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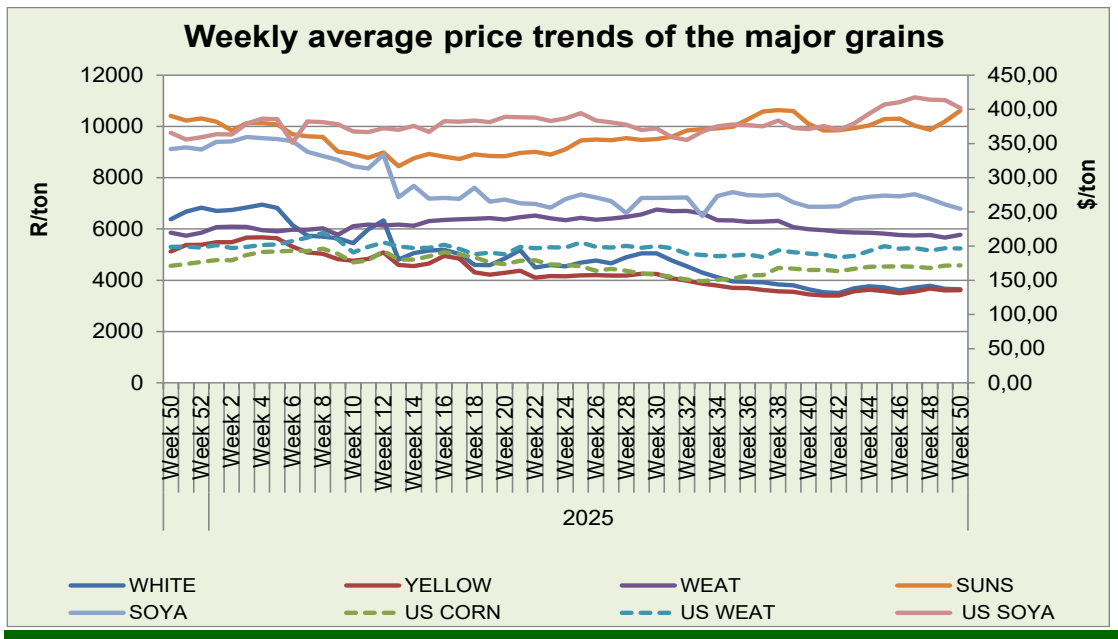
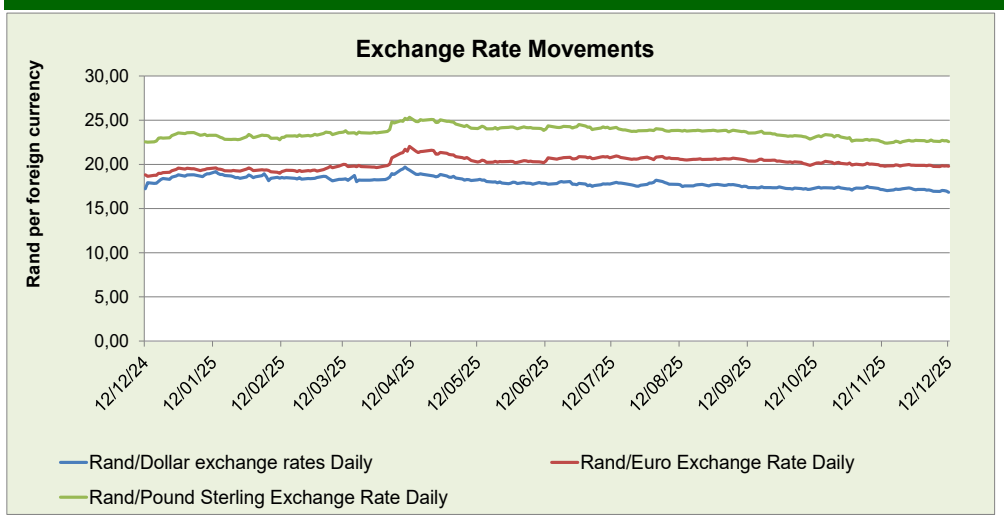


