

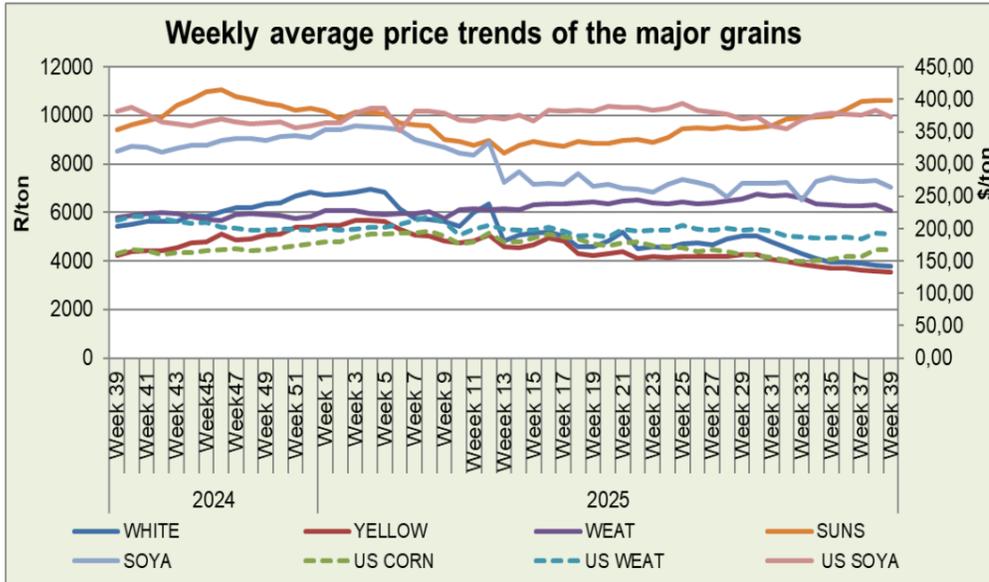


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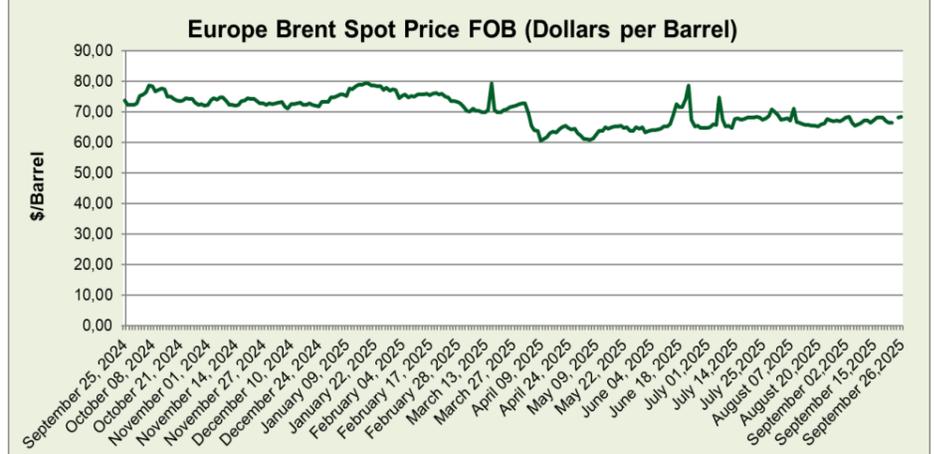
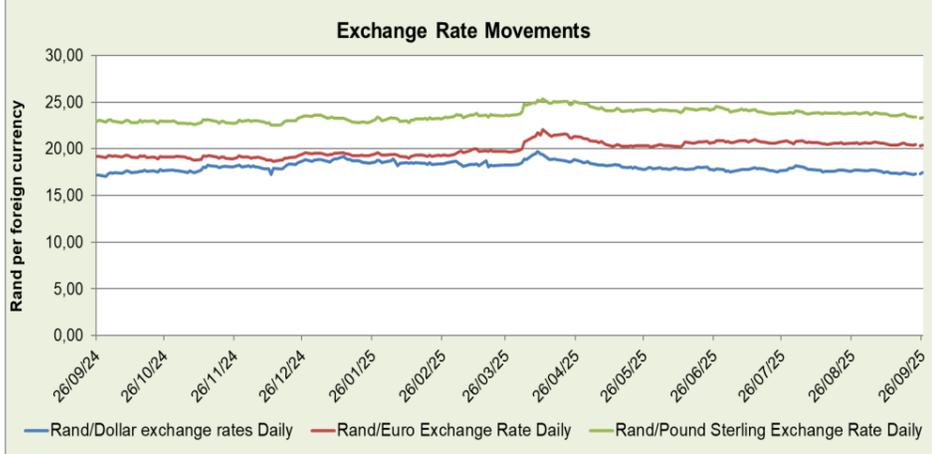
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The price of local white & yellow maize decreased by 1.1% and 0.6% compared to the previous week, while the US maize price decreased by 0.6% as well. Local maize price increased as the Crop Estimates Committee increase their maize harvest expectations in 2024/25 to be 26% higher than in their previous forecast. The price of local wheat and international wheat decreased by 4% and 1.3% respectively. International wheat prices were low due to weak demand compared to the previous seasons same time. The price of local soybean decreased by 4.1% and 2.8% respectively, as a result of weakness in the secondary oil-seeds market. The price of sunflower tracked low oilseeds demand, the price decreased by 0.3% compared to last week.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 39 (23-09-24 to 27-09-24)	Last week Week 38 (15-09-25 to 19-09-25)	This week Week 39 (22-09-25 to 26-09-25)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R5 433,25	R 3 841.60	R3 801,25	-1,1%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R4 211,25	R 3 567,40	R3 545,75	-0,6%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	\$161,57	\$ 167.93	\$166,86	-0,6%
RSA Wheat per ton	R5 786,00	R 6 319.40	R6 069,5	-4,0%
USA Wheat per ton	\$213,10	\$ 193.62	\$191,01	-1,3%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R8 510,25	R 7 334.60	R7 035,25	-4,1%
USA Soybeans per ton	\$381,07	\$ 383.56	R372,73	-2,8%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R9 395,75	R 10 637.60	R10 602,25	-0,3%
Crude oil per barrel	\$72,84	\$ 67.70	R67,41	-0,4%



