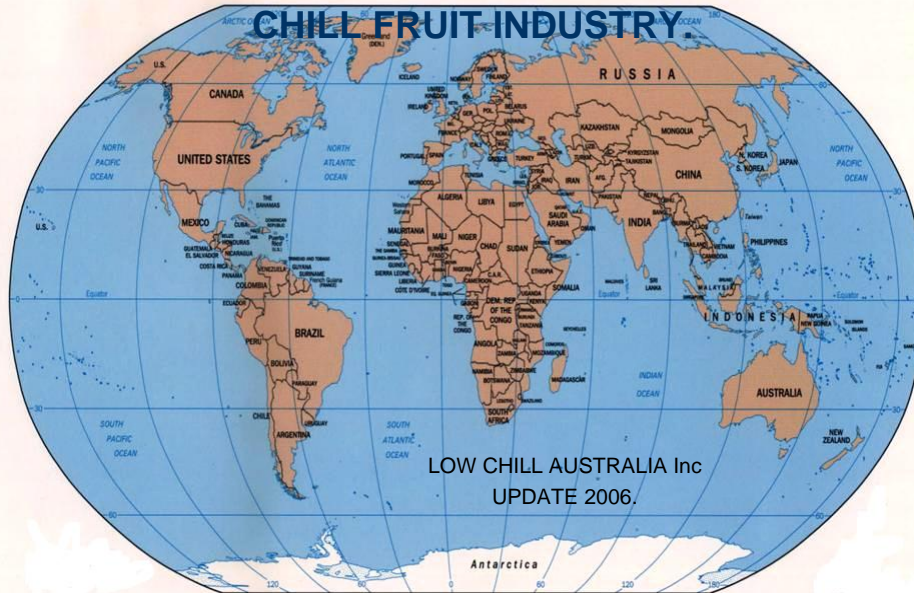


AN OVERVIEW OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN LOW CHILL FRUIT INDUSTRY



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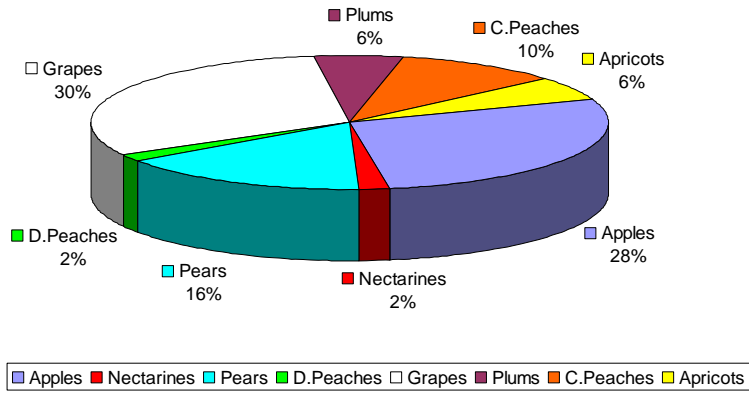
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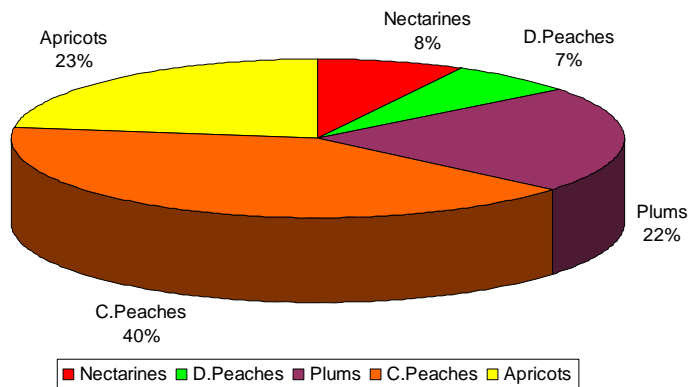
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SOUTH AFRICAN STATISTICS

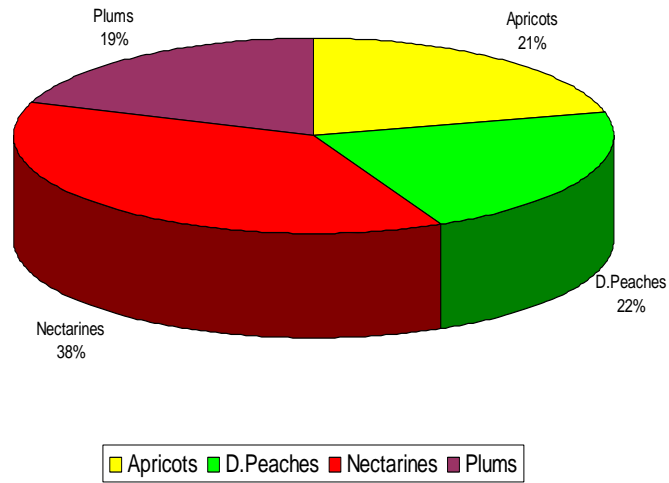
Total 2005 RSA Deciduous Fruit
Area = 74 247 Ha.



