



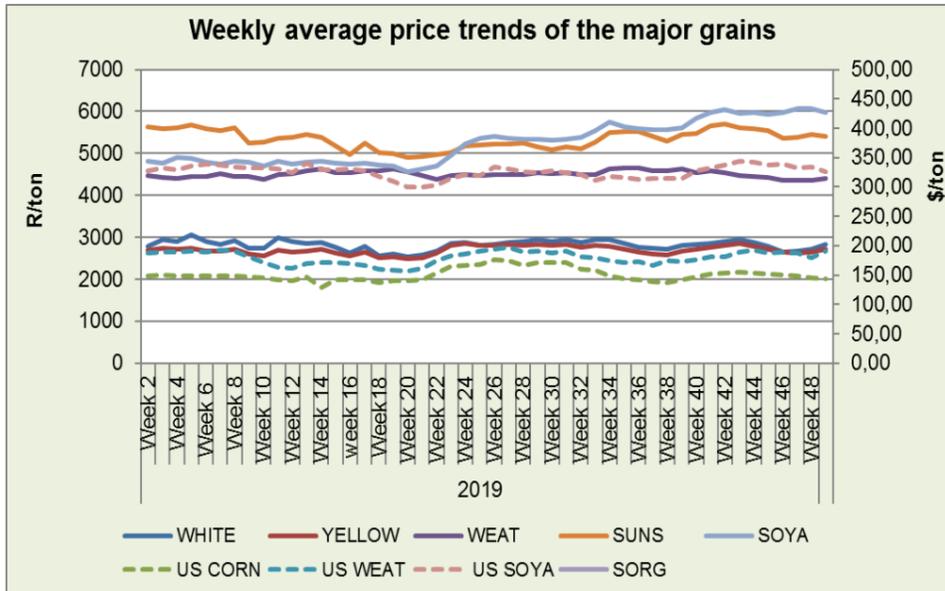
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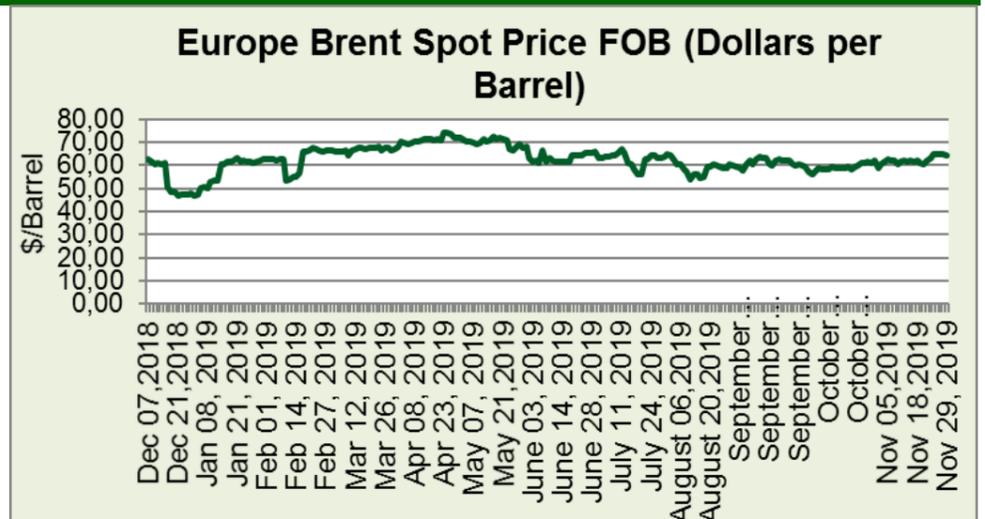
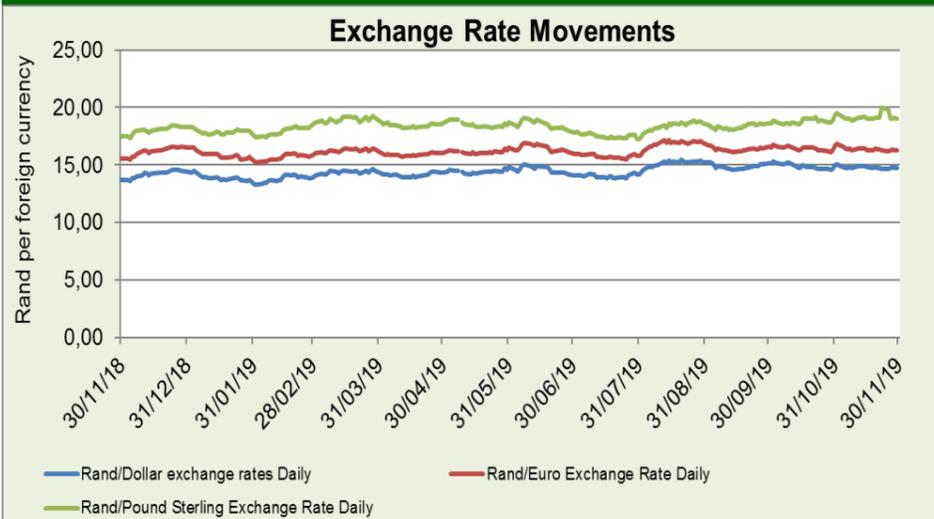
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The price of local white and yellow maize increased by 3.7% and 2.1% respectively, due to weather concerns during the week following the disappointment in the previous week. The US maize price decreased by 0.7% as a result of inter-alia, revised upward estimates in the EU coarse grains outlook. The price of local and international wheat increased by 1% and 6.5% respectively. Local prices were tracking international prices amid the stronger rand, international prices rose as a result of increased demand. The price of local sunflower and soybeans prices decreased by 0.8% and 1.8% tracking lower international prices which declined by 2.4% due to favourable weather conditions in major producing area. The price of sorghum remained stable.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 48 (26-12-18 to 30-11-18)	Last week Week 47 (11-11-19 to 15-11-19)	Last week Week 48 (25-11-19 to 29-11-19)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R 2 393,80	R 2 723.00	R 2 825,00	3,7%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R 2 340,00	R 2 656.60	R 2 713,60	2,1%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	\$ 141,09	\$ 145.17	\$ 144,21	-0,7%
RSA Wheat per ton	R 4 230,60	R 4 352.00	R 4 394,20	1,0%
USA Wheat per ton	\$ 183,63	\$ 179.39	\$ 191,03	6,5%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R 5 140,40	R 5 445,40	R 5 400,40	-0,8%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R 4 609,00	R 6 075,60	R 5 968,80	-1,8%
USA Soybeans per ton	\$ 324,44	\$ 334,06	\$ 326,10	-2,4%
RSA Sweet Sorghum per ton	R 3 700.00	R 3 469.00	R 3 469,00	0,0%
Crude oil per barrel	\$ 60,15	\$ 61.79	\$ 64,74	4,8%



