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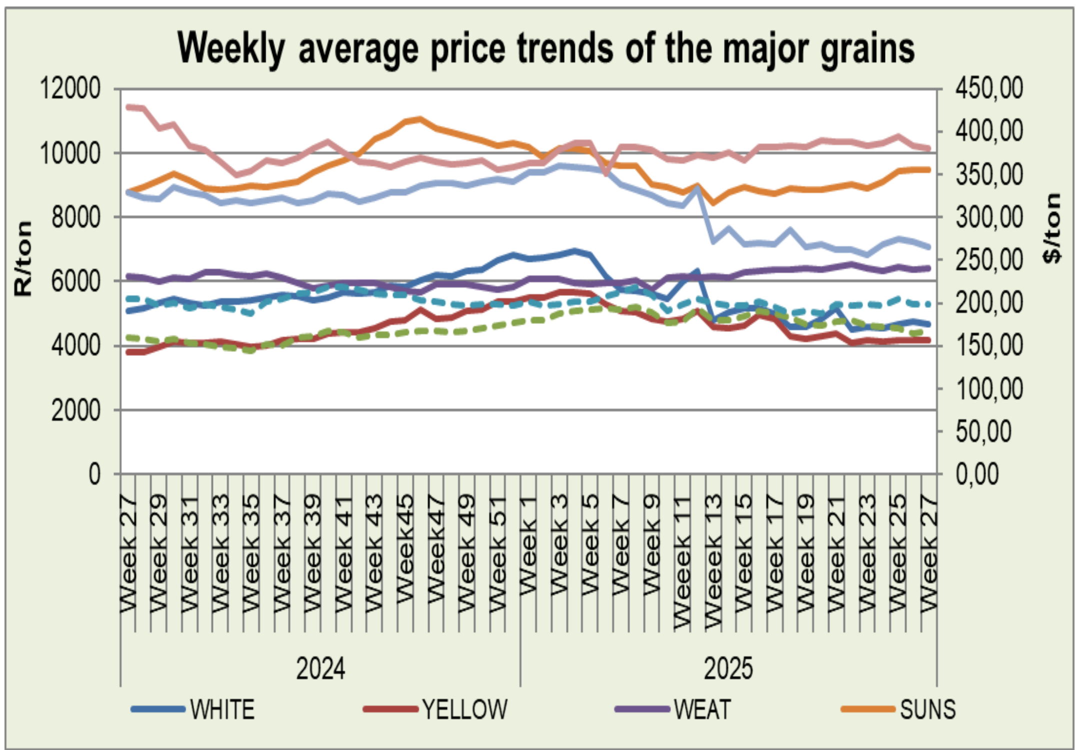
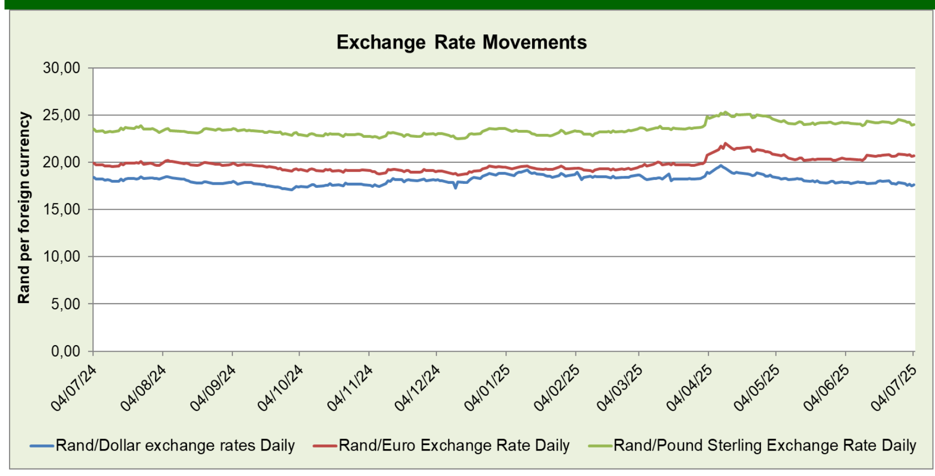


