



During April and May 2024, a total of 15 potato producing regions as well as non-producing suppliers delivered potatoes nationally to fresh produce markets.

Average percentage downgraded: **9.42%.**

Total number of bags delivered from 15 regions and non-producing suppliers and inspected at the fresh produce markets: **13 232 479.**

Figure 1: Classes of potato bags inspected during Apr/May 2024 at all fresh produce markets.

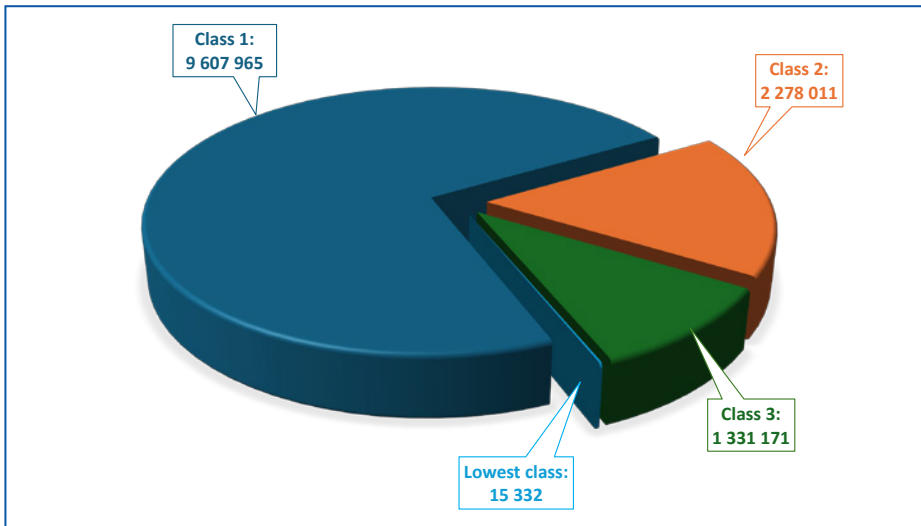


Figure 2: Classes of potato bags downgraded (total 1 246 394) at all fresh produce markets during Apr/May 2024.

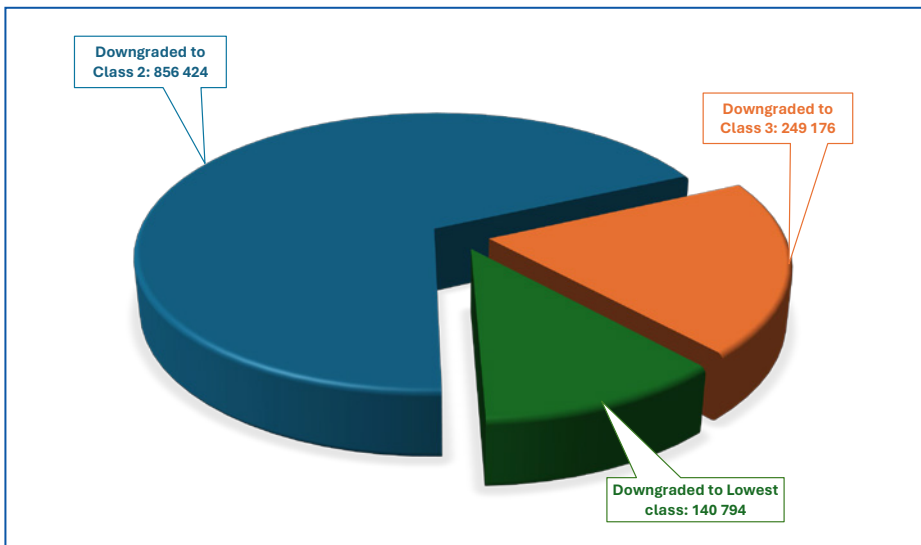


Figure 3: Potato bags downgraded (%) per region at all fresh produce markets during Apr/May 2024.

