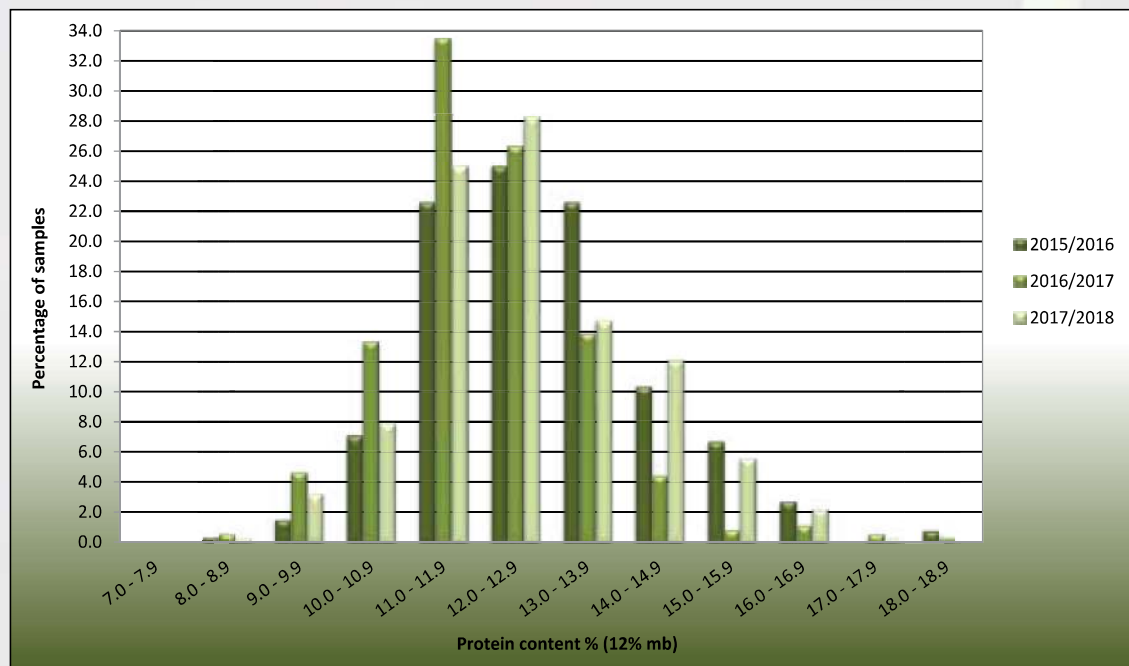


Crop quality of the 2017/2018 season

All national, seasonal and regional averages provided in this report are weighted averages.

The national whole wheat protein average increased from 12.0% in the previous season to 12.6%. This is the second highest average since the 2004/2005 season and can be attributed to the above average protein values observed in the Western Cape where severe drought conditions were experienced. Please see Graphs 19 and 20 for the protein content distribution over the last three seasons and between the three major production areas.

Graph 19: Protein content distribution over the last three seasons



The Winter rainfall areas reported the highest whole wheat protein average, namely 13.2% since the start of this annual survey twenty years ago. The Irrigation areas averaged 11.9% and the production regions in the Free State province 12.6%.

Graph 20: Protein content distribution between the three production areas during the 2017/2018 season

