

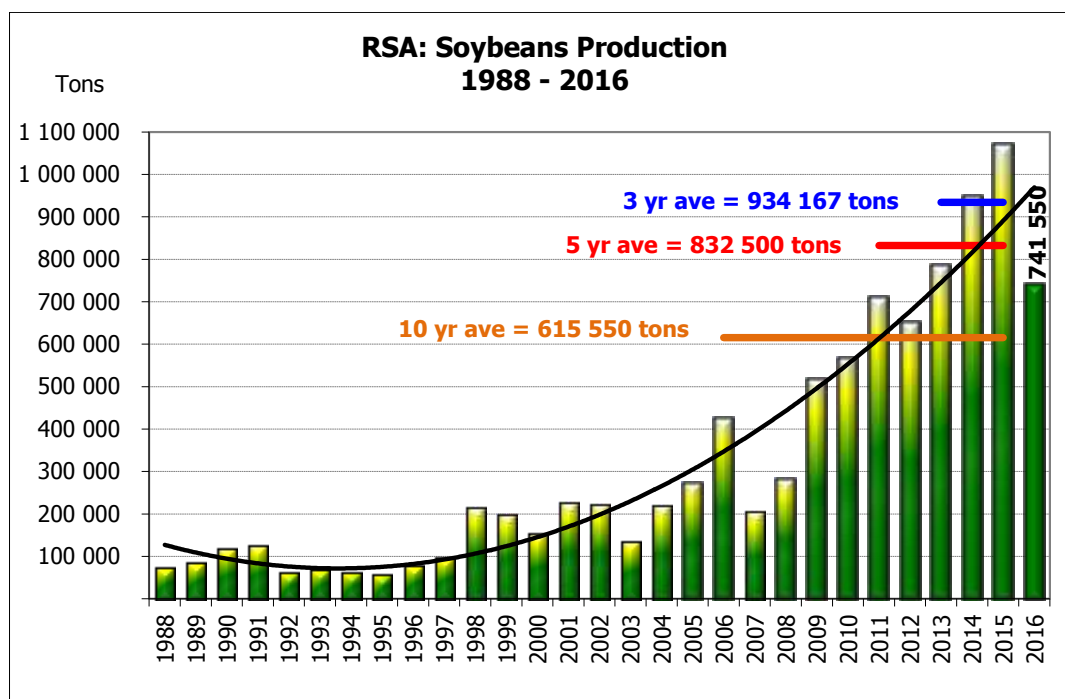
SUNFLOWER & SOYBEAN FORUM – 28 NOVEMBER 2016

1. CROP ESTIMATES

1.1 SOYBEANS: 2016 (2015/16 production season)

According to the final production estimate, the soybean crop for 2016 is estimated at 741 550 tons – the 4th largest crop on record. It is also 328 450 tons or 30,7% less than the 1 070 000 tons of the previous season.

Graph 1:

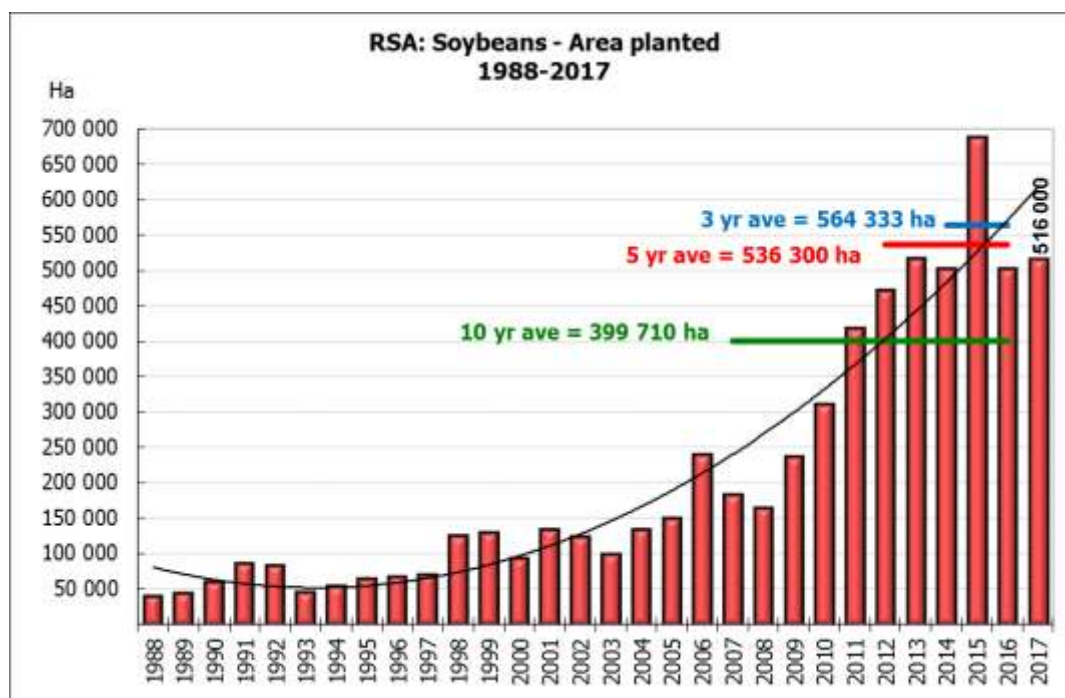


The average yield (2016) is 1,47 t/ha, which is 5,8% less than the 1,56 t/ha of the previous season.

1.2 SOYBEANS: INTENTIONS TO PLANT - 2017 (2016/17 production season)

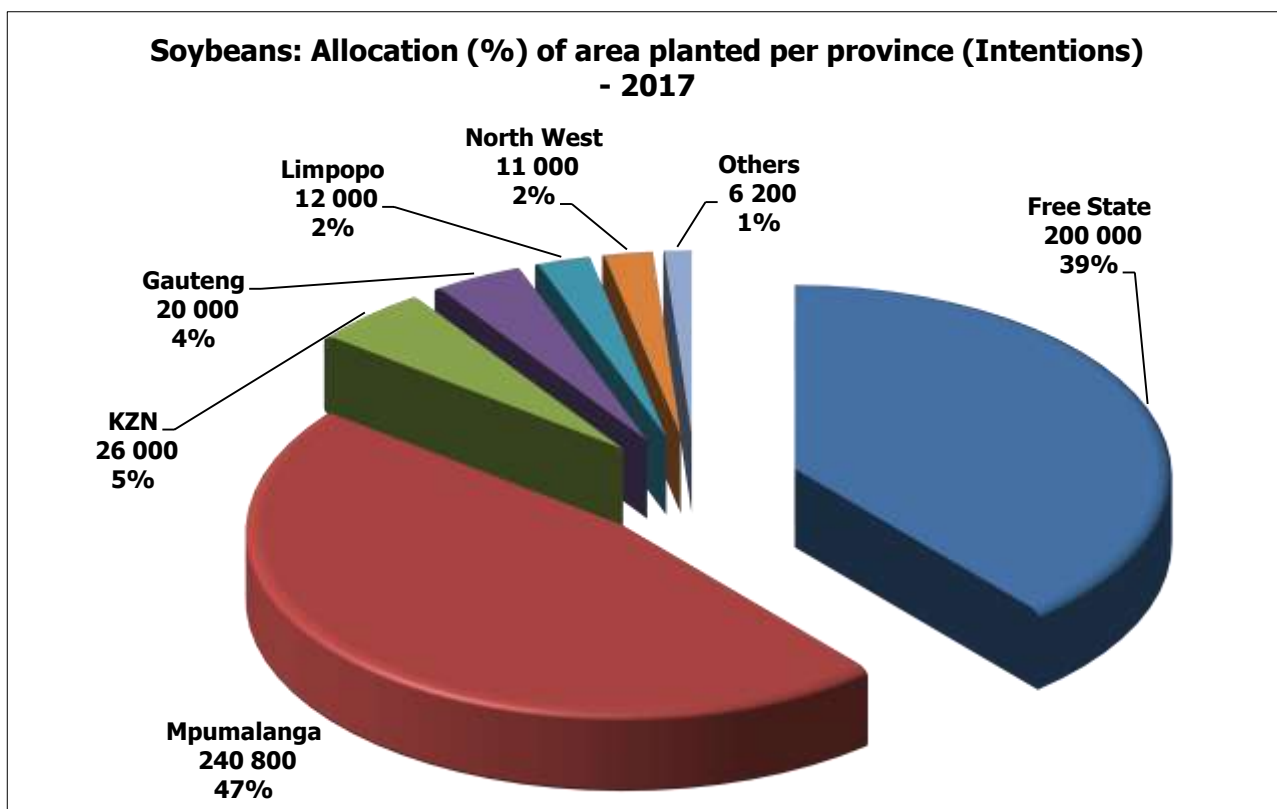
The intentions to plant soybeans, as released in October 2016, is 516 000 ha, which represents an increase of 13 200 ha or 2,6%, compared to the 502 800 ha planted the previous season.

