



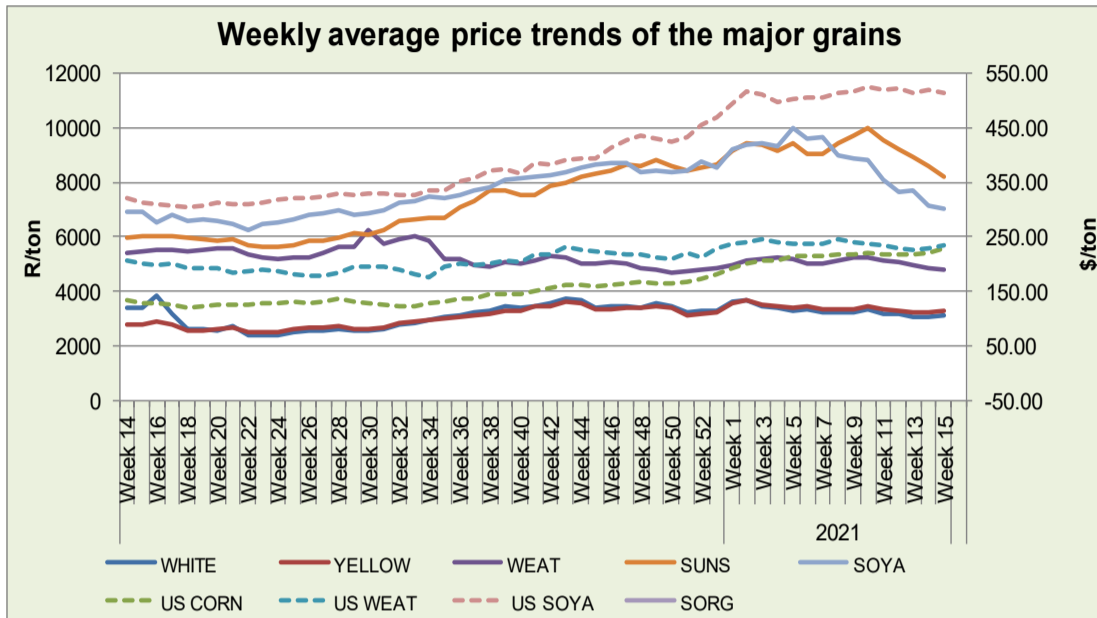
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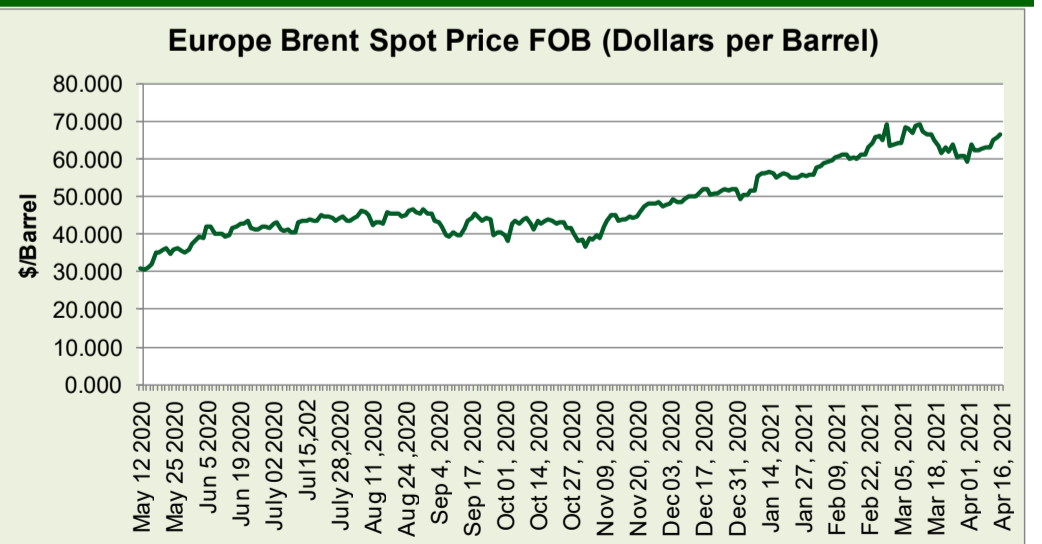
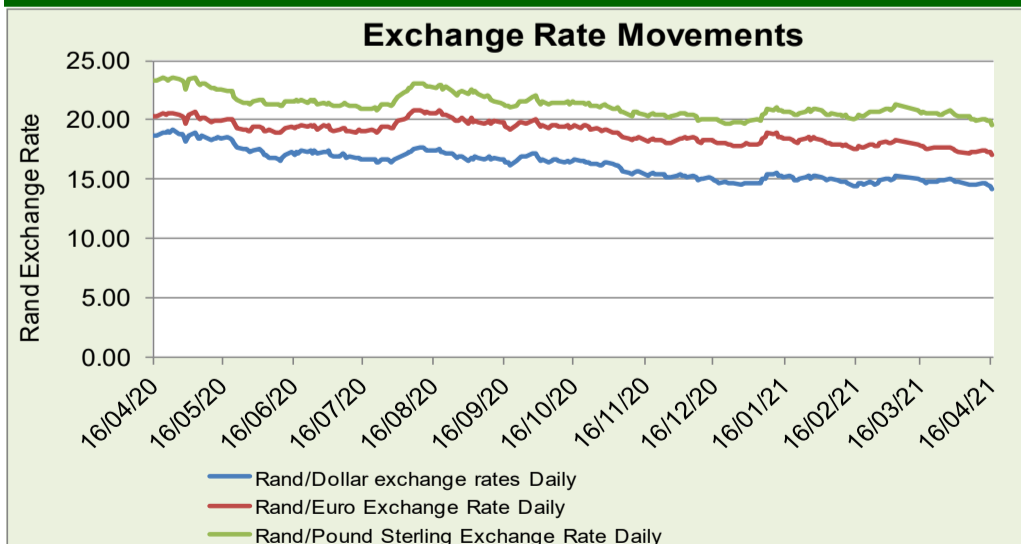
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The domestic and international grain market with traded sideways this week in relation to the previous week. The domestic price of white maize and yellow maize increased by 1.0% and 0.7% whilst the price of local wheat and soybean reported a decrease in prices by 1.1% and 1.7% respectively, this week compared to previous week. Sunflower price reported a significant decrease in price by 4.5% to R8200/ton in comparison to previous week. The price of sweet sorghum remain unchanged at R3850/ton week-on-week. The decrease in the domestic price for wheat, soybean and sunflower is inter alia; attributed to stronger rand against major currencies over the previous weeks. Internationally, prices traded firmer for US corn and US wheat which saw prices increased by 3.6% and 3.2% respectively, while the price of US soya decreased by 1.7% this week compared to previous week.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 15 (06-04-20 to 10-04-20)	This week Week 14 (29-03-21 to 01-04-21)	This week Week 15 (12-04-21 to 16-04-21)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R 3 417.75	R 3 091,75	R 3 122,40	1,0%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R 2 814.50	R 3 254,75	R 3 277,00	0,7%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	\$ 129.68	\$ 221,19	\$ 229,14	3,6%
RSA Wheat per ton	R 5 484,75	R 4 858,5	R 4 806,80	-1,1%
USA Wheat per ton	\$ 201,64	\$ 227,65	\$ 235,00	3,2%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R 6 897,00	R 7 154.00	R 7 035,00	-1,7%
USA Soybeans per ton	\$ 314,06	\$ 519,47	\$ 514,33	-1,0%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R 6 007,50	R 8 582,5	R 8 200,20	-4,5%
RSA Sweet Sorghum per ton	R 3215.00	R 3 850.20	R 3 850.20	0,0%
Crude oil per barrel	\$ 36,82	\$ 62,75	\$ 64,91	3,3%