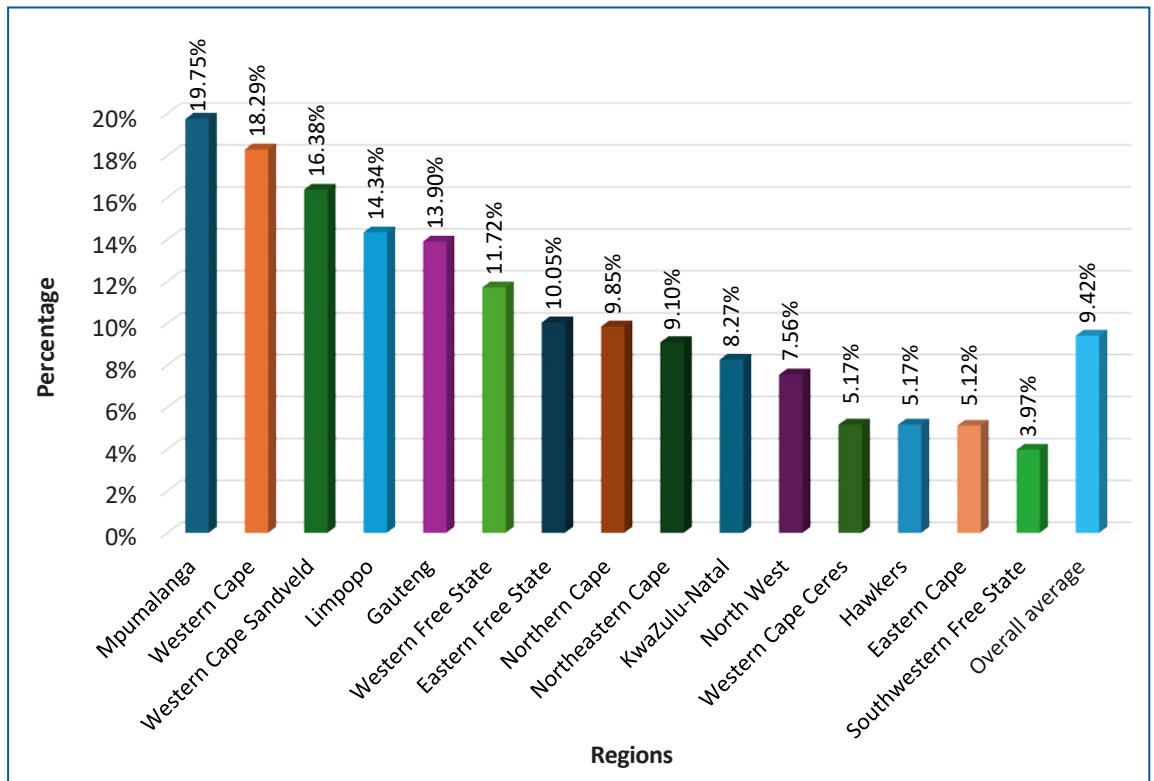
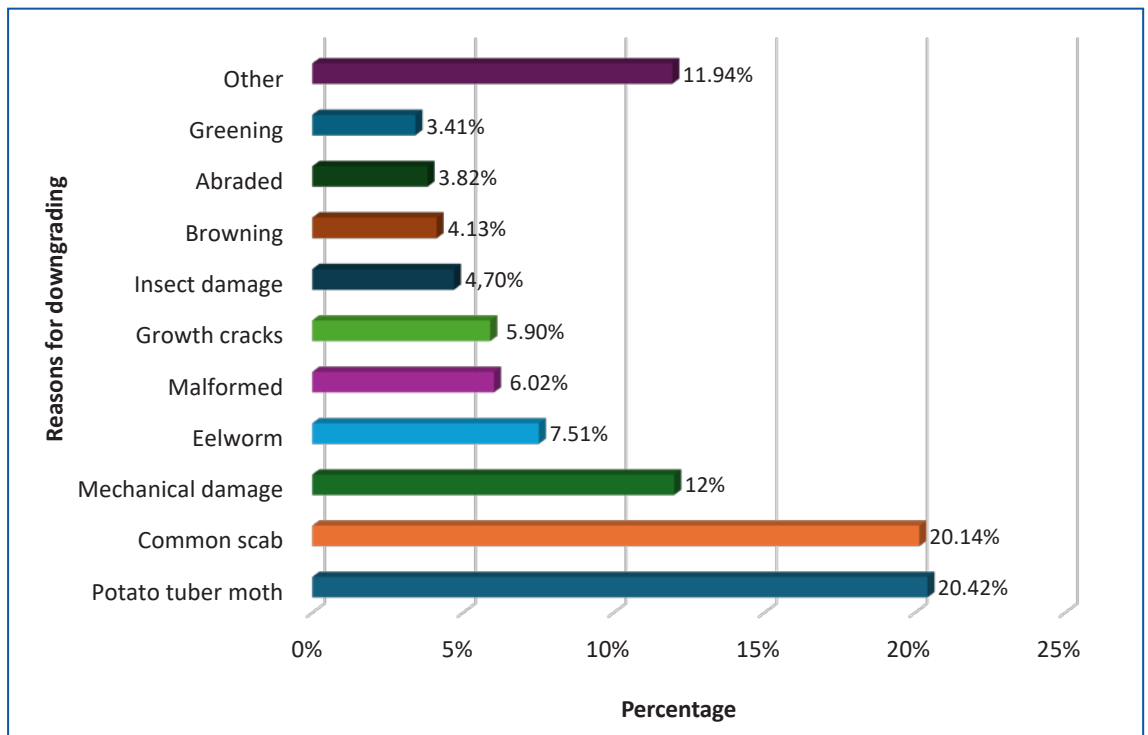
