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## Food and Beverages Quarterly Brief: No. 2, 2025

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### Highlights of the second quarter of 2025 (2025: Q2) (April to June)

In 2025: Q2, the consumer price index for all items moderated by 1,0% following a 1,4% growth in 2025: Q1. However, the producer price index for all items moderated by 0,9% as compared to a 1,1% growth in 2025: Q1.

The seasonally adjusted volume of production for the food division contracted quarter-to-quarter in 2025: Q1 by 1,4% as compared to a 2,0% growth in 2025: Q1. However, the seasonally adjusted volume of production for the beverages division, rebounded by 1,3% quarter-to-quarter following a 7,6% growth in 2025: Q1.

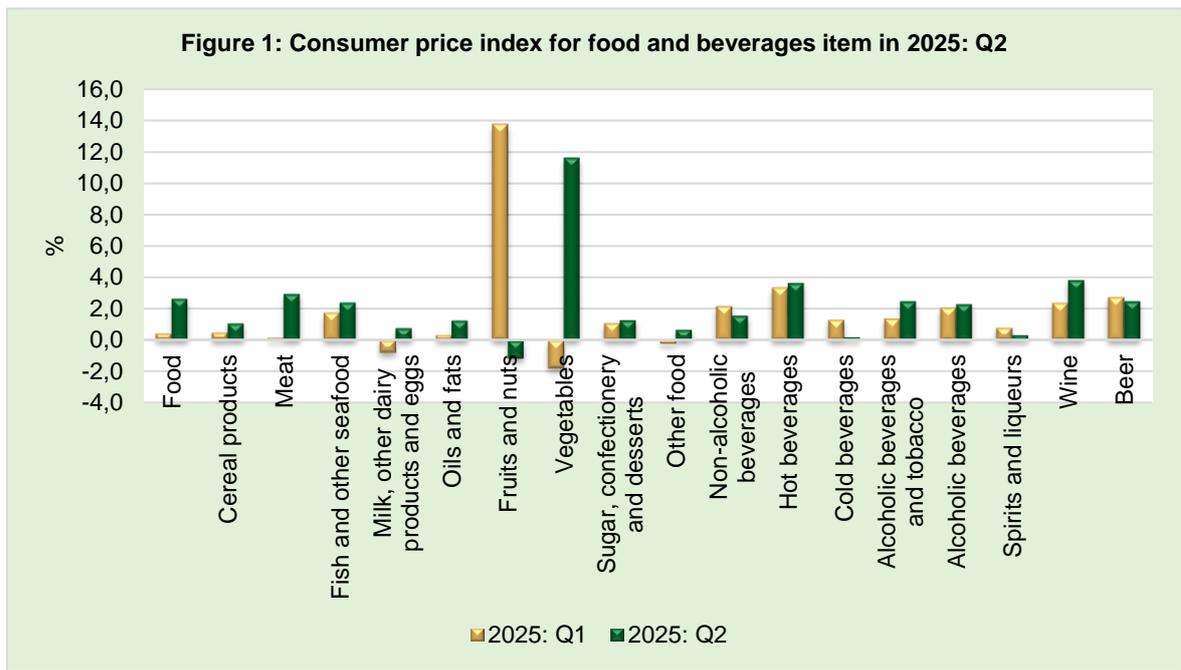
The nominal value of sales for the food division increased from R166 433,1 million in 2025: Q1 to R171 361,7 million in 2025: Q2, translating to an expansion of 3,0% quarter-to-quarter in 2025: Q2.

The nominal value of sales for the beverages division, rebounded quarter-to-quarter by 5,0% in 2025: Q1, representing an increase in nominal value to R54 836,0 million in 2025: Q2 from a R52 223,8 million in 2025: Q1.

The trade surplus in the food products division widened to about R3 675,4 million in 2025: Q2 from R637,9 million in 2025: Q1. Similarly, the trade surplus for the beverages division widened from R2 059,0 million in 2025: Q1 to R2 894,0 million in 2025: Q2.

In 2025: Q2, the quarter-to-quarter employment in the food, and beverages divisions contracted by 0,5% and 10,1% respectively.

