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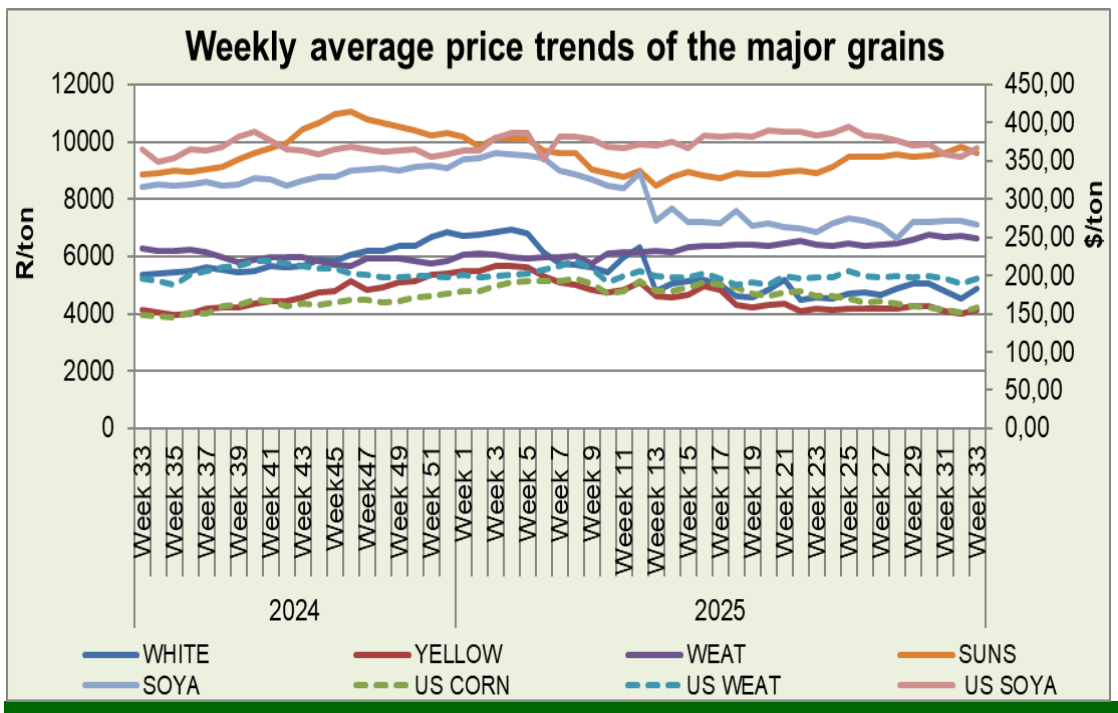
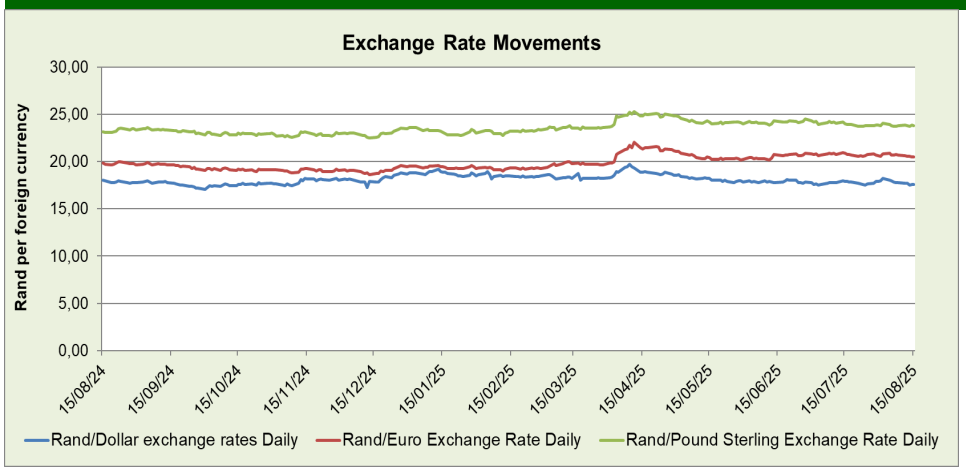


