



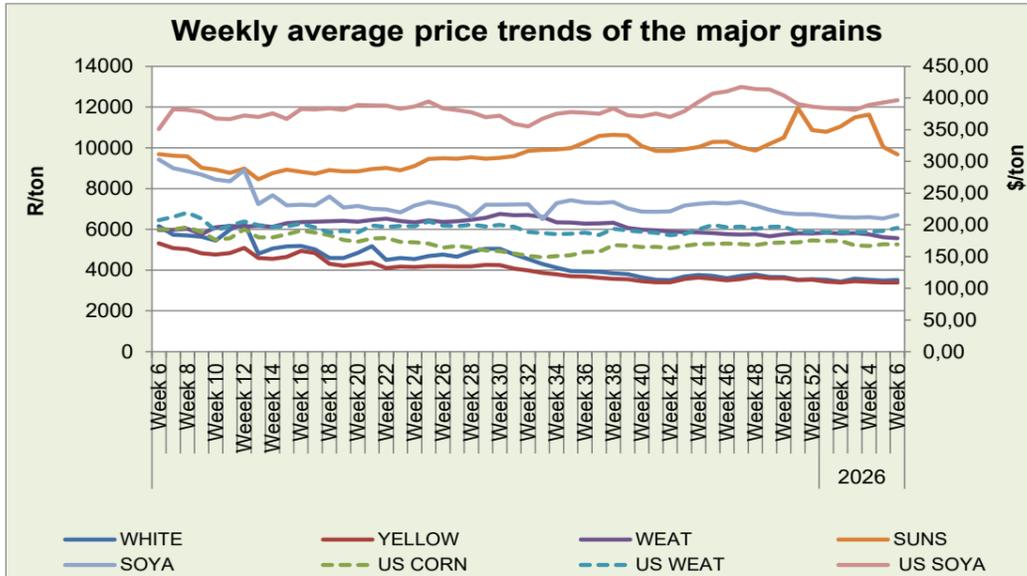
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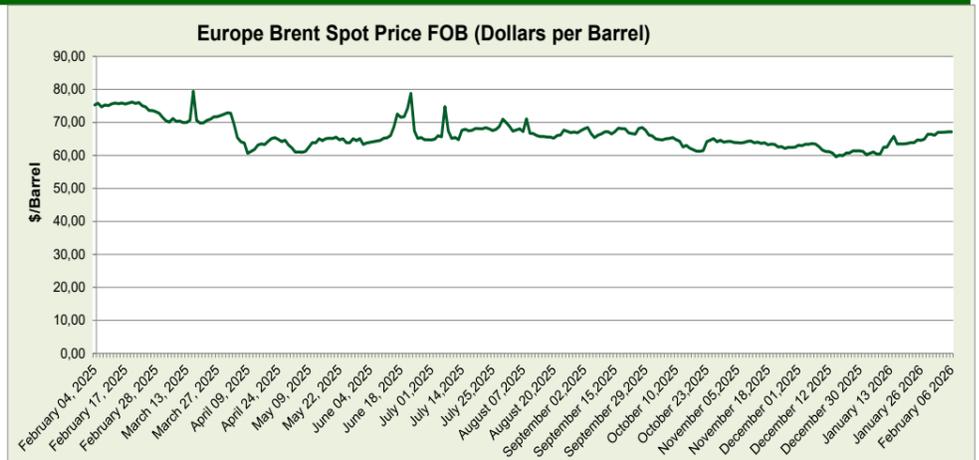
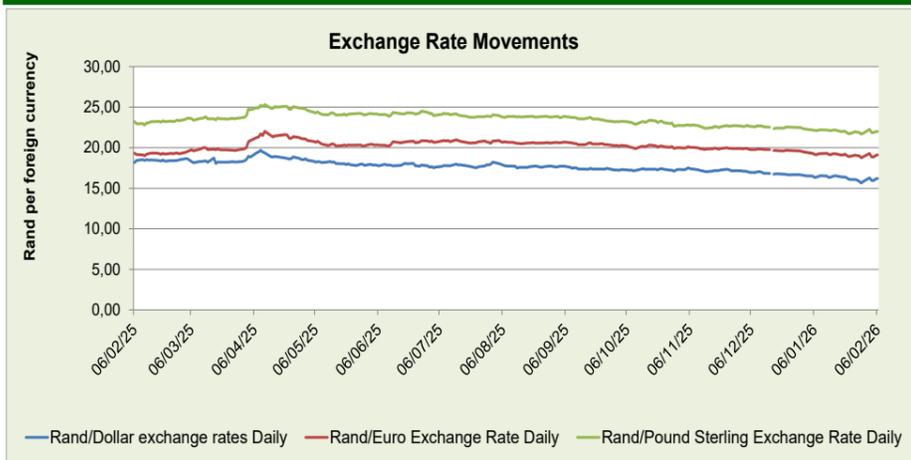
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Domestic grain prices strengthened, with white maize and soybean increasing by 0.9% and 2.5% this week compared to the previous week. While the local prices for yellow maize remained flat week on week. During the same period the local prices for wheat and sunflower seed declined by 1.0% and 3.7%. On the international front, the prices of US wheat and soybean increased by 2.6% and 1.0% this week compared to the previous week, whilst US maize decreased by 0.1 during the same period. Soybeans surged to a two-month high last week after Trump's remark that China was considering lifting US soybean purchases to 20 million metric tons for the current season. Corn traders were monitoring dry weather in Argentina, although a large US harvest last year and favourable planting conditions for Brazil's second corn crop have somewhat alleviated concerns.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 6 (03-02-25 to 07-02-25)	Last week Week 5 (26-01-26 to 30-01-26)	This week Week 6 (02-02-26 to 06-02-26)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R 6 153.60	R 3 490.60	R 3 522.00	0.9%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R 5 310,80	R 3 388,00	R 3 387,80	0.0%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	\$ 193,17	\$ 169.20	\$ 169.01	-0.1%
RSA Wheat per ton	R 5 968,20	R 5 622.00	R 5 563.40	-1.0%
USA Wheat per ton	\$ 207.21	\$ 190.22	\$ 195.18	2.6%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R 9 424.00	R 6 539.20	R 6 704.00	2.5%
USA Soybeans per ton	\$ 351.21	\$ 392.69	\$ 396.42	1.0%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R 9 693.40	R 10 050.40	R 9 675.60	-3.7%
Crude oil per barrel	\$ 75.12	\$ 65.67	\$ 67.07	2.1%



