



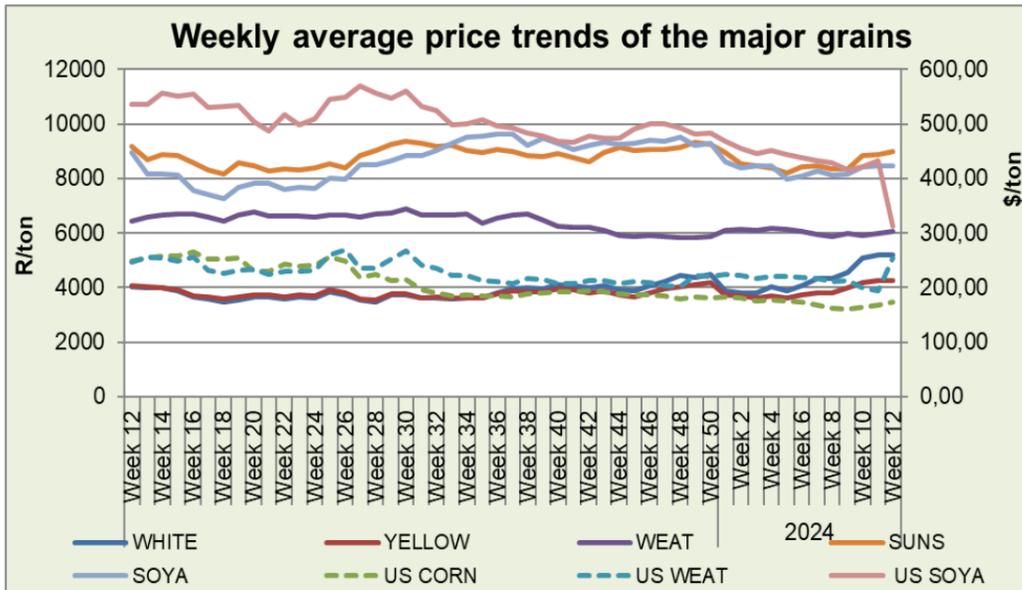
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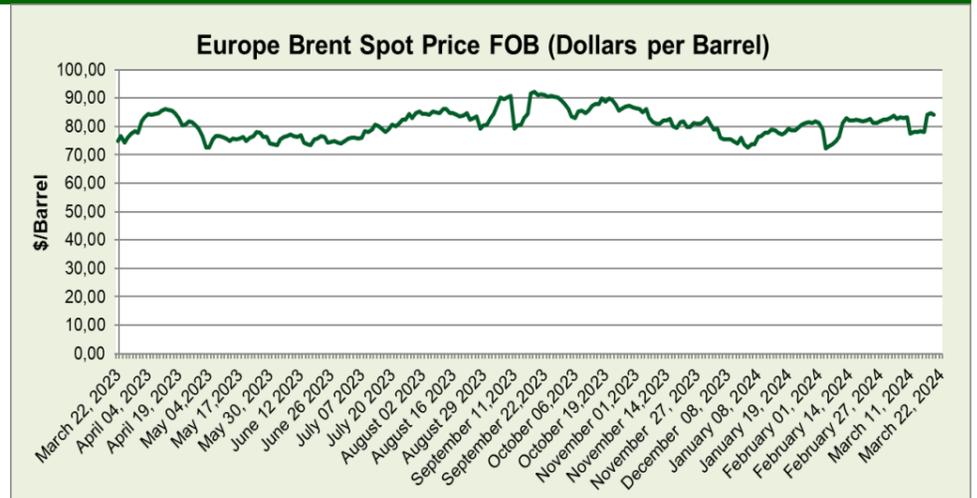
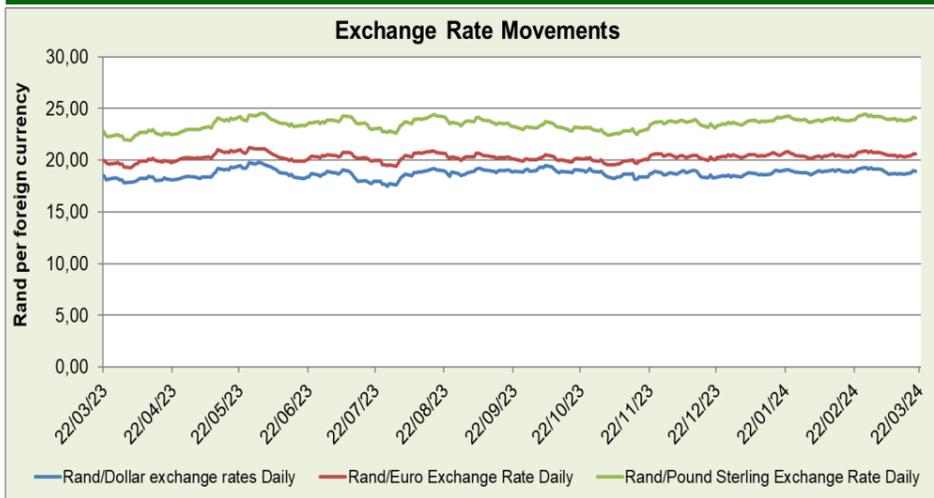
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Weekly comparisons shows that the price of white maize decreased by 0.2%, relative to the previous week, as high ending stocks are anticipated this year. While the local yellow maize and USA maize price increased by 0.8% and 2.7%. The price of SA wheat increased by 1.3% while the USA wheat price increased by 2.3% as fears loom that the European Union may increase tariffs on Russia and Belarus wheat imports. The price of local soybeans decreased by 0.1%, while the USA soybeans price increased by 1.7%. Local soybeans tracked World soybean prices which followed as rise in Malaysian palm oil prices as result of supply deficit anticipation. The sunflower price increased by 1.3% relative to the previous week.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 12 (20-03-23 to 24-03-23)	Last week Week 11 (11-03-24 to 15-03-24)	This week Week 12 (18-03-24 to 22-03-24)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R4 019,50	R 5 192.80	R5 183,75	-0,2%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R4 062,50	R 4 239.60	R4 273,25	0,8%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	\$247,96	\$ 167,88	\$172,49	2,7%
RSA Wheat per ton	R6 429,00	R 5 983.20	R6 059,75	1,3%
USA Wheat per ton	\$246,64	\$ 194.82	\$199,33	2,3%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R8 941,75	R 8 470.80	R8 458,75	-0,1%
USA Soybeans per ton	\$535,98	\$ 432,08	\$439,38	1,7%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R9 165.00	R 8 867.60	R8 981.00	1,3%
Crude oil per barrel	\$ 76.67	\$ 78.05	\$ 84.35	8,1%



