



SOUTH AFRICAN POTATO INDUSTRY

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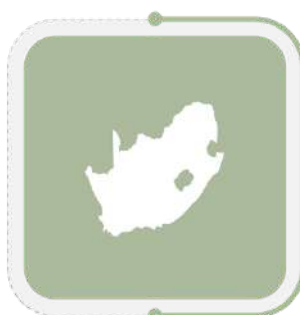
July 2026



**WORLD
POTATO
PRODUCTION**



**AFRICA
POTATO
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**SOUTH AFRICA
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INDUSTRY**



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WORLD POTATO PRODUCTION 2024



390.4
Million tons
produced



17.1
Million hectares
planted



22
Ton/ha
yield

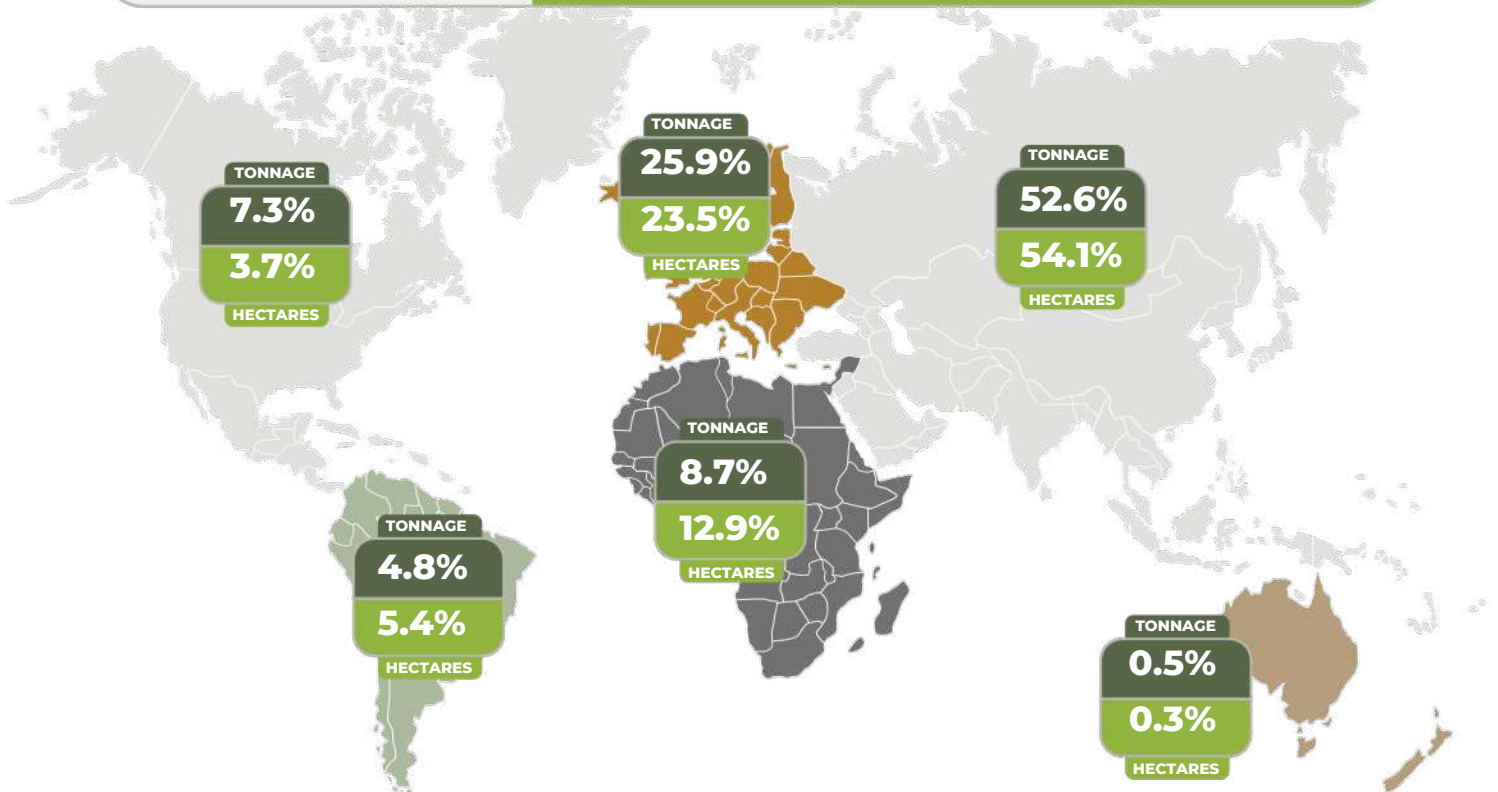


0.9%
growth
year on year

2024

World potato

Tonnage produced
Hectares planted



Source: <https://www.fao.org>

WORLD POTATO PRODUCTION 2024



