



During February and March 2023, a total of 13 potato producing regions as well as non-producing suppliers delivered potatoes nationally to fresh produce markets.

Average percentage downgraded: **8.58%.**

Total number of bags delivered from 13 regions and non-producing suppliers and inspected on the fresh produce markets: **12 225 565.**

Figure 1: Classes inspected at all fresh produce markets during February/March 2023.

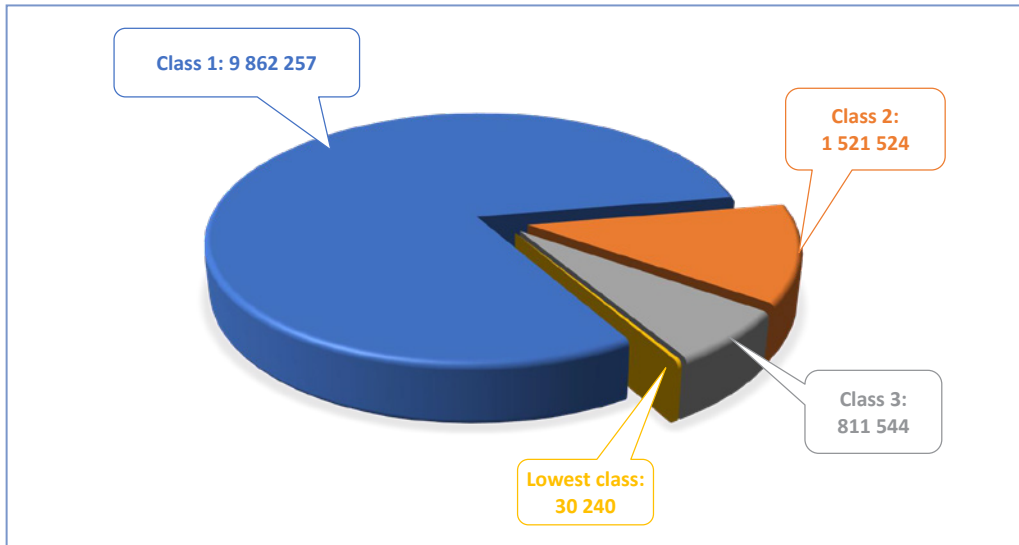


Figure 2: Potatoes of potato bags downgraded (total 1 048 646) at all fresh produce markets during February/March 2023.

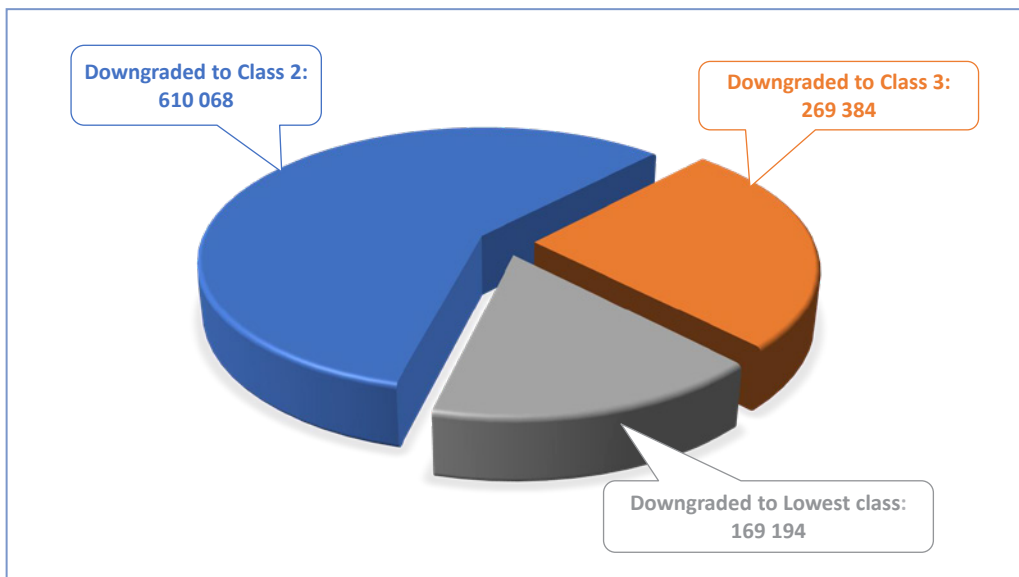


Figure 3: Potatoes downgraded (%) per region at all fresh produce markets during February/March 2023.

