

(CEC)) relating to hectares planted, tons produced and yields obtained on a national as well as provincial basis, over an eleven season period, are provided in this report. SAGIS (South African Grain Information Service) supply and demand information is provided in table and graph format. Import and export figures over several seasons as well as information on the manufacture, import and export of oil seeds products, are also included.

The 2023/24 Report of the National Soybean Cultivar Trials conducted by the ARC-Grain Crops in Potchefstroom, is included in totality and as received, in this report. The national grading regulations as published in Government Notice NO. R. 370 of 21 April 2017 are also provided.

## Production

Soybeans are the most important oilseed crop produced in South Africa, driven mainly by the demand for protein feed in the animal feed industry. Soybeans have benefits to producers in crop rotation programs, especially as part of conservation agriculture, but also due to lower input requirements compared to other commodities for example wheat and maize.

The area utilised for commercial soybean crop production showed a slight increase of 2 200 hectares

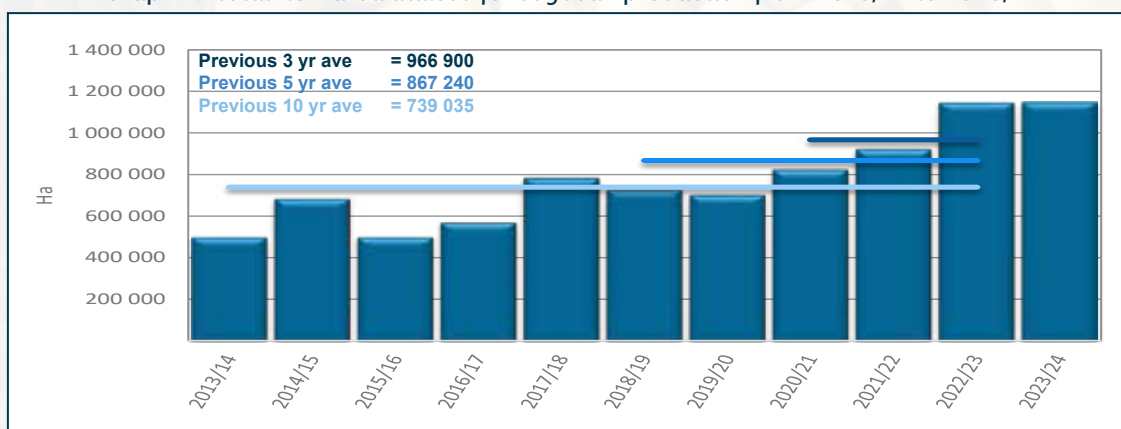
Table 1: Soybean production overview over two seasons							
Province	Type of production	2023/24			2022/23		
		Hectares planted, ha	Production, tons	Yield, t/ha	Hectares planted, ha	Production, tons	Yield, t/ha
Western Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	1 200	4 380	3.65	1 000	3 750	3.75
	Total	1 200	4 380	3.65	1 000	3 750	3.75
Free State	Dryland	530 000	636 460	1.20	555 000	1 293 000	2.33
	Irrigation	15 000	52 500	3.50	10 000	37 000	3.70
	Total	545 000	688 960	1.26	565 000	1 330 000	2.35
Eastern Cape	Dryland	4 900	12 910	2.63	4 000	11 800	2.95
	Irrigation	400	1 400	3.50	300	1 100	3.67
	Total	5 300	14 310	2.70	4 300	12 900	3.00
KwaZulu-Natal	Dryland	36 500	128 000	3.51	32 000	112 000	3.50
	Irrigation	10 500	45 900	4.37	12 000	51 000	4.25
	Total	47 000	173 900	3.70	44 000	163 000	3.70
Mpumalanga	Dryland	314 500	604 750	1.92	294 000	632 000	2.15
	Irrigation	5 500	19 250	3.50	11 000	39 000	3.55
	Total	320 000	624 000	1.95	305 000	671 000	2.20
Limpopo	Dryland	4 000	7 850	1.96	4 000	10 400	2.60
	Irrigation	17 000	64 600	3.80	22 000	78 100	3.55
	Total	21 000	72 450	3.45	26 000	88 500	3.40
Gauteng	Dryland	54 500	78 525	1.44	46 000	98 600	2.14
	Irrigation	1 500	5 475	3.65	2 000	7 000	3.50
	Total	56 000	84 000	1.50	48 000	105 600	2.20
North West	Dryland	139 000	138 000	0.99	140 200	343 450	2.45
	Irrigation	16 000	48 000	3.00	14 800	51 800	3.50
	Total	155 000	186 000	1.20	155 000	395 250	2.55
RSA	Dryland	1 083 400	1 606 495	1.48	1 075 200	2 501 250	2.33
	Irrigation	67 100	241 505	3.60	73 100	268 750	3.68
	Total	1 150 500	1 848 000	1.61	1 148 300	2 770 000	2.41

