

After meetings and consultations with stakeholders and various experts, the South African Cultivar & Technology Agency NPC (SACTA) was established in June 2016. SACTA has been recommended by role-players in the different industries as the body to administer the breeding and technology levy and will make payments to the seed companies from funds collected by means of the levies. The payments will be according to actual performance, calculated each year based on the market share achieved. It is envisaged that this system will eventually be implemented for all self-pollinating crops.

Wheat grades

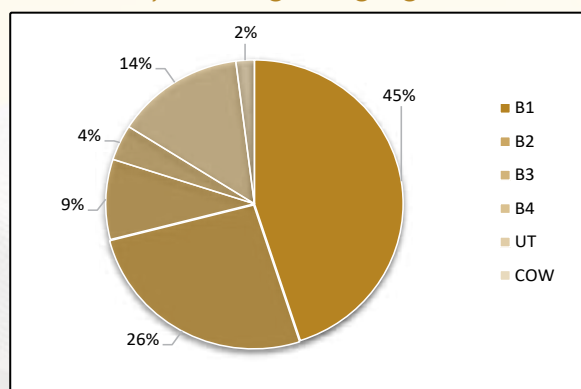
The latest bread wheat grading regulations were published in the Government Gazette No. 42862, dated 29 November 2019. The regulations are detailed in Government Notice NO. R. 1547 of 29 November 2019. According to these regulations the classes of wheat are Bread Wheat and Other Wheat. The grades for Bread Wheat are Super Grade, Grade 1, Grade 2 and Grade 3. No grades are determined for Class Other Wheat.

The previous version of the grading regulations, as detailed in Government Notice NO. R. 64 of 29 January 2016, made provision for five grades of Bread Wheat, namely Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4 and Utility Grade.

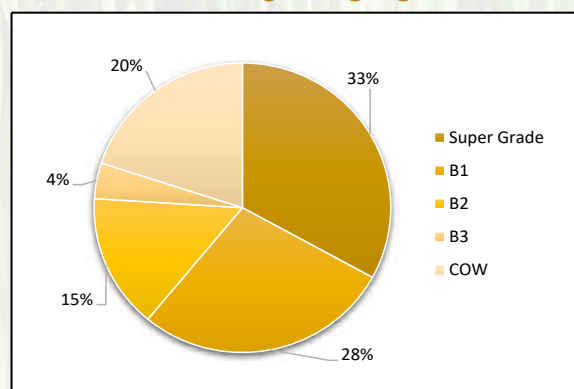
The 333 representative crop samples of the 2019/20 season were graded as follows: 40% was graded Super Grade, 17% was graded B1, 7% was graded B2, 4% was graded B3 and 32% Class Other Wheat (COW). The majority of the samples (59%) downgraded to COW was as a result of the percentage screenings exceeding the maximum allowable level (3%) for Super Grade to Grade 3. The percentages other grain and unthreshed ears and total damaged kernels (mainly sprouted kernels) in combination with the combined deviations also caused a number of downgrades, as did falling number and hectolitre mass. 42% of the downgraded samples originated from the Western Cape, 30% from the Free State and 28% from the irrigation areas.

39% of wheat samples originating in the Free State were graded Super Grade. 41% of the wheat samples from the irrigation areas and 38% of wheat samples from the Western Cape Province graded Super Grade.

Graph 17: Percentage of samples per class and grade in the 2018/19 season according to the previous grading regulations



Graph 18: Percentage of samples per class and grade in the 2018/19 season according to the current grading regulations



Graph 19: Percentage of samples per class and grade in the 2019/20 season