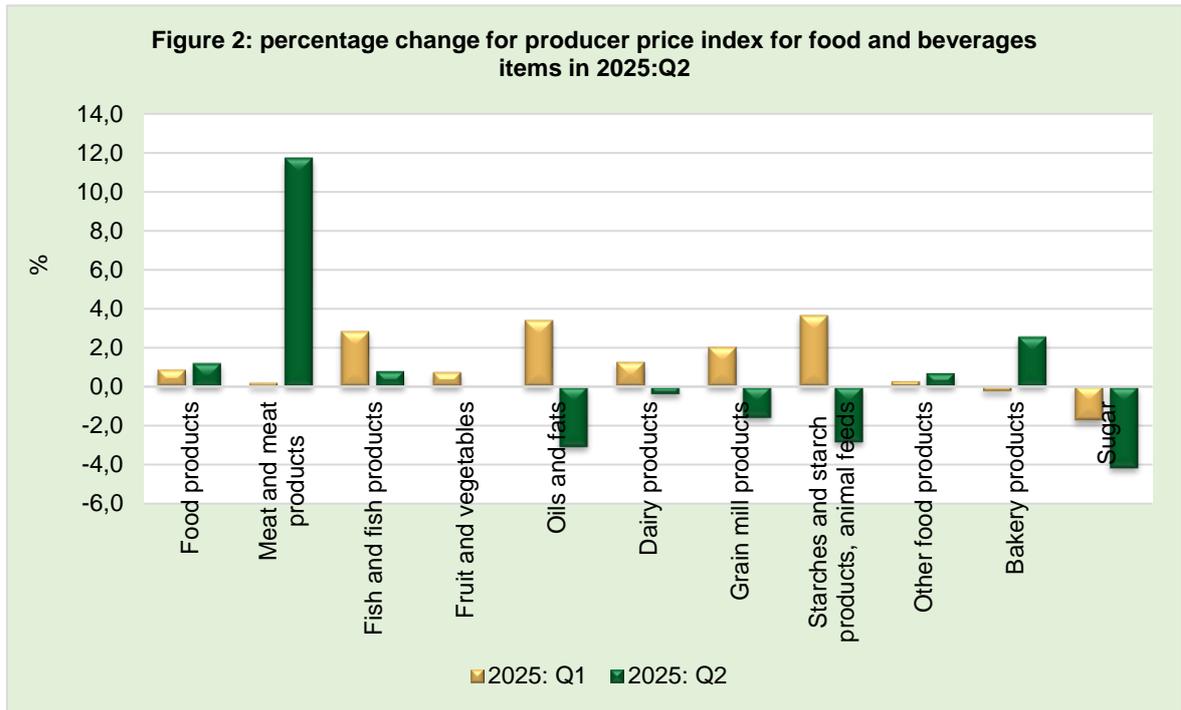
## 1. Consumer prices



Source: Statistics SA, 2025

Figure 1 above shows the consumer price index for food items in 2025: Q1 and 2025: Q2. In 2025: Q2, the consumer price index for all items moderated by 1,0% following a 1,4% growth in 2025: Q1. The items that expanded quarter-to-quarter during the period of review were food (2,6%), cereal products (1,1%), meat (3,0%), fish and other sea food (2,4%), oils and fats (1,3%), sugar, confectionery and desserts (1,3%), hot beverages (3,6%), Alcoholic beverages (2,3%) and wine (3,8%). However, milk, other dairy products and eggs (0,8%), vegetables (11,6%) and “other food” (0,7%) rebounded, fruits and nuts contracted (1,2%), while non-alcoholic beverages (1,6%), cold beverages (0,2%), spirits and liqueurs (0,3%) and beer (2,5%) moderated in 2025: Q2.