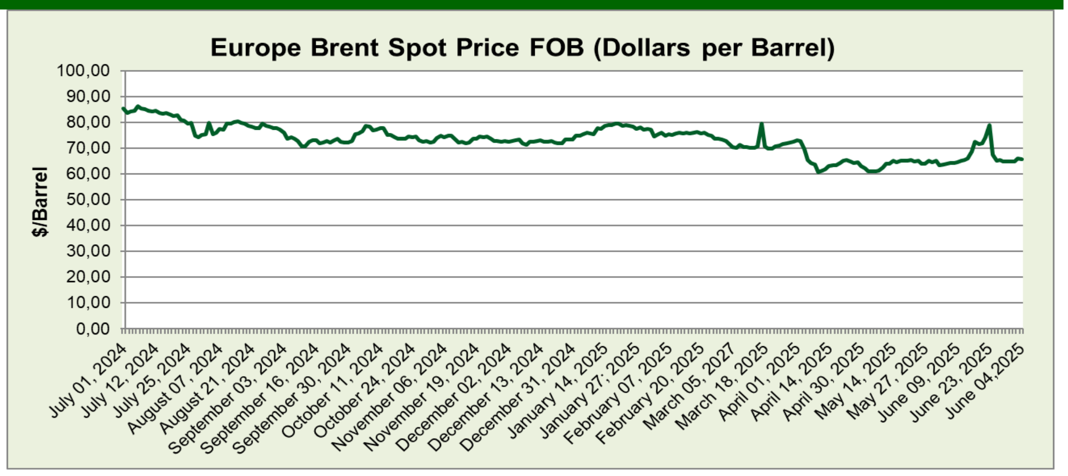
The price of local white and yellow maize decreased by 2.2% and 0.4% respectively, while the USA maize price increased by 1.7% relative to the previous week. High local maize harvest is expected this year, white and yellow maize are expected to be 26.3% & 5% higher. USA maize increased as a result of lightly warmer weather & demand optimism. The price of local wheat increased by 0.6% while the USA wheat price decreased by 0.4% respectively. High local wheat demand while Internationally wheat prices were lower due to weak demand for French wheat and lack of demand from China and Algeria etc. The price of local and international soybeans decreased by 2.1% and 0.7%. High local soybeans output expected this year, The price of sunflower decreased by 0.3%.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 27 (29-06-24 to 02-07-24)	Last week Week 26 (23-06-25 to 27-06-25)	This week Week 27 (30-06-25 to 04-07-25)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R5 599,8	R 4 765.40	R4 660	-2,2%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R4 185,4	R 4 197.00	R4 180	-0,4%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	$150,68	$ 164.05	$167	1,7%
RSA Wheat per ton	R6 132	R 6 364.20	R6 402	0,6%
USA Wheat per ton	$205,31	$ 198.78	$198	-0,4%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R8 600,4	R 7 233.20	R7 084	-2,1%
USA Soybeans per ton	$362,9	$ 383.68	$381	-0,7%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R9 019,4	R 9 490.80	R9 465	-0,3%
Crude oil per barrel	$84,70	$67.50	$65,17	-3,4%



The rand appreciated against the dollar(-1.1%) and the pound (0.5%) this week relative to the previous week, whilst it weakened against the Euro(0.1%). The South African rand gained on optimism among global investors about trade negotiations with the U.S. Uncertainty still prevails as South Africa and many other countries are scrambling to agree trade deals with the United States before the deadline.



