



During December 2023 and January 2024, a total of 13 potato producing regions as well as non-producing suppliers delivered potatoes nationally to fresh produce markets.

Average percentage downgraded: **6.64%**.

Total number of bags delivered from 13 regions and non-producing suppliers and inspected at the fresh produce markets: **10 980 022**.

Figure 1: Classes of potato bags inspected during Dec 2023/Jan 2024 at all fresh produce markets.

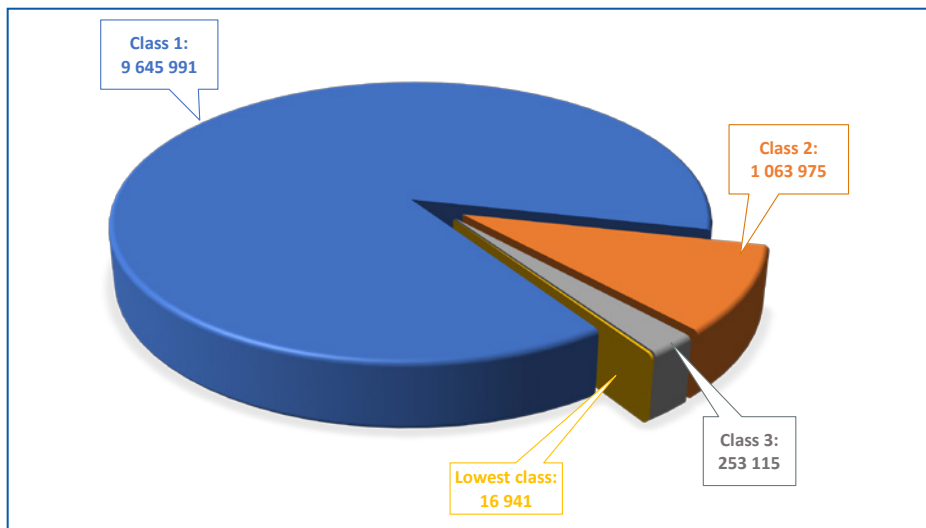


Figure 2: Classes of potato bags downgraded (total 729 188) at all fresh produce markets during Dec 2023/Jan 2024.

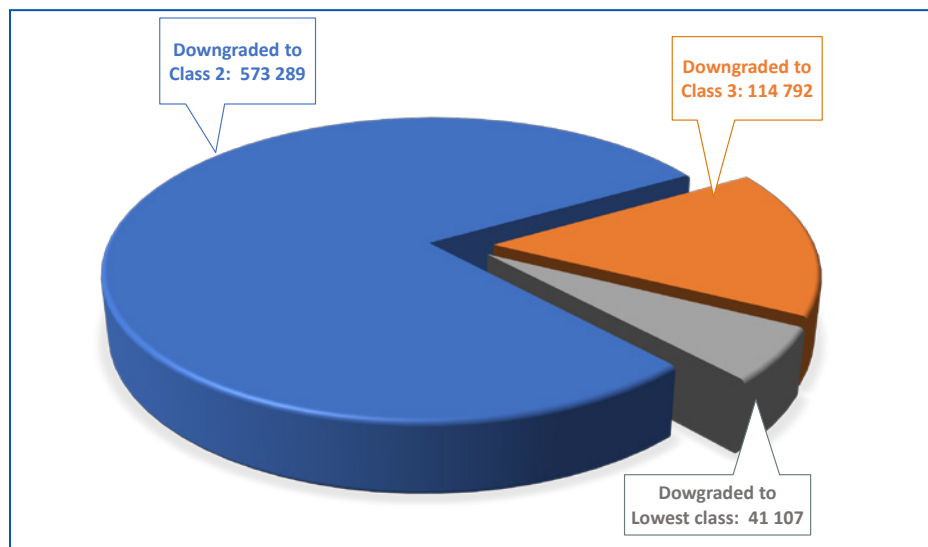


Figure 3: Potatoes bags downgraded (%) per region at all fresh produce markets during Dec 2023/Jan 2024.

