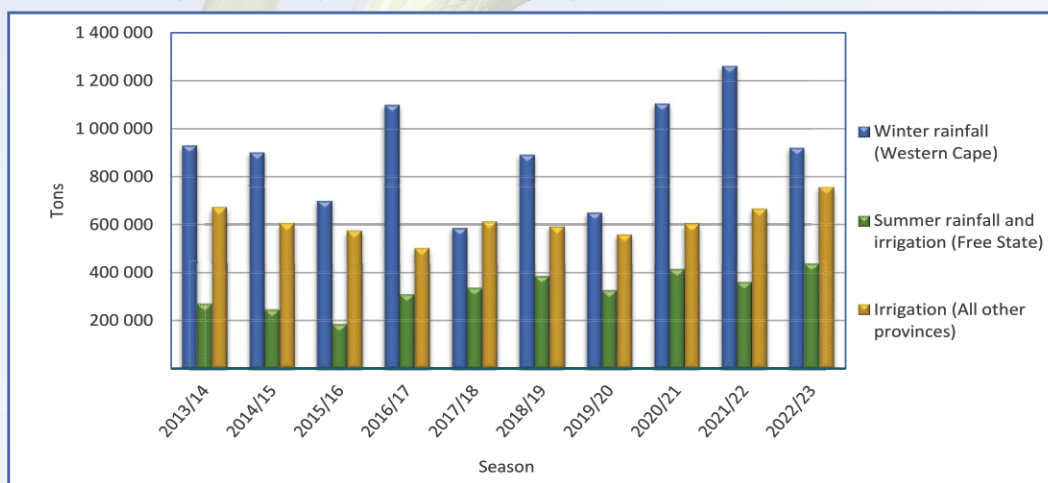


The final production figure of 2 110 000 tons is 16% higher than the ten-year production average of 1 818 300 tons (2012/13 to 2021/22 seasons). The Western Cape produced 918 000 tons of wheat this season, representing a year on year decrease of 27% and a 44% contribution to the total crop. The Free State's wheat production (436 800 tons) increased by 21% year on year. The irrigation areas of the Northern Cape, the third largest wheat producing area this season, produced 338 500 tons, 23% more than last season. The remainder of the wheat was produced mainly in Limpopo with 187 000 tons, representing an increase of 6% compared to the 2021/22 season and North West, where production decreased by 2% to 93 800 tons. Please see Graphs 1 and 2.

Graph 2: Wheat production figures per production area over ten seasons



Figures provided by the CEC.

The area utilised for wheat production increased by 8% to 566 800 hectares compared to the 2021/22 season. Hectares cultivated under wheat in the Western Cape were the same as the previous season, while the wheat production area in the Free State increased by 37% year on year. Nationally, dry land and irrigation areas increased by 5% and 17% respectively year on year. Please see Graph 3.

Graph 3: Area planted per production area over ten seasons



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The yield in the main production areas ranged from 2.55 tons per hectare (t/ha) in the winter rainfall area of the Western Cape to 7.20 t/ha for irrigation wheat produced in the Northern Cape. The Free State (summer rainfall and irrigation areas) averaged 4.55 t/ha. The national yield average decreased from 4.36 t/ha in the previous season to 3.72 t/ha this season. Please see Graph 4 as well as Table 1 on the next page.

The figures illustrated in Graphs 2 to 4 are based on the total production figure per province as provided by the CEC and reported in Table 1.