



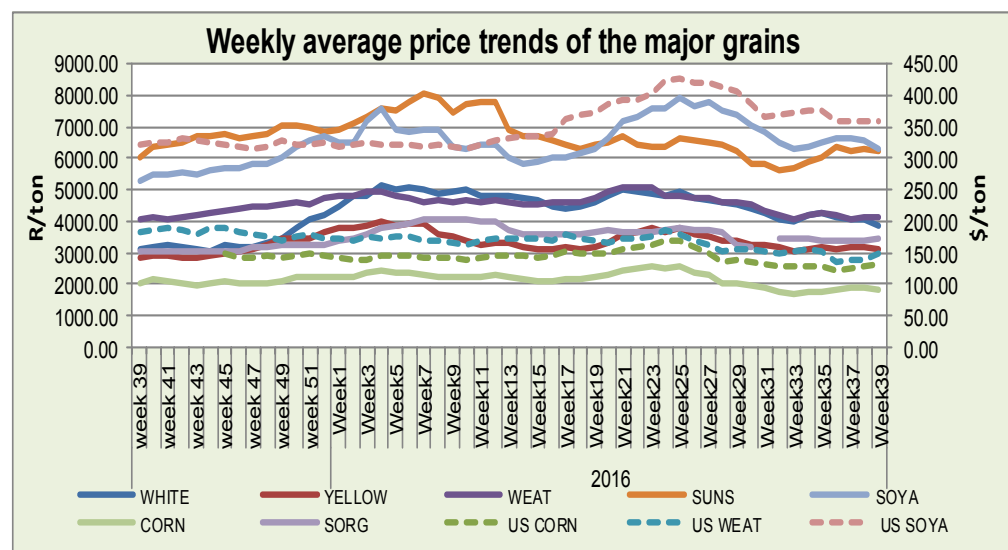
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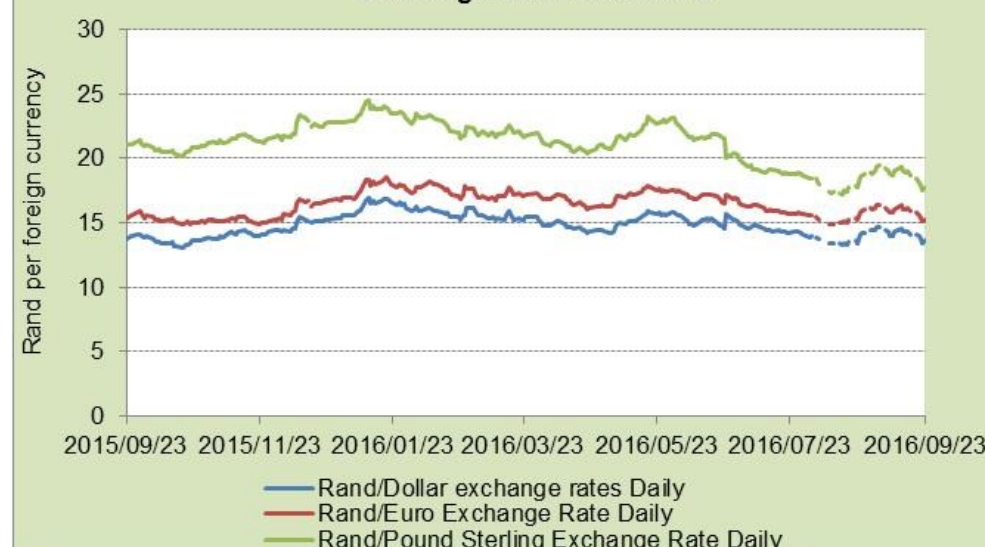


The price of both white and yellow maize declined compared to last week. Current maize deliveries and intended imports indicate that South Africa should have enough maize stocks to February-March next year. US Maize prices are uncertain depending on the weather dependent; rainfall could delay the harvesting process. The more the harvest progresses, the greater the likelihood of getting more accurate yield forecasts. US Wheat higher this week on improved demand and change to Egypt import policies. Soybeans reached the lowest level since April 2016 on continued selling and stronger rand, however US prices were slightly higher.