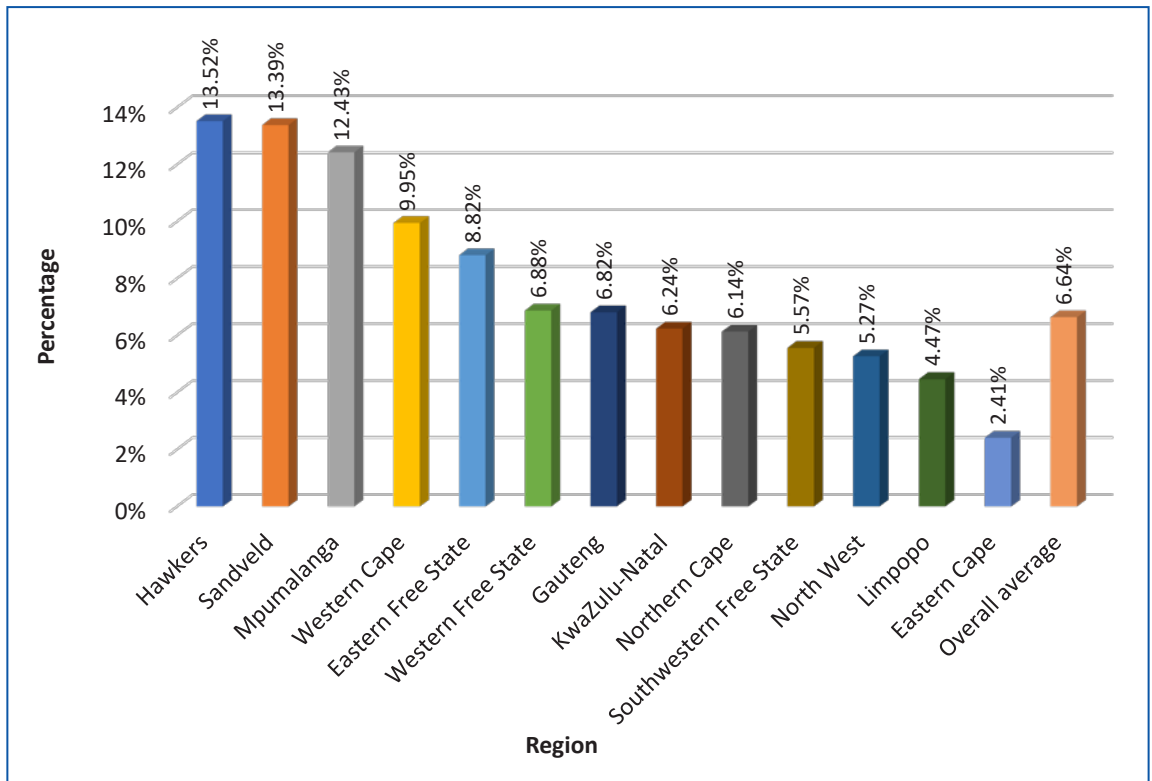
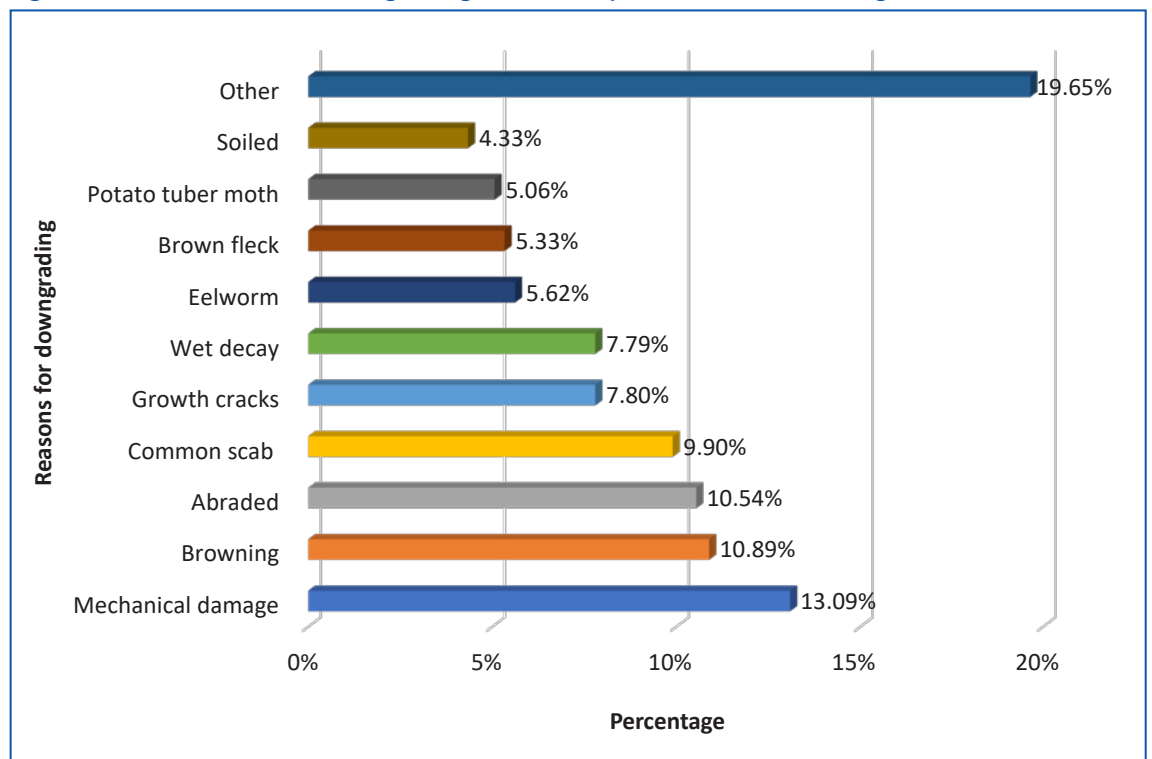