RSA 2005 Stone Fruit
Area = 18 905 Ha



RSA 2005 Low Chill
Area = 1 768 Ha.



CHILL MODEL UNIT ACCUMULATION

<u>Temperature °C.</u>	<u>Richardson Units</u>	<u>Infruitec Units</u>
< 1.4	0	0
1.5 - 2.4	0.5	0.5
2.5 - 9.1	1	1
9.2 - 12.4	0.5	0.5
12.5 - 15.9	0	0
16 - 18	-0.5	0
> 18	-1	0

HEAT UNIT ACCUMULATION

- FROM BUDSWELL ONWARDS
- MEASUREMENTS TAKEN FROM 18:00 TILL 06:00
- UNITS ACCUMULATE >10C

NORTH vs SOUTH.



Groblersdal Cumulative Chill Units – 2002.

<u>Month</u>	<u>ICU</u>	<u>RCU</u>	<u>Hrs < 7.2°C</u>
MAY	26	0	123
JUNE	146.5	127.5	336
JULY	268	220.5	583
AUGUST	287	21	652

Waterkloof Cumulative Chill Units – 2002.

<u>Month</u>	<u>ICU</u>	<u>RCU</u>	<u>Hrs < 7.2°C</u>
MAY	92	56	10
JUNE	333	269	49
JULY	602	520	113
AUGUST	778	602	155

Groblersdal Heat Unit Accumulation – 2002.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Heat Unit Accumulation</u>	<u>Cumulative Heat Units</u>
JULY	133	133
AUGUST	227	360
SEPTEMBER	254	614
OCTOBER	342	956
NOVEMBER	328	1284

Waterkloof Heat Unit Accumulation – 2002.

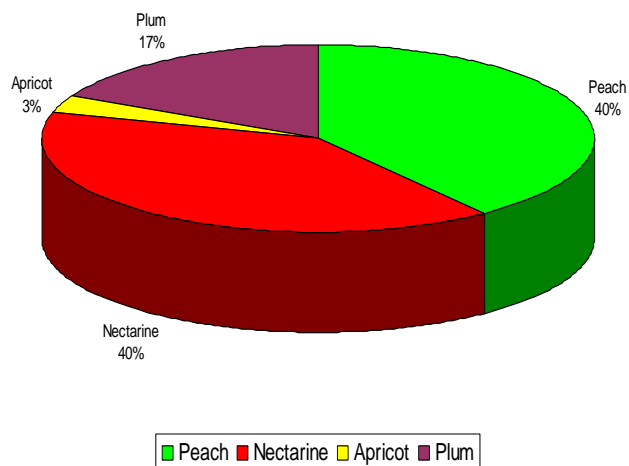
<u>Month</u>	<u>Heat Unit Accumulation</u>	<u>Cumulative Heat Units</u>
JULY	74	74
AUGUST	124	198
SEPTEMBER	183	381
OCTOBER	185	566
NOVEMBER	227	793

PRODUCTION AREAS AND FRUIT TYPES.



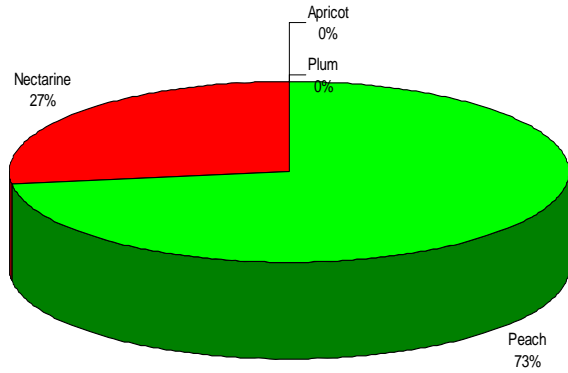
LIMPOPO PROVINCE

472 Ha.



MPUMALANGA PROVINCE

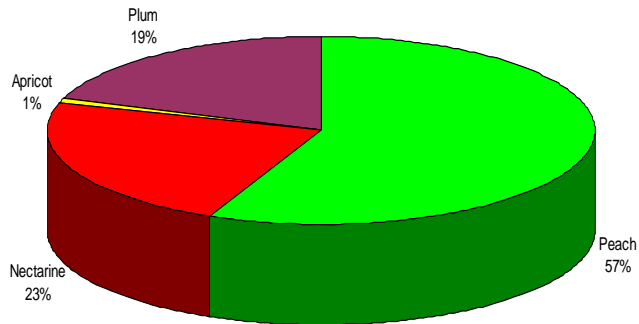
88 Ha.



