



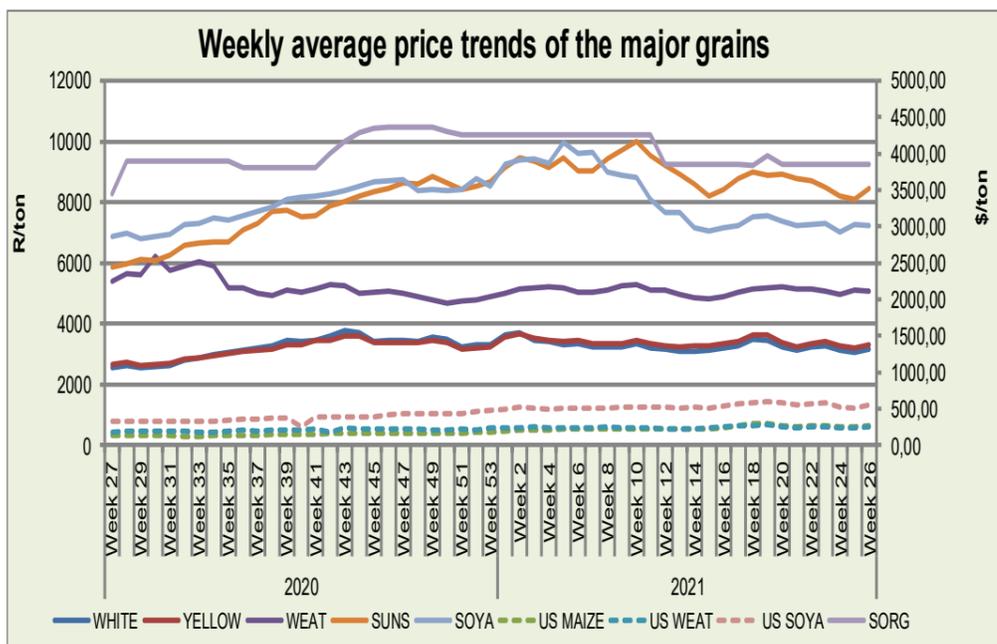
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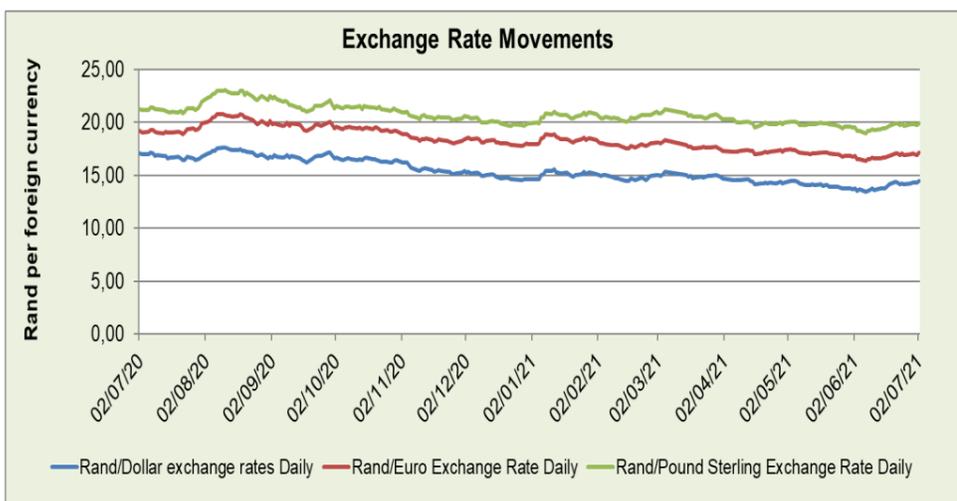
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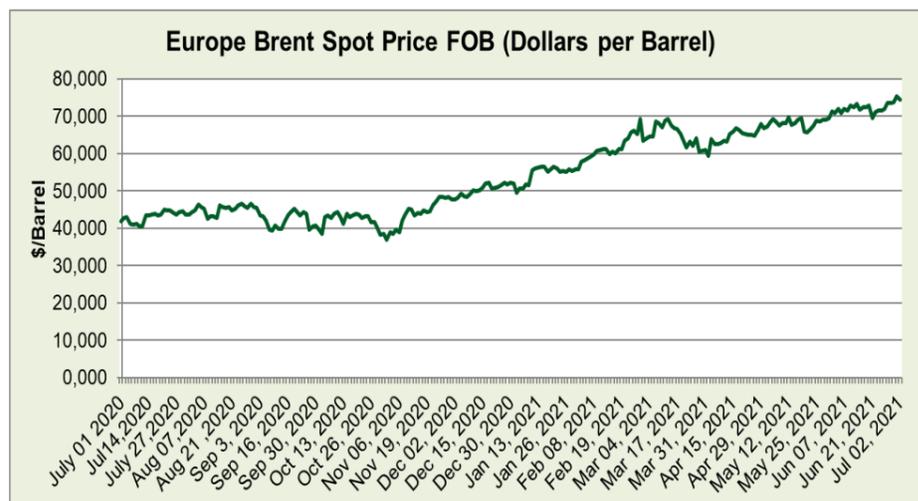
The local and international maize price increased this week compared to last week. Local prices were tracking the high international prices, weaker rand and speculation of reductions in maize expected due to crop damages, despite the Crop Estimates Committee (CEC) keeping the outlook unchanged from the previous forecast. Local white and yellow maize prices increased by 3.6% and 3.4% respectively. The International maize price increased by 0.6% compared to last week amid World-wide weather concerns, less than expected maize quarterly stocks and lower than expected area under maize production. Local wheat price decreased by 0.4% as result of technical selling. International wheat price increased by 1.8% as a result of concerns over the production of spring wheat and less than expected quarterly stocks. The price of local soybeans decreased by 0.7% as production estimates remains unchanged. International soybeans increased by 7.2% as forecast predict dry and hot US conditions in July. RSA sunflower increased by 4.4% tracking high global sunflower seed prices amidst the lower than expected local sunflower seed crop. The price of sorghum remain constant as compared to last week.