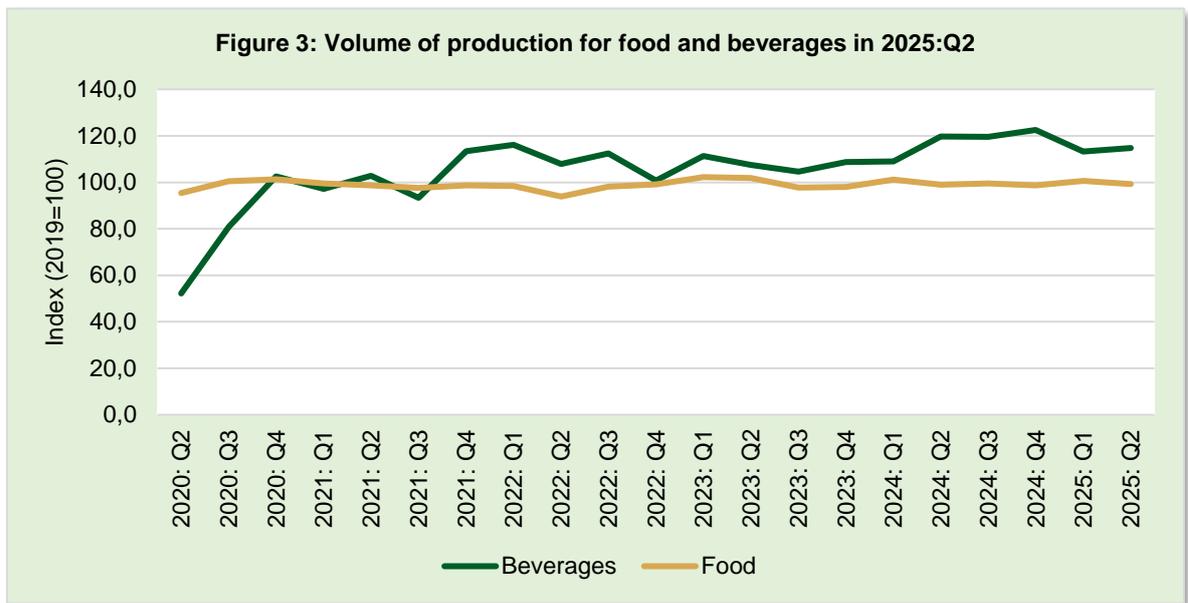
## 2. Producer prices



Source: Quantec, 2025

The PPI for food and beverages is depicted in Figure 2. In 2025: Q2, the producer price index for all items moderated by 0,9% as compared to a 1,1% growth in 2025: Q1. The quarter-to-quarter producer price index contracted for oils and fats (3,4%), dairy products (1,3%), grain mill products (2,0%) and starches and starch products, animal feeds (3,7%), however, rose for meat and meat products (11,7%), and “other food products” (0,7%), decelerated for sugar (4,2%), rebounded for bakery products (2,6%), while fruits and vegetables remained unchanged as compared to a growth of 0,7% in 2025: Q1.