The price of crude oil decreased by 3.4% relative to the previous week. Oil futures slipped slightly on Friday, as the market looked ahead to the weekend's OPEC+ meeting and the likelihood that member countries will decide to raise output.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 25 (16/06/2025 to 22/06/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 26 (23/06/2025 to 29/06/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	8 674	80,92	86,22	Class A2	12875	80,91	84,39
Class A3	572	78,62	86,63	Class A3	535	76,65	85,85
Class C2	2 196	60,52	63,68	Class C2	2458	58,57	61,53

The quantity of beef traded this week increased for class A2 and C2 by 48.4% and 12%, while decreasing by 6.4% for class A3. The producer prices were stable for class A2, increased by 1.7% for class C2 while it decreased by 2.5% for class A3. The market prices decreased for all classes class A2,A3 and C2 prices declined by 2.1%,0.9% and 3.4%.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 25 (16/06/2025 to 22/06/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 26 (23/06/2025 to 29/06/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	12 247	105,67	107,84	Class A2	14459	104,88	108,15
Class A3	1 949	101,70	106,13	Class A3	2308	101,50	105,26
Class C2	2 048	70,62	77,51	Class C2	1730	72,06	77,72

The quantity of lamb traded this week increased by 18.1%, 18.4% for class A2 and C2 while it decreased by 15.5% for class C2. The producer prices decreased for class A2 and A3 by 0.7% and 0.2% while increasing by 2% for class C2. The market prices for class A2 and AC2 increased by 0.3% and 0.5 respectively while decreasing by 0.8% for class A3.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 25 (16/06/2025 to 22/06/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 26 (23/06/2025 to 29/06/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	10 055	33,13	Class BP	14110	33,46
Class HO	5 790	33,23	Class HO	7996	33,65
Class HP	4 205	33,14	Class HP	5553	32,90

The quantities of pork traded this week increased by 40.3%, 38.1% and 32.1% for class BP,HO and HP. The producer prices increased for class BP, HO by 1% and 1.3% while decreasing by 0.7% for class HP.

Latest News Developments

Industry organisation the Citrus Growers' Association of Southern Africa (CGA) hopes to see facilitation of agricultural growth during the Budget Vote address by Agriculture Minister John Steenhuisen. Improved market access, ever-vigilant biosecurity and improved logistics are key priorities outlined by the CGA that it says will help the citrus industry grow and export a total of 260-million 15 kg cartons by 2032. CGA CEO Dr Boitshoko Ntshabele said that Citrus in South Africa contributes R34-billion in foreign revenue each season. SA's largest agricultural export industry with a massive increase in citrus production projected for the next few years, a key priority should be improved market access for the fruit.

Agricultural development finance institution the Land Bank's Blended Financial Scheme (BFS), with pre- and post-finance support services, aims to commercialise development farmers and to ensure the meaningful participation of black producers and majority black-owned enterprises in owning and controlling agricultural value chains in South Africa. Land Bank chief strategy officer Sydney Soundy stated that the BFS which was created in partnership with the Department of Agriculture (DoA), aims to address some of the challenges facing aspiring farmers. BFS, aims to assist farming projects achieve sustainability and growth, with priority given to projects with high development impact. The BFS combines grants and loans to provide affordable finance to support producers engaged in the agricultural value chain and aggregation activities.

The World Organisation for Animal Health said on Wednesday that; South Africa has reported the highly pathogenic H5N1 strain of avian influenza(bird flu) on two poultry farms in the country. The cases were the first in South Africa since September last year. South Africa's poultry sector has been recovering from an outbreak in 2023 that led to the loss of a third of the national chicken flock. The industry has been wary of a resurgence of the diseases amid criticism of the rollout of a government vaccination programme. The new outbreaks killed 1,150 poultry birds on the affected firms. This included 300 birds killed on a farm in Tswaing in North West province and 850 birds that died on a farm in Mkhondo in Mpumalanga province.

Astral starts vaccinating broiler breeding chickens in Gauteng; Integrated poultry producer Astral Foods has been granted a permit by the Department of Agriculture (DoA) to vaccinate one of its broiler breeding flocks against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI). This proactive approach to disease prevention will see the approved farm, which represents about 5% of Astral's total breeding stock, vaccinating chickens in the coming days.

The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) says higher fuel price will dampen sector's performance; stating that the increase in the general fuel levy is set to trigger unwelcome economic consequences in the agriculture sector. The increase in the general fuel levy, which raised petrol and diesel levies by 16c and 15c a litre, respectively, means that the fuel levy in the price structures of petrol and diesel will increase to R4.15/ℓ and R4.02/ℓ, respectively.

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

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