



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

Average percentage downgraded: **7.87%.**

Total number of bags delivered from 15 regions and non-producing suppliers and inspected at the fresh produce markets: **12 938 668.**

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

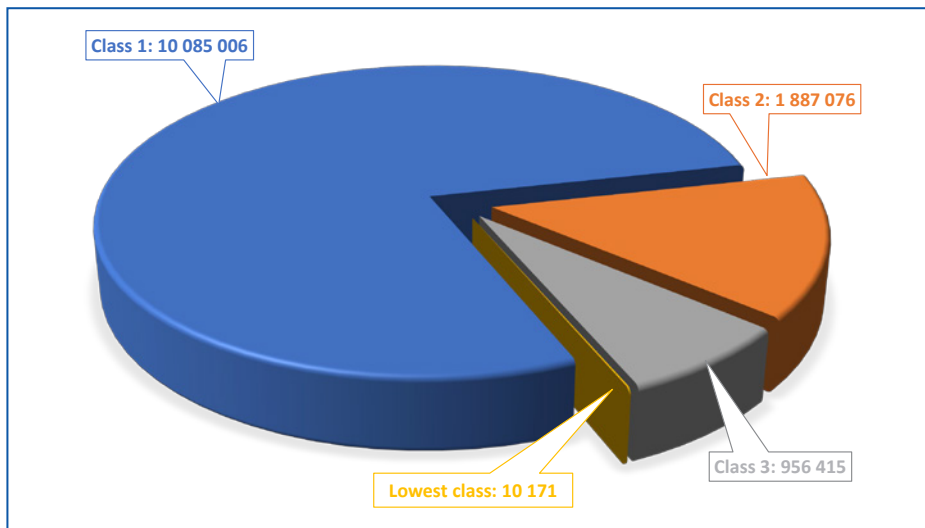


Figure 2: Classes of potato bags downgraded (total 1 018 227) at all fresh produce markets during Jun/Jul 2024.

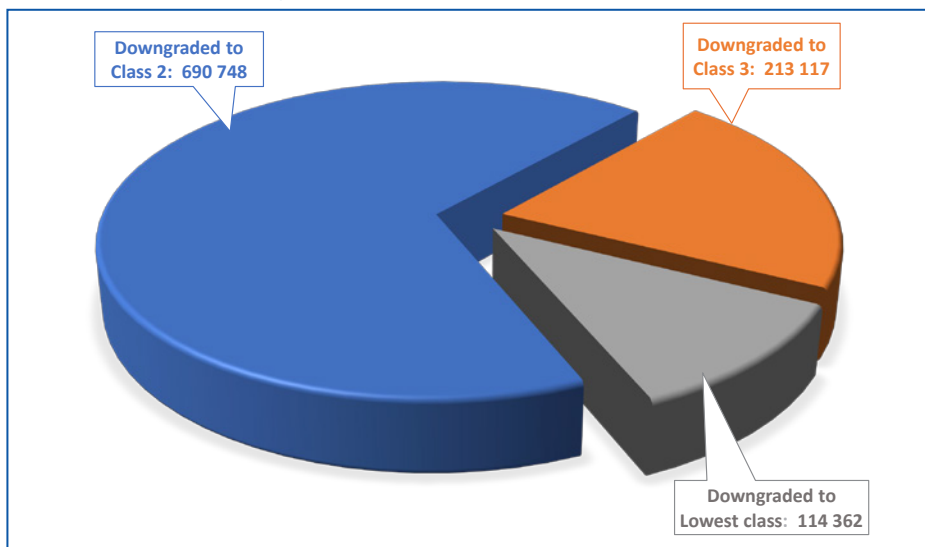


Figure 3: Potato bags downgraded (%) per region at all fresh produce markets during Jun/Jul 2024.

