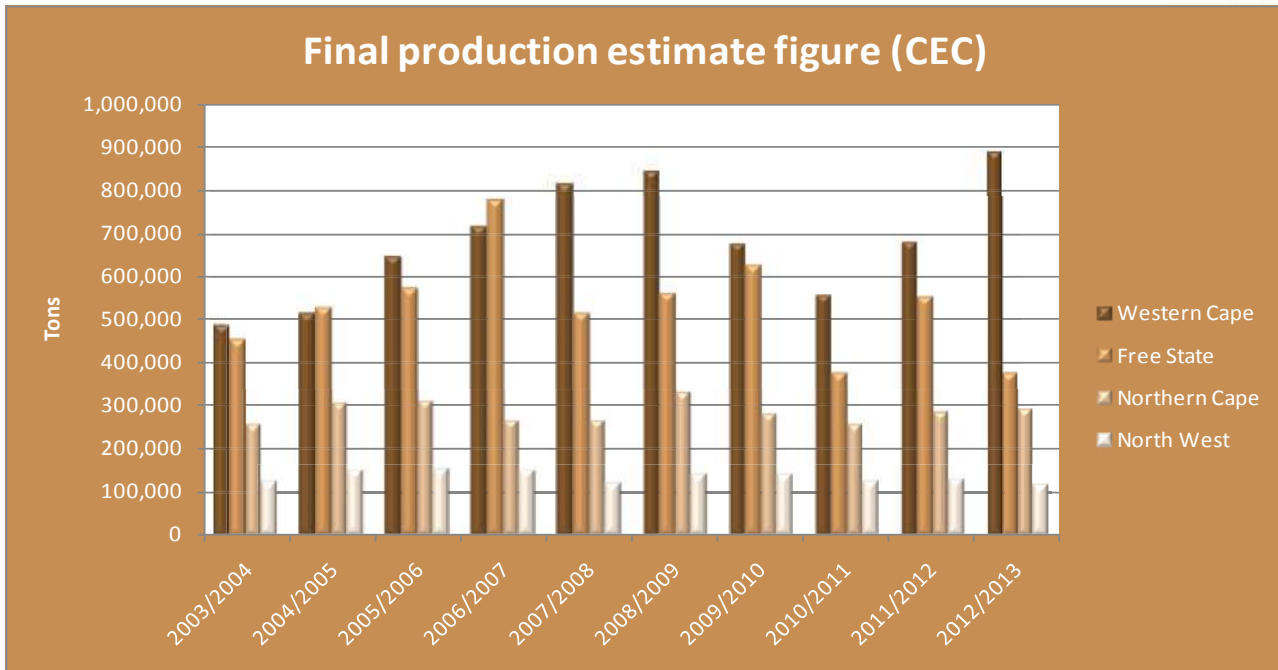


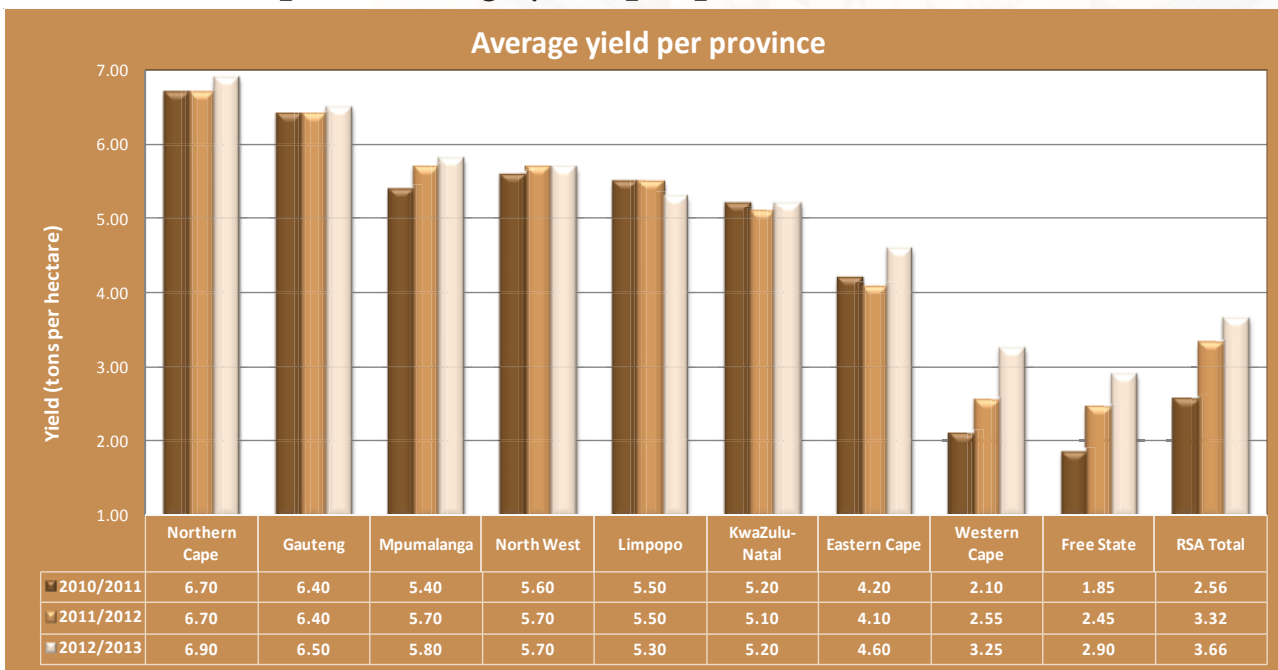
**Graph 2: Production figures for the main production areas over seasons**



(Based on final production estimate figures obtained from the CEC)

The yield in the main production areas ranged from 6.9 tons per hectare (t/ha) in the Northern Cape (irrigation area) to 3.3 t/ha in the Western Cape and 2.9 t/ha in the Free State. Please see graph below.

**Graph 3: Average yield per province over seasons**



(Based on final production estimate figures obtained from the CEC)

South Africa has three major wheat-breeding programs. The South African breeders can only release a new cultivar or an introduction cultivar if it has better agronomical as well as better flour quality characteristics than the cultivars planted commercially in a specific area. Producers continuously strive to improve the wheat yield and quality by selecting the best cultivars for commercial production in a specific area. Grading standards are also set high to ensure adequate quality control.