



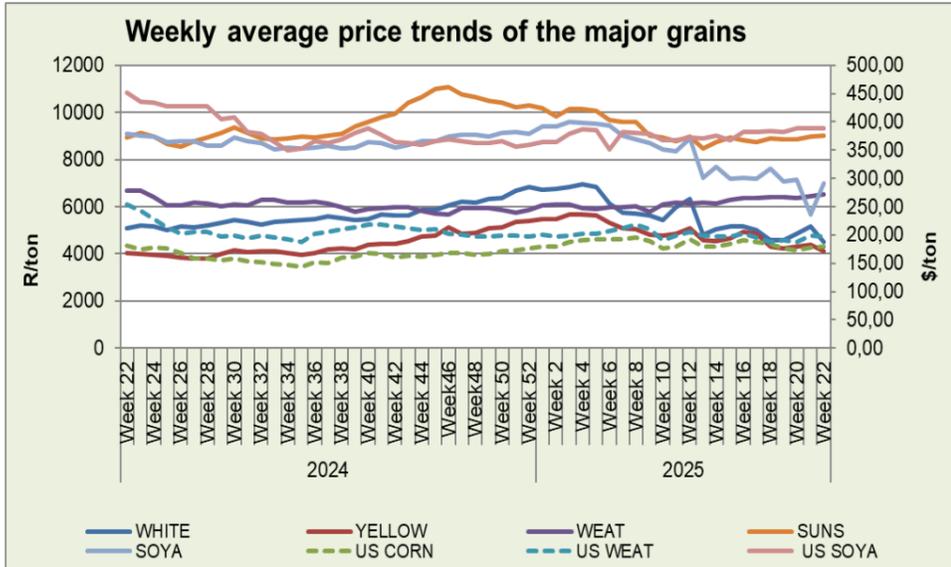
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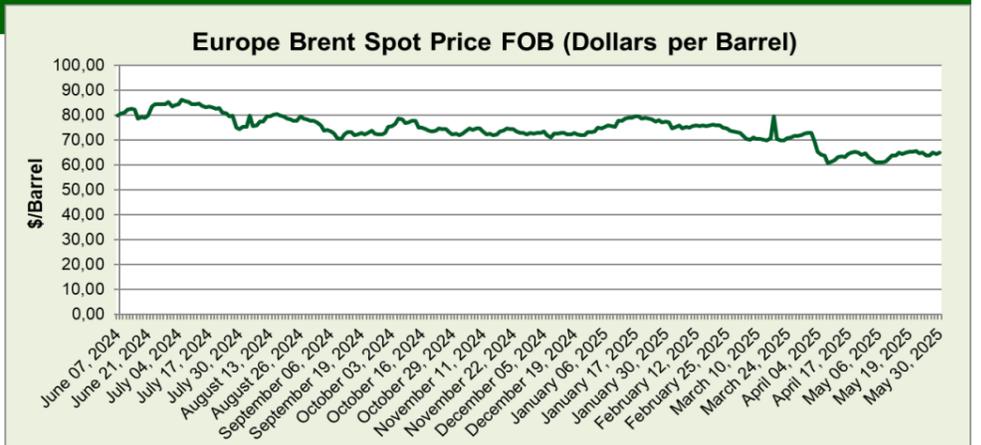
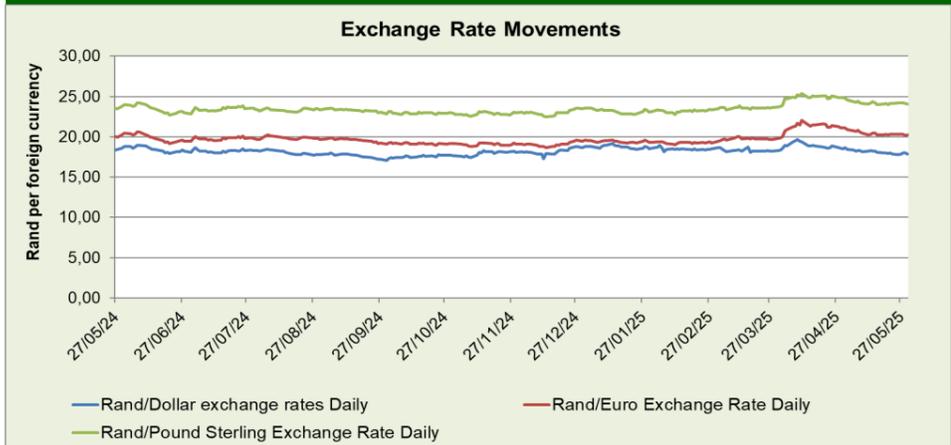
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The International and local market traded lower this week when compared to the previous week. The average prices of domestic white maize, yellow maize and soya bean decreased by 13.13%, 6.19% and 0.39% respectively, whilst prices for wheat and sunflower seed increased by 0.94% and 0.56% respectively, week on week. Local maize prices followed the declining global price trend as global concerns over maize supplies eased. The 2023 marketing year kicked off in May with exports mainly destined for Taiwan. Internationally, the grain prices of US corn increased by 0.31%, whilst US wheat and US soybean decreased by 1.05% and 0.01%, respectively when compared to the previous week. International corn prices declined as Russia extended the Ukraine Black Sea Grain deal for another two months. The decline was also supported by the dominance of cheaper Brazilian crops in the market as well as Argentina's unchanged prospects of reduced crop estimates for this season.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 22 (27-05-24 to 31-05-24)	Last week Week 21 (19-05-25 to 23-05-25)	This week Week 22 (26-05-25 to 30-05-25)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R5 070,25	R5 173,60	R4 494,20	-13,13%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R4 035,75	R4 369,00	R4 098,60	-6,19%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	\$180,40	\$178,67	\$179,22	0,31%
RSA Wheat per ton	R6 671,25	R6 463,00	R6 523,60	0,94%
USA Wheat per ton	\$254,27	\$198,84	\$196,76	-1,05%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R8 880,40	R 7 004,60	R 6 977,00	-0,39%
USA Soybeans per ton	\$451,91	\$388,28	\$388,22	-0,01%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R8 943,50	R8 961,60	R9 011,60	0,56%
Crude oil per barrel	\$82,61	\$65,02	\$64,45	-1,02%