Spot price trends of major grains commodities

	1 year ago Week 39 (21-09-15 to 25-09-15)	Last week Week 38 (12-09-16 to 16-09-16)	This week Week 39 (19-09-16 to 23-09-16)	w-o-w % change
RSA White Maize per ton	R 3 091.60	R 4 090.60	R 3 830.60	-6.4%
RSA Yellow Maize per ton	R 2 841.80	R 3 199.80	R 3 115.00	-2.7%
USA Yellow Maize per ton	\$139.51	\$ 128.39	\$ 133.16	3.7%
RSA Wheat per ton	R4 238.40	R 4 130.80	R 4 116.00	-0.4%
USA Wheat per ton	\$171.09	\$ 140.34	\$ 148.88	6.1%
RSA Soybeans per ton	R5 470.80	R 6 566.60	R 6 310.00	-3.9%
USA Soybeans per ton	\$ 324.98	\$ 358.04	\$ 358.60	0.2%
RSA Sunflower seed per ton	R6 045.00	R 6 313.40	R 6 253.40	-1.0%
RSA Sorghum per ton	R3 050.00	R 3 400.00	R 3 473.00	2.1%
Crude oil per barrel	\$ 47.60	\$ 45.11	\$ 48.81	8.2%

Exchange Rate Movements



The rand appreciated during the week receiving a boost after the US Federal Reserve and Bank of Japan maintained a commitment to loosen monetary policies to boost their struggling economies.

Europe Brent Spot Price FOB (Dollars per Barrel)



The price of crude oil averaged \$48.81 in the reporting week, which is 8.2% lower than the \$46.12 reported last week. News of a supply freeze added some impetus to the price of oil during the week only to decline on Friday on news that Saudi Arabia and Iran are struggling to reach an agreement on the supply freeze.



National South African Price information (RMAA) : Beef

Week 37 (12/09/2016 to 18/09/2016)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 38 (19/09/2016 to 25/09/2016)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Beef				Beef			
Class A2	12028	38	37.59	Class A2	9 627	37.89	37.8
Class A3	1130	37.96	37.84	Class A3	969	37.91	38.05
Class C2	1900	32.03	32.54	Class C2	1 459	32.36	32.64

The weekly average beef selling and purchasing price for class A2 decreased by 0.2 and 0.3% respectively. The number of units sold also were 20% lower this week .Class A3 and class C2 increased slightly this week, the weekly average selling price and purchasing price increased by 0.6% and 0.3% respectively. The units sold were 14%and 23% lower respectively.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Lamb

Week 37(12/09/2016 to 18/09/2016)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price	Week 38 (19/09/2016 to 25/09/2016)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Avg Selling Price
Lamb				Lamb			
Class A2	11055	61.58	60.13	Class A2	12 890	61.31	60.01
Class A3	2381	61.87	59.79	Class A3	2 537	61.5	59.62
Class C2	707	48.13	48.77	Class C2	1 176	48.14	47.56