The rand appreciated by 0,3%, 0,5% and 1,2% respectively this week relative to the previous week. As a result of an increase business cycle indicators that gauge the economic outlook and an upbeat of the purchasing managers' index data for the local manufacturing sector.

The price of crude oil decreased by 0,4% this week relative to the previous week, as there are fears of overs supply and also from ever present demand risks of global slowdowns.



National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 37 (08/09/2025 to 14/09/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 38 (15/10/2025 to 21/10/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	8 884	70,81	73,52	Class A2	9061	70,88	73,09
Class A3	373	69,75	73,20	Class A3	429	69,82	74,11
Class C2	1 714	59,63	61,76	Class C2	1 264	59,88	63,81

The units of beef traded this week increased for class A2 and A3 by 2% and 15% respectively this week relative to the previous week, whilst decreasing by 26.3% for class C2. The price producer prices increased by 0.1%, 0.1% and 0.4% for class A2, A3 and C2. compared to last week. The market prices for class A2 decreased by 0.6% and increased by 1.2% and 3.3 for class A3 and C2.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 37 (08/09/2025 to 14/09/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 38 (15/10/2025 to 21/10/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	12 305	109,95	110,15	Class A2	11832	109,90	111,31
Class A3	1 829	107,57	108,55	Class A3	1692	105,78	107,60
Class C2	733	81,46	88,11	Class C2	1157	82,46	88,02

The units of lamb sold this week decreased for class A2 by 3.8% and A3 by 7.5% whilst increasing by 58% for C2. The producer prices decreased for class A2 and A3 by 0.05% and 1.7% whilst increasing by 1.2% for class C2. The market prices decreased for class A3, and C2 by 0.9% and 0.1% whilst increasing by 1.1% for class A2.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 37 (08/09/2025 to 14/09/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 38 (15/10/2025 to 21/10/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	12 494	35,33	Class BP	14936	35,70
Class HO	3 431	34,62	Class HO	10967	36,06
Class HP	3 592	34,73	Class HP	2411	35,26

The units of pork sold this week increased by 19.5% for class BP and HO increase by a very high units of 219% relative to the previous week, while the price of HP decreased by 32.9%. The producer prices increased for all classes relative to last week, the producer prices of BP, HO and HP increased by 1%, 4.2% and 1.5% respectively. DOA awaits for a formal explanation from the RMAA on the reasons behind the very high increases in units of Class HO.

Latest News Developments

The South African Fruit and Vegetable Canners Export Council (SAFVCEC) has announced that some of South Africa's best canned fruits and vegetables will be showcased at the Anuga International Food and Beverage Trade Fair, in Germany. The council is on a mission to grow South Africa's canned fruit and vegetable exports by engaging with existing customers and making new connections with potential buyers around the world.

The US government has not yet commented on the reauthorisation of AGOA. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer has publicly said in the past that an extension was not a priority for the current administration, which is focusing on bilateral discussions and trade deals with individual nations. The nature of AGOA as a regional preferential trade programme with eligibility criteria at Washington's discretion means countries have not been able to put up a united negotiating front. Kenya started trade talks with Washington in 2020, is looking to strike a deal by year-end to safeguard a market that accounts for 10% of annual exports. South Africa, whose goods face 30% tariffs in the US compared with Kenya's 10%, is also racing to clinch a deal with one of its key export markets.

Business Leadership South Africa (BLSA), South Africa must continue trade diversification, economic transformation efforts. BLSA CEO Busi Mavuso stated that the modest growth achieved during the quarter, underscores that we cannot afford to wait for external solutions. Business and government must work together with renewed urgency to unlock the investment and productivity gains that will drive sustainable growth and job creation. In an increasingly fragmented global economy, South Africa's success will depend not on any single trading relationship, but on our ability to build resilience through multiple pathways to prosperity.

South Africa, China bilateral relations strengthened during ninth trade fair; South Africa and China's trade relations and to strengthen bilateral agreements between the two nations, the ninth instance of the South Africa-China Trade and Investment Promotion conference, on September the 23th, resulted in the signing of various memoranda of understanding (MoUs). Notably, industry body Business Unity South Africa (Busa) signed an MoU with South Africa China Economy and Trade Association (Saceta), which represents the more than 200 Chinese enterprises with business operations in South Africa, to promote greater enterprise collaboration and communication.

Import duty investigations in South Africa are currently taking an average of 27 months to complete four times more than the official target of six months and with the oldest open tariff probe standing at 64 months, or nearly six years.

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