Top 10 Potato Producing countries



Top 10 countries produce 67% of the world's potatoes

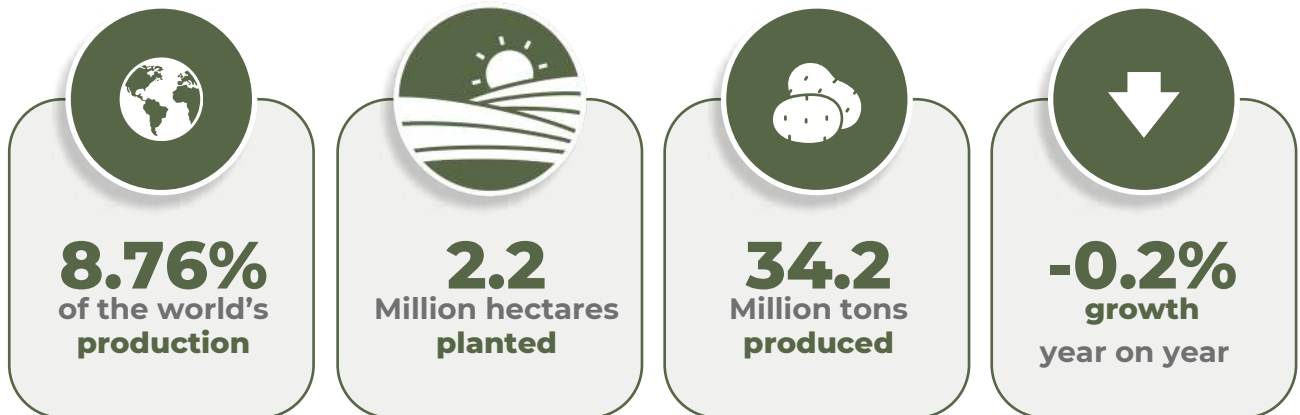
Top 4 Potato Producing countries

1	China - Mainland	24% of the world's production	Total hectares planted 4.5 million	Average yield 20 ton/ha
2	India	15% of the world's production	Total hectares planted 2.3 million	Average yield 25 ton/ha
3	Ukraine	5.4% of the world's production	Total hectares planted 1.2 million	Average yield 17 ton/ha
4	USA	4.8% of the world's production	Total hectares planted 0.4 million	Average yield 50 ton/ha

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AFRICA POTATO PRODUCTION 2024