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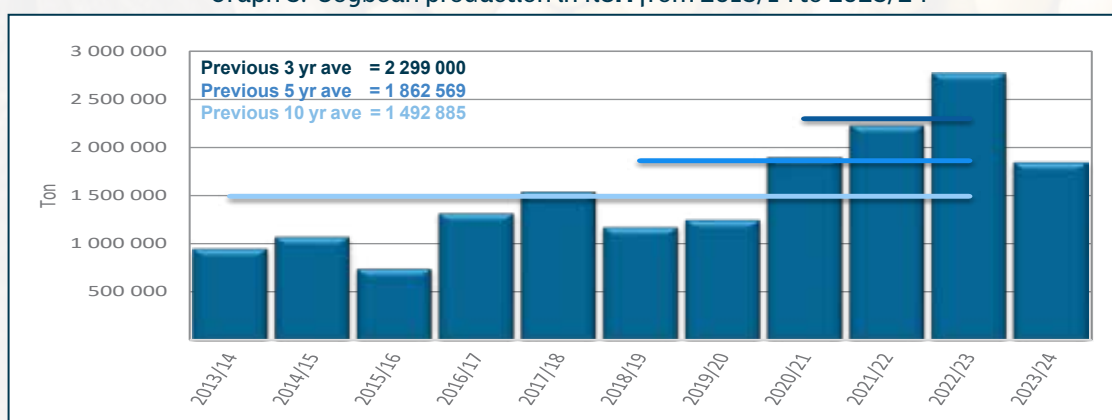
compared to the 2022/23 production season. The area planted is the highest figure on record for the fourth consecutive year. The average national yield of 1.61 t/ha decreased compared to the 2.41 t/ha of the previous season.

Soybeans account for more than half of the world's oilseed production. According to the *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Report (WASDE – 662)* an estimated 422.00 million metric tons of soybeans were produced during the 2024/25 season. Brazil (40%) and the United States (28%) are by far the largest contributors to this total. The world soybean production for the 2025/26 season is projected to be 427.68 million metric tons.

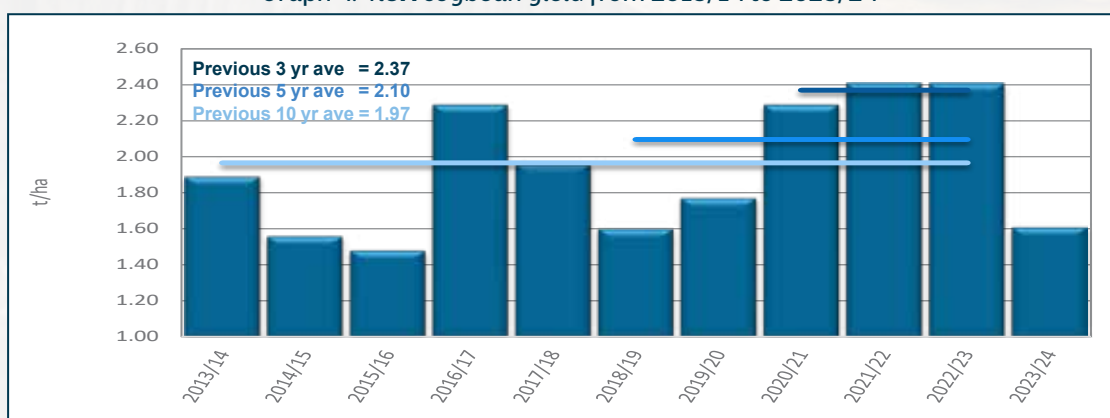
Graph 2: Total RSA area utilised for soybean production from 2013/14 to 2023/24