Graph 2:



According to the intentions to plant for 2017 the largest plantings to soybeans is expected in Mpumalanga with 240 800 ha (+0,3%), followed by the Free State with 200 000 ha (+14,9%), KwaZulu-Natal with 26 000 ha (-7,1%) and Gauteng with 20 000 ha (-13,0%).

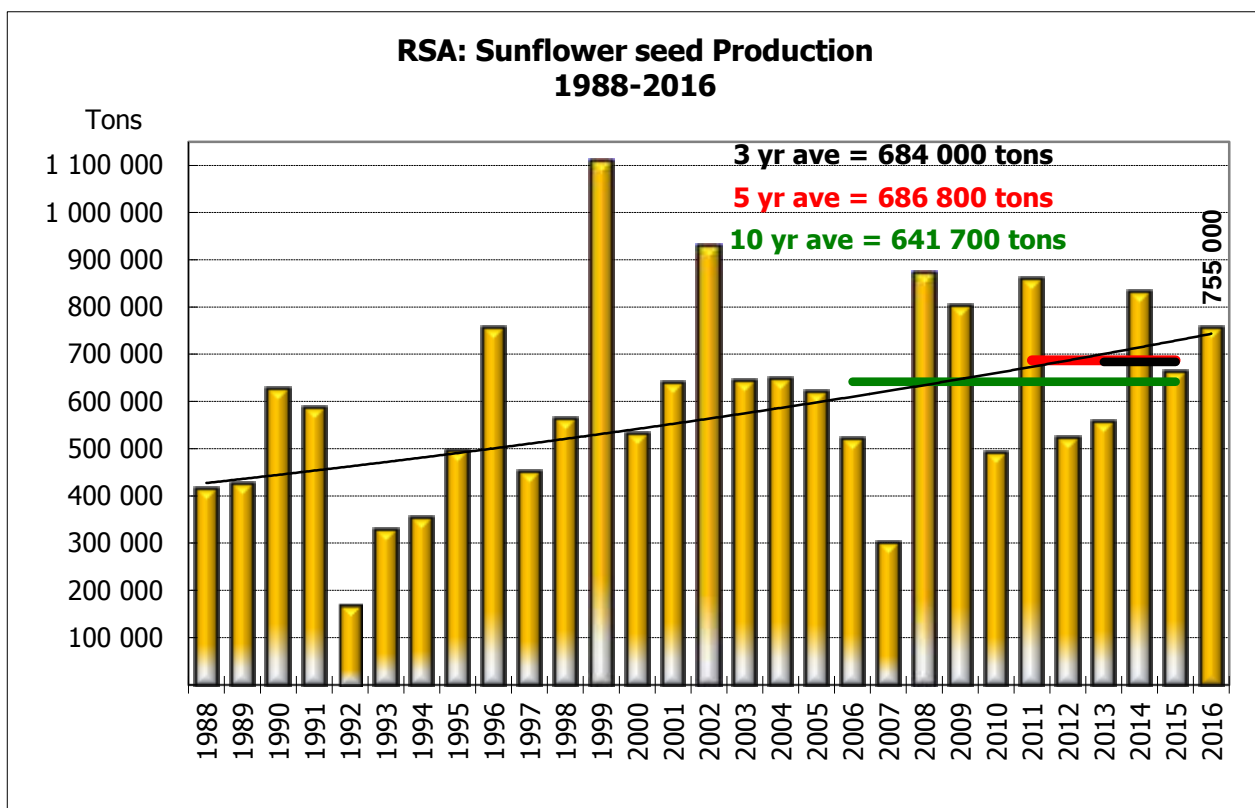
Graph 3:



1.3 SUNFLOWER SEED: 2016 (2015/16 production season)

According to the final production estimate, the sunflower seed crop for 2016 is estimated at 755 000 tons. It is also 92 000 tons or 13,9% more than the 663 000 tons of the previous season.

