



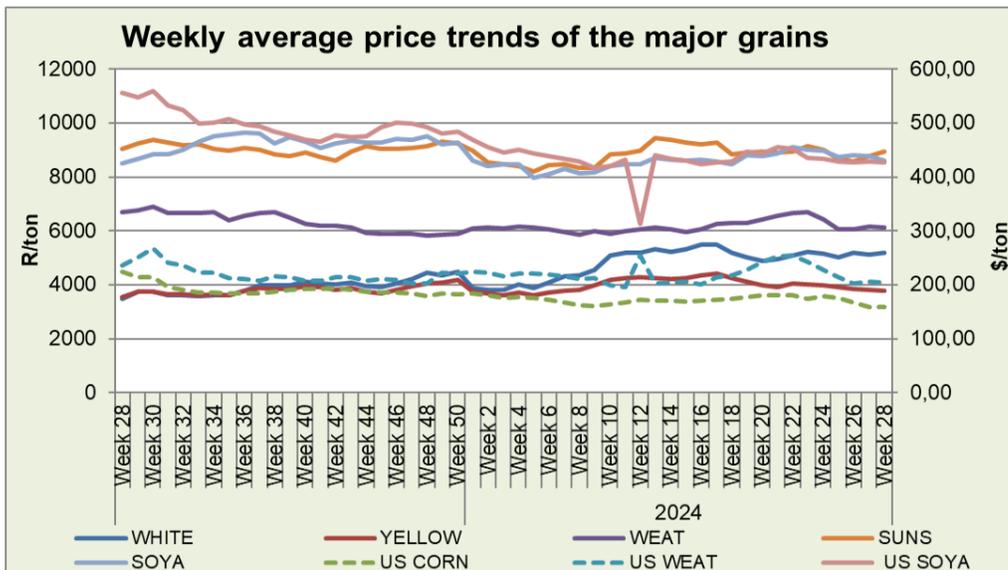
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## Weekly Price Watch: 12 July 2024