Top 5 Potato Producing countries

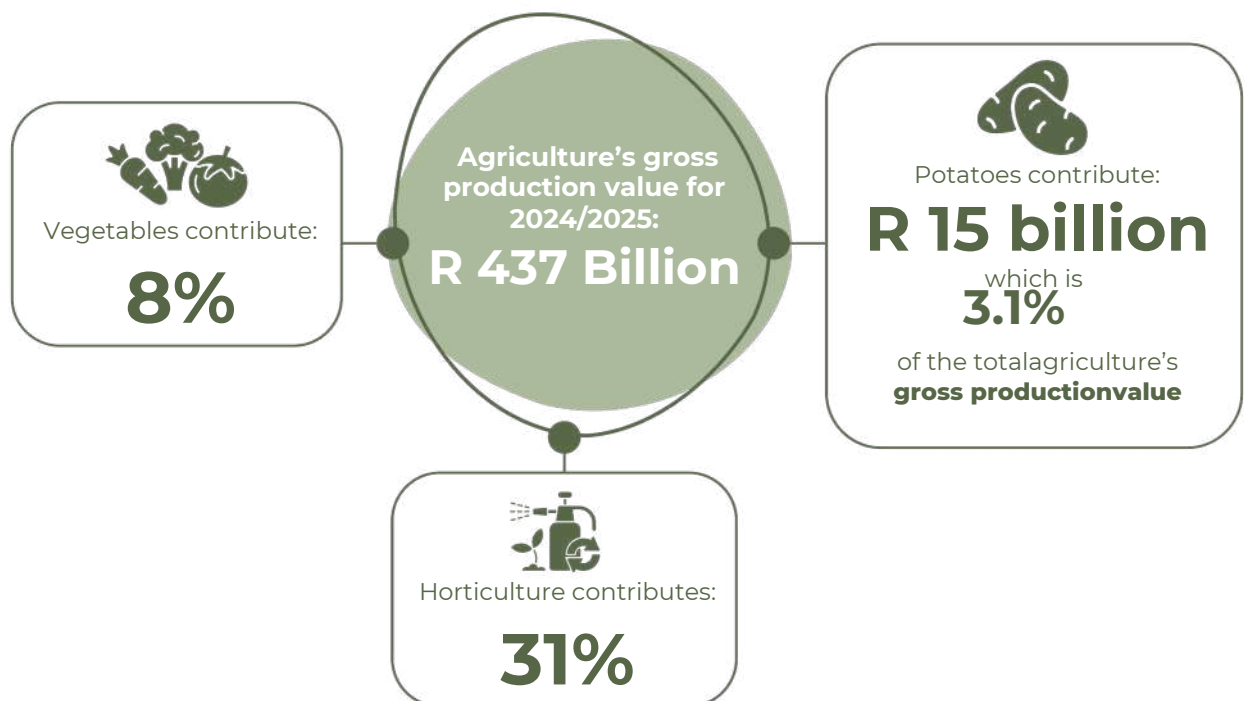
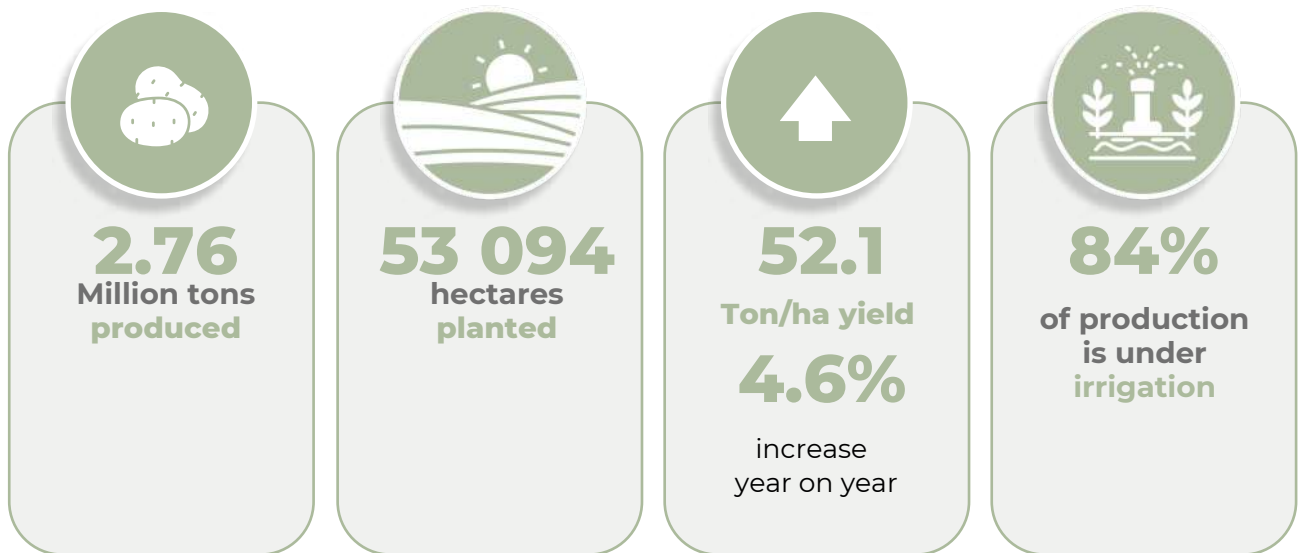
1	Egypt	24% of Africa's production	Total hectares planted 268 565	Average yield 30 ton/ha	Year on year 3% ↓
2	Algeria	13% of Africa's production	Total hectares planted 135 414	Average yield 34 ton/ha	Year on year 3% ↑
3	Ethiopia	12% of Africa's production	Total hectares planted 332 146	Average yield 12 ton/ha	Year on year 6% ↓
4	South Africa*	8% of Africa's production	Total hectares planted 51 368	Average yield 52 ton/ha	Year on year 6% ↓
5	Morocco	6% of Africa's production	Total hectares planted 66 932	Average yield 49 ton/ha	Year on year 6% ↓

Source: <https://www.fao.org> & *Potatoes SA



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Potato production in South Africa



Source: Abstract for Agricultural Statistics 2026

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Potato production in South Africa



Figure 1: SA potato industry - Hectares and crop size

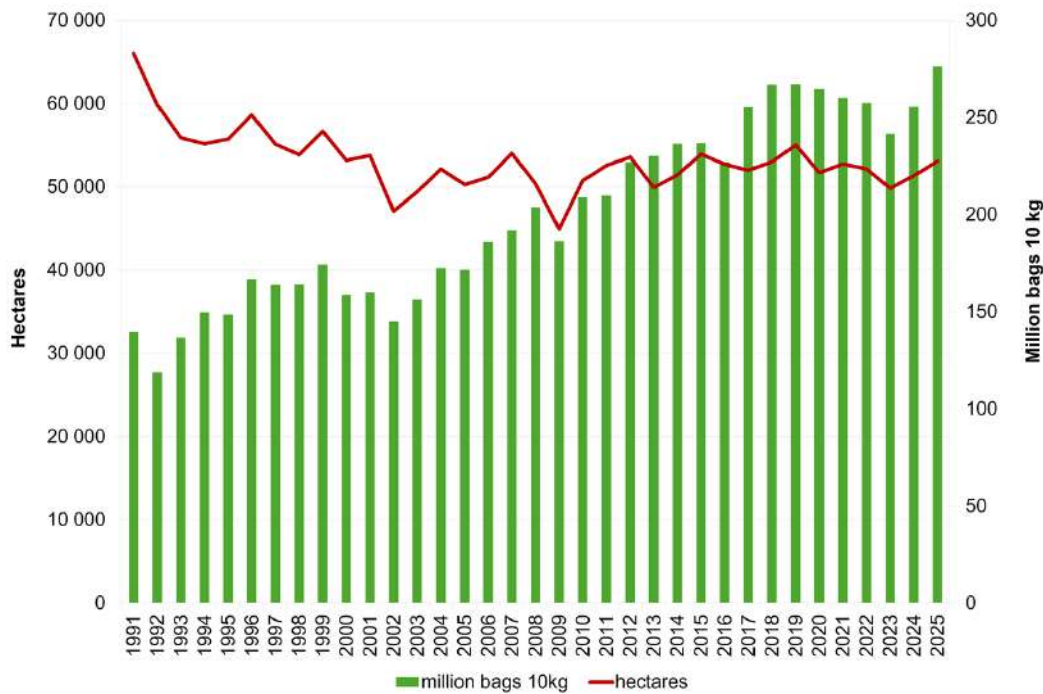
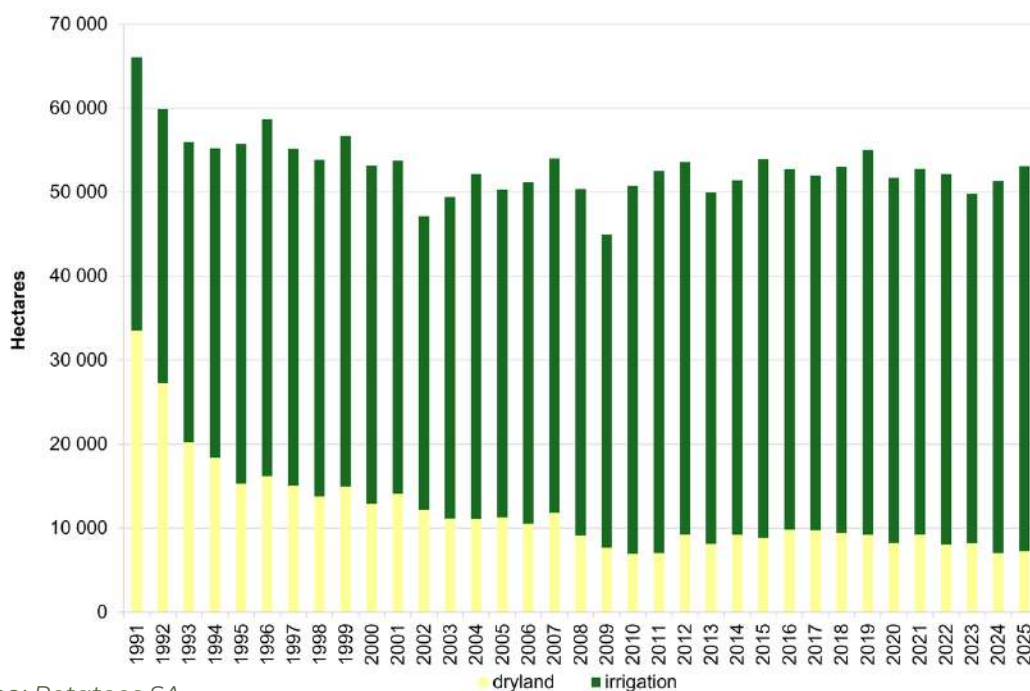


Figure 2: SA potato industry - Dryland versus irrigation (Hectare planted)



Source: Potatoes SA



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Potato production in South Africa



Figure 3: Average yield over time (ton/ha)

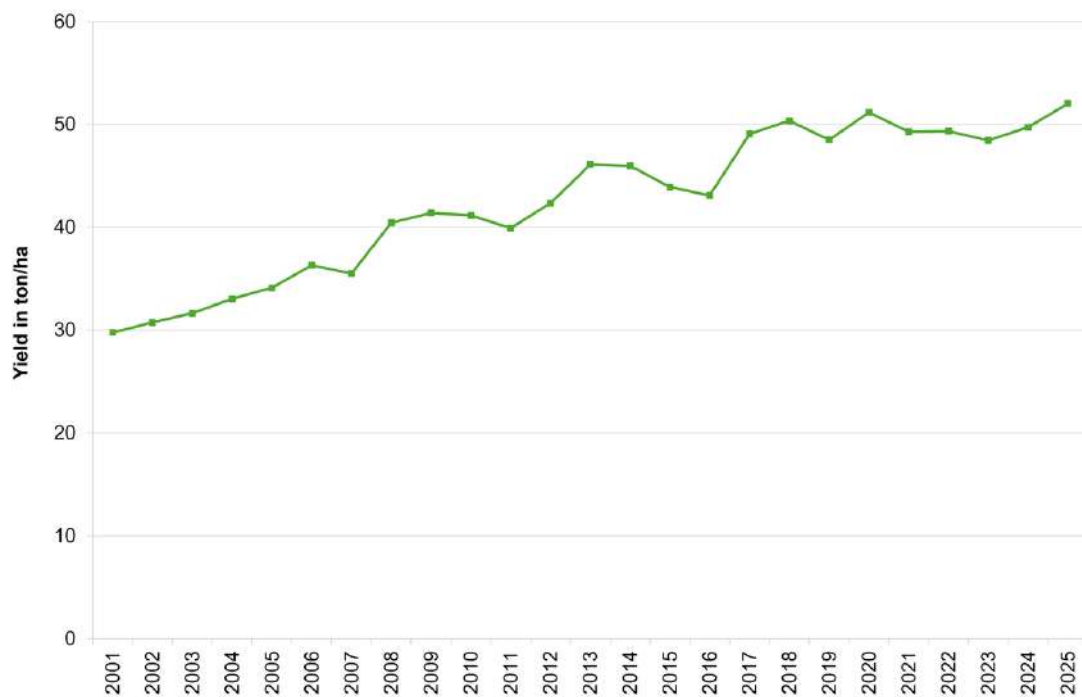
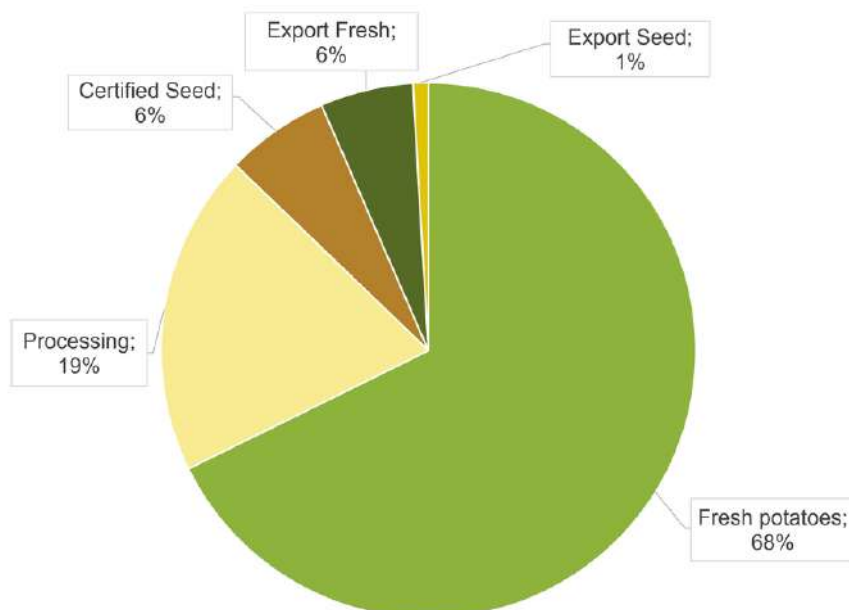