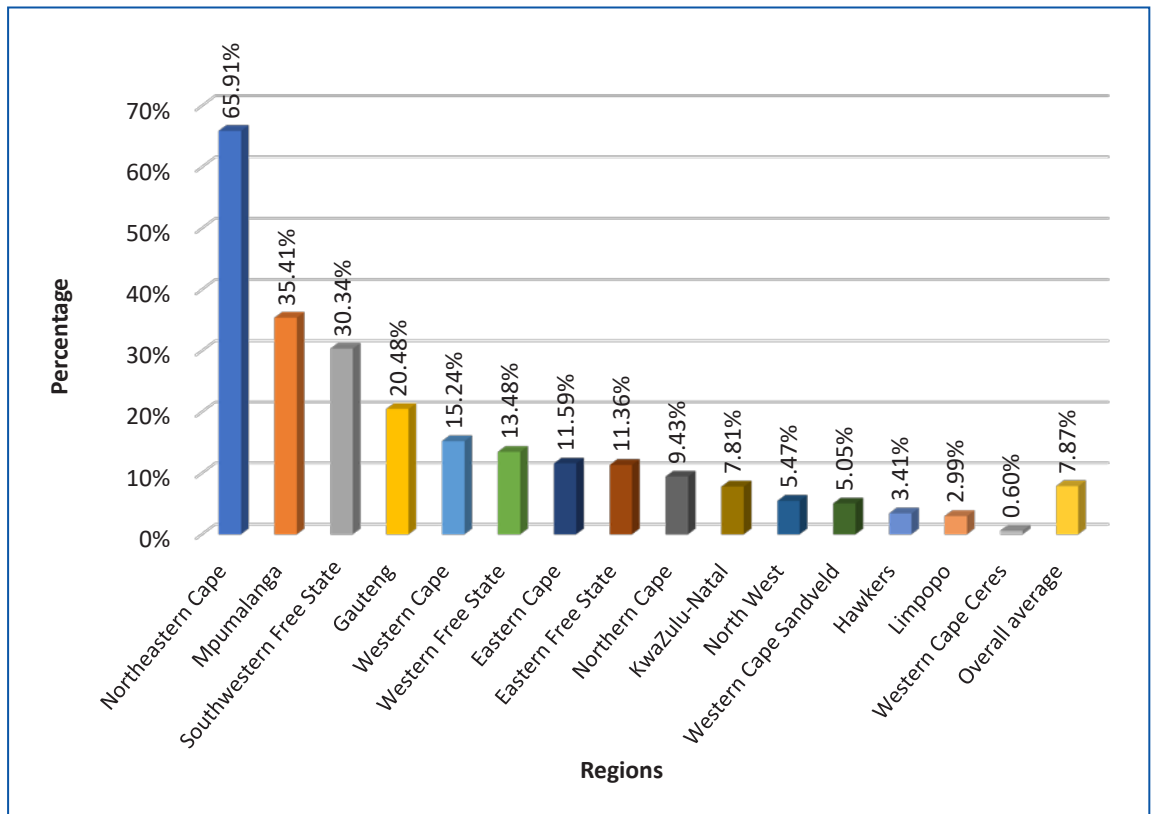
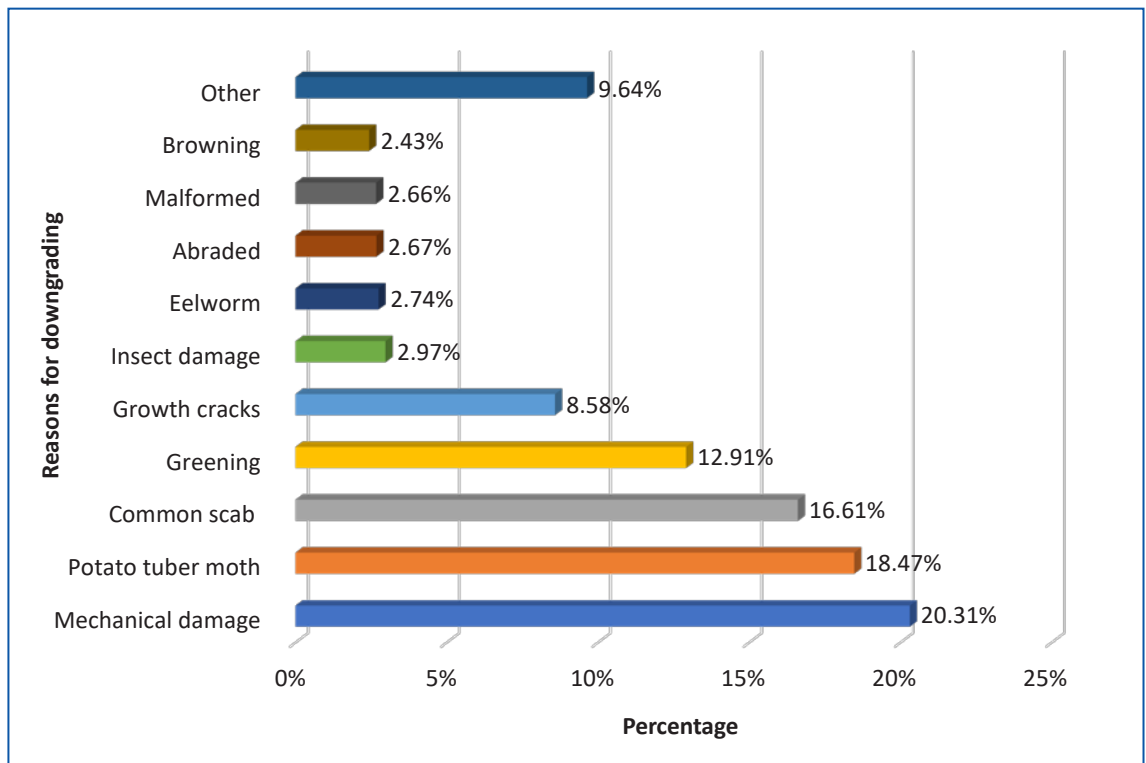