### Spot price trends of major grains commodities

|                            | 1 year ago<br>Week 26<br>(29-06-20 to 03-06-20) | This week<br>Week 25<br>(21-06-21 to 25-06-21) | This week<br>Week 26<br>(28-06-21 to 02-07-21) | w-o-w % change |
|----------------------------|---|--|--|----------------|
| RSA White Maize per ton    | R 2 572,80                                      | R 3 050.40                                     | R 3 160,71                                     | 3,6%           |
| RSA Yellow Maize per ton   | R 2 656,00                                      | R 3 180.60                                     | R 3 288,79                                     | 3,4%           |
| USA Yellow Maize per ton   | \$ 128,11                                       | \$ 259.15                                      | \$ 260,81                                      | 0,6%           |
| RSA Wheat per ton          | R 5 253,20                                      | R 5 095.00                                     | R 5 073,46                                     | -0,4%          |
| USA Wheat per ton          | \$ 177,84                                       | \$ 241.58                                      | \$ 245,86                                      | 1,8%           |
| RSA Soybeans per ton       | R 6 803,60                                      | R 7 268.20                                     | R 7 216,54                                     | -0,7%          |
| USA Soybeans per ton       | \$ 321,03                                       | \$ 511.59                                      | \$ 548,39                                      | 7,2%           |
| RSA Sunflower seed per ton | R 5 835,20                                      | R 8 095.40                                     | R 8 450,90                                     | 4,4%           |
| RSA Sweet Sorghum per ton  | R 3 138,00                                      | R 3 859.00                                     | R 3 859.00                                     | 0,0%           |
| Crude oil per barrel       | \$ 42,35  | \$ 71.13                                       | \$ 74,13                                       | 4,2%           |



The rand depreciated by 0.5% against the US dollar and by 0.2% against the Euro, whilst depreciating by 0.1% against the Pound. The high unemployment rate and the surge in corona virus infections including the lockdown extension continue to take their toll on the currency.



The price of Brent crude oil increased by 4.2% this week compared to last week. The price of oil increased for the sixth week as the OPEC standoff continues. United Arab Emirates still blocking a proposal to increase supply and currently demand outstrips supply.



