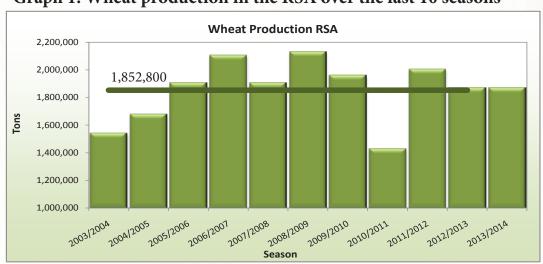
Production, Supply and Demand

Wheat is by far the biggest winter cereal crop planted in South Africa. Other winter crops produced are barley for malting purposes and canola.

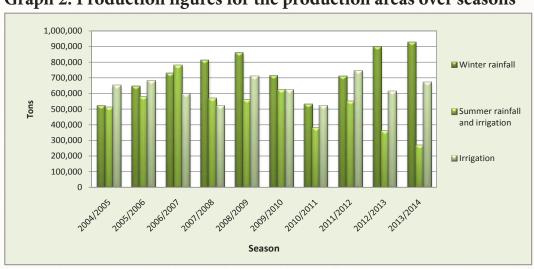
South Africa (made up of nine provinces) is divided into 36 crop production regions with wheat planted in about 32 of these regions. Please see RSA Crop Production Regions map on page 20. These regions are also described on pages 21 to 47 (in the header of the left page) with the specific intake silo names for each region.

The national Crop Estimates Committee's (CEC) estimated total production figures were revised, using the South African Grain Information Services (SAGIS) published figures of actual deliveries as basis for the calculations. Figures to determine on-farm usage and retentions obtained from a wheat utilization survey conducted by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), were added to the SAGIS delivery figures to calculate the final crop production figures.



Graph 1: Wheat production in the RSA over the last 10 seasons

The final figure of 1,870,000 tons is just slightly higher than the 10 year production average of 1,852,800 tons (2003/2004 to 2012/2013 seasons). The Western Cape produced 928,000 tons of wheat this season, contributing 50% of the total crop. The Free State's production continued the decreasing trend of the previous two seasons to 270,000 tons, 90,000 tons less than in the 2012/2013 season. The Northern Cape's irrigation areas are now the second largest producer of wheat with 320,000 tons produced. The remainder of the wheat was produced mainly in Limpopo (146,000 tons) and North West (110,000 tons).



Graph 2: Production figures for the production areas over seasons

Figures obtained from the CEC.