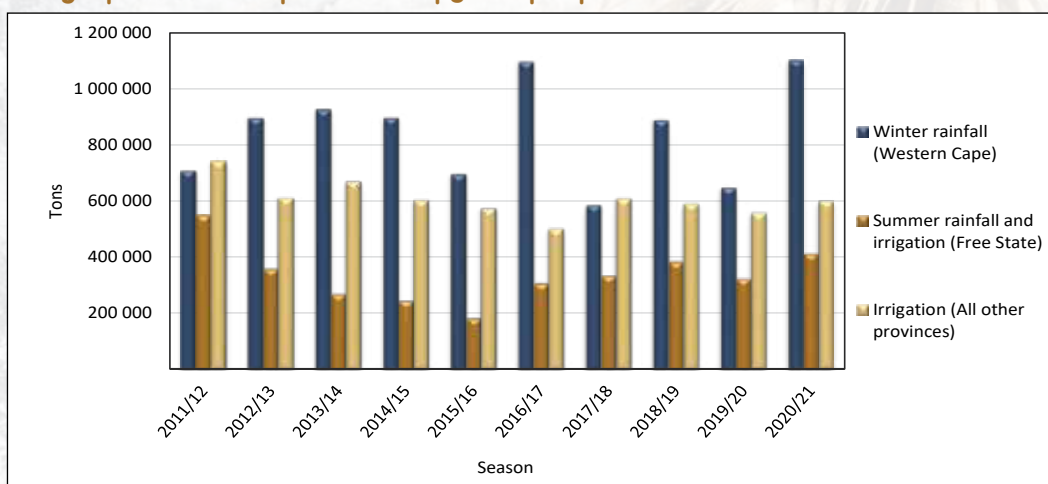


The final production figure of 2 120 000 tons is 23% higher than the ten-year production average of 1 721 300 tons (2010/11 to 2019/20 seasons). The Western Cape produced 1 103 000 tons of wheat this season (year on year increase of 70%), contributing 52% of the total crop, compared to the 42% of the previous season. The Free State's wheat production (413 600 tons) increased by almost 27% year on year and reported the second highest provincial production figure. The irrigation areas of the Northern Cape, the third largest wheat producing area this season, produced 271 950 tons, 9 450 tons (4%) more than last season. The remainder of the wheat was produced mainly in Limpopo with 147 200 tons, representing an increase of 23% compared to the 2019/20 season and North West, where production increased by 4% to 82 200 tons. Please see Graphs 1 and 2.

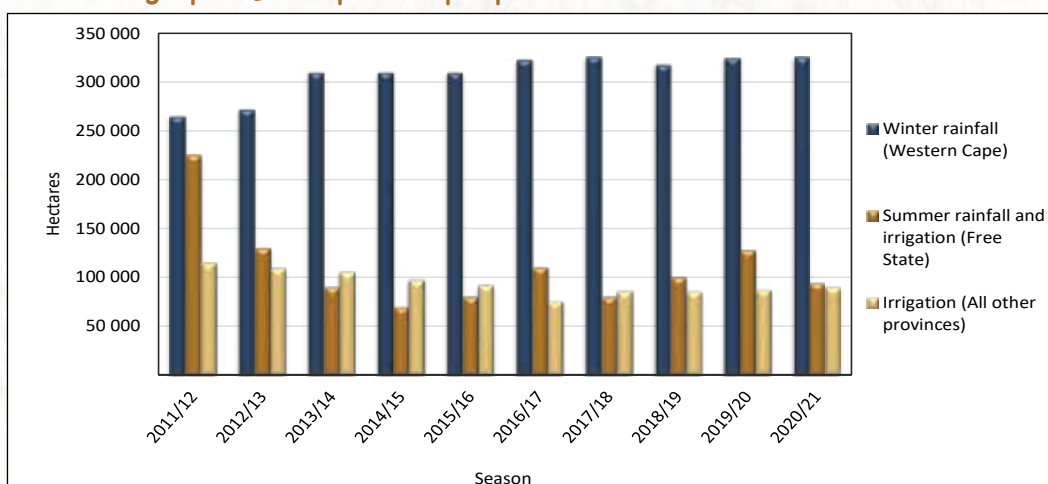
**Graph 2: Wheat production figures per production area over ten seasons**



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Despite the increase in production, the area utilised for wheat production decreased by almost 6% to 509 800 hectares from 540 000 hectares in the previous season. Hectares cultivated under wheat in the Western Cape increased marginally by less than 1%, while a 27% reduction was observed in the Free State. Nationally, dry land and irrigation areas showed decreases of 6% and 3% 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 3.38 tons per hectare (t/ha) in the winter rainfall area of the Western Cape to 7.35 t/ha for irrigation wheat produced in the Northern Cape. The Free State (summer rainfall and irrigation areas) averaged 4.40 t/ha. The national yield average increased from 2.84 t/ha in the previous season to 4.16 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.