



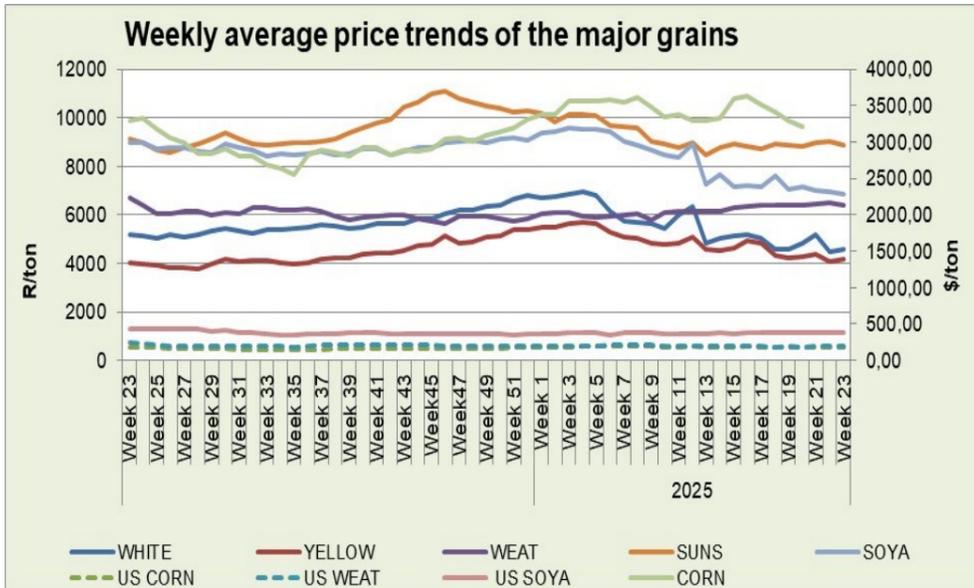
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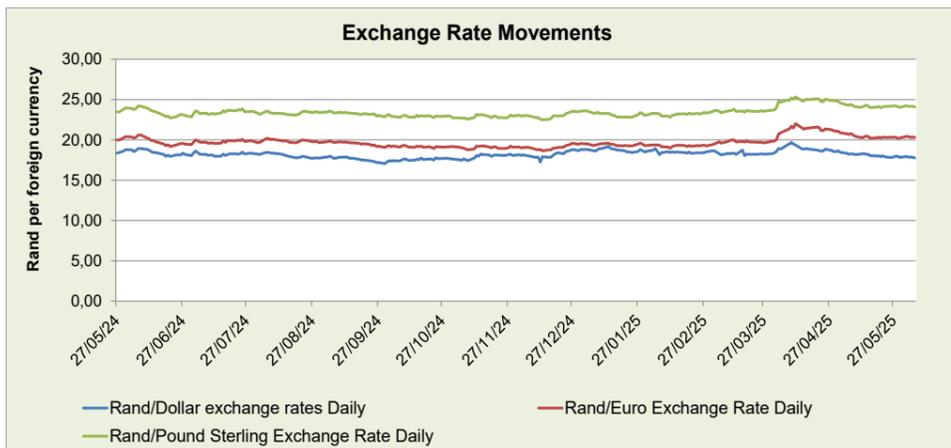
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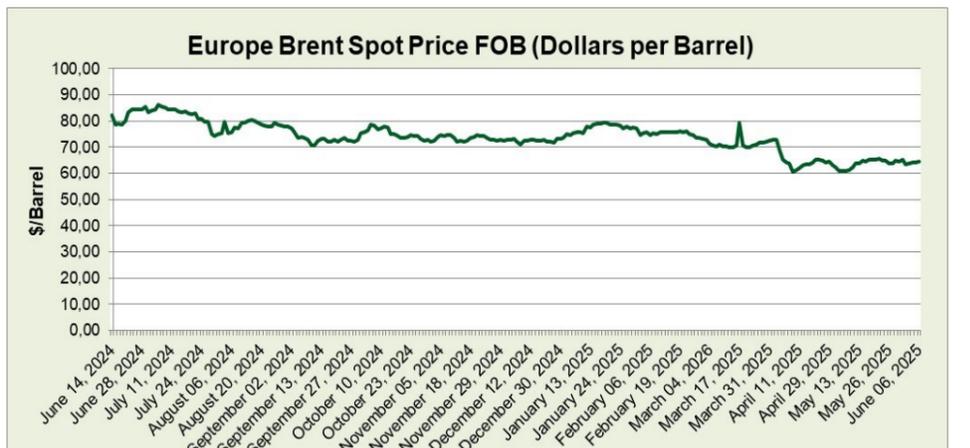
The South African grain market demonstrated conflicting results between this week and the previous week's average. White maize prices in the domestic market rose by 2.16% and yellow maize prices increased by 1.66%. The local market factors demonstrated stronger support than the worldwide maize price decline. The price of soya beans in the local market decreased by 2.10%. Wheat prices decreased by 1.70% while sunflower seed prices dropped by 1.27%. The local grain prices received support from the slight depreciation of the rand. Internationally, US Corn prices experienced a major decrease of 3.41% this week because of rising global maize production for the 2025/26 marketing year and the bearish price trend seems unavoidable. The USDA report indicates that US maize planting will increase by 5.2% which will lead to 401.8 million tons of production that represents a 6.4% rise above the previous cycle.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 23 (03-06-24 to 07-06-24)	Last week Week 22 (26-05-25 to 30-05-25)	This week Week 23 (02-06-25 to 06-06-25)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R5 007,00	R4 494,20	R4 591,20	2,16%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R4 013,80	R4 098,60	R4 166,60	1,66%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	\$174,04	\$179,22	\$173,11	-3,41%
RSA Wheat per ton	R6 680,80	R6 523,60	R6 413,00	-1,70%
USA Wheat per ton	\$242,68	\$196,76	\$198,24	-0,75%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R8 998,25	R 6 977,00	R6 830,20	-2,10%
USA Soybeans per ton	\$435,25	\$388,22	\$383,33	-1,34%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R9 137,20	R9 011,60	R8 897,20	-1,27%
Crude oil per barrel	\$78,70	\$64,45	\$63,91	0,83%