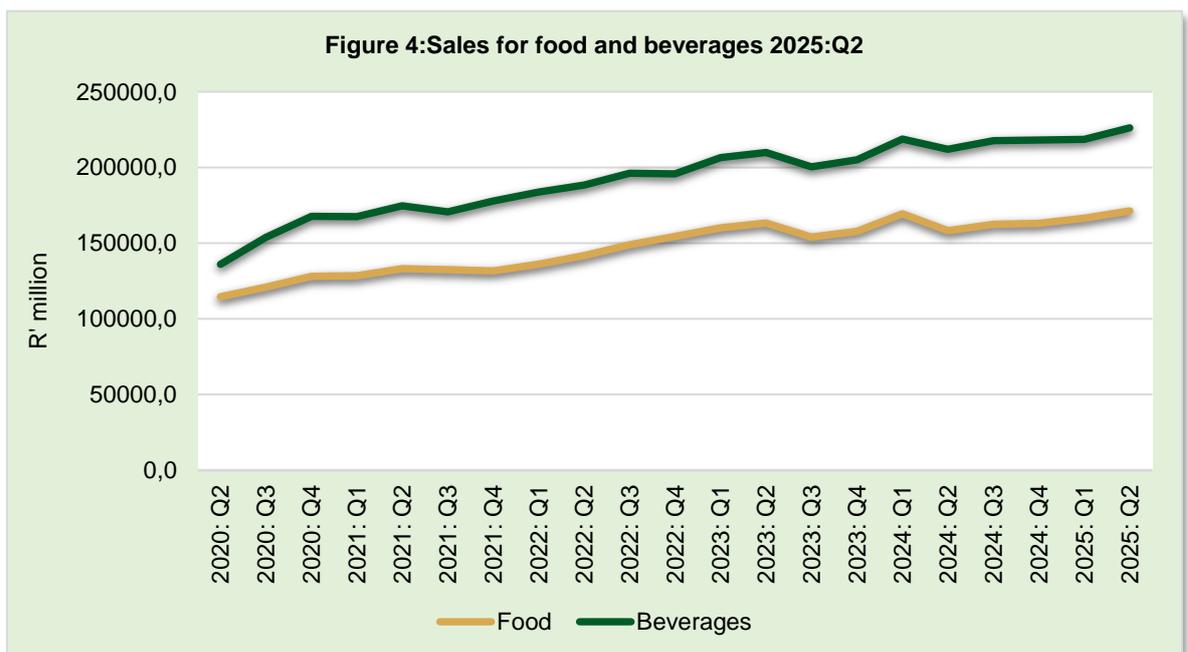
### 3. Volume of production



Source: Quantec, 2025

In 2025: Q2, the seasonally adjusted volume of production for the food division contracted quarter-to-quarter by 1,4% as compared to a 2,0% growth in 2025: Q1. The seasonally adjusted volume of production for the beverages division, however, rebounded by 0,2% quarter-to-quarter in 2025: Q2, following a 0,5% contraction in 2025: Q1 (see Figure 3).

