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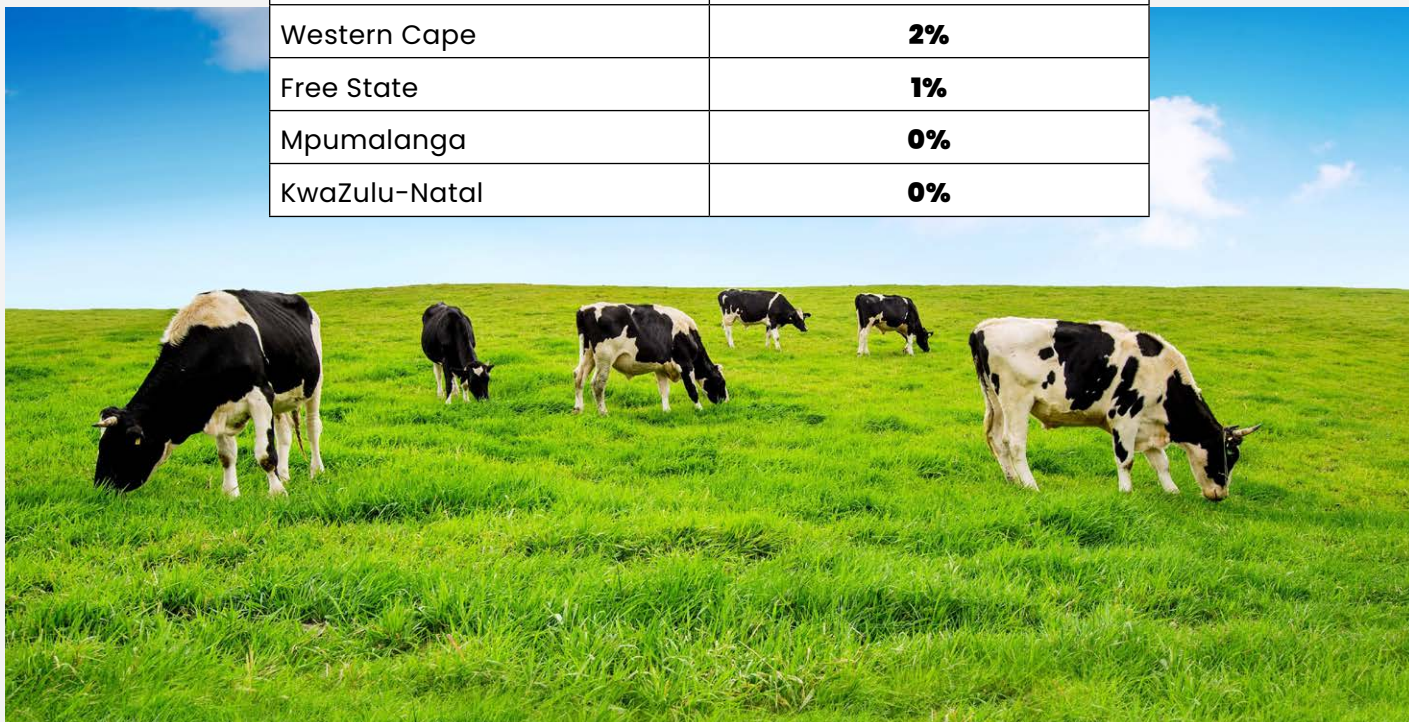
LUCERNE UPDATE FOR 2024

This lucerne update was presented by the National Lucerne Trust at the Lucerne Committee meeting held on 18 September 2024. The update is summarised as follows:

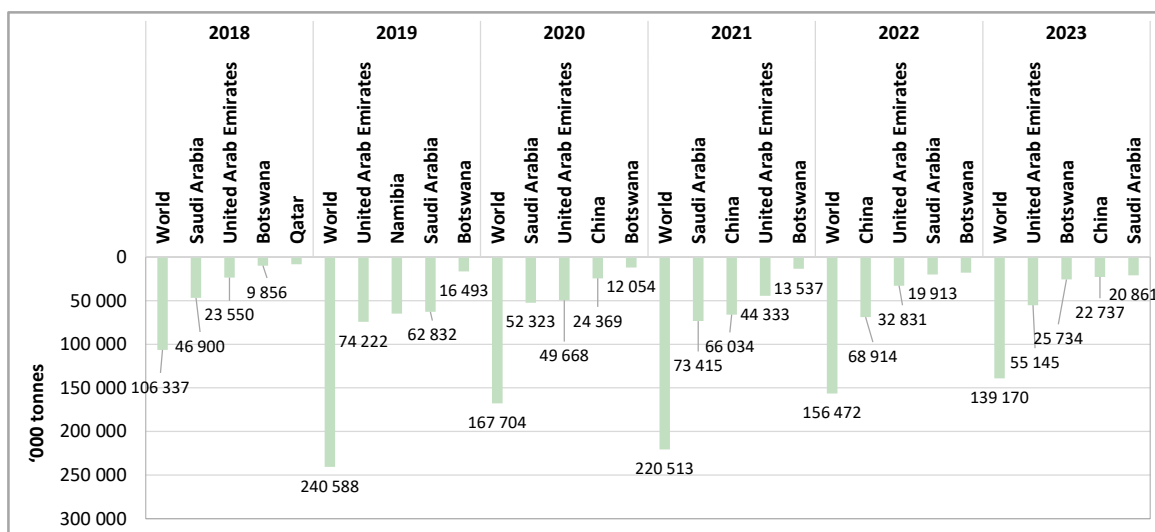
1. SOUTH AFRICAN HAY PRODUCTION

• South African lucerne hay production (graded)

Province	Percentage
Northern Cape	92%
Eastern Cape	5%
Western Cape	2%
Free State	1%
Mpumalanga	0%
KwaZulu-Natal	0%



• South African export volumes (tonnes) HS1214



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WL 458 HQ lusern staan bekend vir sy hoë kwaliteit, wat dit ideaal maak vir hooiproduksie onder besproeiing in korter groeiseisoene.

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Die kultivar is hoogs weerstandig teen die dodelikste swamme; Fusarium-verwelking, Phytophthora-wortelvrot, Verticillium-verwelking en Antraknose. Dis ook hoogs weerstandig teen Stam-aalwurm en bied weerstand teen Bakteriese-verwelking en die vernaamste lusernluise.

Dit kan dien as 'n kultivar vir lang rotasies weens sy lang produksielewe en hoë toleransie teen plaë soos stam-aalwurms en die belangrikste lusernluise.