Graph 4:

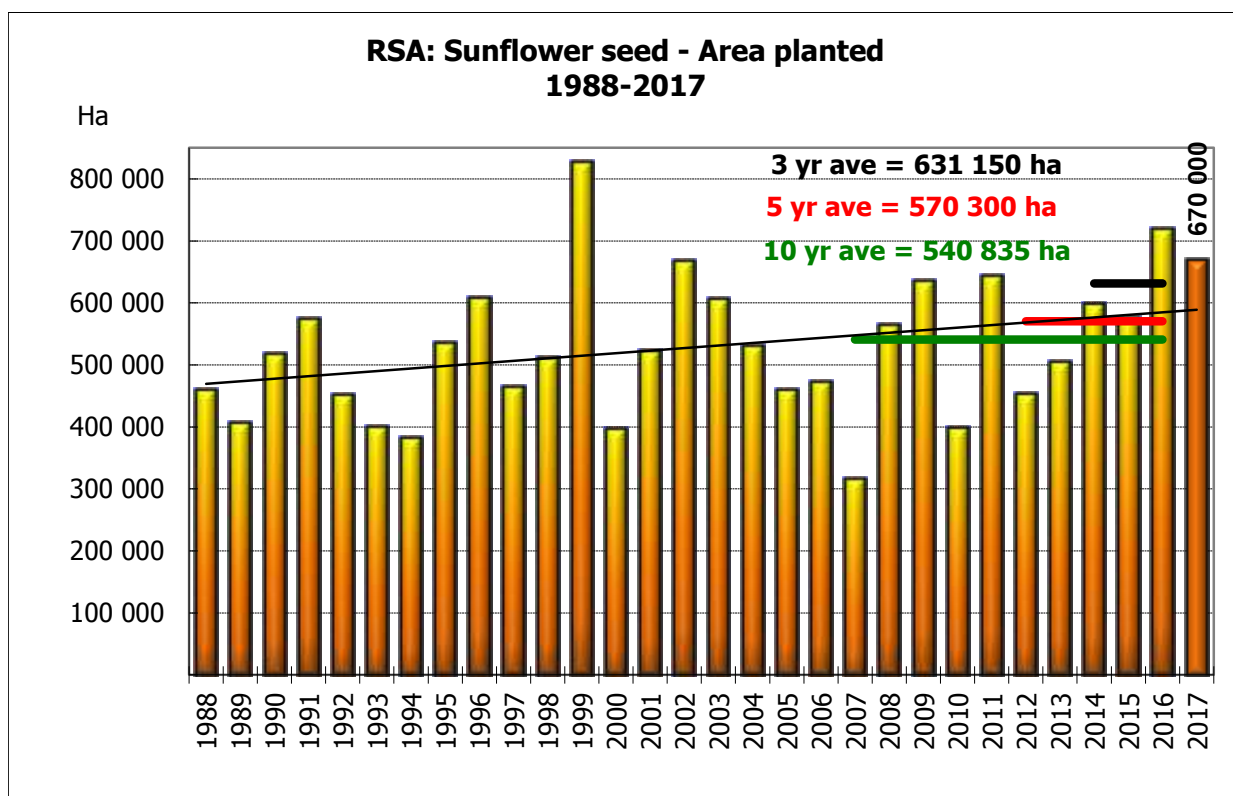


The average yield (2016) is 1,05 t/ha, which is 8,7% less than the 1,15 t/ha of the previous season.

1.4 SUNFLOWER SEED: INTENTIONS TO PLANT - 2017 (2016/17 production season)

The intentions to plant sunflower seed, as released in October 2016, is 670 000 ha, which represents a decrease of 48 500 ha or 6,8%, compared to the 718 500 ha planted the previous season.

Graph 5:



According to the intentions to plant for 2017 the largest plantings to sunflower seed is expected in the Free State with 350 000 ha (-12,5%), followed by North West with 241 000 ha (-1,6%) and Limpopo with 70 000 ha (+7,7%).

Graph 6:

