

The local production figure this season is the highest since the 2020/21 season's 215 000 tons. The local area utilised for sorghum production decreased slightly by 950 ha or 2.3% to 41 150 hectares. The national yield average increase of 1.32 t/ha, however compensated for the decline in area.

See Table 2 for an overview of sorghum production under dry land conditions versus irrigation in the 2024/25 season, compared to the 2023/24 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 the Free State, Mpumalanga and Limpopo.

Table 2: Sorghum production over the last two seasons							
Province	Type of production	2024/25			2023/24		
		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	12 800	46 755	3.65	11 500	19 740	1.72
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	12 800	46 755	3.65	11 500	19 740	1.72
Eastern Cape	Dryland	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Irrigation	200	600	3.00	100	300	3.00
	Total	200	600	3.00	100	300	3.00
KwaZulu-Natal	Dryland	100	380	3.80	100	350	3.50
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	100	380	3.80	100	350	3.50
Mpumalanga	Dryland	9 200	45 080	4.90	8 300	36 520	4.40
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	9 200	45 080	4.90	8 300	36 520	4.40
Limpopo	Dryland	12 300	35 250	2.87	17 000	31 700	1.86
	Irrigation	700	2 450	3.50	1 000	3 400	3.40
	Total	13 000	37 700	2.90	18 000	35 100	1.95
Gauteng	Dryland	850	3 485	4.10	100	390	3.90
	Irrigation	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	850	3 485	4.10	100	390	3.90
North West	Dryland	4 850	15 460	3.19	3 850	5 100	1.32
	Irrigation	150	540	3.60	150	500	3.33
	Total	5 000	16 000	3.20	4 000	5 600	1.40
RSA	Dryland	40 100	146 410	3.65	40 850	93 800	2.30
	Irrigation	1 050	3 590	3.42	1 250	4 200	3.36
	Total	41 150	150 000	3.65	42 100	98 000	2.33

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