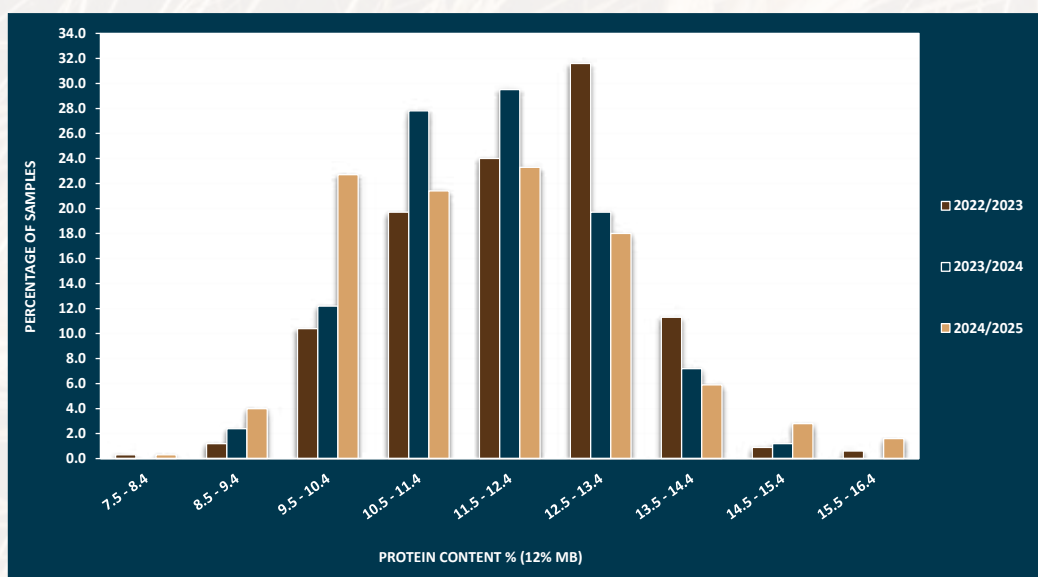


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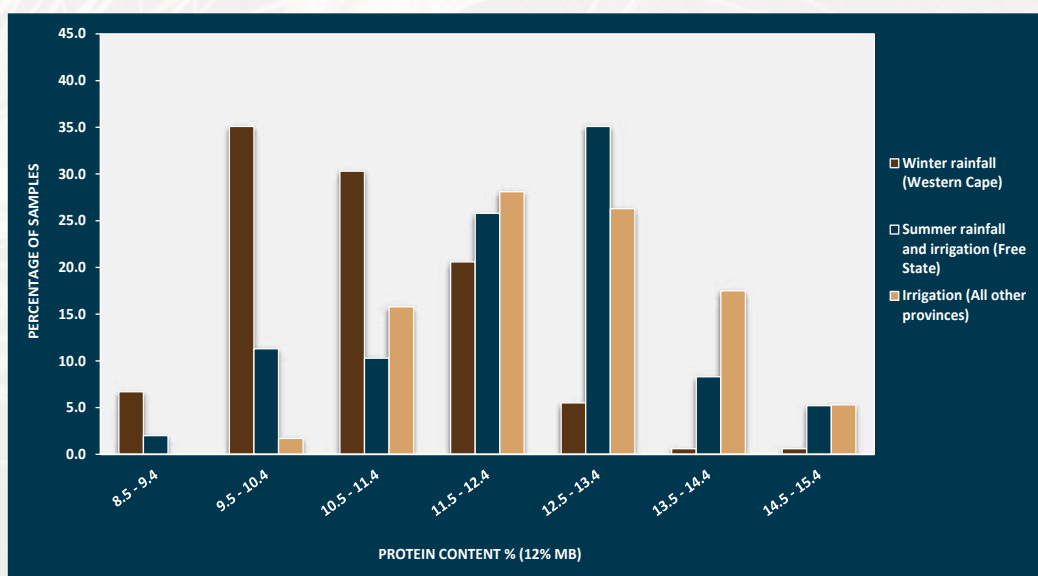
All national, seasonal and regional averages provided in this report are weighted averages.

The national whole wheat protein average decreased from 11.8% in the previous season to 11.6%. This is lowest national average since the 2013/14 season. The ten-year national average is 12.2%. Protein content is generally a function of the growing environment (soil and climatic conditions) as well as fertiliser application. Please see Graphs 22 and 23 for the protein content distribution over the last three seasons and between the three major production areas during 2024/25.



Graph 22: Protein content distribution over the last three seasons

The Summer rainfall and Irrigation areas of the Free State reported the highest whole wheat protein average, namely 12.6%. This production region traditionally reports the highest average protein content, however during the previous three seasons (2021/22 – 2023/24) the highest average protein contents were observed in the Irrigation areas. The Irrigation areas averaged 12.3% this season and the production regions in the Winter rainfall area of the Western Cape averaged 10.8%. See the Regional quality weighted averages summarized in Table 5 on pages 26 and 27.



Graph 23: Protein content distribution between the three production areas during the 2024/25 season