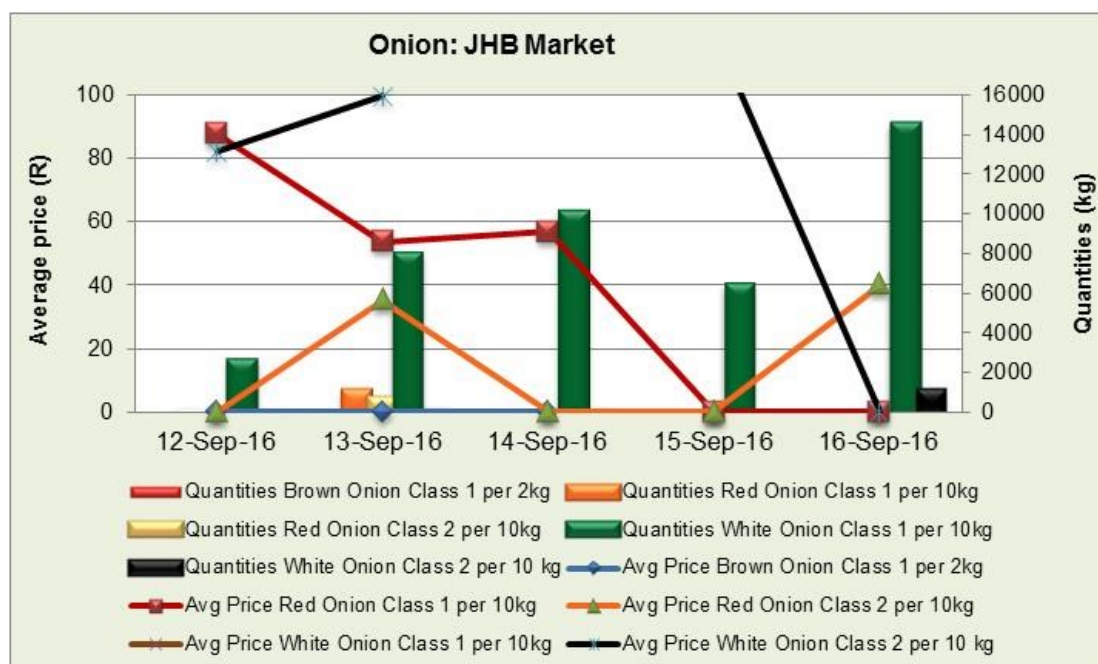
The weekly average lamb purchasing price for class A2 and class A3 decreased again this week decreasing by 0.4%, and 0.6% respective; while the price for class C2 was stable . The selling price for class A2; A3 and C2 also decreased by 0.2%; 0.3% and 2.5% respectively.

National South African Price information (RMAA) : Pork

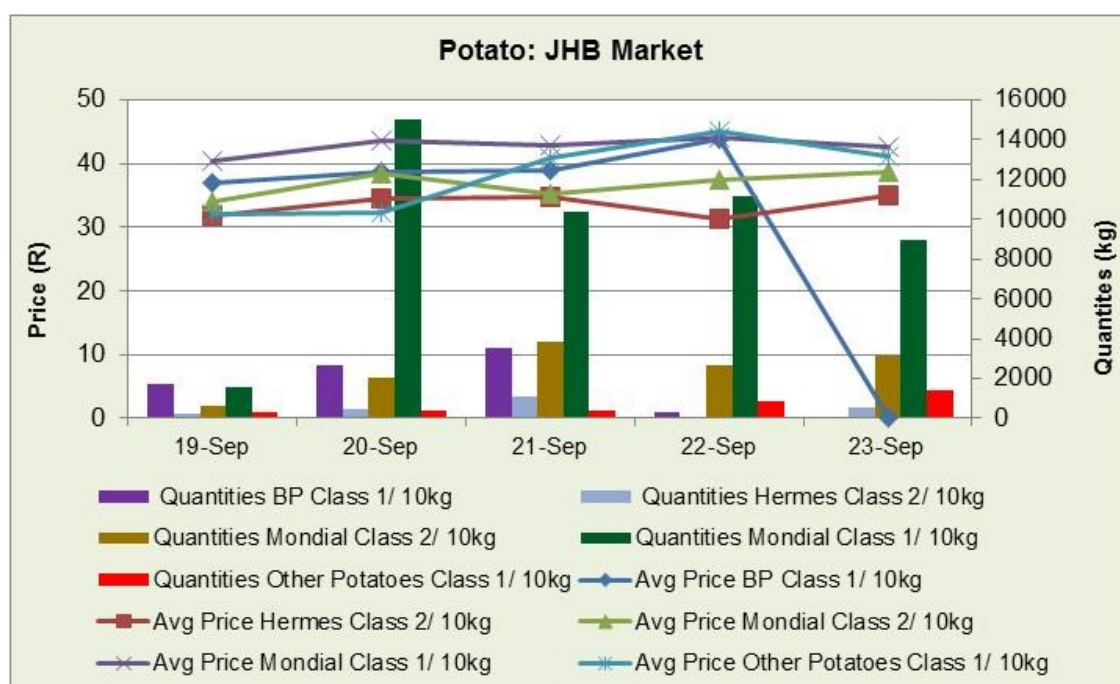
Week 37 (12/09/2016 to 18/09/2016)	Units	Avg Purchase Price	Week 38 (19/09/2016 to 25/09/2016)	Units	Avg Purchase Price
Pork			Pork		
Class BP	6481	23.54	Class BP	6628	23.63
Class HO	5044	23.01	Class HO	4463	23.04
Class HP	4645	23.06	Class HP	4241	23.00