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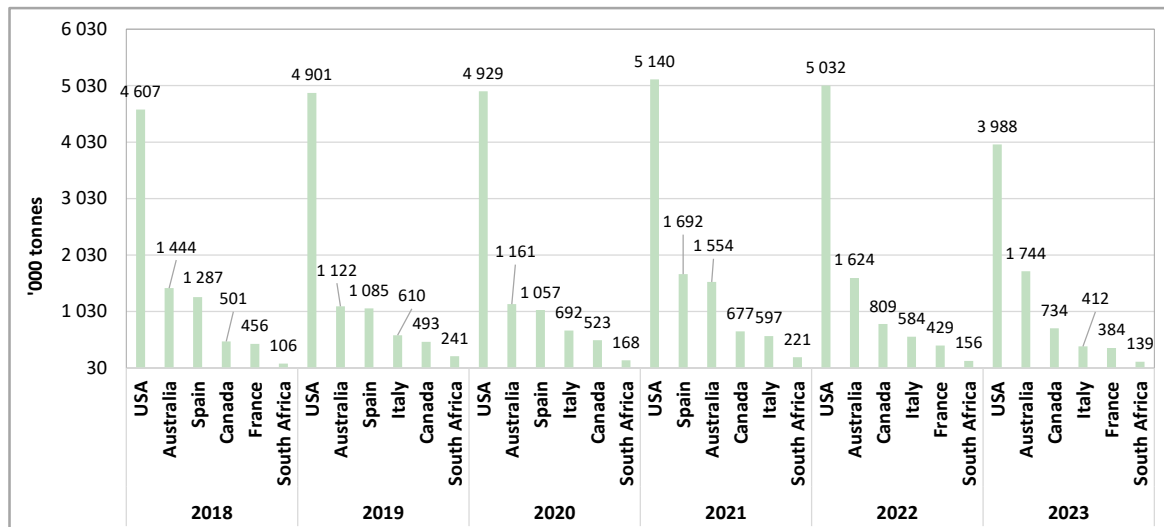
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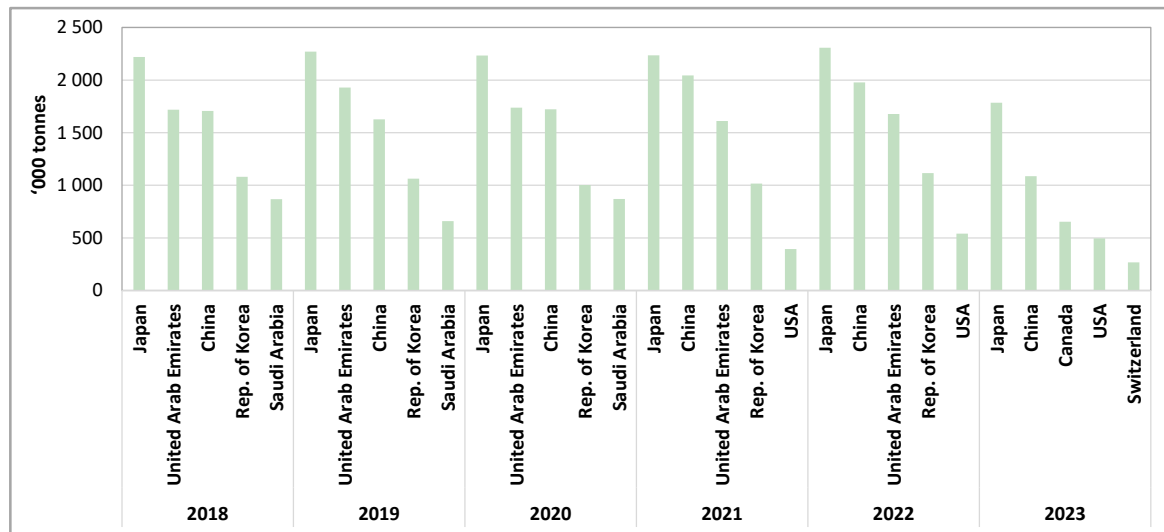
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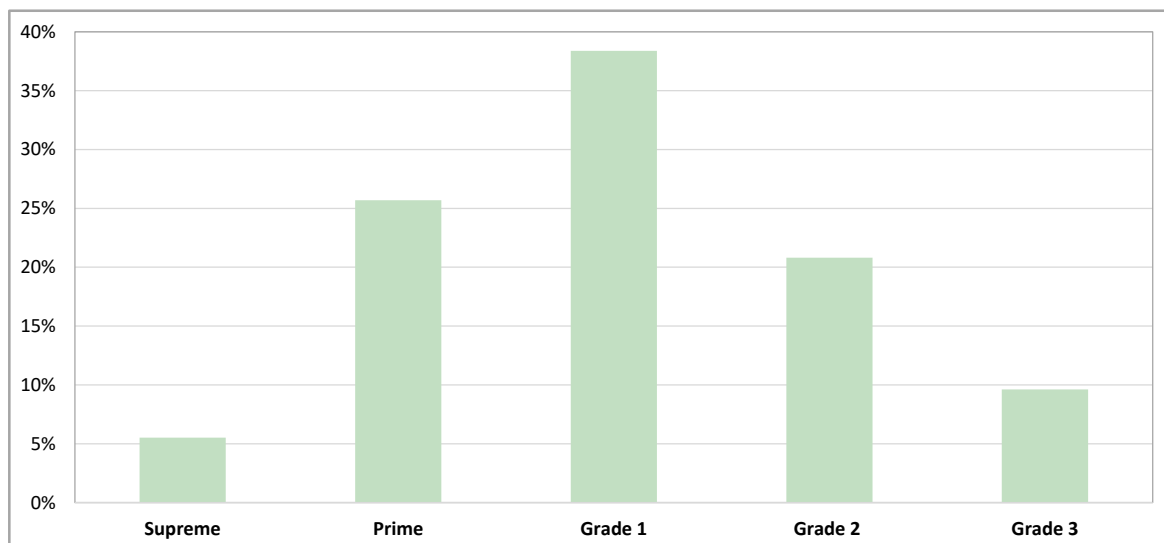
• Exporting countries to the world volumes (tonnes) HS1214



