

This season's as well as the previous season's local production figures of 94 360 tons and 103 140 tons respectively, represents the lowest production figures since the 70 500 tons of the 2015/2016 season. The local area utilised for sorghum production decreased by almost 9%, from 37 200 hectares in the 2021/22 season to 34 000 hectares this season.

See Table 2 for an overview of sorghum production under dry land conditions versus irrigation in the 2022/23 season, compared to the 2021/22 season. Graphs 2 to 4 provide national figures with regards to hectares planted, tons produced and yields obtained over the last 11 seasons. Graphs 5 to 10 on page 6 provide similar figures for the major sorghum producing provinces this season, namely Mpumalanga, Limpopo and the Free State.

Table 2: Sorghum production over the last two seasons							
Province	Type of production	2022/23			2021/22		
		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	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Free State	Dryland	5 200	14 820	2.85	7 800	20 700	2.65
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	5 200	14 820	2.85	7 800	20 700	2.65
Eastern Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
KwaZulu-Natal	Dryland	100	400	4.00	200	740	3.70
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	100	400	4.00	200	740	3.70
Mpumalanga	Dryland	8 500	35 275	4.15	9 000	43 650	4.85
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	8 500	35 275	4.15	9 000	43 650	4.85
Limpopo	Dryland	13 350	25 800	1.93	12 600	19 300	1.53
	Irrigation	2 150	7 525	3.50	2 400	6 950	2.90
	Total	15 500	33 325	2.15	15 000	26 250	1.75
Gauteng	Dryland	100	420	4.20	200	800	4.00
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	100	420	4.20	200	800	4.00
North West	Dryland	4 400	9 440	2.15	4 400	9 200	2.09
	Irrigation	200	680	3.40	600	1 800	3.00
	Total	4 600	10 120	2.20	5 000	11 000	2.20
RSA	Dryland	31 650	86 155	2.72	34 200	94 390	2.76
	Irrigation	2 350	8 205	3.49	3 000	8 750	2.92
	Total	34 000	94 360	2.78	37 200	103 140	2.77

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