The price of class BP pork and class HO increased by 0.4 and 0.1%; whilst the price of class HP decreased by 0.3%. The quantities sold for class BP increased by 2% whilst the price of Class HO and class HP decreased by 11 and 7% respectively.

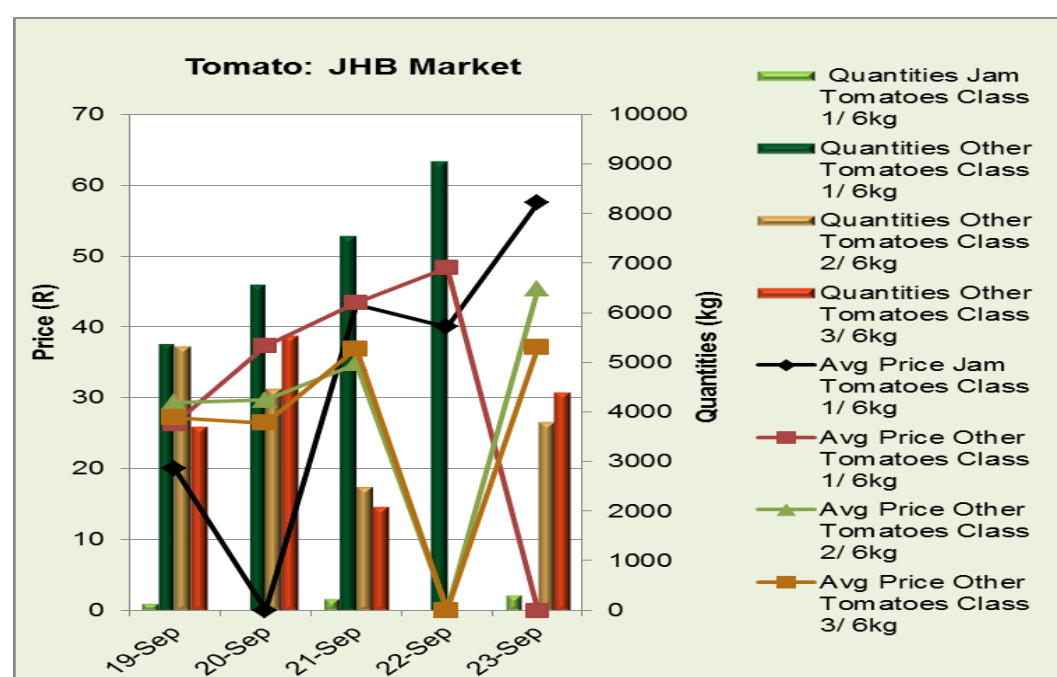
Fruits and Vegetables (MIS) Marketing information System



