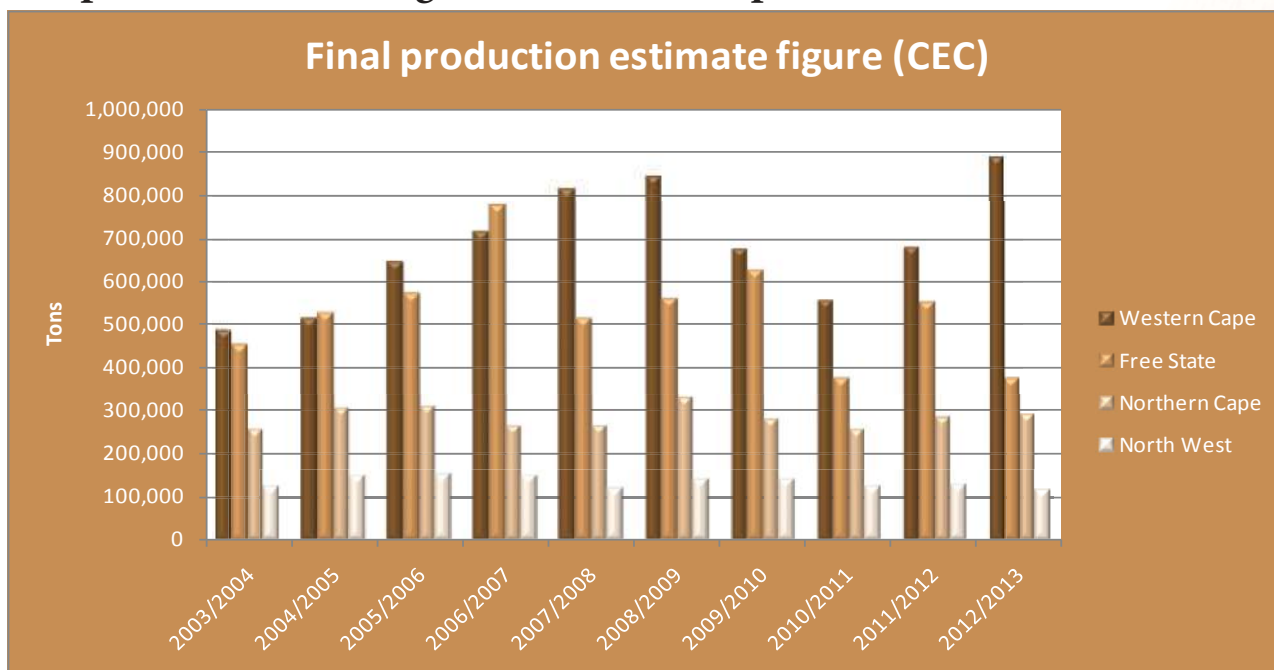


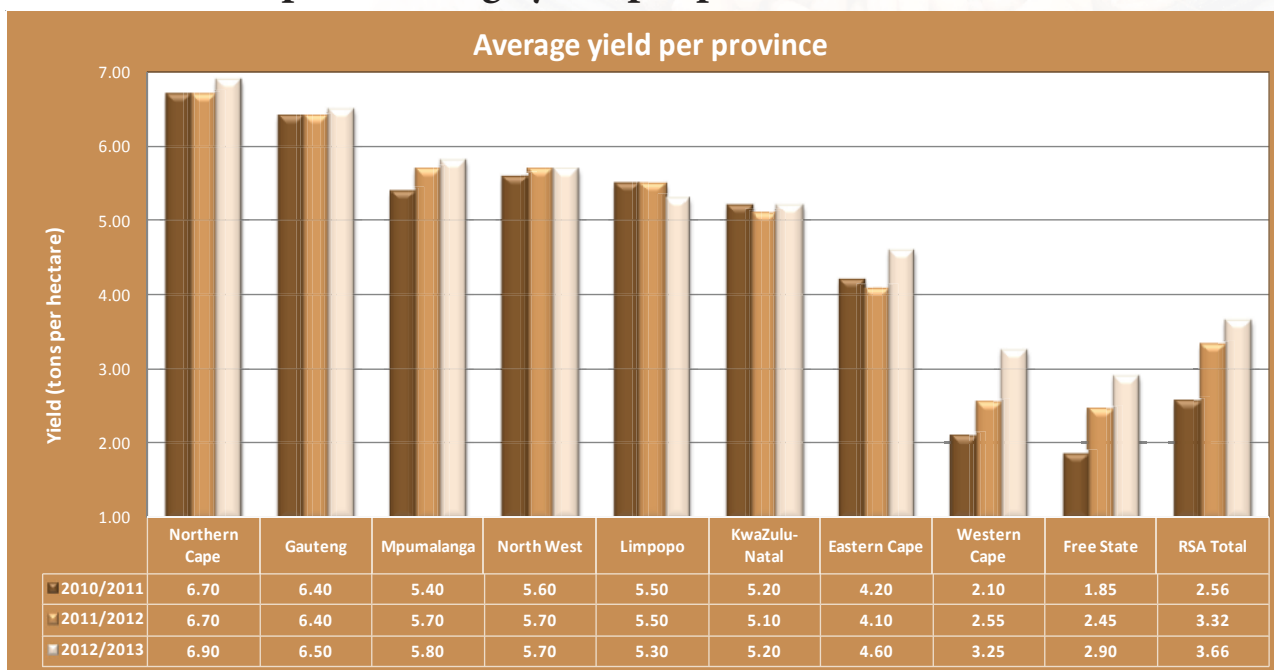
Graph 2: Production figures for the main production areas over seasons



(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.