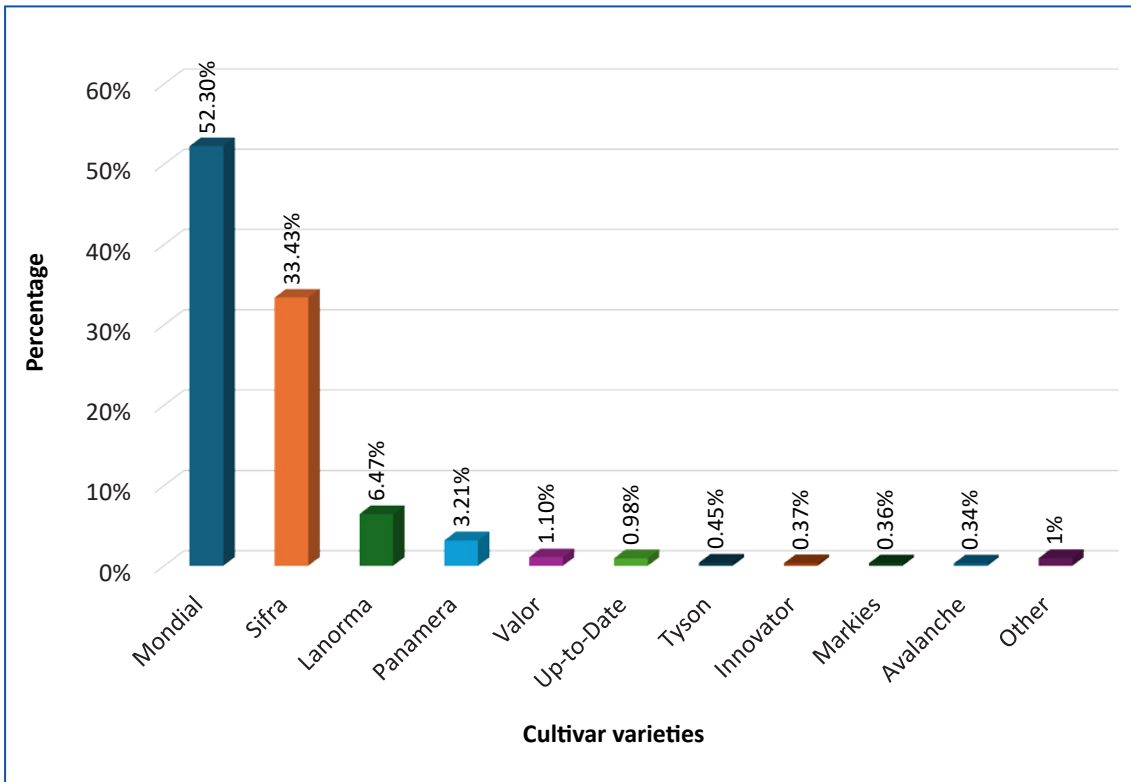