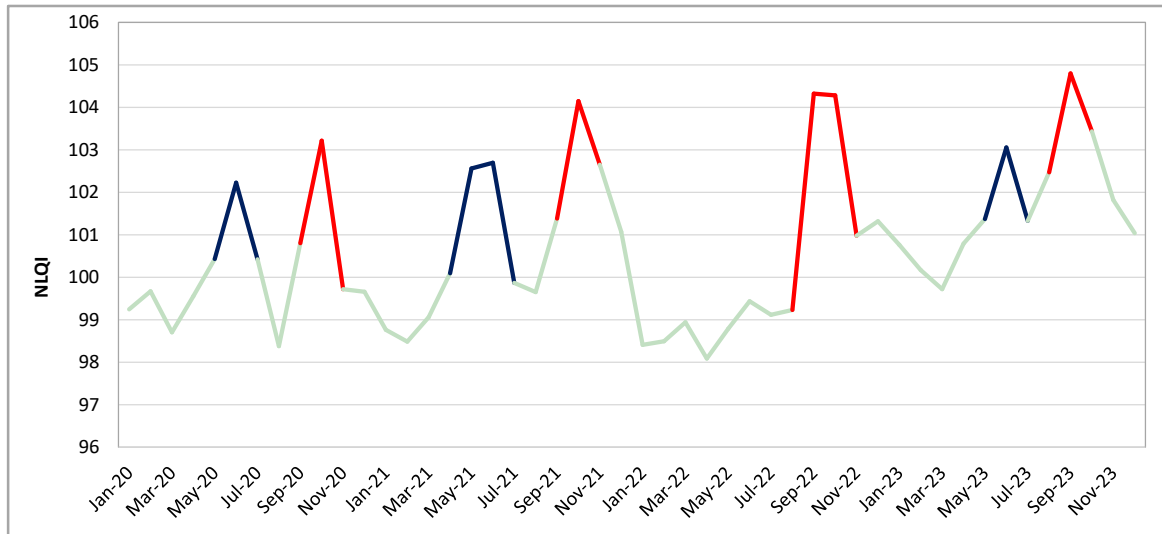
• Importing countries volumes (tonnes) HS1214



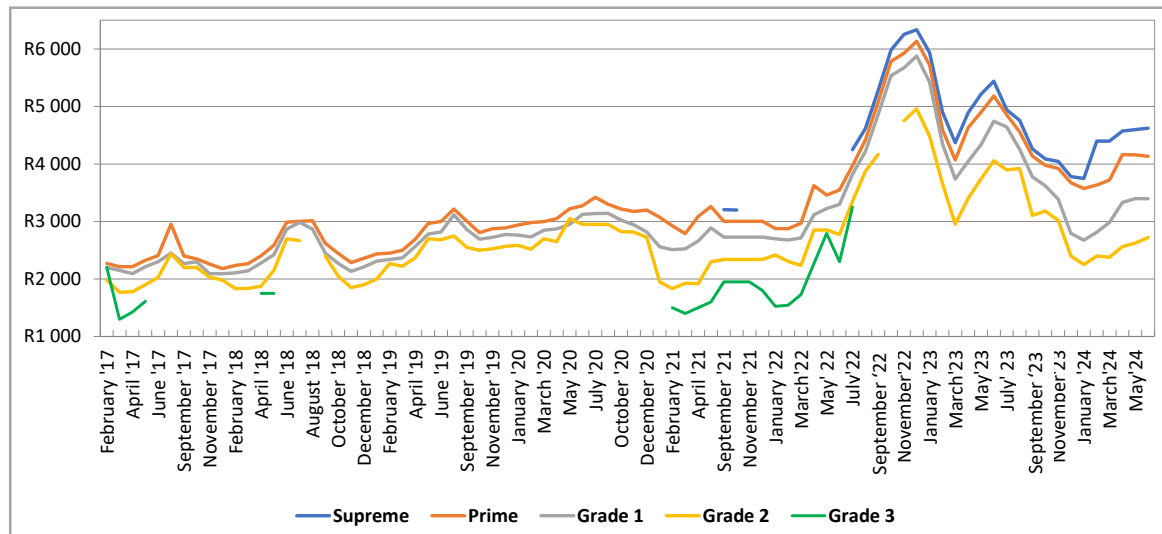
• Lucerne hay quality distribution



• Lucerne hay quality over time



• Lucerne hay prices (tonnes), 2017 to 2024



2. LUCERNE HAY EXPORT QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

Quality	China	Saudi Arabia	UAE
Supreme	NLQI > 108 Protein > 22% RFV > 185 No foreign materials	NLQI > 108 Protein > 22% No foreign materials	Protein 22% Min ADF 27% Max NDF 34% Max Moisture max 12%
Prime	NLQI 104 - 107 Protein 20 – 22% RFV 170 – 184 No foreign materials	NLQI 104 - 107 Protein 20 – 22% No foreign materials	Protein 20% Min ADF 29% Max NDF 36% Max Moisture max 12%
Grade 1	NLQI 100 – 103 Protein 18 – 20% RFV 150 – 169 No foreign materials	NLQI 100 – 103 Protein 18 – 20% No foreign materials	Protein 18% Min ADF 32% Max NDF 42% Max Moisture max 12%
Grade 2	NLQI 95 – 99 Protein 16 – 18% RFV 135 – 149 No Foreign materials	NLQI 95 – 99 Protein 16 – 18% No Foreign materials	Protein 16% Min ADF 38% Max NDF 45% Max Moisture max 12%

Source: USDA, 2024 Report CH2024-0060
Different contracts exist for Saudi buyers. Quality parameters stay the same, for example. Green contracts – only very green lucerne hay. Contracts containing grass – grade 1 and 2, 10% foreign.