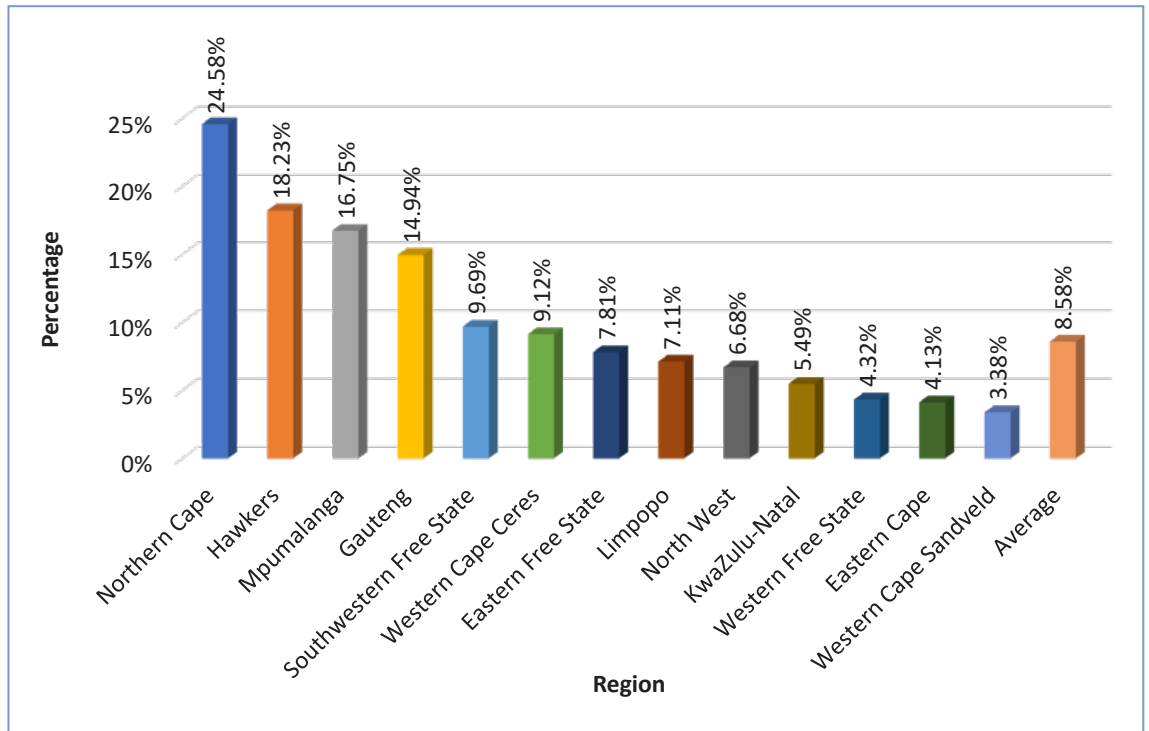
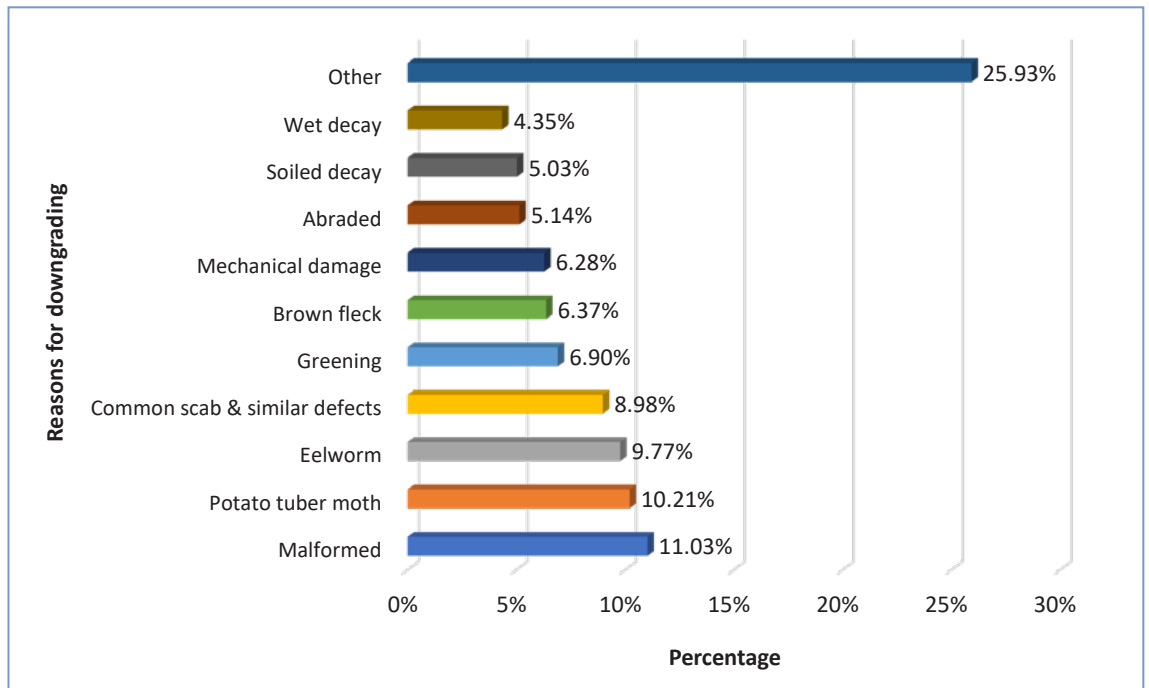