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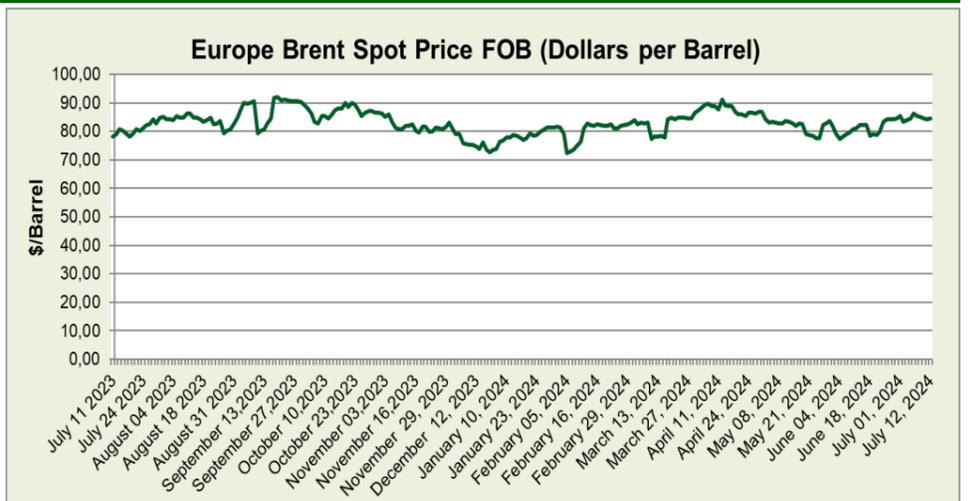
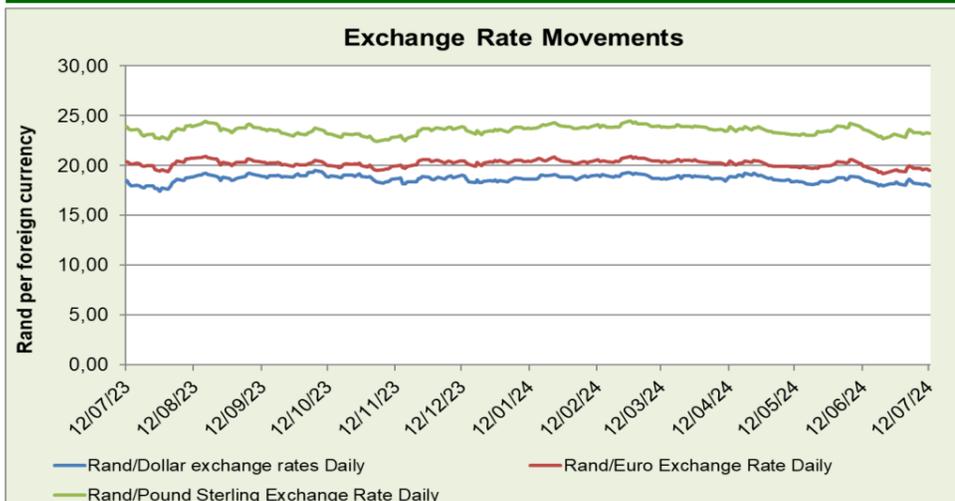
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The International and local market traded marginally lower this week when compared to the previous week. The average prices of domestic white maize, and sunflower seed increased by 1.5% and 1.8% respectively, whilst prices for yellow maize, wheat and soya bean decreased by 0.7%, 0.4% and 2.0% respectively, week on week. Internationally, the grain price of US corn, US wheat and US soybean decreased by 0.2%, 0.1% and 0.2% respectively when compared to the previous week. Over the last week prices have generally trended down, largely due to harvest pressure in the northern hemisphere, as well as an increased global wheat supply estimate made by the USDA last week. However, the hot and dry weather in the Black Sea region, as well as a flurry of international tenders have limited losses, and even led to some support for prices for the next coming weeks.

### Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 28 (10-07-23 to 14-07-23)	Last week Week 27 (01-07-24 to 05-07-24)	This week Week 28 (08-07-24 to 12-07-24)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R3 475,75	R5 108,60	R5 185,80	1,5%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R3 536,25	R3 814,00	R3 786,80	-0,7%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	\$224,84	\$159,09	\$158,79	-0,2%
RSA Wheat per ton	R6 696,75	R6 161,20	R6 135,40	-0,4%
USA Wheat per ton	\$236,19	\$204,99	\$204,74	-0,1%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R8 490,25	R8 775,40	R8 598,80	-2,0%
USA Soybeans per ton	\$556,37	\$427,86	\$426,80	-0,2%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R9 042,50	R8 776,20	R8 930,40	1,8%
Crude oil per barrel	\$79,27	\$84,70	\$84,76	0,1%



The rand appreciated by 1.3%, 0.7% and 0.2% against the US dollar, the Euro and the Pound respectively week on week. The rand has been on a strengthening trend since the end of April, reaching R17.95/USD at the end of last week, although it has since weakened on some risk-aversion following the attempted assassination of ex- US President Donald Trump.

Brent crude oil price averaged \$84.76/barrel in the reporting week which is 0.1% higher than \$84.70/barrel week on week. Oil prices edged slightly higher as rising expectations that the Federal Reserve would soon cut interest rates, which could boost oil demand, outweighed concerns about an economic slowdown that could dampen fuel consumption.



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

Week 26 (24/06/2024 to 30/06/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 27 (01/07/2024 to 07/07/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	10540	55,71	56,09	Class A2	8766	55,83	57,44
Class A3	1065	55,69	56,21	Class A3	709	55,71	55,34
Class C2	641	43,16	45,77	Class C2	606	43,22	46,41

The units sold for class A2, A3 and C2 beef decreased by 16.8%, 33.4% and 5.5% respectively when compared to the previous week. The average purchase price for class A2, A3 and C2 beef increased by 0.2%, 0.04% and 0.1% respectively week on week. The average selling price for class A3 beef decreased by 1.5%, while class A2 and C2 beef increase by 2.4% and 1.4% respectively when compared to the previous week.