The rand depreciated against major currencies this week by 1.4% against the US dollar, 0.5% against Euro and 0.7% against the Pound Sterling week-on-week. The Rand traded around 15.8 per USD, near the highest level since June 2020, buoyed by elevated precious metals prices. Gold, platinum, and palladium together account for roughly 20% of the country's exports. At the same time, the currency continued to be supported by positive domestic developments.

Brent crude oil continue increasing for two conservative weeks to an average \$67.07 this week, ending the week at a 2.1% increase from the previous week's average of \$65.67. Brent crude oil futures rose toward \$70 per barrel extending gains from previous sessions and hovering near an almost five-month high as markets remained focused on US-Iran tensions.



National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 4 (19/01/2026 to 25/01/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 5 (26/01/2026 to 01/02/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	11 429	65,31	66,71	Class A2	10 900	65,98	67,93
Class A3	447	65,14	68,23	Class A3	606	66,41	69,76
Class C2	1 184	59,19	64,49	Class C2	1 304	57,97	62,52

Units sold for class A3 and class C2 beef increased by 35.6% and 10.1% respectively during the reporting week compared to the previous week, meanwhile units sold for class A2 beef decreased by 4.6% week-on-week. During the same period, the weekly average purchase prices for class A2 and class A3 beef increased by 1.0% and 1.9% respectively. Whilst the weekly average purchase price for class C2 beef experienced a decline of 2.1% this week compared to the previous week. After a decline last week, the weekly average selling prices for class A2 and class A3 beef increased by 1.8% and 2.2% respectively in the reporting week compared to the previous week, whereas the weekly average selling price for class C2 beef declined by 3.1% after an increase in the previous week.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 4 (19/01/2026 to 25/01/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 5 (26/01/2026 to 01/02/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	15 072	108,58	109,21	Class A2	15 888	104,36	105,39
Class A3	2 466	104,26	108,81	Class A3	2 175	99,14	106,17
Class C2	1 161	83,56	90,54	Class C2	1 040	80,82	89,23