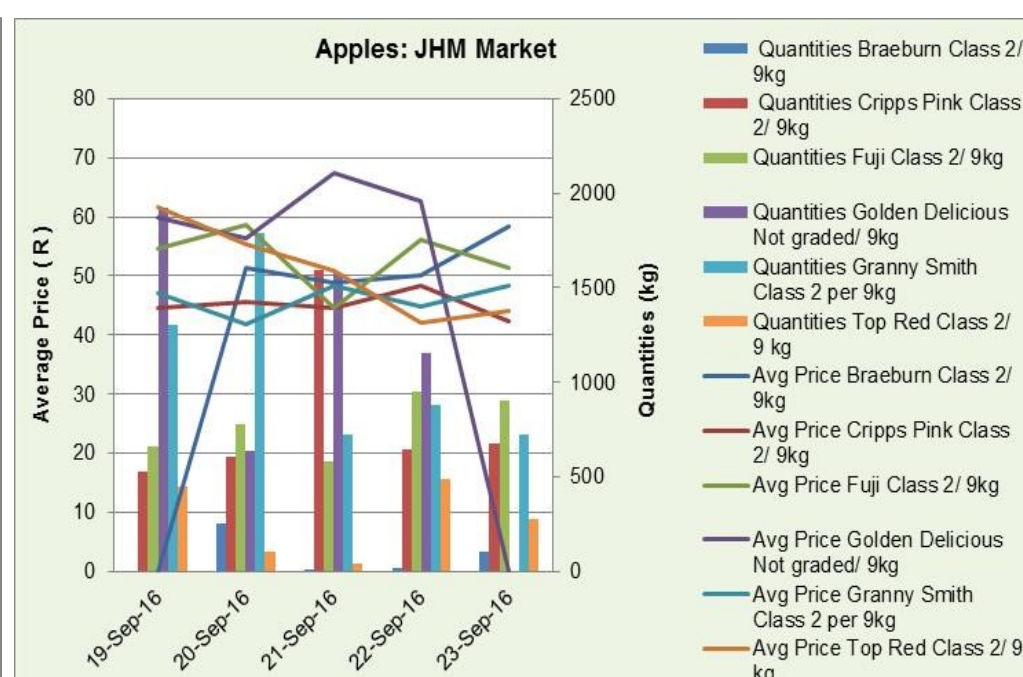
The average price of Red onion, white onion class 1 and white onion class2 increased by 9.4%; 56% and 28% respectively whilst the price of red onion decreased by 9%. The quantities sold of red onion class 1 and white onion class 2 decreased by 19% and 40% respectively. The quantities sold for red onion class 2 and white onion class 1 increased by 57% and 84% respectively.



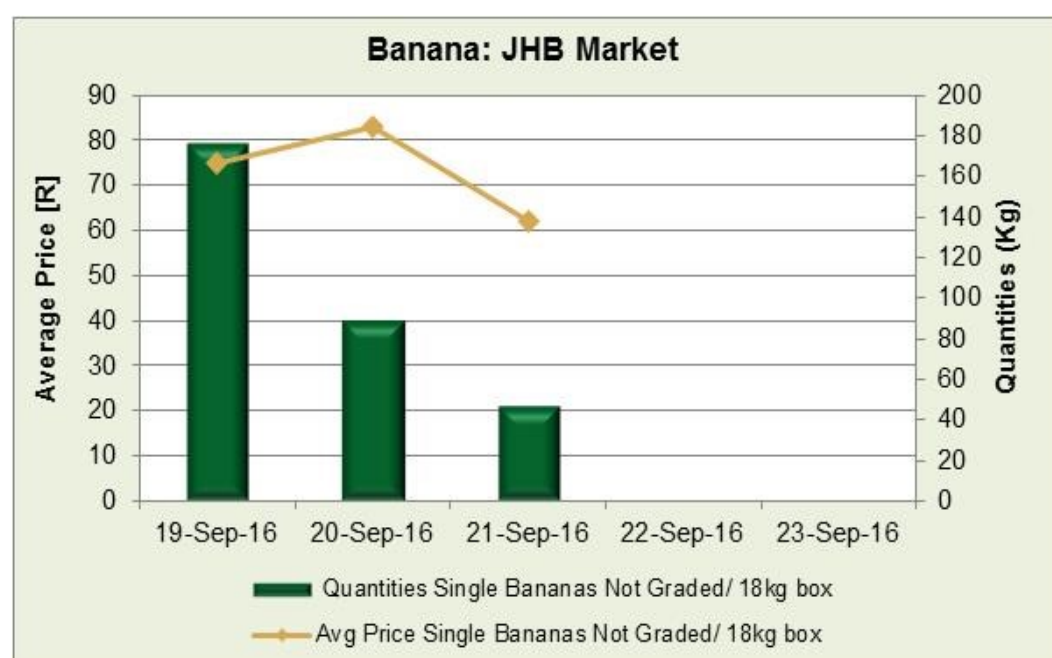
The average price of BP class; harmes; Mondial class 1 and other potatoes class 1 increased by 27%, 14%,7% and 38% respectively. Quantities sold increased except for Mondial class 2 which decreased by 68% compared to last week.