## National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

| Week 24 (14/06/2021 to 20/06/2021) | Units | Avg Purchase Price | Avg Selling Price | Week 25 (21/06/2021 to 27/06/2021) | Units | Avg Purchase Price | Avg Selling Price |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Class A2                           | 5 384 | 52.75              | 52.76             | Class A2                           | 8497  | 51,99              | 53,93             |
| Class A3                           | 555   | 51.65              | 53.34             | Class A3                           | 869   | 50,25              | 54,34             |
| Class C2                           | 491   | 44.14              | 46.52             | Class C2                           | 683   | 44,58              | 45,77             |

The quantity of class A2,A3 and C2 beef supplied to market increased by 57.8%, 56.6% and 39.1% respectively compared to the previous week. The purchase prices decreased by 1.4%and 2.7% respectively whilst increasing by a percentage point for class C2. The average selling price for class A2 and A3 increased by 2.2%, 1.9% respectively whilst decreasing by 1.6% for class C2.

## National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

| Week 24 (14/06/2021 to 20/06/2021) | Units | Avg Purchase Price | Avg Selling Price | Week 25 (21/06/2021 to 27/06/2021) | Units | Avg Purchase Price | Avg Selling Price |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Class A2                           | 6 177 | 92.80              | 93.89             | Class A2                           | 7687  | 93,26              | 96,63             |
| Class A3                           | 940   | 92.07              | 91.16             | Class A3                           | 1003  | 93,33              | 96,76             |
| Class C2                           | 622   | 70.42              | 74.81             | Class C2                           | 978   | 72,17              | 76,13             |

The quantity of lamb supplied to the market this week increased by 24.4%, 6.7% and 57.2% respectively this week relative to the previous week. The purchase for a classes increased by 0.5%, 1.4% and 2.5% in the order, whilst the selling prices increased by 2.9%,6.1% and 1.8% respectively .

## National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

| Week 24 (14/06/2021 to 20/06/2021) | Units | Avg Purchase Price | Week 25 (21/06/2021 to 27/06/2021) | Units | Avg Purchase Price |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|
| Class BP                           | 7 601 | 28.32              | Class BP                           | 8833  | 28,05              |
| Class HO                           | 9 222 | 28.03              | Class HO                           | 8795  | 27,85              |
| Class HP                           | 7 001 | 27.77              | Class HP                           | 5987  | 27,83              |

The quantity of pork supplied this week increase by 16,2% for class BP pork, whilst declining by 4.6% and 14.5% for both HO and HP pork quantities respectively. The average purchase price for class BP and HO decreased by 1% and 0.6% respectively whilst declining by 0.2% for class HP.

## Latest News Developments

Annual consumer inflation eased to 4,9% in June after recording a 30 month high of 5,2% in May. Fuel records third month of double-digit inflation Fuel prices increased by 27,5% in June compared with the same month last year ,a ;though this come off a low base recorded during the second quarter of 2020 when fuel prices were very low. Researchers at the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) continue to develop commercial products using indigenous plants. The plants worked on are endemic to the Southern African countries and most regions of South Africa; Aloe ferox (Cape aloe) was used to produce gels and cosmetic lotions, Hoodia gordonii was used to produce an appetite suppressant, Lippia javanica was used to produce a mosquito repellent, Siphonochilus aethiopicus (African ginger) and Sutherlandia frutescens (cancer bush) were produced as teas to be used in traditional medicine and to aid in treating colds and flus.

Agriculture digital technologies startup Omniolytics is helping to transform poultry farming through digital platforms that use sensors and information technology. The poultry industry is faced with a number challenges ranging from the quality and origins of feed, high feed prices and the recurrence of avian influenza and disease outbreaks such as listeriosis and salmonellosis. The company is addressing the needs of commercial and emerging poultry farmers to make informed, real-time decisions on potential threats and forecast dangers within the broiler house facility and provides farmers with early warnings about potential issues, making their processes more efficient and improving production standards. The company developed an approach that uses Internet of Things technologies to collect data on the environmental conditions of production facilities and day-to-day management activities and processes to improve animal health, mitigate losses and assist producers in improving production efficiency.

The Department of Higher Education and Training has, through its Higher Health agency, established a district campus health and wellness mobile clinic healthcare programme to strengthen student health and wellness services at campuses in underprivileged communities. Several international development finance institutions have partnered on a financial support package for pharmaceuticals company Aspen Pharmacare in support of vaccine production and other treatment therapies on the African continent.

Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan. Stated that South African power utility Eskom Holdings has reduced its debt to less than R400 billion as discussions ensue to secure funding for a transition to renewable energy. The South African government is raising efficiency levels for high consumption electrical products, like street lights, in an effort to reduce the energy burden on the national grid, especially as State-owned utility Eskom continues to face constraints in supplying electricity.

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