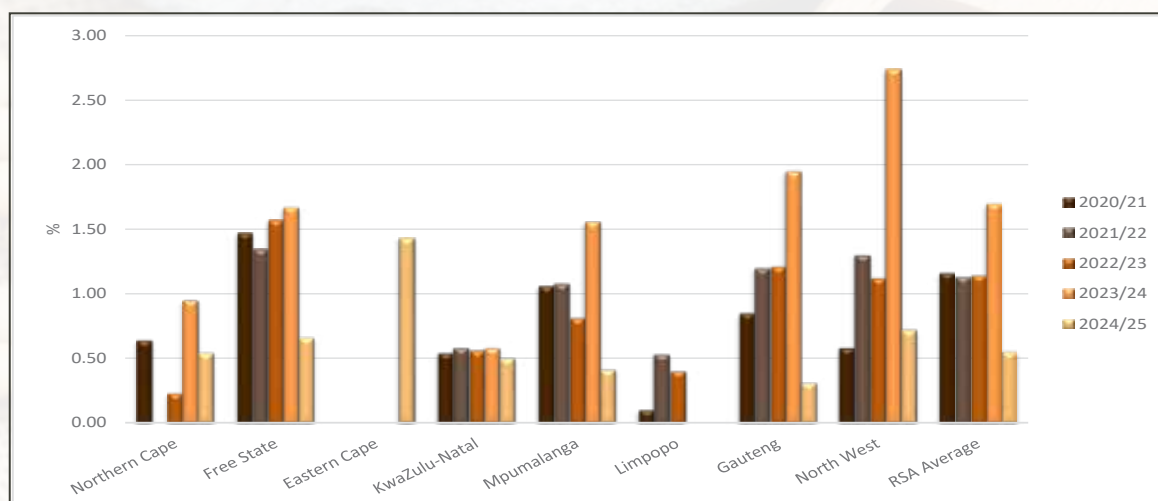


Graph 17: Average percentage foreign matter per province over five seasons

The sample from the Eastern Cape 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 1.43%, followed by 0.72% from North West and 0.66% from the Free State. The lowest weighted average value reported was 0.31% on the samples from Gauteng. The national weighted average percentage of 0.55% was the lowest since the start of this survey in the 2012/13 season. Please see Graph 18.



Graph 18: Average percentage soybeans and parts of soybeans above the 1.8 mm slotted sieve which pass through the 4.75 mm round hole sieve per province over five seasons

The highest weighted average percentages defective soybeans on the 4.75 mm sieve, was reported on the samples from KwaZulu-Natal (5.45%) followed by North West (3.80%) and the Northern Cape (2.09%). The lowest percentage, namely 1.11% was observed on the single sample from the Eastern Cape. The averages in the other provinces ranged from 1.31% to 1.47%. The national weighted average decreased from 4.98% last season to 1.83% this season. This is the lowest average reported since the 2013/14 season. Please see Graph 19.

The national weighted average percentage soiled soybeans was 1.58%. The previous two seasons averaged 1.64% and 1.58% respectively. The highest weighted average percentages were observed in KwaZulu-Natal (3.05%) and Mpumalanga (2.69%). Gauteng averaged the lowest with 0.03%. The remaining weighted averages ranged between 0.30% and 1.00%. Please see Graph 20. Forty-eight percent (121) of samples graded contained soiled soybeans, the percentage last season was 64. Nine samples exceeded the maximum permissible deviation of 10% according to the grading regulations, compared to 5 samples the previous two seasons. The majority of these samples originated in Mpumalanga. The highest percentage soiled soybeans (32.24%) reported, also originated in Mpumalanga. The other samples originated in North West and the Free State.