The rand appreciated against major currencies this week compared to last week. The rand appreciated by 0.01%, 0.46% and 0.14% against the US dollar, the Euro and the pound. The Rand is slightly firmer as investors weighed the impact of U.S. backing for protesters in Hong Kong on its trade negotiations with China.

The price of crude oil increased by 4.8% this week compared to last week, due to a smaller than anticipated rise in U.S. crude oil inventories and following positive developments with the US/China trade talks.



National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 46(11/11/2019 to 17/11/2019)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 47(18/11/2019 to 24/11/2019)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	8 084	43.22	44.22	Class A2	10520	44,00	44,77
Class A3	741	44.48	44.29	Class A3	989	44,14	44,64
Class C2	1 177	36.31	38.84	Class C2	1173	36,85	38,47

The units sold for Class A2 and A3 increased by 30.1% and 33.5% respectively compared to the previous week, whilst units sold for class C2 decreased by 0.3%. The average purchase price for class A2 and C2 increased by 1.8% and 1.5% this week compared to last week, whilst class A3 price decreased by 0.8%. The average selling prices for class A2 and A3 increased by 1.2% and 0.8% respectively whilst it declined by 1% for class C2.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 46 (11/11/2019 to 17/11/2019)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 47 (18/11/2019 to 24/11/2019)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	6 731	63.92	68.77	Class A2	11284	66,27	69,28
Class A3	946	65.85	69.31	Class A3	2059	67,11	69,18
Class C2	1 185	46.69	51.36	Class C2	1465	49,54	53,03

The average units sold for all classes increased sharply this week as we approach the holiday seasons. The units sold for class A2, A3 and C2 increased by 67.6%; 117.7% and 23.6% respectively. The purchase prices increased by 3.7%;1.9% and 6.1% respectively showing the sustained demand. The average selling price for class A2 and C2 increased by 0.7% and 3.3% respectively whilst declining by 0.2% for class A3.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 46 (11/11/2019 to 17/11/2019)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 47 (18/11/2019 to 24/11/2019)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	8 769	27.31	Class BP	9433	26.91
Class HO	6 031	26.77	Class HO	5906	26.17
Class HP	4 212	26.46	Class HP	3991	25.80

The units sold for class BP increased by 7.5%, whilst and HP and HO decreased by 2% and 5.2% respectively. The average purchase prices for all the classes decreased by 1.5%,2.2% and 2.5% respectively for class BP; HO and HP respectively this week compared to last week.

Latest News Developments

South Africa is missing out on the fresh fruit export growth. The country urgently needs to create jobs requires that the country take advantage of opportunities in the global economy that it can convert into quick wins. The fruit industry presents such an opportunity. SA is already an established player in global fruit exports, but it has failed to take full advantage of the rise in demand especially for high value fruits such as berries and avocados. Countries like Mexico and Peru took advantage of such opportunities and increased their fruit exports by up to 15% per annum between 2013 to 2018. In contrast, South Africa's fruit exports only rose by 3% over the same period. The latest Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Food Price Index, increased by 2.7% in November compared to October and it increased by 9.5% on a year on year basis. The vegetable, meat and sugar price index increased by 10.4%; 4.6% and 1.8% respectively, whilst the dairy price index increased marginally. The cereal price declined by 1.2% dairy prices rose marginally. According to Claudia Vickers of Biz Community in 2050, we may have almost 10 billion people to feed. Farmland is already degraded by existing agriculture, and climate change is putting new pressure on crops and livestock. As a result, to feed the world in 2050 we need to build the plants that evolution did not. Minister Lindiwe Sisulu's launched the National Water and Sanitation Master Plan which is welcomed by industries. According to Agri-SA, the launch of the master plan provides a framework from which the future of the country's water and food security could be delivered and serves as a point of departure for engagement with government going forward . Agriculture as a sector is the largest user of raw water, and production is greatly dependent on the availability and quality of water resources. Malnutrition in all its forms is one of the biggest challenges of the 21st century. While the causes of the current state of malnutrition around the world are complex, unhealthy diets remain one of the major contributors to malnutrition as recognized in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The Government of Italy, with support from the FAO, recently held an event highlighting Mediterranean and other traditional healthy diets as fundamental to a food system that respects the environment, culture and well-being of people, and sustainable development.

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