The rand continued its rally for the second consecutive week against major currencies. The rand appreciated by 2.8%, 1.3% and 3.1% against the dollar, euro and the British pound respectively week-on-week. Recent demand for emerging-market currencies has been driven by weakness in the US dollar and Treasury yields after minutes from the US central bank's latest meeting showed it was in no hurry to tighten monetary policy.

Brent crude oil averaged \$64.91/barrel in the reporting week which is 3.3% higher than \$62.75/barrel reported in the previous week. Both the International Energy Agency and the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) increased their forecasts for oil demand growth for 2021, citing the stronger-than-expected rebound in activity in certain economies.



National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 13 (2021/03/29 to 2021/04/04)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 14 (2021/04/05 to 2021/04/11)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	8 355	51.8	55.48	Class A2	6 356	52.83	53.56
Class A3	833	51.23	55.45	Class A3	595	52.77	53.74
Class C2	450	43.94	47.38	Class C2	350	45.07	46.92

Beef was a less preferred meat this week which reported a significant decreased in units sold when compared to the previous week. The units sold for beef class A2, A3 and C2 decreased by 23.9%, 28.6% and 22.2% respectively this week compared to last week. Similarly, the average selling prices for beef class A2, A3 and C2 also decreased by 3.5%, 3.1% and 1.0% respectively, while the average purchase prices for beef class A2, A3 and C2 increased by 2.0%, 3.0% and 2.6% week-on-week.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 13 (2021/03/29 to 2021/04/04)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 14 (2021/04/05 to 2021/04/11)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Class A2	7826	84.20	86.69	Class A2	5551	84.93	84.67
Class A3	808	82.71	85.92	Class A3	696	83.46	83.42
Class C2	1541	64.97	66.32	Class C2	472	61.82	63.95

The units sold for all classes of lamb was also in the negative territory this reporting week. The units sold for lamb class A2, A3 and C2 decreased significantly by 29.1%, 13.9% and 69.4% respectively in the reporting week compared to the previous week. The average purchase prices for lamb class A2 and A3 increased by 0.9% each while the average purchase price for lamb class C2 decreased by 4.8% week-on-week. The average selling prices for lamb class A2, A3 and C2 were down by 2.3%, 2.9% and 3.6% respectively, week-on-week.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

Week 13 (2021/03/29 to 2021/04/04)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 14 (2021/04/05 to 2021/04/11)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Class BP	10251	29.09	Class BP	8203	29.52
Class HO	6154	29.09	Class HO	5977	29.2
Class HP	3852	28.49	Class HP	4650	28.99

The units sold for pork class BP and HO decreased by 20.0% and 2.9% respectively, while pork class HP increased by 20.7% this week when compared to the previous week. The average purchase prices for pork class BP, HO and HP reported an increase in prices by 1.5%, 0.4% and 1.8% respectively, week-on-week.

Latest News Developments

According to UN body, three million farmers in Africa who supply most of the world with cashew nuts are not cashing in on the booming demand due to a lack of processing facilities. Since 2000, world production and trade in cashew nuts have more than doubled with African producers led by Ivory Coast, accounting for almost two-thirds of the growth. The new report by United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTD) reported that farmers in African who exports cashew nut gets only a fraction of the final retail price. The reported added that African farmers, exporters and workers are missing out on a wealth of opportunity due to lack of facilities. Behind Ivory Coast as the main producers are Tanzania, Nigeria, Benin, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Ghana. The report estimated that by the time cashew nuts are process in the EU, their price is 8.5 times higher than when they left the farm in Ivory Coast.

The strain of avian influenza found at a farm in Johannesburg is highly pathogenic and could lead to more countries banning poultry imports from South Africa. It is estimated that 300 birds from a commercial farm in Ekurhuleni were culled after testing positive for the H5 strain of the Avain flu (Department of Animal Health). In light of the above, the Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food security in Botswana has announced an immediate ban on the importation of all domesticated and wild birds and their products such as meat, eggs and feathers from South Africa. South African Poultry Association's (SAPA) and Egg Organisation general manager reported that reports of trucks delivering eggs being turned away from the Mozambican border on Friday, 16 April were received. The director at Animal Health in the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development was working with her counterparts in Botswana to have the ban reversed. He indicated that the confirmation of the outbreak was not sufficient for Botswana to justify a ban on all poultry products.

Since its establishment in 1992 as a private, non-profit training facility, the KwaZulu-Natal Poultry Institute (KZNPI) has provided theoretical and practical courses to thousands of people from South Africa and other African countries. Dr Nicky Tyler, a lecturer in animal and poultry science at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and chairperson of the KZNPI indicated that trainees usually undergo three to five days of intensive theoretical and practical training at the institute's premises in Pietermaritzburg, boarding on site. However, with the arrival of COVID-19 in early 2020, the training has been affected. Tyler stresses that effective training in the fundamentals of poultry production requires trainees to gain hands-on practical experience. Many practices, such as the correct physical handling and observation of birds, evaluating the quality of house litter through sight, smell and touch, feeling in-house airflow, temperatures and relative humidity, and taking blood samples, simply cannot be properly taught and learnt via theoretical lessons or even by videos.

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