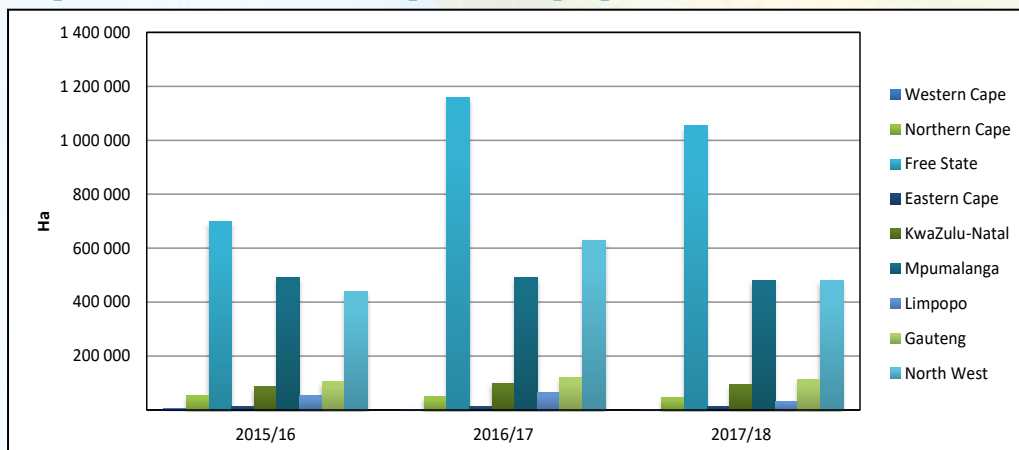


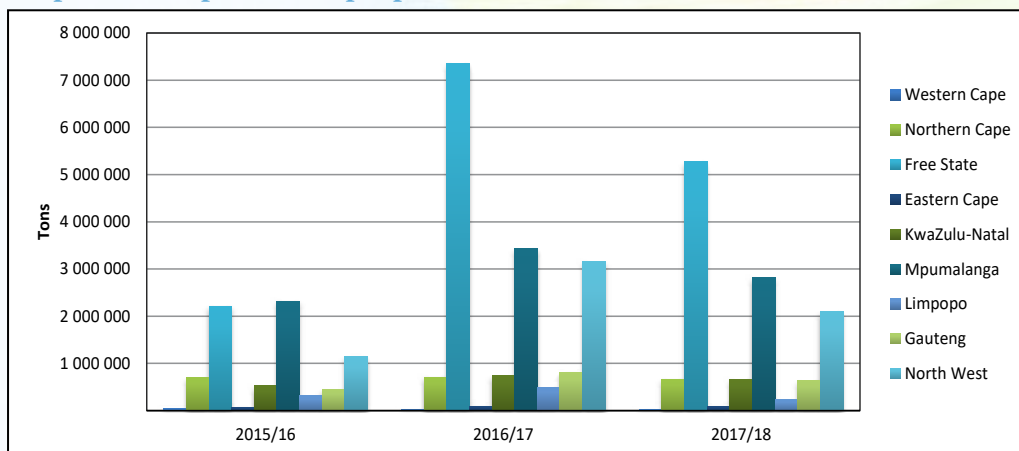
The major commercial maize-producing provinces are the Free State, Mpumalanga and North West, contributing 81% of the total maize production in the RSA. The Free State produced 5 275 000 tons of maize on 1 054 000 hectares with a yield of 5.00 t/ha. Mpumalanga produced 2 817 000 tons of maize on 480 000 hectares with a yield of 5.87 t/ha and North West harvested 2 098 550 tons of maize on 480 000 hectares yielding 4.37 t/ha. Yellow maize contributed 71% of the total maize production in Mpumalanga while the majority of maize produced in the North West (80%) and Free State (64%) was white.

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

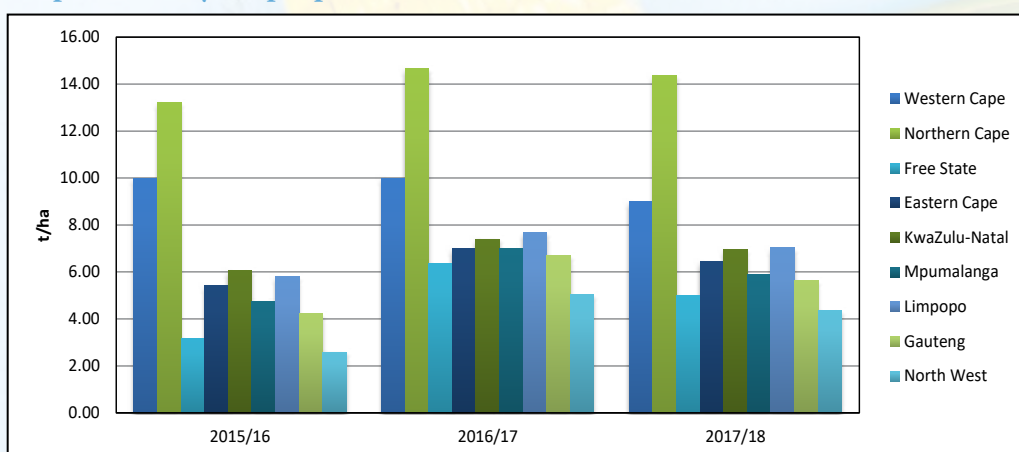
Graph 5: Area utilized for maize production per province over three seasons



Graph 6: Maize production per province over three seasons



Graph 7: Maize yield per province over three seasons



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