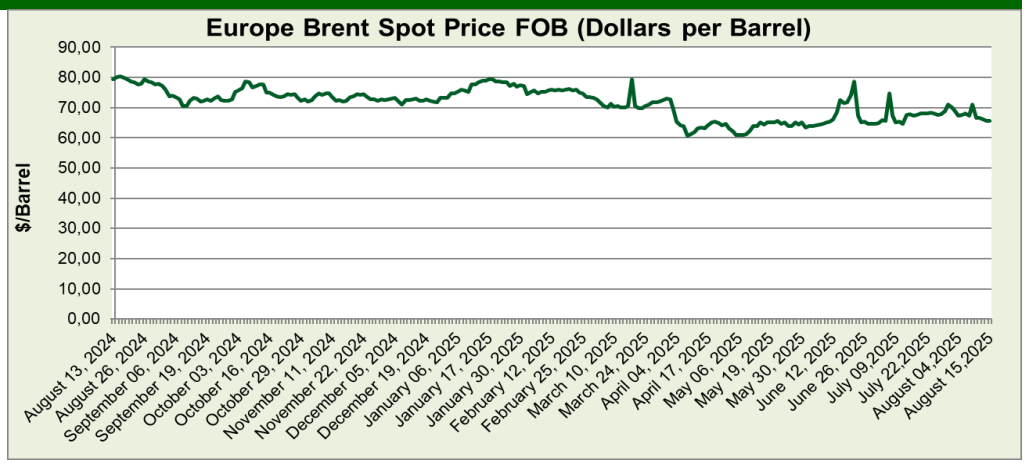
The price of local white and yellow maize decreased by 5.3% and 3.1% this week relative to last week, while the US maize price decreased by 1.6% this week. The decline follows the USDA forecasts of huge maize crop as the updated harvest exceeded the average estimate. The price of local wheat decreased by a 1.5% while the international wheat price decreased by 0.9%. As USDA crop status show ample world wheat supplies, USDA indicates that prices at near five year lows. The price of local soybean increased by 0.3%, while the USA soybean price increased by 3.5%. US Department of Agriculture reduced their soybeans planted area by almost 3% reducing their crop projections. The price of local sunflower increased by 0.5% relative to the previous week.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 33 (12-08-24 to 16-08-24)	Last week Week 32 (04-08-25 to 08-08-25)	This week Week 33 (11-08-25 to 15-08-25)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R5 371,20	R 4 543.40	R4 300,40	-5,3%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R4 123,20	R 3 985,80	R3 861,20	-3,1%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	$149,08	$ 151.00	$148,65	-1,6%
RSA Wheat per ton	R6 274,00	R 6 708.20	R6 607,20	-1,5%
USA Wheat per ton	$196,24	$ 188.80	$187,03	-0,9%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R8 429,40	R 7 232.40	R7253,20	0.3%
USA Soybeans per ton	$364,50	$ 355.00	$367,39	3,5%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R8 872,20	R 9 844.00	R9 895,40	0,5%
Crude oil per barrel	$79,83	$ 68.28	$66,13	-3,1%



The rand appreciated against the dollar, Euro & pound by 1.5%, 0.9% and 0.1% respectively relative to the previous week. South Africa's rand strengthened this week against a weaker dollar, as gold prices increased as concerns over the United States fiscus caused investors to chose safe-haven asset, resulting in a rise in the price of gold.