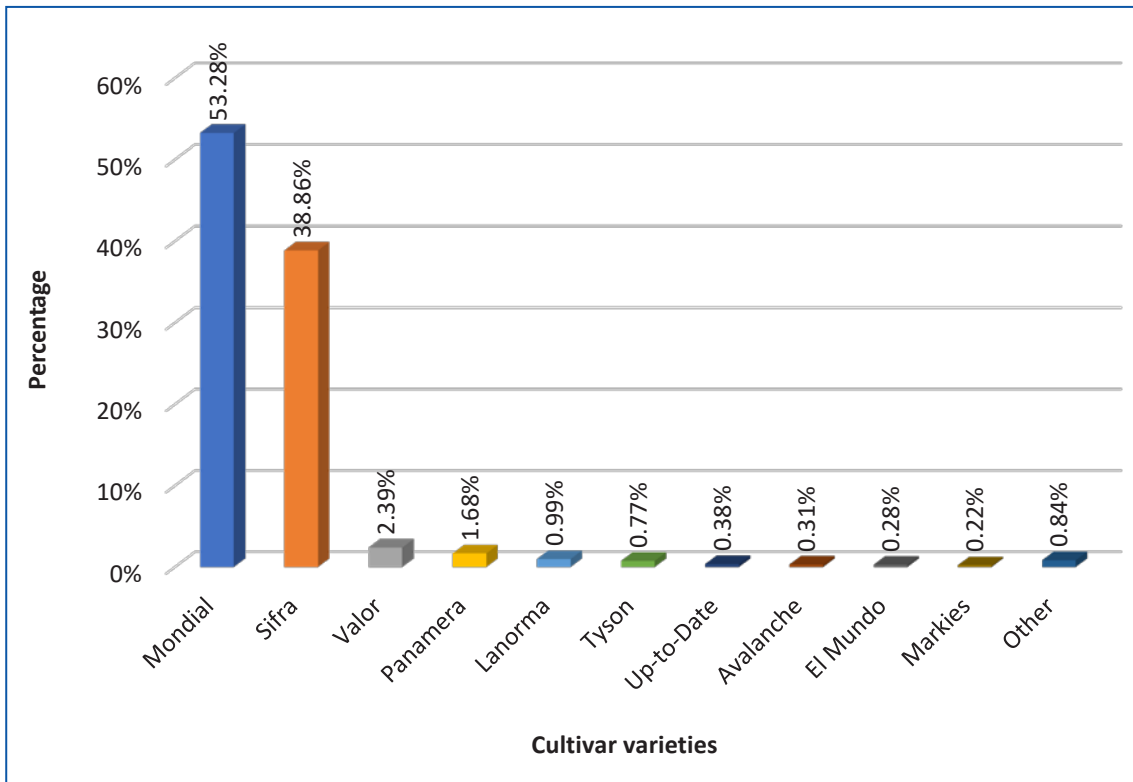