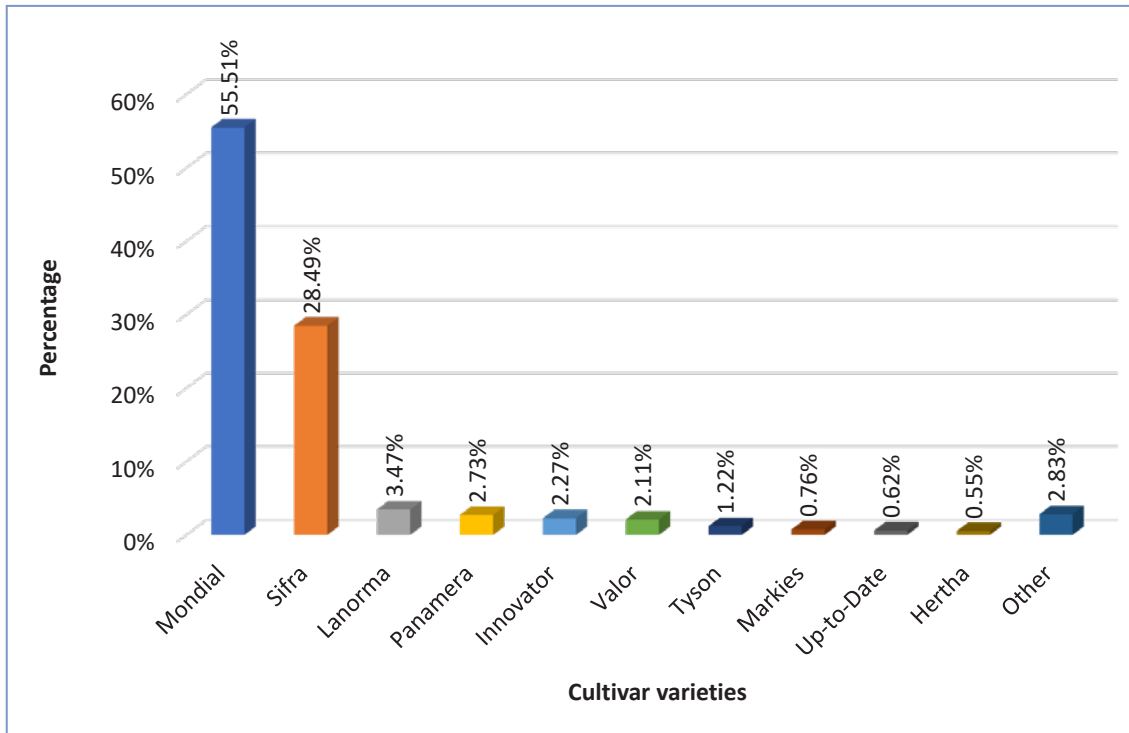