Oil prices decreased by 3.1% this week relative to the previous weak as the market awaited talks between U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian leader Vladimir Putin, which if all agree could lead to an easing of the sanctions imposed on Moscow over the war in Ukraine.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 31 (28/07/2025 to 03/08/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 32 (04/08/2025 to 10 /08/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	13 309	75,65	83,20	Class A2	9949	73,70	78,83
Class A3	665	77,25	84,36	Class A3	410	71,38	78,36
Class C2	1 928	58,82	63,24	Class C2	662	58,10	64,51

The quantity of beef traded this week increased by 25.2%, 38.3% and 65.7% respectively relative to the previous week. The producer prices decreased by 2.6%, 7.6% and 1.2% respectively, while the market prices decreased by 5.3% and 7.1% for class A2 and A3, while increasing by 2% for class C2.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 31 (28/07/2025 to 03/08/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 32 (04/08/2025 to 10 /08/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	15 314	106,00	108,97	Class A2	10729	106,52	109,92
Class A3	2 357	104,86	106,58	Class A3	1731	105,37	108,61
Class C2	1 080	78,30	83,64	Class C2	1029	81,50	90,26

The quantity of lamb sold this week decreased for class A2,A3 and C2 by 30%, 26.6% and 4.7% relative to the previous week. The producer prices increased for all classes; class A2, A3 and C2 prices increased by 0.5%, 0,5% and 4.1%, with the market prices increasing by 0.9%, 1.9% and 7.9% respectively.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 31 (28/07/2025 to 03/08/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 32 (04/08/2025 to 10 /08/2025)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	12 393	34,32	Class BP	13573	33,79
Class HO	4 580	33,37	Class HO	4936	33,91
Class HP	4 722	33,83	Class HP	4572	33,79

The quantity of pork sold this week increased for class BP and HO by 9.5% and 7.8% respectively, while decreasing for class HP by 3.2%. The producer prices decreased for class BP and HP by 1.5% and 0.1% while increasing by 1.6% for class HO.

Latest News Developments

Agricultural industry organisation AgriSA has called on government to withdraw the draft Mineral Resources Development Amendment Bill and subject it to a full socioeconomic-impact assessment (SEIA), as well as introduce binding landowner consent for mining on zoned agricultural land. The organisation expresses serious concern over the draft Bill, arguing that the Bill's current form poses significant risks to South Africa's agricultural sector, food security and rural sustainability.

Industry organisation the Association of Meat Importers and Exporters (AMIE) has welcomed the government's "Plan A" for long-term trade resilience and competitiveness, which was jointly announced by Trade, Industry and Competition Minister Parks Tau and Agriculture Minister John Steenhuisen. The plan emphasises market diversification and commits to protecting jobs and rural livelihoods, which are critical for South Africa's meat export industry. The industry stated that this is an important opportunity to build long-term growth for the beef export sector and South Africa's broader red meat industry. However, to realise this growth, key operational gaps must be addressed urgently to facilitate access to new and existing export market opportunities.

SA Canegrowers called on food and beverage manufacturers and retailers to commit to buying mainly local sugar in order to support the industry on which one-million livelihoods depends. Trade, Industry and Competition Minister Parks Tau's gazetted a regulation that will allow retailers, food and beverage manufacturers, millers and growers to collectively negotiate on buying mainly local sugar without the talks breaching the Competition Act. The exemptions include diversifying the industry into sectors such as sustainable aviation fuels to enable long-term growth. Higgins Mdluli SA Canegrowers chairperson stated that; "The exemption from competition regulations will allow industry-wide discussions without fear of falling foul of the Competition Act for a period of five years. Such discussions include working towards commitments from local commercial users of sugar and retailers to use and stock mainly locally produced sugar".

South Africa's revised trade offer to the US described as 'broad, generous, open and ambitious' South Africa submitted a revised trade offer to the US, after its previous 'Framework Agreement' submitted in May failed to avert the institution of 30% 'reciprocal tariffs' on South African products as from August 8. Details of the new offer were not provided during a joint briefing hosted by Trade, Industry and Competition Minister and Agriculture Minister. Nevertheless, it was confirmed that it was confined to trade and tariff matters and did not include offers in relation to some of the domestic policy complaints raised by President Donald Trump.

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

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