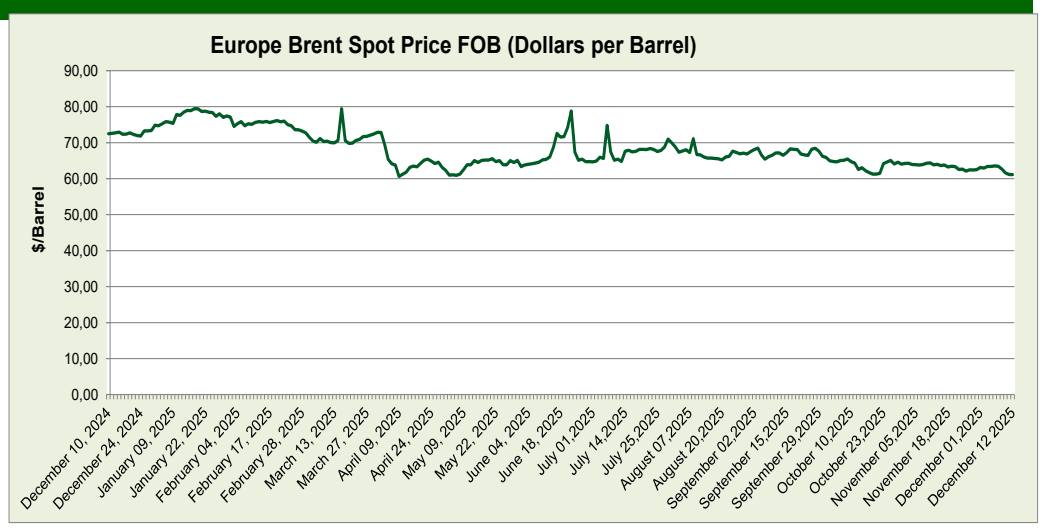
Domestic grain prices of white maize continue to weakened for two consecutive weeks by 0.3% this week compared to the previous week. The soybean prices also fell by 2.5% week on week. Meanwhile yellow maize, wheat and sunflower prices increased by 0.2%, 2.0% and 4.2% respectively during the same period. On the international front, the prices of US yellow maize continue to increase for two weeks in a raw by 0.4% this week compared to the prior week. During the same period the prices of US wheat and soybean decreased by 0.1% and 2.7% respectively. Soybean futures fell to six-week lows on Friday as worries about slowing export demand for US supplies and the looming harvest of a large Brazilian crop spurred a round of long liquidation. Wheat futures fell as large production in Argentina and Australia added to a plentiful supply.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 50 (09-12-24 to 13-12-24)	Last week Week 49 (01-12-25 to 05-12-25)	This week Week 50 (08-12-25 to 12-12-25)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R 6 380.40	R 3 661.80	R 3 651.80	-0.3%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R 5 120,20	R 3 603,80	R 3 608,60	0.2%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	$ 171,22	$ 171.25	$ 171.90	0.4%
RSA Wheat per ton	R 5 854,80	R 5 661.00	R 5 774.60	2.0%
USA Wheat per ton	$ 198.98	$ 196.75	$ 196.59	-0.1%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R 9 115.60	R 6 955.40	R 6 781.40	-2.5%
USA Soybeans per ton	$ 365.82	$ 413.38	$ 402.02	-2.7%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R 10 407.60	R 10 192.00	R 10 623.20	4.2%
Crude oil per barrel	$ 72.37	$ 63.27	$ 61.99	-2.0%



The rand appreciated for two consecutive weeks by 0.6% against the US dollar this week compared to the previous week. The rand strengthened to R16.91 against the dollar on Wednesday night after US Federal Reserve cut its interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point. During the same period rand also appreciated for weeks in a raw by 0.1% and 0.3% against the Pound Sterling and the Euro respectively.



Brent crude oil averaged $61.99 this week, indicating a 2.0% decrease from the previous week's average of $63.27. Crude oil fell as the market weighed up signs of optimism on a peace deal being reached between Russia and Ukraine. This raised concerns that recent US sanctions on Russian oil companies would be ultimately lifted, adding to an already well supplied market.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 48 (24/11/2025 to 30/11/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 49 (01/12/2025 to 07/12/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	14 066	73,73	78,43	Class A2	14 369	74,61	76,59
Class A3	599	74,61	79,85	Class A3	522	74,42	78,87
Class C2	1 281	63,92	65,75	Class C2	1 426	63,99	65,65

Units sold for class A2 and class C2 beef increased by 2.2% and 11.3% respectively this week compared to the previous week, meanwhile units sold for class A3 beef decreased for two consecutive weeks by 12.9% week-on-week. The weekly average purchase prices for class A2 and class C2 beef increased by 1.2% and 0.1% respectively, whereas, the weekly average purchase price for class A3 beef experienced a decline of 0.3% this week compared to the previous week. Meanwhile, the weekly average selling prices for class A2, class A3 and class C2 beef all decline by 2.3%, 1.2% and 0.2% respectively during the same period.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 48 (24/11/2025 to 30/11/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 49 (01/12/2025 to 07/12/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	18 827	108,63	110,22	Class A2	19 580	109,43	111,56
Class A3	3 948	106,34	109,45	Class A3	3 452	107,33	111,34
Class C2	1 432	82,98	90,26	Class C2	1 698	82,70	89,96