Figure 4: Distribution of total potato crop - 2025 crop year



Source: Potatoes SA



SOUTH AFRICA SEED POTATO PRODUCTION 2024

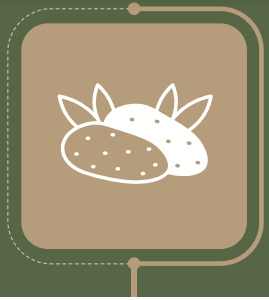


Figure 5: Total registered hectares vs certified yield per calendar year

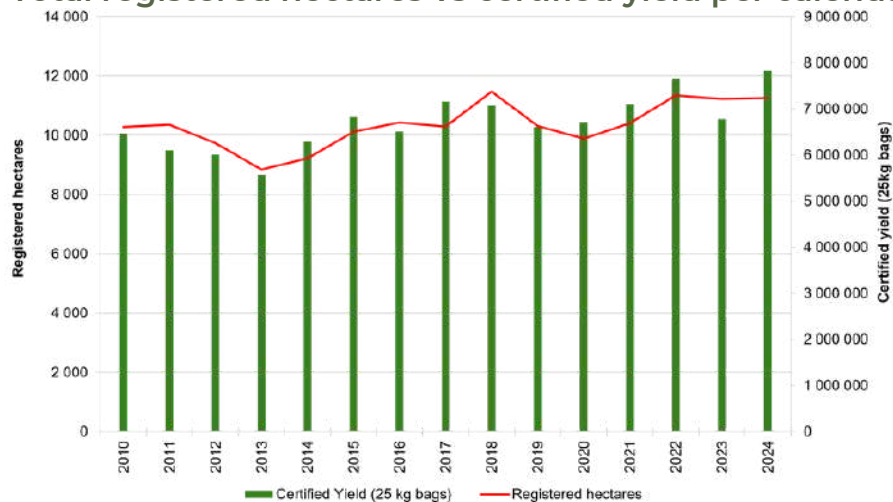
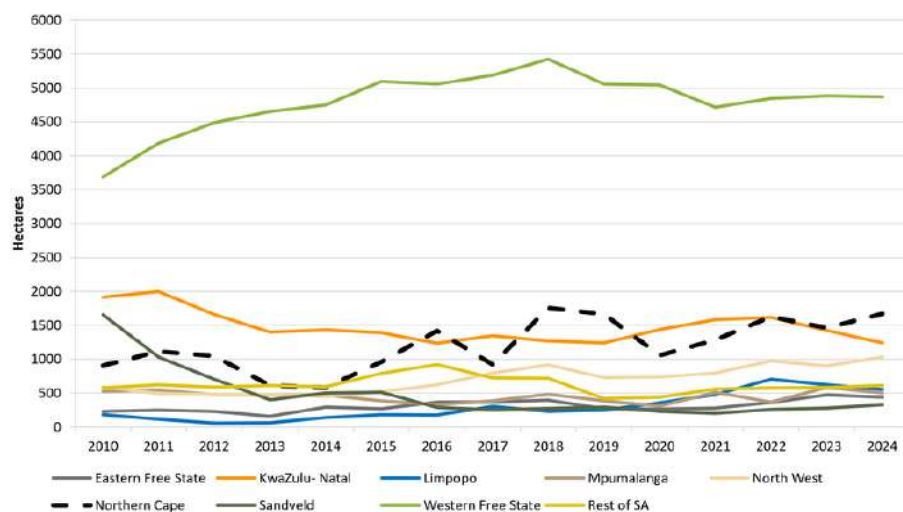