Graph 3: Soybean production in RSA from 2013/14 to 2023/24

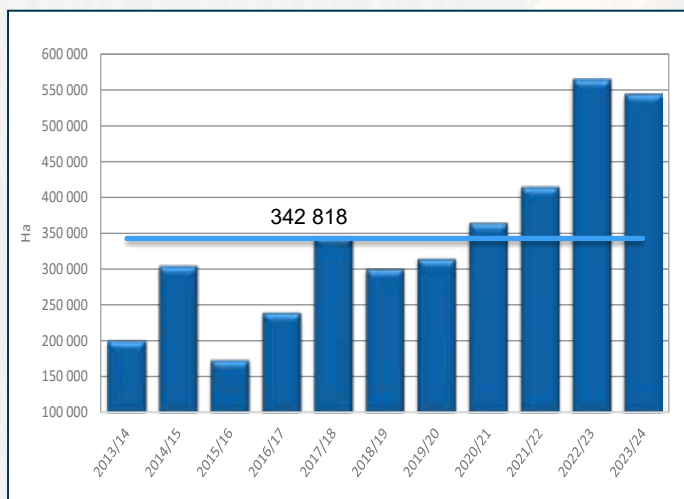


Graph 4: RSA soybean yield from 2013/14 to 2023/24

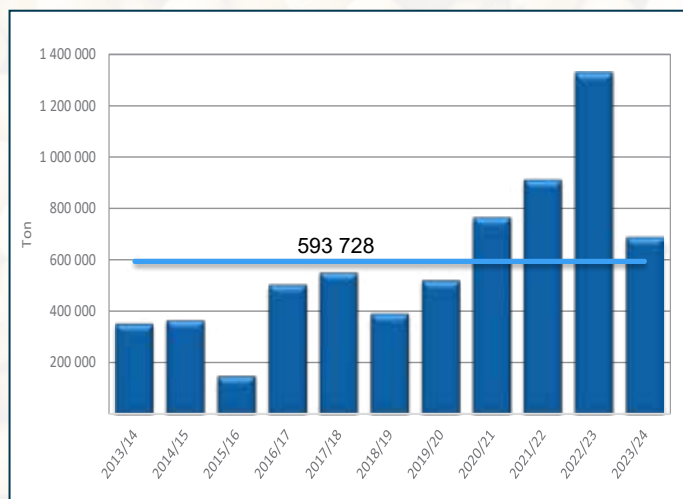


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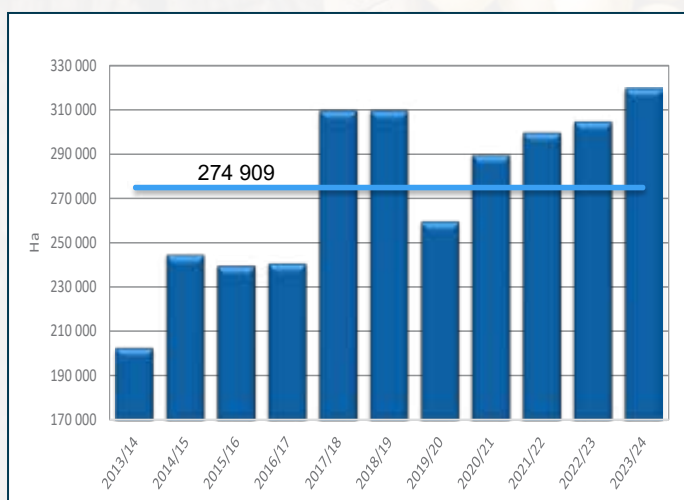
Graph 5: Area utilised for soybean production in the Free State since 2013/14