Units sold for class A2 and class C2 lamb experienced increases for two weeks in a raw by 4.0% and 18.6% respectively this week when compared to the previous week, whilst the units sold for class A3 lamb decline by 12.6 week on week. The weekly average purchase prices for class A2 and class A3 lamb rose by 0.7% and 0.9%, respectively, in the reporting week compared to the prior week, while the weekly average purchase price for class C2 lamb decreased by 0.3% week-on-week. During the same period, the weekly average selling prices for class A2 and class A3 lamb increased by 1.2% and 1.7% respectively, meanwhile the weekly average selling price for class C2 lamb fell by 0.3% week-on-week.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 48 (24/11/2025 to 30/11/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 49 (01/12/2025 to 07/12/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	3 498	40.02	Class BP	3 459	40.34
Class HO	11 225	38.97	Class HO	10 377	38.80
Class HP	16 165	38.61	Class HP	17 926	38.66

Units sold for class BP and class HO pork decreased for two consecutive weeks by 1.1% and 7.6%, respectively, this week compared to the previous week, meanwhile units sold for class HP increased by 10.9% week on week. The weekly average purchase price for class BP and class HP pork increased by 0.8% and 0.1% respectively, in the reporting week compared to the previous week. During the same period the weekly average purchase price for class HO decreased by 0.4%.

Latest News Developments

The US House committee on Wednesday approved a bill that would renew for another three years Washington's preferential trade programme for Africa. In a possible sign of reprieve for Africa's most industrialised economy, there was no immediate mention of excluding South Africa as the US trade envoy had said was possible. The African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), a law first enacted in 2000 to provide duty-free access to the US market for eligible Sub-Saharan countries and products, expired in September and hundreds of thousands of African jobs are estimated to depend on it. The progress in extending AGOA with no mention yet of excluding South Africa is a rare glimpse of hope in a process that has long being explicitly moving against the nation. In November, it was revealed that US Senator John Kennedy introduced a new bill to extend AGOA for two years that would explicitly exclude South Africa. According to Kennedy, the bill, called the AGOA Extension and Bilateral Engagement Act or "AGOA 2.0", would extend the programme for two years, but only for countries that support US interests. South Africa has repeatedly been singled out as working against US interests and this has largely due to South Africa's close alignment with China, Russia and Iran, as well as leading the genocide case against US ally, Israel.

Botswana has again restricted imports of several vegetables from its neighbours, including South Africa. A government notice issued by Botswana's Ministry of Land and Agriculture on December 8 lists about 16 vegetables that are banned from import. This includes tomatoes, potatoes, white and red cabbage, onions, watermelon, beetroot, carrots, lettuce, ginger, red and yellow peppers, garlic and butternut. The ban is in place until further notice. South Africa exports about $218 million (R3.69 billion) of vegetables annually to global markets. Botswana accounts for roughly $17 million (R288 million), or 8%, of that total. The precise number of local farmers affected by the latest restrictions is unclear. Speaking on The Money Show, Agbiz chief economist Wandile Sihlobo said Botswana's latest trade ban on South African produce is very frustrating. He noted that it is not only frustrating for local farmers and exporters, but also undermines the regional trade rules meant to guide economic cooperation between the two countries.

The Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has confirmed three separate outbreaks of foot-and-mouth disease across the province, prompting immediate quarantine measures, movement restrictions, and a coordinated emergency response. Limpopo Veterinary Services is investigating the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) outbreaks, which were detected in the Vhembe and Waterberg districts and at an auction facility in Makhado Local Municipality. The first case was confirmed in Khubvi Village near Makonde, an area classified as a High Surveillance Area. Authorities have implemented strict control measures, given the zone's importance for disease monitoring and trade assurances. A second infection was detected at the Vivo auction facility. Trace-back investigations linked the infected animals to a property in Alldays in the Blouberg Local Municipality. Both the property and its associated animal movements are under close veterinary scrutiny. The third outbreak involves two neighbouring commercial feedlots, Leeupoort and Witklip, in the Waterberg District Municipality. Epidemiological teams are currently stationed on-site to determine the extent of infection and enforce containment protocols.

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