Figure 4: Main reasons for downgrading at all fresh produce markets during February/March 2023.



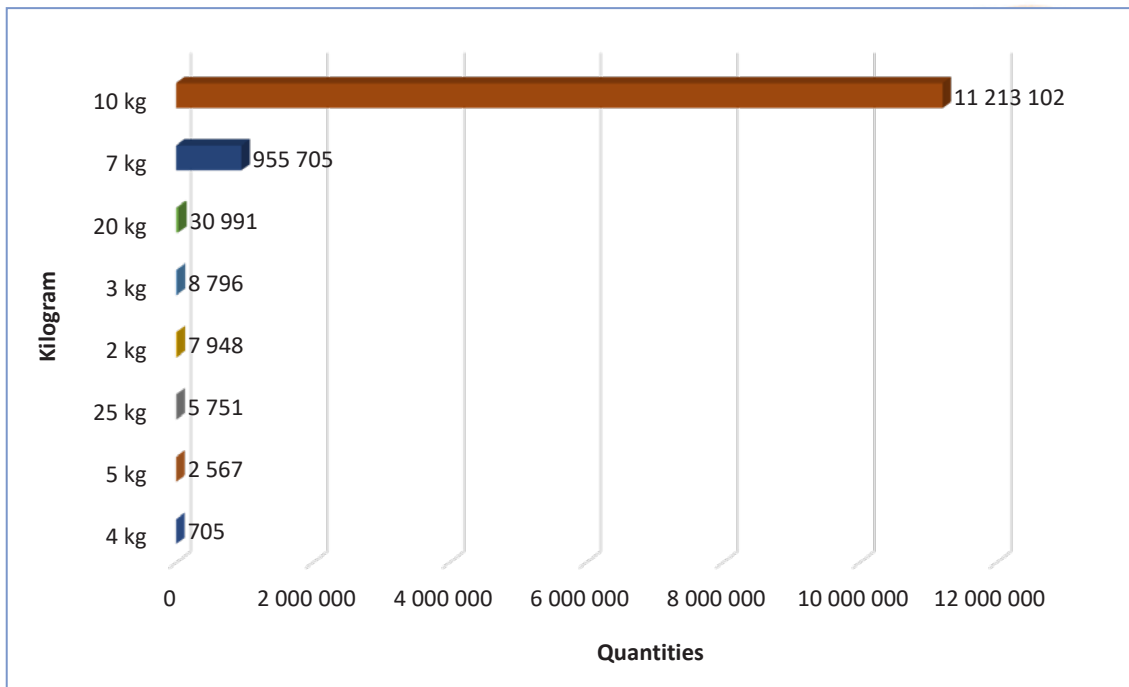
Other include: Wet decay, browning, wet by decayed tubers, soiled, insect damage, growth cracks, wilt, watergrass damage (ext), vascular browning, directive issued for marking requirements, hollow heart, broken and cut tubers, tomato spotted wilt virus, skin eelworm, heat damage, too small, combination of defects found between samples, sprouts, soiled by decayed tubers, rhizoctonia.

Figure 5: Cultivar varieties inspected at all fresh produce markets during February/March 2023.



Other include: Mondeo, Taisiya, Avalanche, El Mundo, Sababa, Taurus, Nicola, FL 2108, Savanna, Apache (POWW), Fianna, BPI, Labadia.

Figure 6: Volumes of different potato bags inspected on all fresh produce markets during February/March 2023.



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