During this week, the South African rand experienced mixed performance across major currencies. The South African rand lost 0.002% of its value against the US dollar but gained 0.004% against the euro and kept its value steady against the British pound. The South African Reserve Bank maintained tight interest rates through its conservative monetary policy to control inflation and protect investor confidence which supported the rand's stability and resilience.



The price of Brent crude oil reached \$63.91 per barrel during this week while showing a 0.83% decrease from the previous week's average of \$64.45. The price decrease occurred because OPEC+ producers including Saudi Arabia and U.S. shale operations increased their output which created supply concerns. The market received support from U.S. China trade optimism and declining U.S. crude stockpiles and ongoing geopolitical tensions which maintained positive demand expectations despite the supply increase.



National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 21 (19/05/2025 to 25/05/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 22 (26/05/2025 to 01/06/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	8726	68,92	71,20	Class A2	10342	70,81	75,03
Class A3	442	66,70	70,09	Class A3	361	71,16	74,89
Class C2	2040	53,20	55,50	Class C2	1775	55,29	58,04

During this week, the number of units sold changed across beef classes, with Class A2 increasing by 18.5%, while Class A3 and Class C2 decreased by 18.3% and 13.0% respectively compared to previous week. The average purchase price for Class A2 increased by 2.7% while Class A3 experienced a 6.6% increase and Class C2 saw a 3.9% rise. The average selling prices for Class A2 and Class A3 and Class C2 increased by 5.5%, 6.8% and 4.6% respectively from the previous week.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 21 (19/05/2025 to 25/05/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 22 (26/05/2025 to 01/06/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	13297	103,28	108,45	Class A2	15625	106,53	110,35
Class A3	2122	103,20	107,78	Class A3	2274	105,32	109,69
Class C2	2407	69,36	75,68	Class C2	1801	70,7	76,82

The lamb sales performance during this week displayed conflicting outcomes. The sales numbers for A2 and A3 lamb products rose by 17.5% and 7.2% but C2 experienced a major drop of 25.2%. The average purchase prices for A2 and A3 and C2 beef products increased by 3.1%, 2.1% and 1.9% respectively while selling prices rose by 1.8%, 1.9% and 1.5% from the previous week.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 21 (19/05/2025 to 25/05/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 22 (26/05/2025 to 01/06/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	11762	31,95	Class BP	14112	32,05
Class HO	4024	30,98	Class HO	4897	31,29
Class HP	3843	31,57	Class HP	4062	31,03

During the this week, pork trade volumes increased across all classes. BP units rose by 20.0%, HO by 21.7%, and HP by 5.7%, compared to the previous week. In terms of pricing, the average purchase price increased by 0.3% for BP and 1.0% for HO, while HP recorded a slight decrease of 1.7% week-on-week.

Latest News Developments

The Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS) has launched a centralised Operational Centre (OC) in Pretoria to lead the national response to the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreak affecting several South African provinces. Working in partnership with government and the Red Meat Producers' Organisation (RPO), the OC aims to coordinate immediate containment actions, including vaccination, quarantine enforcement, and improved animal movement tracking, while also developing long-term solutions. The Department of Agriculture has committed over R70 million to procure 900,000 vaccine doses and reassured the public that red meat remains safe to eat, with no threat to supply or consumer health.

The South African Weather Service (SAWS) forecasts above-normal mid-winter rainfall for the south-west and eastern coastal regions, though only the eastern coast is expected to sustain this into early spring, with the south-west likely experiencing below-normal rainfall. However, the expected rain may offer limited benefit to water resources due to higher-than-normal temperatures. Dry conditions, abundant combustible material, and strong winds are raising wildfire concerns, prompting experts to urge farmers to update fire management plans, train workers, and maintain firebreaks. Frost risk is also increasing due to climate change, threatening winter crops, though some insurance options remain. Positively, winter grain farmers in the Western Cape have reported better planting conditions this season compared to last year, offering cautious optimism.

South Africa's agricultural exports remained resilient in the first quarter of 2025, rising by 10% year-on-year to US\$3.36 billion due to increased volumes and favourable commodity prices. Key exports included grapes, maize, apples, pears, wine, and wool, with Africa receiving the largest share (45%), followed by the EU (23%), Asia and the Middle East (16%), and the Americas (6%). Despite concerns over AGOA and rising U.S. tariffs, exports to the U.S. accounted for 4% valued at US\$202 million, marking a 14% year-on-year increase. While port inefficiencies persist, the early 2025 export season faced fewer disruptions, supporting continued sector growth.

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