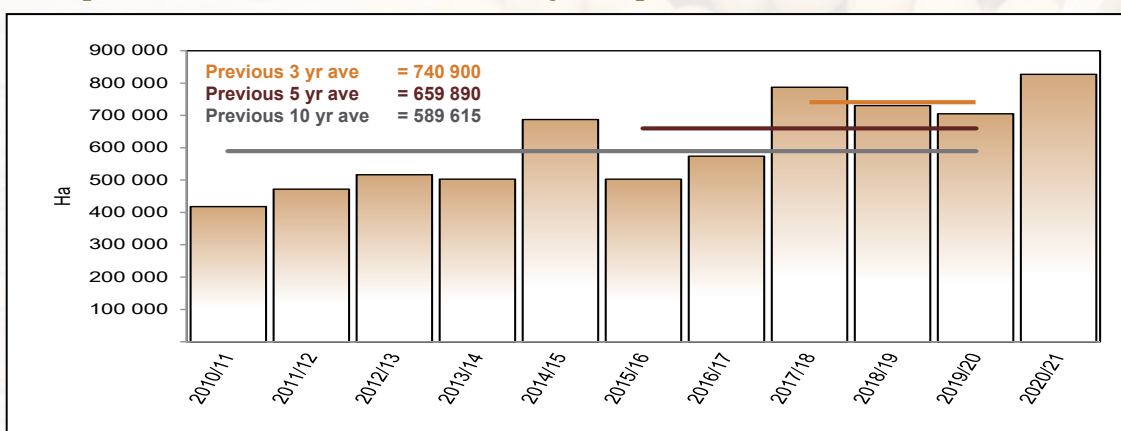


Compared to the 2019/20 production season, the area utilised for commercial soybean crop production increased by just more than 17% (122 100 hectares). Both the area planted as well as the production figures, are the highest figures on record. The average national yield increased by 29% to 2.29 t/ha, also a national record.

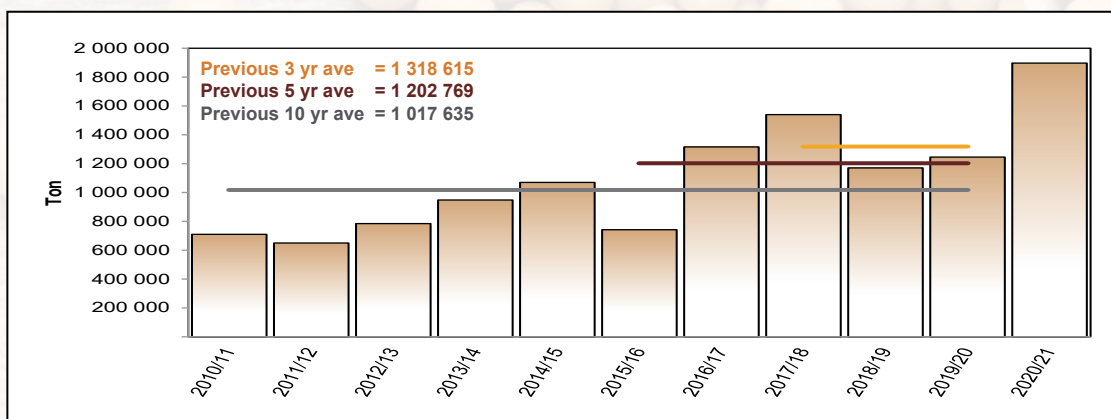
According to *The BFAP Baseline, Agricultural Outlook 2021 – 2030*, the area cultivated to soybeans is projected to continue increasing, expanding by 34% over the ten-year period to 2030. Despite the additional growth in area, yields are also expected to increase by 24% relative to the base period, assuming normal weather patterns as well as the impact of the breeding technology levy, which could incentivise seed companies to make the latest technology available to South African producers. Over the course of the next ten years, soybean production is expected to increase by 260 000 tons from the current year's record crop, an increase of 2.4% per year.

Soybeans account for more than half of the world oilseed production. According to the *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report (WASDE – 622)* an estimated 366.23 million metric tons of soybeans were produced during the 2020/21 season. Brazil and the United States are by far the biggest contributors to this total. The world soybean production during the 2021/22 season is projected to be 353.80 million metric tons.

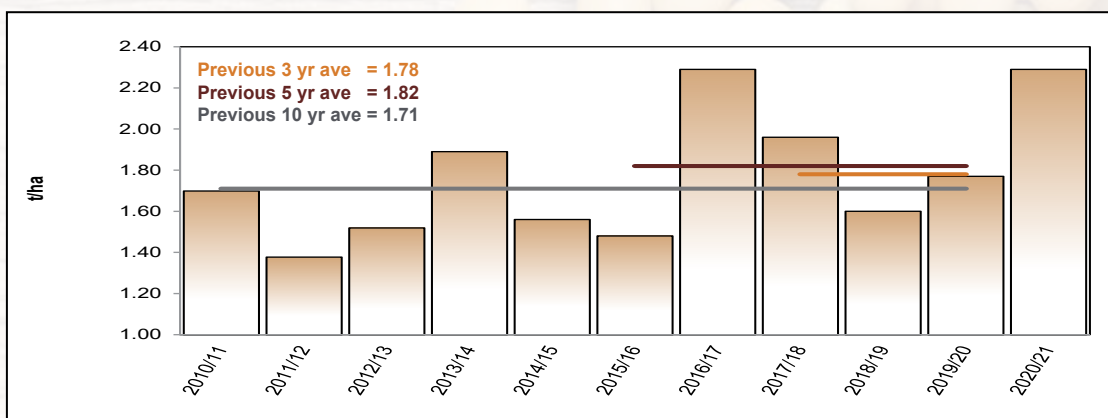
Graph 2: Total RSA area utilised for soybean production from 2010/11 to 2020/21



Graph 3: Soybean production in RSA from 2010/11 to 2020/21



Graph 4: RSA soybean yield from 2010/11 to 2020/21



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