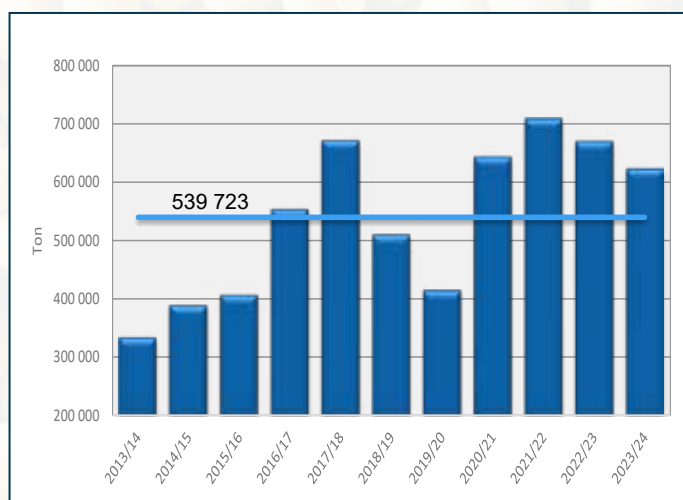
Graph 6: Soybean production in the Free State since 2013/14



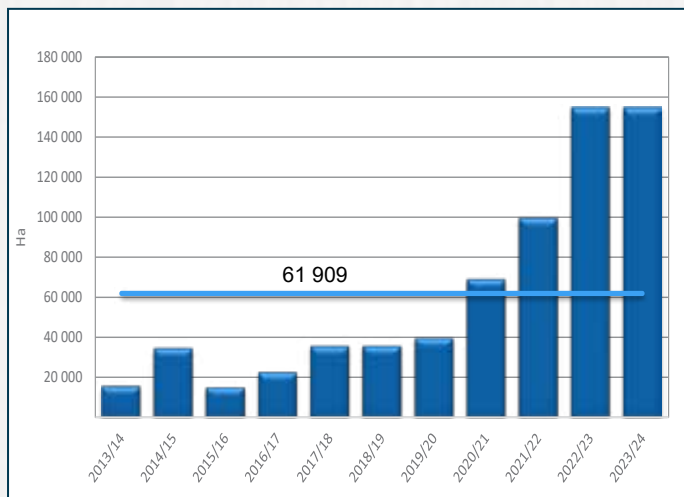
Graph 7: Area utilised for soybean production in Mpumalanga since 2013/14



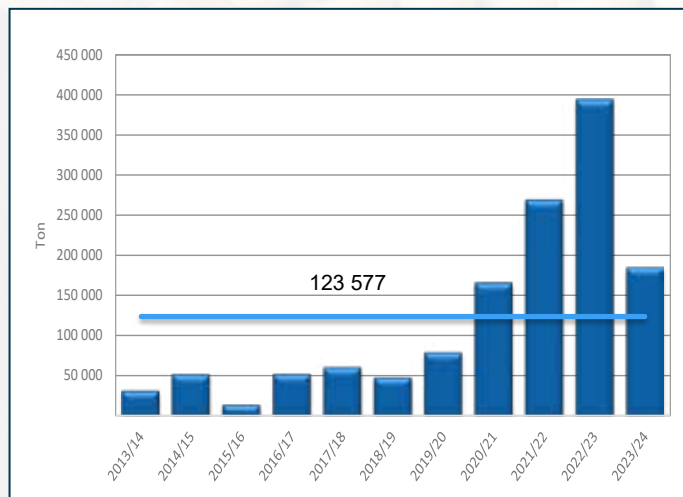
Graph 8: Soybean production in Mpumalanga since 2013/14



Graph 9: Area utilised for soybean production in North West since 2013/14



Graph 10: Soybean production in North West since 2013/14



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— Eleven season average