■ Peach ■ Nectarine ■ Apricot ■ Plum

NORTH WEST PROVINCE

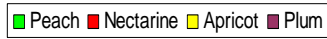
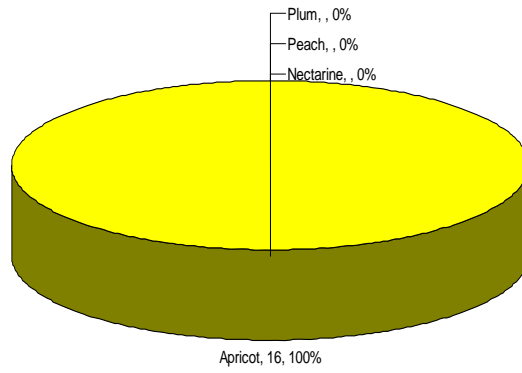
113 Ha.



■ Peach ■ Nectarine ■ Apricot ■ Plum

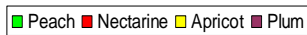
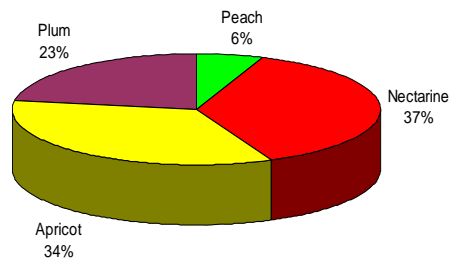
NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

16 Ha.

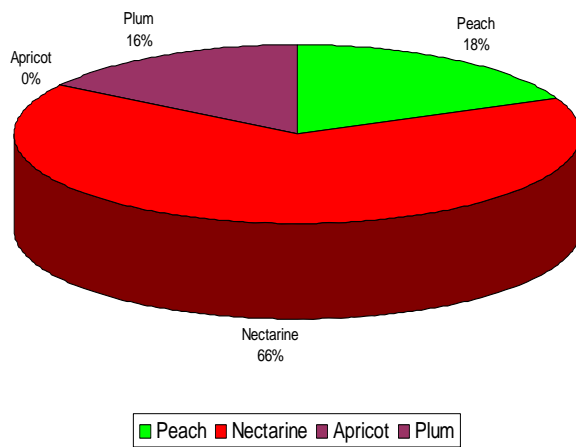


W.CAPE PROVINCE

997 Ha.



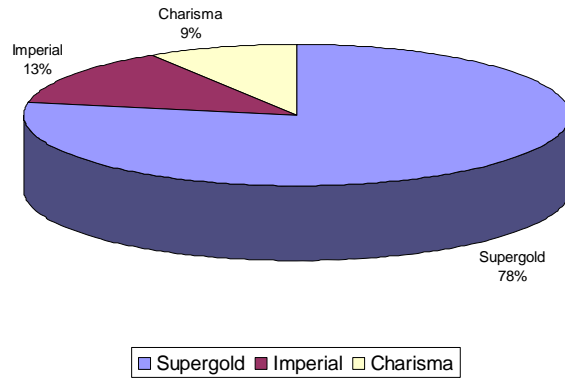
E.CAPE PROVINCE
82 Ha.



