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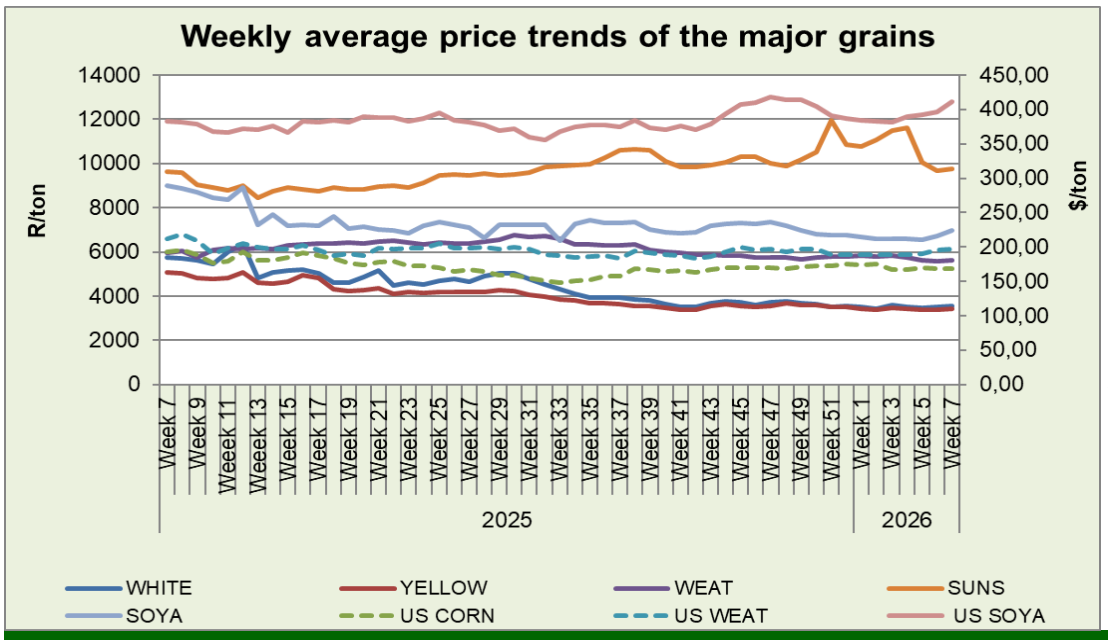
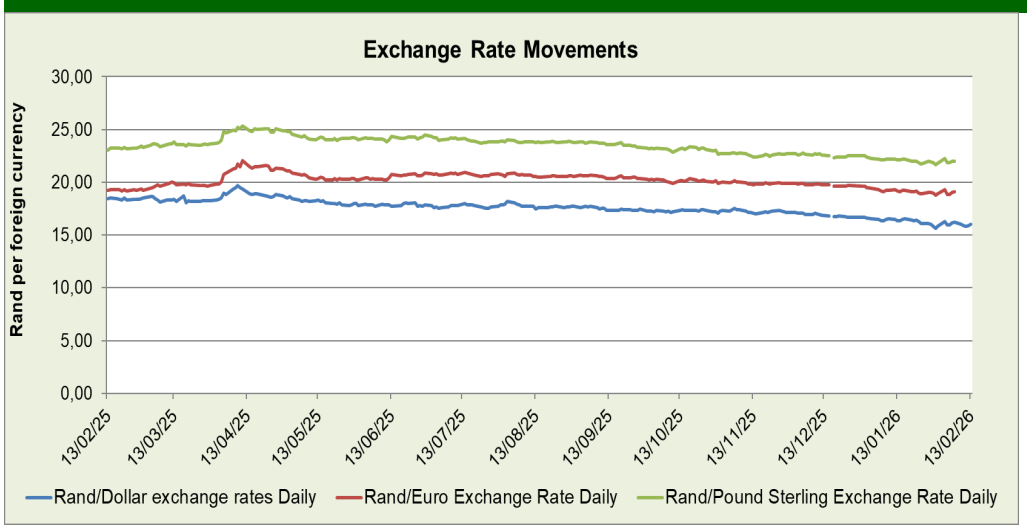


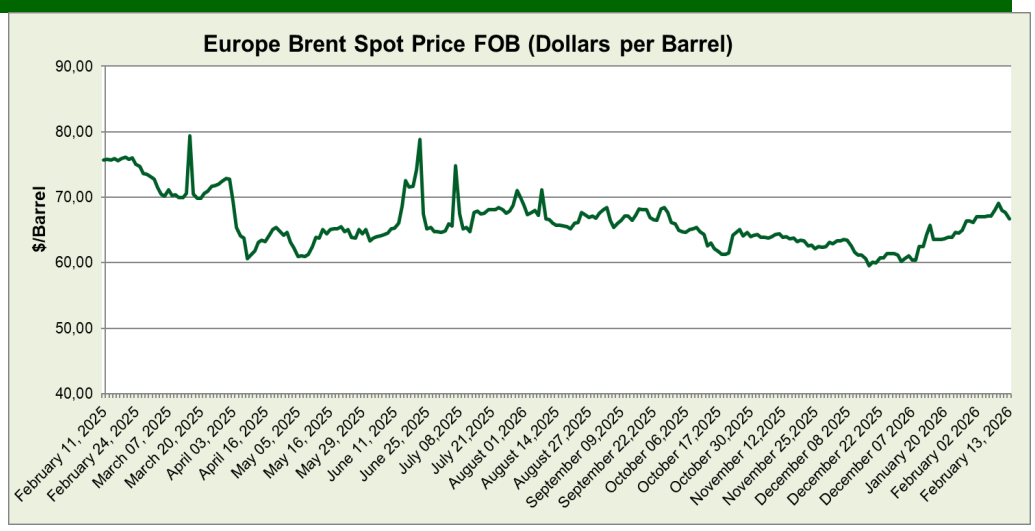
The price of grains increased this week relative to the previous week, the price of white & yellow maize increased by 1.2% and 1.8% whilst the USA price remained stable. Maize and soybeans followed higher wheat prices which surged on strong export demand. The price of local & international wheat both increased by 0.8% relative to the previous week. Wheat exports to non EU destinations more than doubled year-on-year in North African and Middle Eastern markets. The price of local & international soybeans increased by 4.1% and 3.7%, respectively. US Soybeans prices rose, on reports that the US and China may extend their trade truce. The price of sunflower increased by a percentage point relative to the previous week.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 7 (10-02-25 to 14-02-25)	Last week Week 6 (02-02-26 to 06-02-26)	This week Week 7 (09-02-26 to 13-02-26)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R5 736,00	R 3 522.00	R3 562,60	1,2%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R5 083,80	R 3 387,80	R3 448,00	1,8%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	$192,62	$ 169.01	$168,97	0,0%
RSA Wheat per ton	R5 974,60	R 5 563.40	R5 607,40	0,8%
USA Wheat per ton	$212,44	$ 195.18	$196,65	0,8%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R9 006,60	R 6 704.00	R6 976,60	4,1%
USA Soybeans per ton	$382,12	$ 396.42	$411,25	3,7%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R9 615,20	R 9 675.60	R9 773,40	1,0%
Crude oil per barrel	$75,63	$ 67.07	$67,91	1,3%



The Rand appreciated against the Dollar, the Euro, the Pound by 1%, 0.4% and 1.1 % respectively. The South African Rand edged up on Thursday as investors awaited President Cyril Ramaphosa's annual State of the Nation address to gain a clearer picture of the country's economic and political outlook.



The price of brent crude oil increased by 1.3% relative to the previous week. Oil prices settled marginally higher this week compared to the previous week, after data showed an overall slow down in U.S. inflation, helping offset supply concerns as OPEC+, is leaning towards a resumption in production increases.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 5 (26/01/2026 to 01/02/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 6 (02/02/2026 to 08/02/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	10 900	65,98	67,93	Class A2	10132	64,30	65,75
Class A3	606	66,41	69,76	Class A3	634	64,69	68,18
Class C2	1 304	57,97	62,52	Class C2	1352	56,67	61,28

The units of beef traded this week compared to the previous week, increased by 4.6% and 3.7% for class A3 and C2.while decreasing by 7% for class A2. The producer price for all classes decreased, the producer price for class A2, A3 and C2 beef decreased by 2.5%, 2.6% and 2.2% while the market prices for all classes also decreased by 3.2%, 2.3% and 2% respectively.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 5 (26/01/2026 to 01/02/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 6 (02/02/2026 to 08/02/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	15 888	104,36	105,39	Class A2	14356	103,37	103,70
Class A3	2 175	99,14	106,17	Class A3	2682	97,26	105,47
Class C2	1 040	80,82	89,23	Class C2	1308	81,21	88,94

The units of lamb traded this week decreased by 10% for class A2 , while increasing by 23% & 26% for class A3 and C2. The producer prices decreased for class A2 and A3 by 0.9% and 1.9% while increasing by 0.5% for class C2. The market prices for class A2, A3 and C2 lamb decreased by 1.6%, 0.7% and 0.3%.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 5 (26/01/2026 to 01/02/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 6 (02/02/2026 to 08/02/2026)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	3 803	40.65	Class BP	3399	40,81
Class HO	8 921	39.46	Class HO	7647	39,38
Class HP	17 601	39.26	Class HP	18570	39,39

The units of pork traded this week decreased by 10,6% and 14.3% for class BP and HO compared to last week, while increasing by 5.5% for class HP. The producer price for class BP and HP pork increased this week relative to last week increasing by 0.4% and 0.3% while the price of HO decreased by 0.2%.

Latest News Developments

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), as part of its yearly consultation with South Africa, has found that its economy has proven resilient thus far, owing to natural endowments, independent institutions and a strong monetary policy framework. It warns, however, that the country also faces downside risks and entrenched structural impediments that constrain potential growth and employment.

Wines South Africa says the priority for the credible framework for growth, competitiveness and transformation that is the Agricultural and Agro-processing Master Plan (AAMP) is for faster, coordinated delivery, backed by targeted public funding, policy certainty and effective execution across all spheres of government. Wine CEO Rico Basson says “the wine and brandy sector is ready to partner with government to deliver. What is needed now is coordinated execution, targeted public investment and policy certainty that crowds in private capital. Faster implementation will not only strengthen our sector, but it will also demonstrate how effective delivery can drive inclusive growth, rural development and export competitiveness across the economy,”

Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) hosted a webinar where emphasis was on the small-scale food system actors that has a crucial role to play in alleviating poverty in South Africa and urged municipalities to be enabling entities of this underrated powerhouse sector. HSRC researcher Vandudzai Mbanda stated that strengthening small-scale agri-food systems in urban, peri-urban and rural settings in South Africa was crucial if the country was to meet its 2030 National Development Policy goals.

Global financial technology firm Verto says the South African agriculture export sector is experiencing a period of robust horticulture-driven growth, with exports projected to have exceeded $13.7-billion last year, although systemic inefficiencies and rising costs threaten these gains. The sector’s export growth has primarily been fuelled by strong demand for high-value commodities such as citrus, grapes and macadamia nuts, with exports of these commodities having grown by 92% year-on-year in the second quarter of 2025 alone.

The South African Diaspora Report 2026 by the University of Cape Town’s Liberty Institute of Strategic Marketing cited that South Africans living abroad stated fears about insecurity and safety as their main reason for leaving the country. Nearly half of the 1 500 South Africans living in 73 countries polled stated concerns about crime, the future of their children and career prospects have driven more than 1-million rich and well-educated South Africans to emigrate. Data from the United Nations and Statistics South Africa’s mid-year population estimates suggest more than 1 million South Africans, equivalent to less than 2% of the country’s population, live overseas, with the UK, Australia and US accounting for more than half of the diaspora. About 60% of those canvassed live in households earning more than $100 000 and a further 20% more than $200 000. South Africa's Statistics agency published mining data which showed that december mining output rose 2.5% year-on-year compared.

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