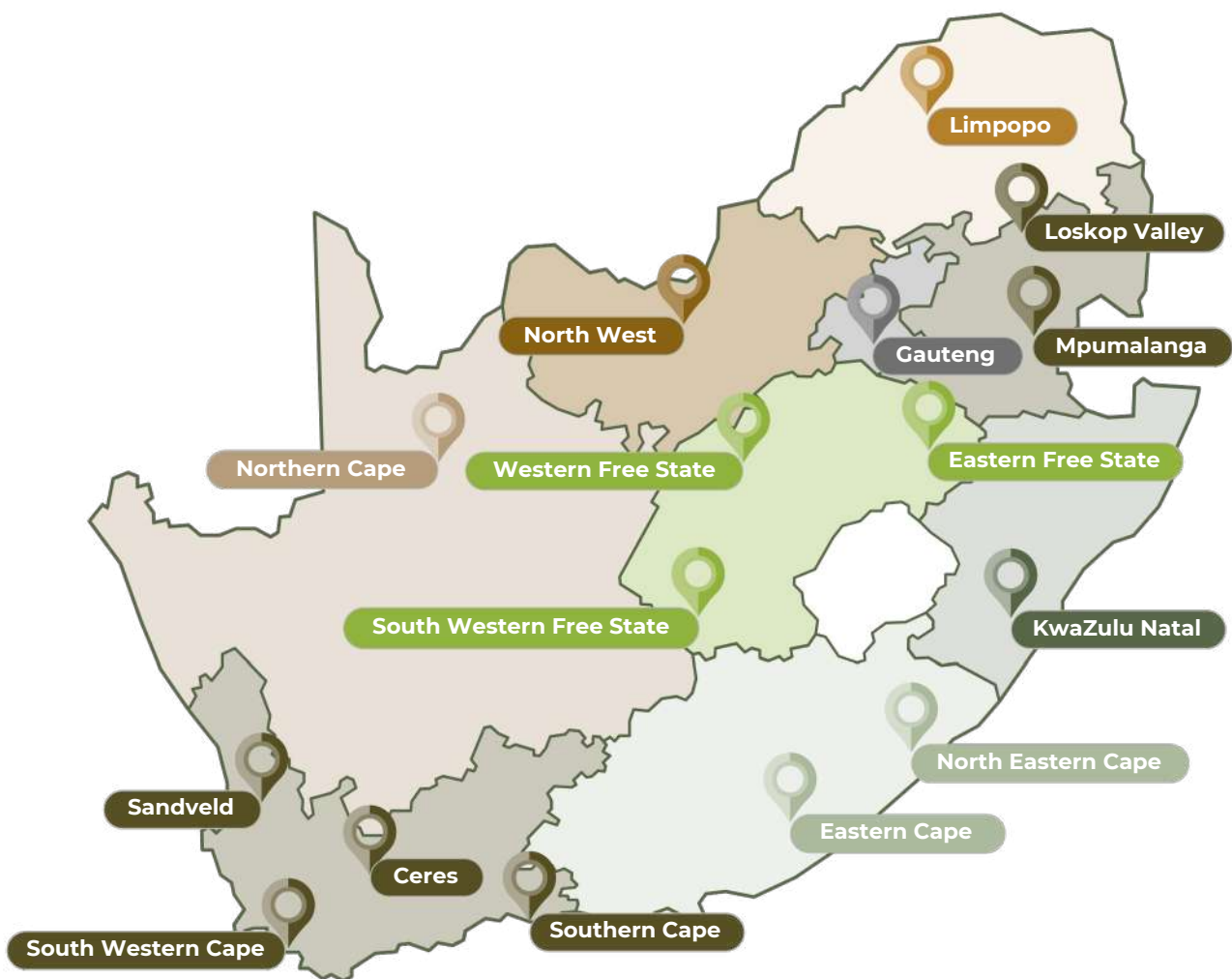
Figure 6: Production area distribution of registered seed production



Source: Potato Certification Service



SA POTATO PRODUCTION AREAS





SA POTATO PRODUCTION AREAS: 16 PRODUCTION AREAS



	Southern Cape	Total hectares planted 82	0.15% of total hectares	↑	± 817 thousand 10 kg bags
	South Western Cape	Total hectares planted 0	0.0% of total hectares	↓	± 0 10 kg bags
	Sandveld	Total hectares planted 6 968	13.1% of total hectares	↑	± 31.1 million 10 kg bags
	Ceres	Total hectares planted 806	1.5% of total hectares	↑	± 7.0 million 10 kg bags
	North Eastern Cape	Total hectares planted 1 396	2.6% of total hectares	↑	± 7.6 million 10 kg bags
	Eastern Cape	Total hectares planted 521	0.9% of total hectares	↑	± 1.9 million 10 kg bags
	Northern Cape	Total hectares planted 1 921	3.6% of total hectares	●	± 15.9 million 10 kg bags
	North West	Total hectares planted 3 126	5.9% of total hectares	↑	± 16.9 million 10 kg bags

Source: Potatoes SA



SA POTATO PRODUCTION AREAS: 16 PRODUCTION AREAS



	Eastern Free State	Total hectares planted 10 011	18.9% of total hectares	↑	± 41.1 million 10 kg bags
	Western Free State	Total hectares planted 7 471	14.1% of total hectares	↑	± 41.7 million 10 kg bags
	South Western Free State	Total hectares planted 1 025	1.9% of total hectares	↑	± 10.1 million 10 kg bags
	KwaZulu Natal	Total hectares planted 3 439	6.5% of total hectares	↑	± 17.2 million 10 kg bags
	Limpopo	Total hectares planted 12 462	23.5% of total hectares	↑	± 61.7 million 10 kg bags
	Marble Hall	Total hectares planted 1 744	3.3% of total hectares	↑	± 8.8 million 10 kg bags
	Mpumalanga	Total hectares planted 1 082	2.0% of total hectares	●	± 8.9 million 10 kg bags
	Gauteng	Total hectares planted 1 040	1.9% of total hectares	↑	± 5.2 million 10 kg bags

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SA FRESH PRODUCE MARKET STATISTICS 2025