**SOUTH AFRICAN LOW CHILL
BREEDER/CULTIVAR MATRIX.**

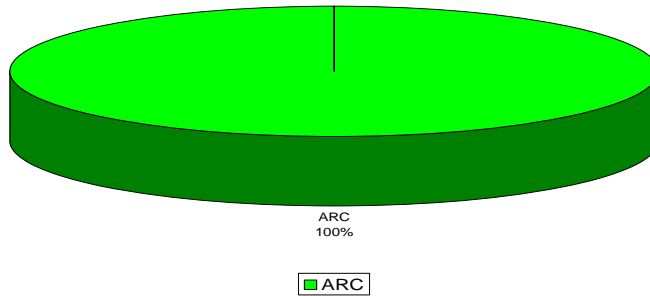
APRICOTS

**ARC Low Chill APRICOT Selections
in RSA in 2005.
373 Ha.**



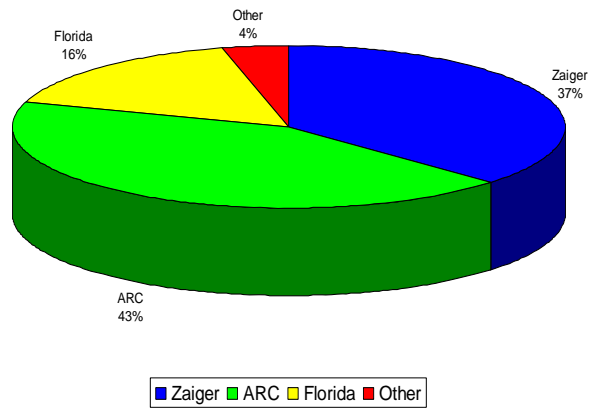
PLUMS

**RSA 2005 Low Chill Plum Origin
Area = 342 Ha.**

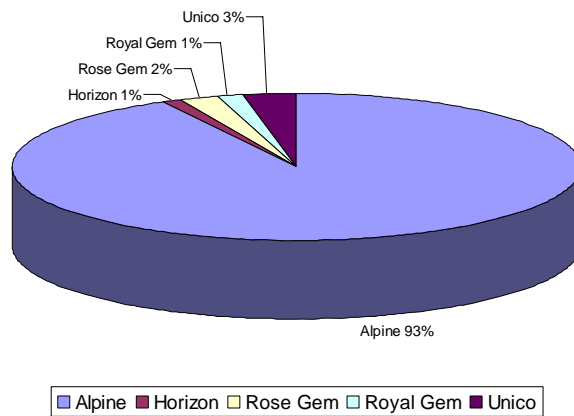


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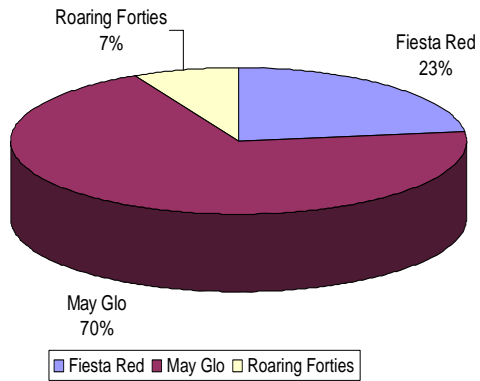
RSA 2005 Low Chill Nectarine Origin
Area = 666 Ha.



ARC Low Chill Nectarine Selections
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286 Ha.

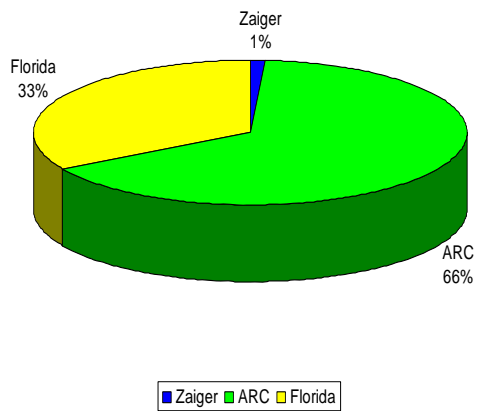


Zaiger Low Chill Nectarine Selections
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247 Ha.

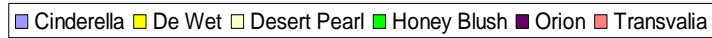
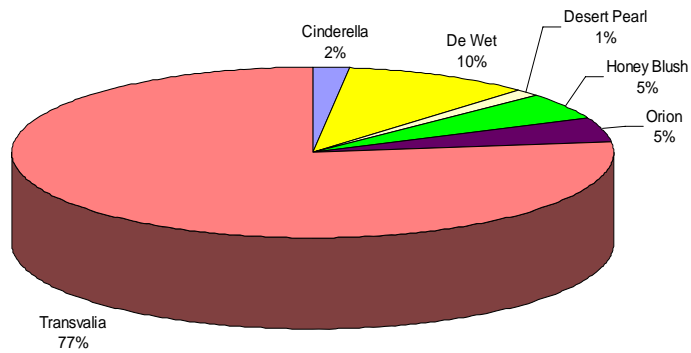


PEACHES

RSA 2005 Low Chill Peach Origins
Area = 387 Ha



ARC Low Chill Dessert Peach Selections
in RSA in 2005.
253 Ha.



CONCLUSION

- 1 768 Ha of Low Chill Stone Fruit in RSA
- = 2.4% of total Deciduous Fruit Plantings
- Northern Provinces “better” suited to Low Chill Production
- 1254 Ha (70%) of Low Chill is Locally Bred
- Global Climate Change