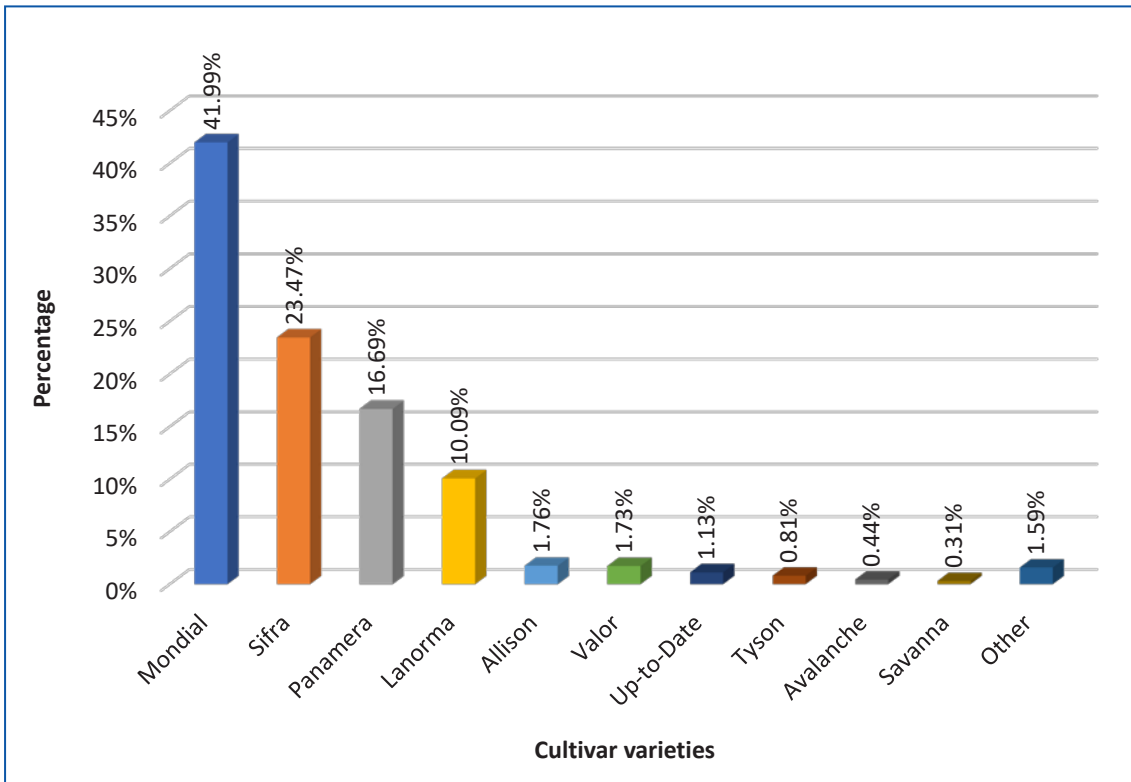