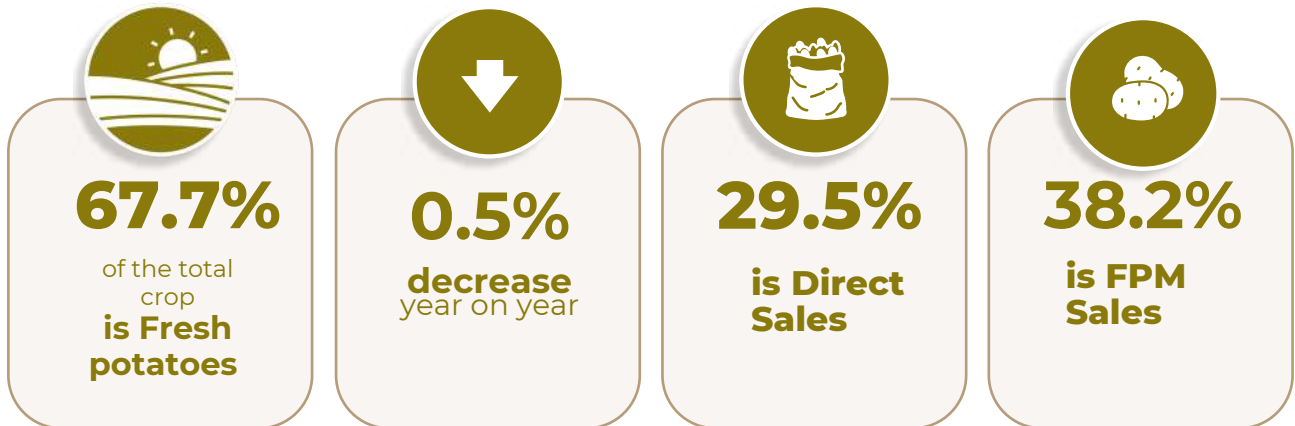
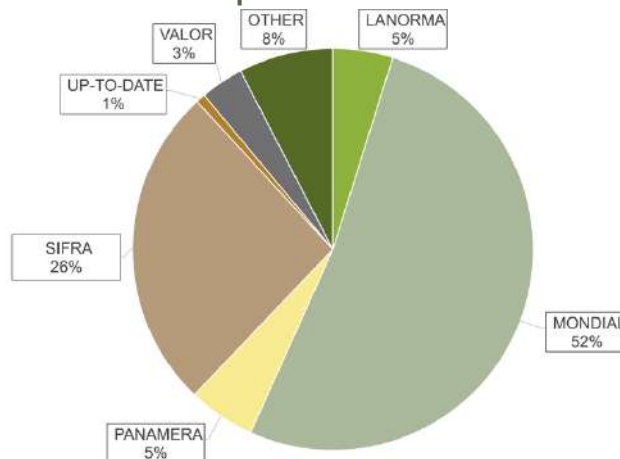


Figure 7: Size of harvest versus average nominal market prices



Figure 9: Main cultivars on Fresh produce market 2023 calendar year



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Sales of potatoes on South Africa fresh produce markets

Johannesburg	Total 10kg bags sold: 45 526 710	42.6% of total 10kg bags sold	0.4% year on year change in total % 10 kg bags sold	↑
Tshwane	Total 10kg bags sold: 20 812 680	19.5% of total 10kg bags sold	0.5% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	↑
Durban	Total 10kg bags sold: 9 421 076	8.8% of total 10kg bags sold	0.3% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	↓
Cape Town	Total 10kg bags sold: 8 330 228	7.8% of total 10kg bags sold	0.4% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	↓
Springs	Total 10kg bags sold: 5 543 286	5.2% of total 10kg bags sold	0.2% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	↓
Klerksdorp	Total 10kg bags sold: 3 229 232	3.0% of total 10kg bags sold	0.4% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	↑
Bloemfontein	Total 10kg bags sold: 2 995 768	2.8% of total 10kg bags sold	0.2% year on year change in total % 10 kg bags sold	↑

Source: Freshmark systems



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East London	Total 10kg bags sold: 2 923 941	2.7% of total 10kg bags sold	0% year on year change intotal % 10kg bags sold	●
Welkom	Total 10kg bags sold: 2 436 449	2.3% of total 10kg bags sold	0.1% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	↓
Pietermaritzburg	Total 10kg bags sold: 2 212 467	2.1% of total 10kg bags sold	0.1% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	↓
Port Elizabeth	Total 10kg bags sold: 1 865 818	1.7% of total 10kg bags sold	0.3% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	↓
Witbank	Total 10kg bags sold: 604 086	0.6% of total 10kg bags sold	0% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	●
Vereeniging	Total 10kg bags sold: 558 405	0.5% of total 10kg bags sold	0.1% year on year change intotal % 10kg bagssold	↓
Nelspruit	Total 10kg bags sold: 486 339	0.5% of total 10kg bags sold	0% year on year change in total % 10 kg bags sold	●

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