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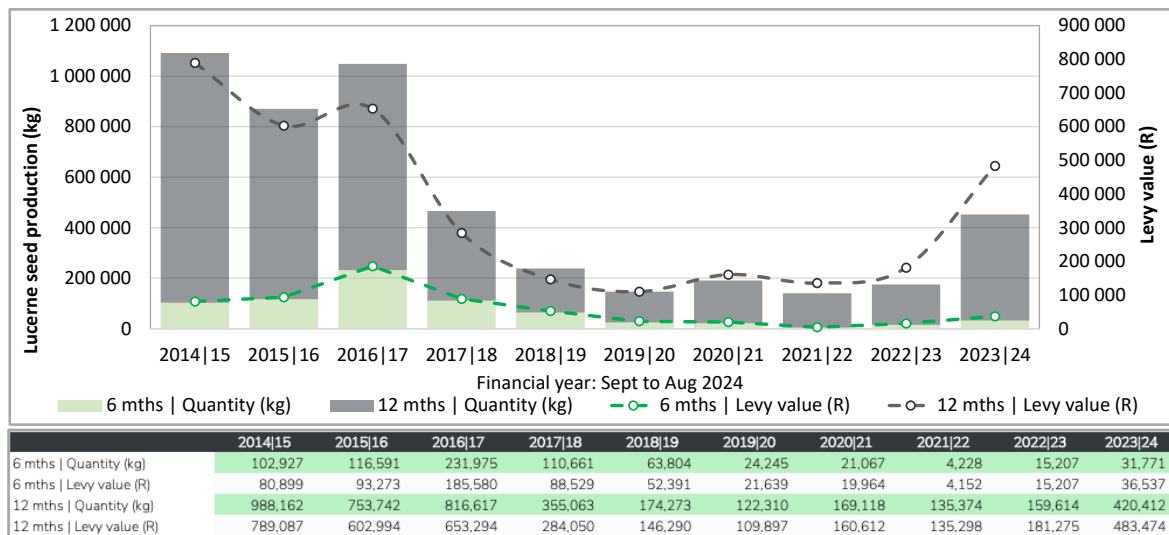
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3. SOUTH AFRICAN LUCERNE SEED

• Lucerne seed production in South Africa

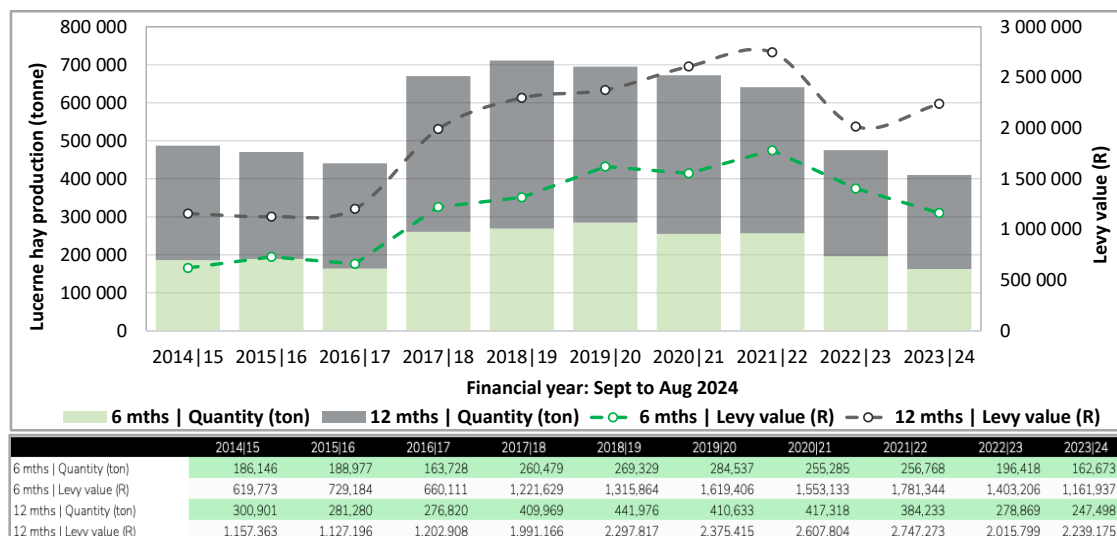


• Lucerne seed issues

- Brown bag sales in South Africa
- More than 10 reports made to DALRRD
- A number of 142 lots rejected due to excessive dodder, leitjiesgras, and weeblaar
- Example of sales on WhatsApp groups



• Lucerne hay quality distribution





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