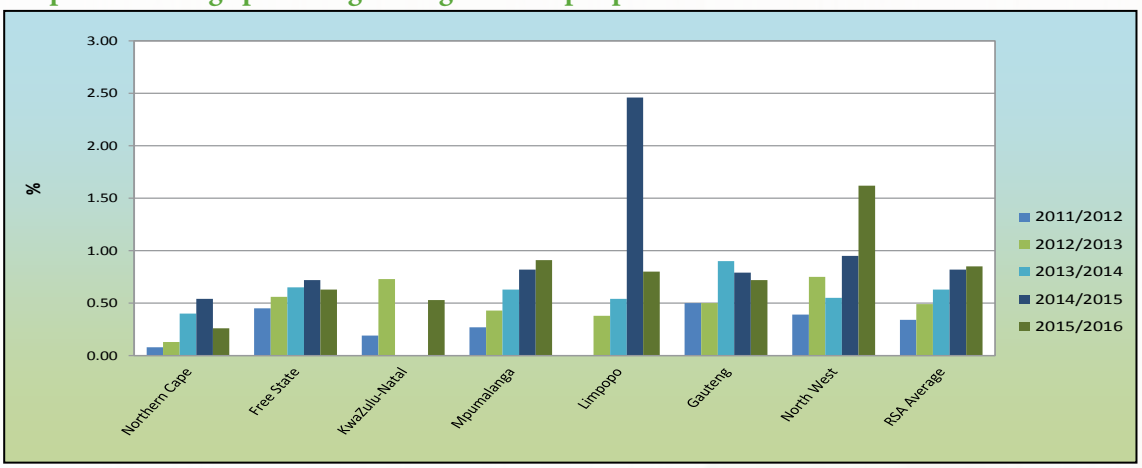
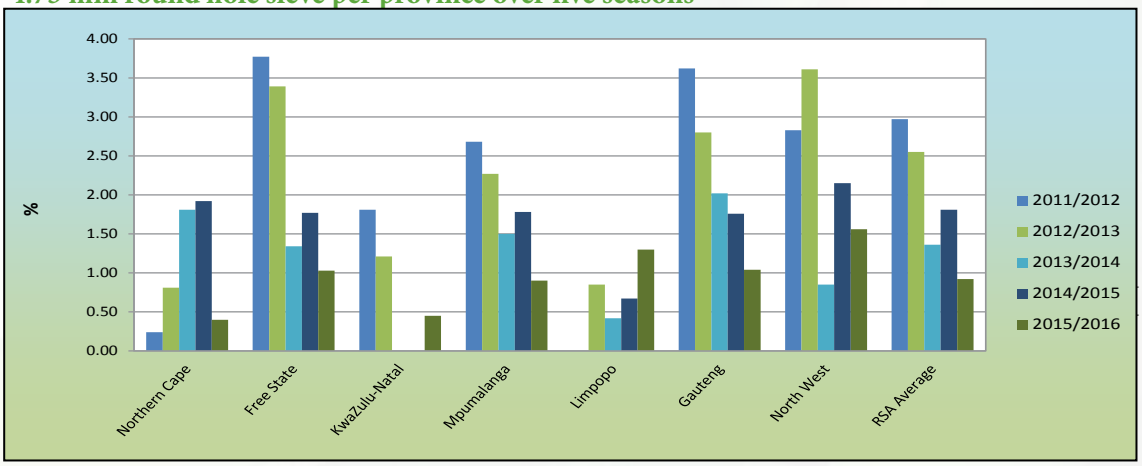
The samples from North West province had the highest weighted average percentage foreign matter (1.62%). The percentage foreign matter in the rest of the samples ranged from 0.26 in the Northern Cape to 0.91 in Mpumalanga. Please refer to Graph 17.

Graph 17: Average percentage foreign matter per province over five seasons



North West province (8 samples) reported the highest weighted average percentage soybeans and parts of soybeans above the 1.8 mm slotted sieve which pass through the 4.75 mm round hole sieve, namely 1.56% and the sample from the Northern Cape the lowest at 0.40%. Mpumalanga province with the highest number of samples (91) reported an average of 0.90%. The Free State province averaged 1.03% (23 samples). The national weighted average percentage decreased from 1.81% the previous season to 0.92% this season. Please see Graph 18.

Graph 18: Average percentage soybeans and parts of soybeans which pass through the 4.75 mm round hole sieve per province over five seasons



**Please note that the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 results represent soybeans and parts of soybeans above the 1.8 mm slotted sieve which pass through the 4.75 mm round hole sieve.*

The lowest weighted average percentage defective soybeans on the 4.75 mm sieve were observed on the samples from Mpumalanga, namely 1.46%. The Northern Cape province reported the highest percentage of 4.94, followed by North West and KwaZulu-Natal provinces with 3.99 and 3.34 respectively. The national weighted average increased slightly from 1.95% last season to 2.02% this season. Please see Graph 19.