Figure 4: Main reasons for downgrading at all fresh produce markets during Jun/Jul 2024.



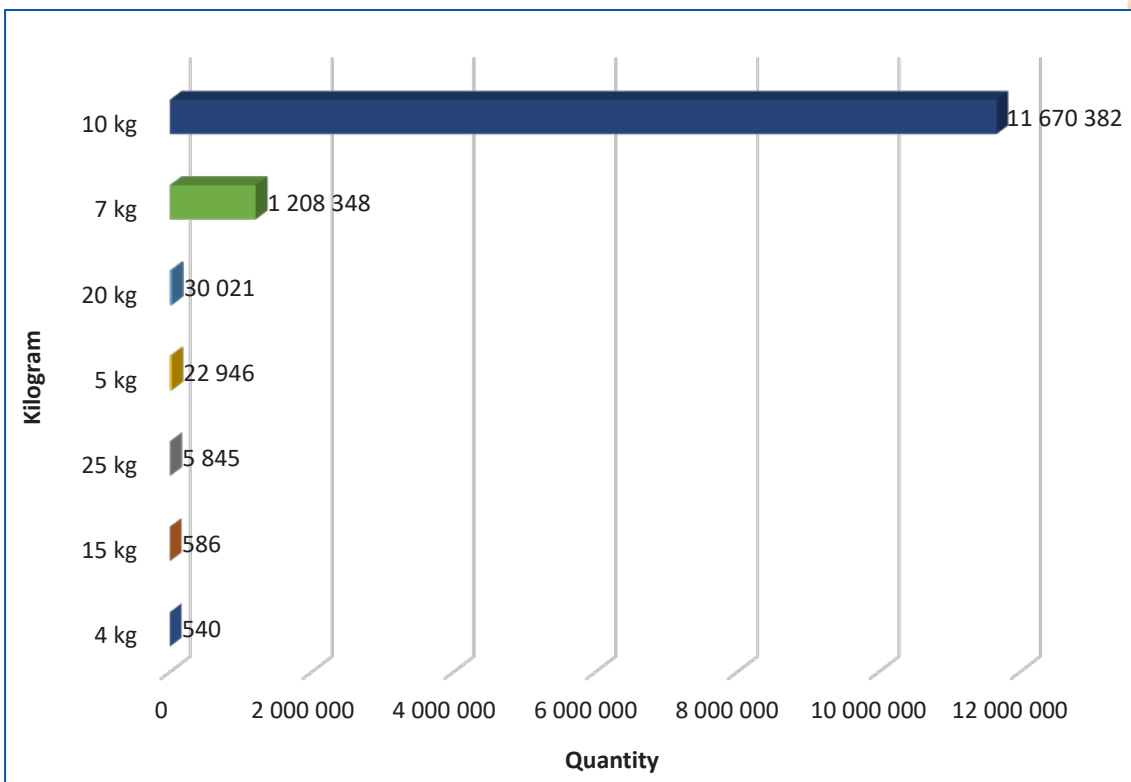
**Other includes:** Hollow heart, dry stem-end, too small, brown fleck, skin eelworm, wet decay, wilt, broken and cut tubers, glassiness/watery, soiled, watergrass, damage (ext.), vascular browning, cold damage, collectively too big and small, wet by decayed tubers, sprouts, soiled by decayed tubers.

Figure 5: Cultivar varieties inspected at all fresh produce markets during Jun/Jul 2024.



**Other includes:** Hertha, BP1, King Russet, Markies, Sound, Innovator, Noya, Connect, Russet Burbank, Nicola, Taisiya, Taurus, Fianna, Abby, Lady Rosetta, and Fabula.

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



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