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

Week 26 (24/06/2024 to 30/06/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 27 (01/07/2024 to 07/07/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	15288	86,84	87,24	Class A2	14192	88,54	89,30
Class A3	2075	85,53	86,00	Class A3	1466	86,32	86,65
Class C2	1532	60,99	65,49	Class C2	1467	63,27	66,87

The units of lamb traded this week for class A2, A3 and C2 decreased by 7.2%, 29.3% and 4.2% respectively, when compare to the previous week. The average purchase prices for class A2, A3 and C2 lamb increased by 2.0%, 0.9% and 3.7% respectively week on week. The average selling prices for class A2, A3 and C2 lamb increased by 2.4%, 0.8% and 2.1% respectively relative to the previous week.

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

Week 26 (24/06/2024 to 30/06/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 27 (01/07/2024 to 07/07/2024)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	12249	30,74	Class BP	11522	31,09
Class HO	4585	29,81	Class HO	5337	30,53
Class HP	4894	30,04	Class HP	5493	30,62

The quantities of pork traded this week for class BP decreased by 5.9%, while class HO and HP pork increased by 16.4% and 12.2% respectively, when compared to the previous week. The average purchase price for class BP, HO and HP pork increased by 1.1%, 2.4% and 1.9% respectively, week on week.

## Latest News Developments

South Africa avoids technical recession despite challenges, with unemployment, loadshedding and a weak economy being front-line issues in the upcoming elections, the incoming administration must drive investment and reform to restart growth, build confidence and help South Africa's economy meet its potential, says advisory firm Deloitte. In its May 2024 edition of its South Africa Economic Outlook, Deloitte notes that, despite recording the worst year of loadshedding so far in 2023, South Africa managed to avoid a technical recession, with real GDP growth at 0.6% last year. In the first half of 2023, businesses and households invested in self-generation and rooftop solar power, boosting investment spending and aiding in overcoming energy shortfalls. However, household final consumption expenditure growth has been flat, given the high cost of living and the country's energy crisis. Moreover, Deloitte says business sentiment has also been flat as companies face various challenges, including high costs of business, high lending rates, power and transport constraints, as well as policy and political uncertainty linked to the upcoming elections. The firm points out that, in February, South Africa's National Treasury forecasts in its budget review of 2024 that GDP growth will reach only 1.3% this year and 1.6% in 2025, noting that South Africa's growth outlook comes in considerably lower than that of the global economy, which is projected to grow by 3.2% both this year and next. For near- to medium-term growth, Deloitte says South Africa's prospects remain constrained owing to subdued export prices, low demand, a weaker rand and the mentioned supply-side constraints to growth, together with high sovereign credit risks that increase borrowing costs and limit investment and growth.

Following a stakeholder meeting regarding the foot and mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in Humansdorp in the Eastern Cape, the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) has decided to recalibrate its approach to managing the situation. On Friday, 12 July, DALRRD's director-general, Mooketsa Ramasodi, sent a letter to the new Minister of Agriculture, John Steenhuisen, in which he briefly set out the main discussion points. According to Ramasodi, a more structured and reorganised joint operation centre (JOC) has been established, which will include representatives from all stakeholders. The JOC will serve as an apex body and will be supported by three workstreams: disease control, trade and market access, and communication. The disease control workstream will focus on issues such as matters related to alternative abattoirs, vaccination, movement controls, surveillance, science and technical justification, as well as the automatic revocation of declared status (reconsideration). The trade and market access workstream will address both local and international market access, facilitating engagements with international trading partners. The communication workstream will ensure that all stakeholders are kept informed and aligned.

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