The rand depreciated against the dollar, the Euro and the pound relative to the previous week, similar to other emerging currencies on global risk sentiments. The rand price depreciated by 1.5%;0.8% and 0.5% respectively.

The Brent crude oil price increased by 8% this week relative to the previous week on growing signs of a tighter global crude market, after Ukrainian drone attacks hit major facilities and again, Indian refiners are refusing to take Russian crude carried on PJSC Soy comfort tankers due to US sanctions, complicating a trade that helped contain price.



National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 10 (04/03/2024 to 10/03/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 11 (11/03/2024 to 17/03/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	8 667	54,94	56,33	Class A2	9142	54,88	55,21
Class A3	452	55,10	55,49	Class A3	483	54,67	55,19
Class C2	1 019	45,15	47,24	Class C2	1054	43,83	46,33

The units sold this week for beef were higher for class A2, A3 C2 and increasing by 5.9%, 6.9% and 3.4%. The producer prices for all classes were lower this week declining by 0.1%; 0.8 and 2.9% respectively for class A2, A3 and C2. The market prices for Class A2, A3 and C2 declined by -2.0%, -0.5% and -1.9%.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 10 (04/03/2024 to 10/03/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 11 (11/03/2024 to 17/03/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	16 249	83,67	84,34	Class A2	15993	83,65	83,95
Class A3	2 224	81,15	82,77	Class A3	2083	81,93	84,45
Class C2	2 304	53,44	58,91	Class C2	1344	54,26	58,4

The units of lamb sold this week all declined for class A2 and C2 by 1.6%, 6.3% and 41.7%. The producer prices for class A2 and A3 increased by 1.5% and 0.5%, while the price increased by 1.5% for class C2. The market prices for class A2, A3 and C2 decreased by 0.5%, 2.0% and 0.9%.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 10 (04/03/2024 to 10/03/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 11 (11/03/2024 to 17/03/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	1 0062	31,61	Class BP	11990	31,64
Class HO	3 827	31,59	Class HO	7164	31,8
Class HP	6 606	31,24	Class HP	7642	31,23

The units of pork sold this week increased for all classes. The units of class BP, HO and HP pork increased by 19%, 4.5% and 15.7%, while the producer prices for pork increased by 0.1% and 3.4% for HO and HP remain the same.

Latest News Developments

Industry body South Africa Wine has partnered with the South African Grape and Wine Research Institute, the Chenin Blanc Association of South Africa and Stellenbosch University (SU) to advance the prominence and economic viability of Chenin Blanc wine. South Africa Wine research and development executive Gerard Martin stated that the association is dedicated to driving progress and excellence in the local wine landscape through proactive research and innovation. Through rigorous experimentation and analysis, optimal microbial consortia, winemaking techniques and production strategies will be identified to enhance the premiumisation of South African Chenin Blanc wines across all price categories. A pivotal aspect of the project involves a model Chenin Blanc vineyard planted with 19 different trellising systems, generating scenarios ranging from very high to very low yields. This vineyard is a collaboration between SU and industry body Vinpro. The project will build on previous Chenin Blanc research and will involve student bursaries as well. Adopting a market-centric approach, the project endeavours to tailor grape production and winemaking processes to align with consumer preferences and market demands. Integrated data analyses, economic evaluations and demonstrated results will drive data-driven decision-making and foster industry-wide innovation," says Vivier, adding that the various industry stakeholders aim to drive sustainable growth and differentiation within the industry.

Development finance institution Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) has introduced a new financing instrument called Project Vumela, which will blend municipal revenue sources with financing from development finance institutions and commercial finance. The Project was revealed in the 2024 Budget Review on February 21, National Treasury said that Project Vumela would be aimed at raising funds for bulk infrastructure required for services such as water, sanitation, roads and stormwater, electricity and solid waste, without affecting the borrowing capacity of municipalities.

Maltento aiming to bolster environmental sustainability by breeding Black Soldier flies to convert agro-processing waste, including spent grains from the beer industry, into high-performance, nutrient-dense proteins, and oils for pet and aquaculture feed. The Maltento stated that the fly factory breeds Black Soldier flies for their natural ability to produce functional proteins, healthy fats, and essential amino acids, offering the local and international pet feed and aquaculture markets the high-quality protein, made with traceable ingredients, the company highlights in a statement.

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's (Unctad's) latest 'Global Trade Update' stated that the international trade is poised for a rebound this year after declines over several quarters. The report details a 3% year-on-year contraction in global trade in 2023, on the back of lower trade in goods, but higher trade in services. The services sector showed resilience with an 8% increase from the previous year, while trade in goods experienced 5% decline compared with 2022. Preliminary figures indicate the contraction in global trade in 2023 was driven primarily by subdued demand in developed nations and weaker trade within East Asia and Latin American regions. Unctad notes that amid moderating global inflation and improving economic growth forecasts; available data for the first quarter of this year suggests a continued improvement in global trade

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