The SA rand appreciated by 0.005% against the US dollar, by 0.001% against the Euro and depreciated by 0.003% against the Pound sterling when compared to the previous week. Reasons for the exceptionally strong domestic currency performance are not difficult to find. Apart from low base effect relating to the knock that followed US President Donald Trump's announcement of high tariffs on a range of SA exports to the US, international trade data for the first four months of the year confirm a healthy SA trade surplus.

Brent crude oil price averaged \$64.45/barrel in the reporting week which is 1.02% lower than \$65.02/barrel week on week. Oil prices settled lower on during the course of the week as investors worried about a supply glut after Iranian and U.S. delegations made progress in their talks and on expectations that OPEC+ will decide to increase output at a meeting this week. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies, known as OPEC+, is not expected to change policy at a meeting.



National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 20 (12/05/2025 to 18/05/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 21 (19/05/2025 to 25/05/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	8544	68,24	71,06	Class A2	8726	68,92	71,20
Class A3	364	68,73	69,75	Class A3	442	66,70	70,09
Class C2	861	50,66	50,44	Class C2	2040	53,20	55,50

The units sold for class A2, A3 and C2 beef increased by 2.1%, 21.4% and 136.9% respectively, when compared to the previous week. The average purchase price for class A2 and C2 beef increased by 1.0% and 5.% respectively, whilst class A3 beef decreased by 3.0% week on week. The average selling price for class A2, A3 and C2 beef increased by 0.1%, 0.5% and 10.0% respectively, when compared to the previous week.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 20 (12/05/2025 to 18/05/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 21 (19/05/2025 to 25/05/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	9390	101,74	105,28	Class A2	13297	103,28	108,45
Class A3	1630	98,90	106,46	Class A3	2122	103,20	107,78
Class C2	1340	67,23	72,94	Class C2	2407	69,36	75,68

The units of lamb traded this week for class A2, A3 and C2 increased by 41.6%, 30.2% and 79.6% respectively, week on week. The average purchase prices for class A2, A3 and C2 lamb increased by 1.5%, 4.3% and 3.2% respectively, when compared to the previous week. The average selling prices for class A2, A3 and C2 lamb increased by 3.0%, 1.2% and 3.8% respectively, week on week.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 20 (12/05/2025 to 18/05/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 21 (19/05/2025 to 25/05/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	13934	31,88	Class BP	11762	31,95
Class HO	4154	31,23	Class HO	4024	30,98
Class HP	4484	31,47	Class HP	3843	31,57

The quantities of pork traded this week for class BP, HO and HP decreased by 15.6%, 3.1% and 14.3% respectively, week on week. The average purchase price for class BP and HP pork increased by 0.2% and 0.3% respectively, whilst class HO pork decreased by 0.8%, when compared to the previous week.

Latest News Developments

Karan Beef has suspended cattle intake at its Heidelberg feedlot following a foot-and-mouth disease outbreak. Following the suspension of cattle intake at its Heidelberg feedlot following a foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak, general manager for Karan Beef, Henk Groenewald, told Farmer's Weekly that Karan Beef understood that the suspension would have direct implications on cattle operations and livestock planning. However, he added that the step was taken to contain the disease and mitigate any risk to the broader livestock industry. The financial impact on Karan Beef is expected to be substantial. Groenewald explained that movement restrictions will result in animals having to stay in the feedlot longer than planned, which will increase standing days and result in higher feed consumption and overheads, such as labour, utilities and veterinary care.

Polluted rivers contaminate South Africa's food chain, threaten exports market. As billions of litres of untreated or partially treated sewage are released into South Africa's watercourses every day, scientists have found our vegetables are being contaminated by irrigation from rivers and boreholes. Professor Lise Korsten of the University of Pretoria told Parliament's portfolio committee on agriculture in January that irrigation water was "not fit-for-purpose" for food production and that fixing the quality of irrigation water should be a national priority. The daily sewage pollution of our rivers is contaminating irrigation water with disease-causing bacteria, known as pathogens. In many cases, these pathogens are resistant to antibiotics, which is an extremely serious health concern.

The 57th NAMPO Harvest Day, proudly presented by Grain SA and held from 13 - 16 May 2025 at NAMPO Park, concluded on a high note last week, reaffirming its position as the Southern Africa's largest and most influential grain-focused agricultural trade exhibition. With a record attendance of 87 191 visitors over four days and hosting more than 900 exhibitors, NAMPO 2025 once again proved to be the significant convergence point for the grain sector, the broader agri-value chain, and a critical engagement platform to explore solutions and discussions for the agricultural industry. Various exhibitors use the NAMPO Harvest Day as a platform to launch new products and innovations to the agricultural industry. With air traffic totalling 377 aeroplanes and 69 helicopters predominantly from the business sector, the sky above NAMPO was as busy as the ground below – a clear symbol of the reach, relevance, and reputation this event has built over decades.

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Source: SAFEX, Standard bank, Stats SA, Reuters, Red Meat Abattoir Association, FNB, Agbiz and Absa Bank.
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