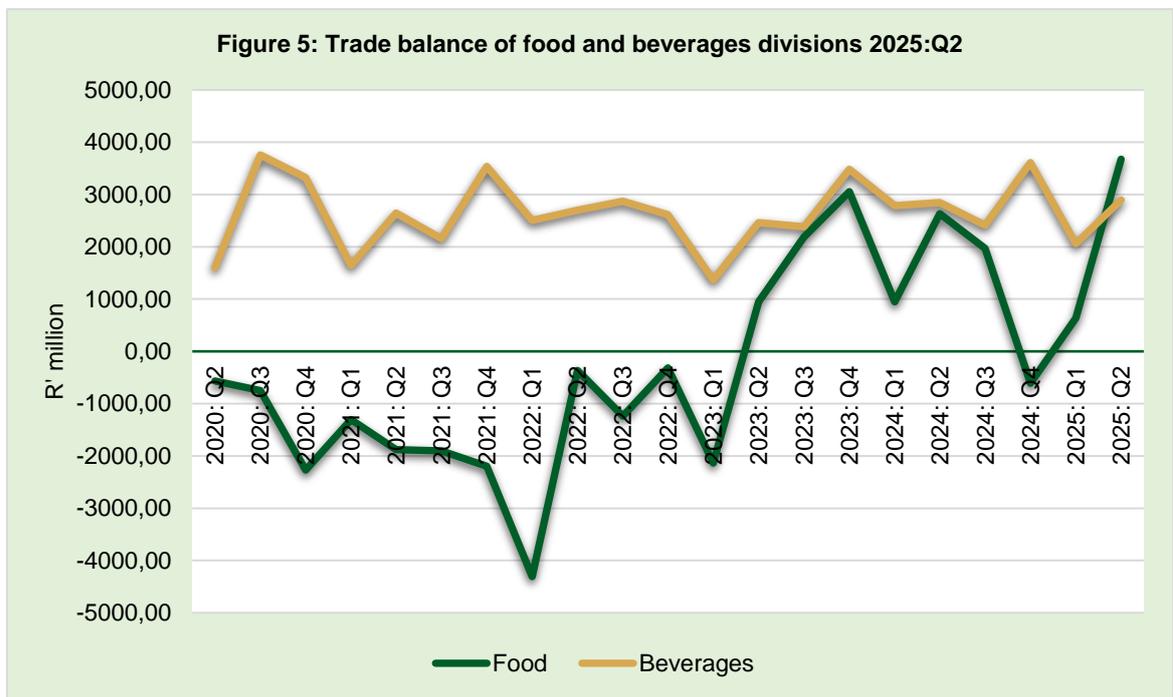
### 4. Sales



Source: Quantec, 2025

Figure 4 above shows the seasonally adjusted value of sales for the food and beverages divisions for the past five years. As depicted in Figure 4, the nominal value of sales for the food division increased from R166 433,1 million in 2025: Q1 to R171 361,7 million in 2025: Q2, translating to an expansion of 3,0% quarter-to-quarter in 2025: Q2. The nominal value of sales for the beverages division, however, rebounded quarter-to-quarter by 5,0% in 2025: Q1, representing an increase in nominal value to R54 836,0 million in 2025: Q2 from a R52 223,8 million in 2025: Q1.

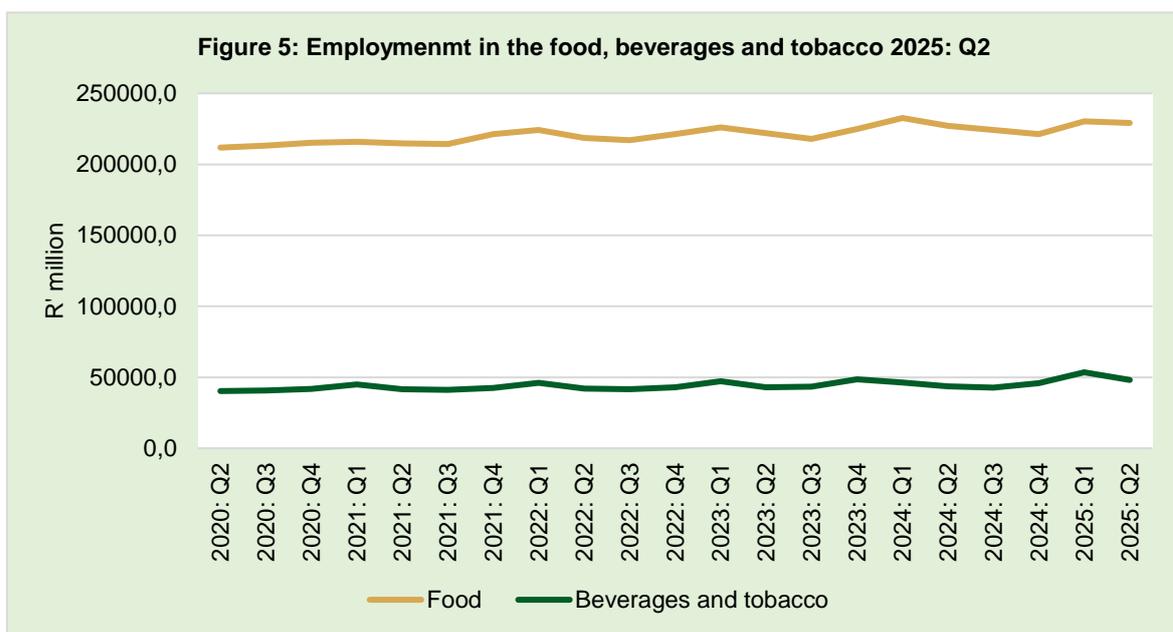
## 5. Trade



Source: Quantec, 2025

Figure 5 above shows the trade balance for the food and beverages divisions over the five-year period. The graph shows that the food and beverages divisions trade balance had been fluctuating since 2020: Q2 to 2025: Q2. The trade surplus in the food products division widened to about R3 675,4 million in 2025: Q2 from a trade surplus of R637,9 million in 2025: Q1. Similarly, the trade surplus for the beverages division widened from R2 059,0 million in 2025: Q1 to R2 894,0 million in 2025: Q2.

## 6. Employment



Source: Quantec, 2025

Figure 6 above shows employment in the food, beverages and tobacco divisions. In 2025: Q2, the quarter-to-quarter employment in the food division contracted by 0,5% from a 4,0% growth in 2025: Q1, similarly, the beverages and tobacco division employment contracted quarter-to-quarter by 10,1% following a 16,8% growth in 2025: Q2. Therefore, 1 170 and 5 425 jobs were shed in the food, and beverages and tobacco divisions respectively in 2025: Q2.

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