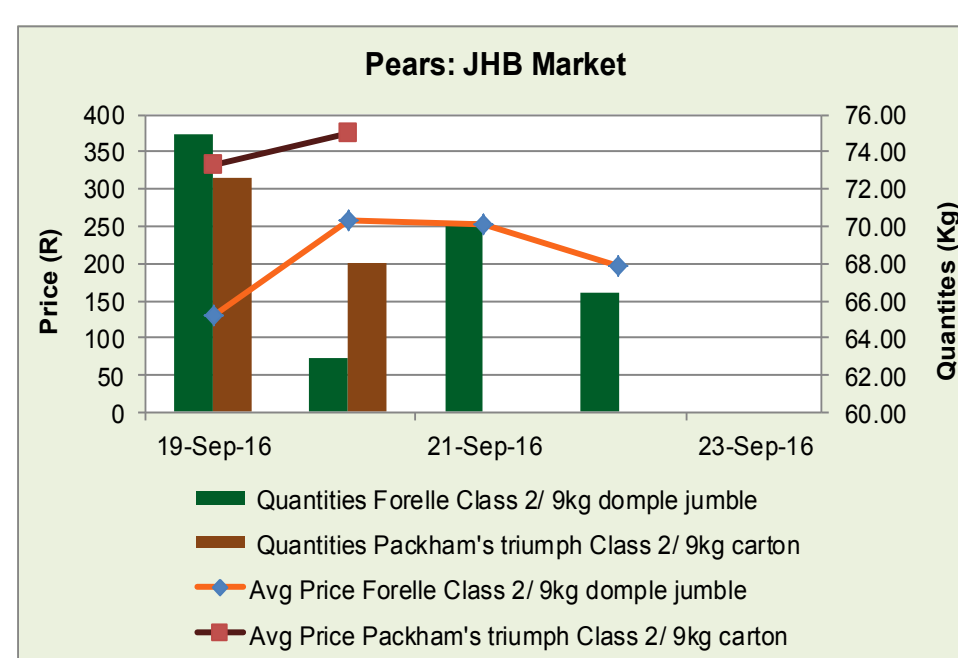
The price of Jam Tomatoes, other tomatoes class1; other tomatoes class 3 increased by 52%,55% and 41% respectively, while the price of other tomatoes class 2 decreased by 28%. Quantities sold declined by 48%, 58% and 18% respectively for jam tomatoes, other tomatoes class 1 and other tomatoes class 3 respectively. Whilst other tomatoes class 2 increased by 7% .



The price of Braeburn class 2 decreased by 4% compared to last week. The average price for Cripps pink class 2, Fuji class 2, golden delicious, granny smith class 2 and top red class 2 increased by 26%, 25%,2.3%,29% and 7% respectively compared to last week, The quantity sold for braeburn, Fuji class 2 and golden delicious decreased by 31%, 12% and 2% respectively. The quantities of Cripps class 2, granny smith and top red class 2 increased by 46%,58% and 35% respectively.



The weekly average price of single not graded bananas decreased by 24%, whilst the quantities sold increased by 140%.



The weekly average price of Forelle class 2, Packham's triumph class 2 decrease by 2% and 5% respectively; whilst the quantities sold decreased by 67% for Forelle class 2 and increased by 43% for Packham's triumph.

Latest News Developments

South African Reserve Bank kept the repo rate unchanged at 7% with a weak economic growth outlook balancing out its concerns about the inflation trajectory. Estimates by UNCTAD says that African economies will grow on average by only 2% in 2016 and South Africa by just 0.3%. Afribam director Adrian Sutton of Afribam says there is a lot of unexplored potential for bamboo as a biomass fuel and it can be produced and used in power stations as an alternative or supplement to coal.

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