Figure 4: Main reasons for downgrading at all fresh produce markets during Dec 2023/Jan 2024.



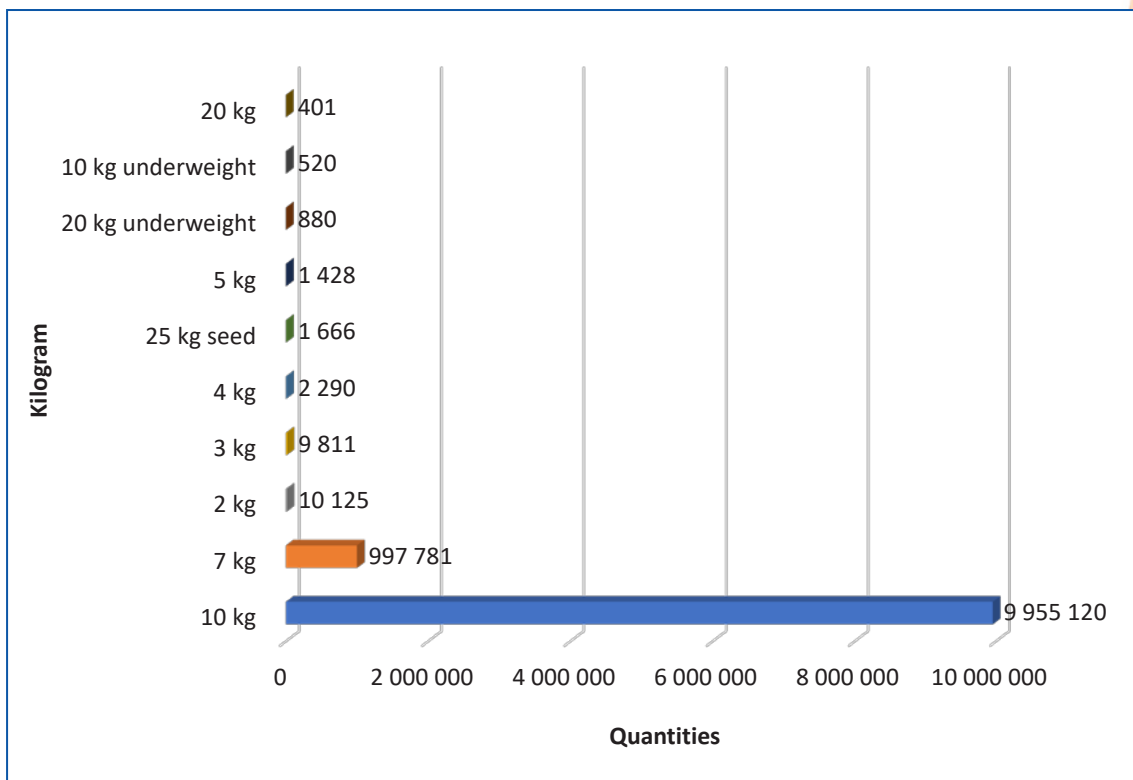
Other include: Greening, too small, skin eelworm, malformed, insect damage, hollow heart, collectively too big and small, watergrass damage (external), vascular browning, wet by decayed tubers, heat damage, broken and cut tubers, wilt, dry stem-end, soiled by decayed tubers, watergrass damage (internal), and soiled decay.

Figure 5: Cultivar varieties inspected at all fresh produce markets during Dec 2023/Jan 2024.



Other include: Savanna, Nicola, Taurus, Sababa, Hertha, Mondeo, Electra, Mhandi, Almera, Apache (POWW), Abby, Innovator, and Fianna.

Figure 6: Volumes of different potato bags inspected on all fresh produce markets during Dec 2023/Jan 2024.



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