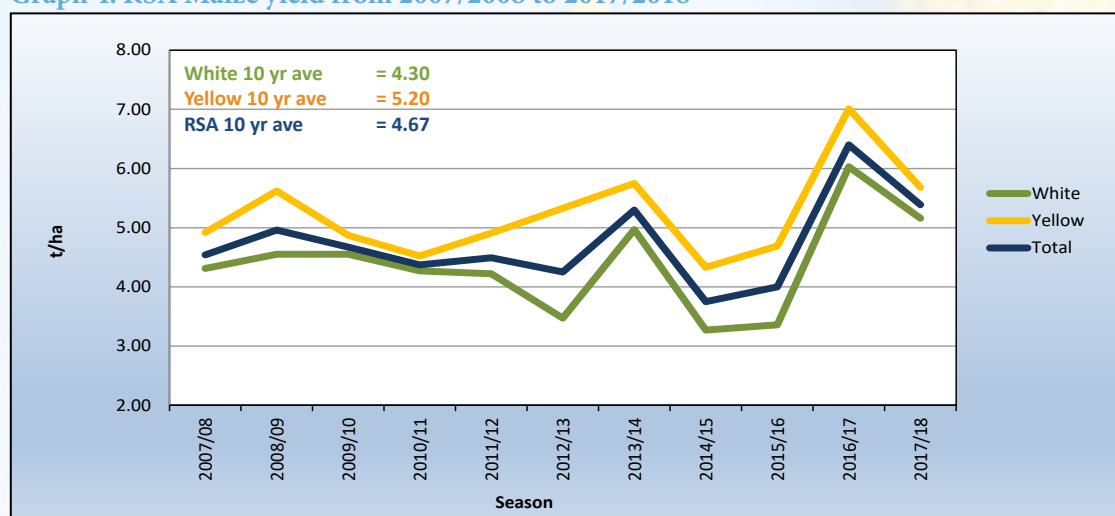


The maize yield this season of 5.39 tons per hectare (t/ha), although 1.0 t/ha lower than the all-time high of the previous season, was still the second highest yield recorded. The previous 10-year average is 4.67 t/ha. White maize yielded 5.16 t/ha and yellow maize 5.68 t/ha.

**Graph 4: RSA Maize yield from 2007/2008 to 2017/2018**



As with commercial maize production, both the area planted as well as the crop size of maize planted in the non-commercial agricultural sector, decreased compared to the previous season. The expected maize crop for this sector is 593 975 tons. Approximately 40% of non-commercial maize is produced in the Eastern Cape.

**Table 1: Maize production overview - 2017/2018 season**

Province	Type of production	White			Yellow		
		Hectares planted, ha	Production, tons	Yield, t/ha	Hectares planted, ha	Production, tons	Yield, t/ha
Western Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	-	-	-	3 750	33 750	9.00
	Total	-	-	-	3 750	33 750	9.00
Northern Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	3 600	41 300	11.47	43 000	628 000	14.60
	Total	3 600	41 300	11.47	43 000	628 000	14.60
Free State	Dryland	622 000	3 119 000	5.01	380 000	1 616 000	4.25
	Irrigation	22 000	231 000	10.50	30 000	309 000	10.30
	Total	644 000	3 350 000	5.20	410 000	1 925 000	4.70
Eastern Cape	Dryland	2 450	10 100	4.12	7 000	26 500	3.79
	Irrigation	1 050	11 600	11.05	4 000	45 000	11.25
	Total	3 500	21 700	6.20	11 000	71 500	6.50
KwaZulu-Natal	Dryland	38 000	205 100	5.40	34 000	212 000	6.24
	Irrigation	7 000	74 900	10.70	16 000	168 000	10.50
	Total	45 000	280 000	6.22	50 000	380 000	7.60
Mpumalanga	Dryland	133 000	737 000	5.54	322 000	1 817 800	5.65
	Irrigation	7 000	75 000	10.71	18 000	187 200	10.40
	Total	140 000	812 000	5.80	340 000	2 005 000	5.90
Limpopo	Dryland	6 000	27 000	4.50	10 000	31 700	3.17
	Irrigation	6 000	63 000	10.50	11 000	110 000	10.00
	Total	12 000	90 000	7.50	21 000	141 700	6.75
Gauteng	Dryland	48 000	253 600	5.28	53 400	266 800	5.00
	Irrigation	2 000	21 400	10.70	8 600	89 700	10.43
	Total	50 000	275 000	5.50	62 000	356 500	5.75
North West	Dryland	350 000	1 462 000	4.18	102 000	353 350	3.46
	Irrigation	20 000	208 000	10.40	8 000	75 200	9.40
	Total	370 000	1 670 000	4.51	110 000	428 550	3.90
RSA	Dryland	1 199 450	5 813 800	4.85	908 400	4 324 150	4.76
	Irrigation	68 650	726 200	10.58	142 350	1 645 850	11.56
	Total	1 268 100	6 540 000	5.16	1 050 750	5 970 000	5.68

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