Units sold for class A2 lamb increased for two consecutive week by 5.4% this week compared to the previous week. After an increase last week, the units sold for class A3 and Class C2 experienced a decline of 11.8% and 10.4% respectively during the reporting week compared to the previous week. In terms of pricing, the weekly average purchase prices for class A2, class A3 and class C2 lamb all decreased some for two weeks in a row by 3.9%, 4.9% and 3.3%, respectively, week on week. During the same period, the weekly average selling prices for class A2, class A3, and class C2 lamb fell by 3.5%, 2.4% and 1.4% respectively.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 4 (19/01/2026 to 25/01/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 5 (26/01/2026 to 01/02/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	4 696	40.78	Class BP	3 803	40.65
Class HO	9 692	39.33	Class HO	8 921	39.46
Class HP	17 163	39.24	Class HP	17 601	39.26

After an increase in the previous week, units sold for class BP and class HO pork decreased by 19.0% and 8.0%, respectively, this week compared to the previous week, while the units sold for class HP increased for two consecutive weeks by 2.6% week on week. The weekly average selling price for class BP pork decreased for two weeks in a row by 0.3% this week compared to the previous week. During the same period the weekly average selling prices for class HO and class HP pork increased by 0.3% and 0.1%.

Latest News Developments

Government has hailed the Agricultural Research Council's release of South Africa's first locally produced foot-and-mouth disease vaccine on 6 February as a milestone, but industry experts say it is overdue and overlooks earlier opportunities to curb the escalating outbreak. The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) has taken a major step in South Africa's fight against a widespread, costly foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak, releasing the first batch of a locally produced FMD vaccine. The Onderstepoort FMD Vaccine, developed and produced by scientists and technical experts at the ARC Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute (ARC OVI) Transboundary Animal Diseases Campus, marks the first time South Africa has manufactured its own FMD vaccine for local use. A total of 12 900 multi-strain doses have been released in this initial batch. Until now, South Africa has relied largely on imported vaccines to manage outbreaks. Speaking on behalf of the FMD vaccine production team in a press statement, Dr Faith Peta said the release of the vaccine was the result of long-term investment in local science and infrastructure.

The first batch represents many years of research and commitment. While production is still at a small scale, it shows that South Africa has the capability to develop safe and effective vaccines that meet regulatory standards and respond to local disease challenges. According to Dr Peta, two decades of research and government support culminated in the vaccine being registered as a stock remedy under the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Seeds and Remedies Act (No. 36 of 1947) and the vaccine meets required quality, safety and efficacy standards. She said local production offers several advantages, including faster response times during outbreaks, closer matching of vaccine strains to those circulating in the region, and improved control over supply. Dr Peta said, design work has also been completed on a new production facility, which is intended to support future vaccine self-reliance in line with government disease-control plans.

South Africa's agriculture sector has welcomed US President Donald Trump's extension of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), but the one-year term has increased uncertainty for farmers and agribusinesses reliant on the US market. Trump signed the extension into law on 3 February, renewing AGOA retroactively from its expiry date of 30 September 2025 until 31 December 2026. US Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer confirmed the move.

The Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture has launched a R19,5 million irrigation scheme revival programme aimed at fighting poverty, creating jobs, and boosting agricultural production and economic activity across the province. The programme was officially launched on 27 January by the MEC for Agriculture Nonceba Kotsiwe at the Zanyokwe Irrigation Scheme (ZIS) in Keiskammahoek. Initially, the intervention will support vegetable, grain, and fodder production, covering 1 528ha across the Eastern Cape, and provide farmers with equipment and machinery. The Department of Agriculture's (DoA) long-term objective is to revitalise 10 000ha of irrigation schemes across district municipalities in the province.

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