Figure 4: Main reasons for downgrading (%) at all fresh produce markets during Apr/May 2024.



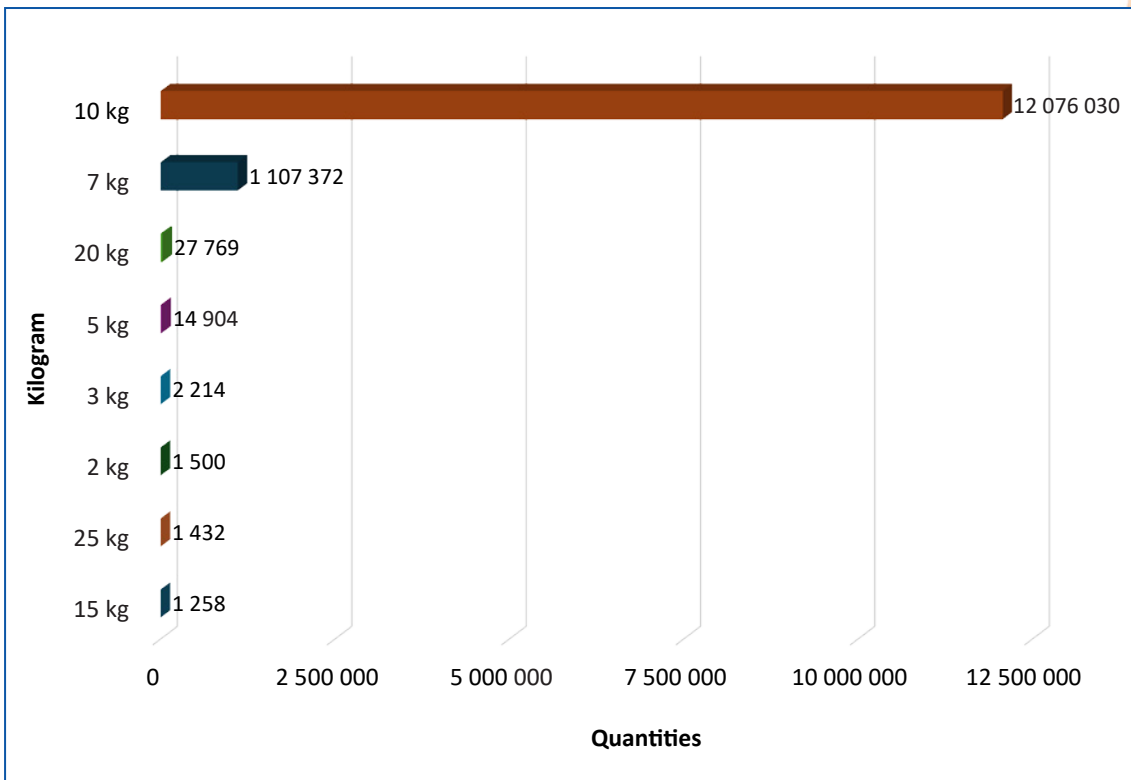
**Others include:** Wet decay, skin eelworm, dry stem-end, hollow heart, too small, soiled, broken and cut tubers, wilt, sprouts, vascular browning, watergrass damage (external), wet by decayed tubers, Rhizoctonia, collectively too big and small, glassiness/watery, soiled decay.

Figure 5: Cultivar varieties inspected (%) at all fresh produce markets during Apr/May 2024.



**Others include:** Hertha, King Russet, Allison, Sababa, Fianna, Foxy, Taurus, Mondeo, BPI, Lady Rosetta, Abby, Russet Burbank, Pentland Deli, Fandango, Savanna, and Apache (POWW).

Figure 6: Volumes of different potato bags inspected at all fresh produce markets during Apr/May 2024.



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