

# Agri-Weekly

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## Beef market trends (Graph 1)

### International:

- US manufacturing beef prices remained on an extended uptrend on the back of good demand.
- At wholesale, US boxed beef cutout values continued to post good gains and set new daily records during the week.
- US Choice beef cutout prices advanced further by 1% w/w and 30% y/y at US\$250.54/cwt. The Select carcass cutout prices were up 1% w/w and 26% y/y to close at US\$242.89/cwt.
- Feeder cattle prices eased back from the recent highs which saw the CME Feeder Cattle Index finishing up 1% w/w and 51% y/y at US\$214.58/cwt.
- Weekly US cattle slaughter rebounded strongly at 576,000 head, up 17% w/w but still down by 10% y/y. The total cattle slaughtered for the year to date reached 15.92m head, which is down by 7% y/y.
- Meanwhile, the USDA raised the US beef production forecast for 2014 in the latest World Agriculture Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report. The department cited better carcass weights and increased slaughtering of the steer, heifer and cows as reasons for raising its forecast. Forecasts for 2014 and 2015 beef imports are raised as demand for processing grade beef remains strong. Exports for 2014 were raised marginally to 1.1m tons.
- In Australia, the benchmark Eastern Young Cattle Indicator (EYCI) fell by 2% w/w but still up 4% y/y at AU\$3.36/kg cwt.

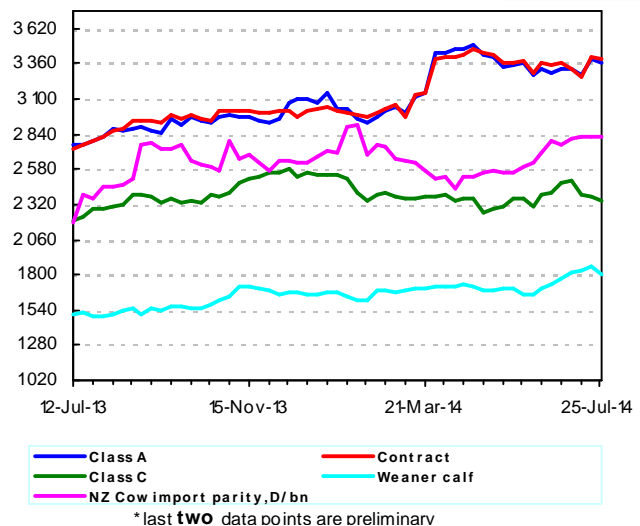
### Domestic:

- Beef prices posted slight losses on subdued demand towards midmonth.
- Weekly Class A beef prices were down by 1.4% w/w but still 19% higher y/y at R32.82 per kg.
- Contract Class A beef prices decreased by 2% w/w but still 19% higher y/y at R32.59 per kg.
- Class C beef ended modestly lower by 4% w/w but still 9% higher y/y at R23.96 per kg.
- Weaner calf prices continued to trend higher due to tight supplies across markets. Weekly weaner calf prices advanced by 1% w/w and 21.1% y/y at R18.30 per kg live weight.

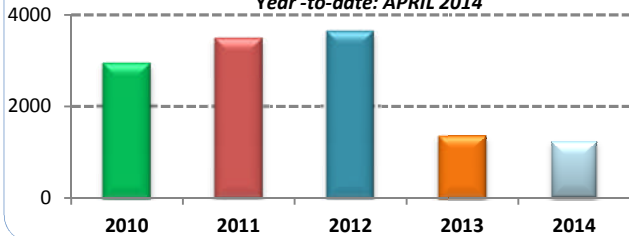
## OUTLOOK

Prices are expected to soften slightly in the short term on moderation in demand.

(SA c/kg)

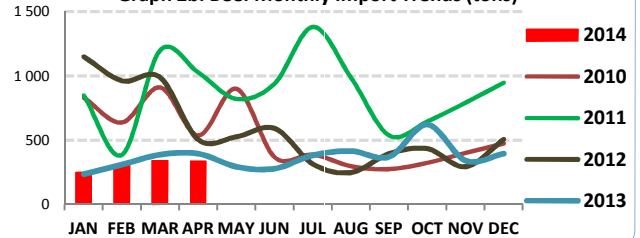
**Graph 1: Beef price trends**


**Graph 2a: Beef Import Trends (tons)**  
 Year-to-date: APRIL 2014



Source: SARS, Own Calculations

**Graph 2b: Beef Monthly Import Trends (tons)**



## Mutton market trends (Graph 2)

### International:

- In New Zealand (NZ), the 17.5kg lamb prices were a bit softer at NZ\$101.04/ head but still up by 15% y/y. Mutton prices were also softer, finishing at NZ\$65.80/ head but up 11% y/y.
- Demand for lamb for the summer in many key NZ export markets has reportedly softened but exporters remain confident of a rebound in the lead up to the Christmas period.
- In Australia, the eastern states lamb supply was reported down 3% w/w and 8% y/y at 150,123 head. The benchmark Eastern Trades Lamb indicator (ESTLI) eased further by 2% w/w but still up 18% y/y at AU\$5.62/kg cwt.
- According to MLA, sheep supply in the Eastern states increased by 15% w/w at 50,391 head, with slight rises across all states. The Eastern States Mutton Indicator eased lower due to lack of demand coupled with reduced weights and quality.
- In the US, Lamb Carcass Cutout prices maintained a firmer trend and closed at US\$328.86/cwt, up 1% w/w and 35% y/y. The estimated weekly sheep slaughter number came in sharply higher by 21% w/w at 41,000, but still down by 9% y/y. The estimated year to date sheep slaughtered reached 1.12m head, slightly up on last year by 1%.

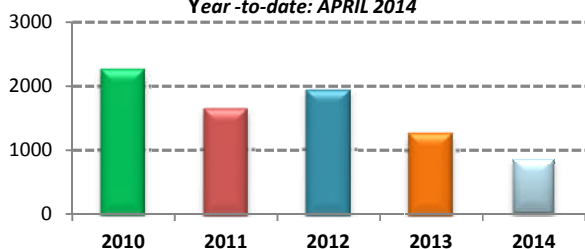
### Domestic:

- The lamb and mutton market again posted strong gains on the back of tight supplies.
- Weekly Class A lamb prices gained 4% w/w and 21% y/y to close at R49.54 per kg.
- Contract Class A lamb prices were up by 3% w/w and 13% y/y at R49.01 per kg.
- Mutton prices extended recent gains and closed up 3% w/w and 10% y/y at R37.72 per kg.
- Weaner lamb prices posted sharp gains on the back of strong carcass prices and tight supplies. Weekly weaner lamb prices closed up 7% w/w and 25% y/y at R24.83 per kg live weight.

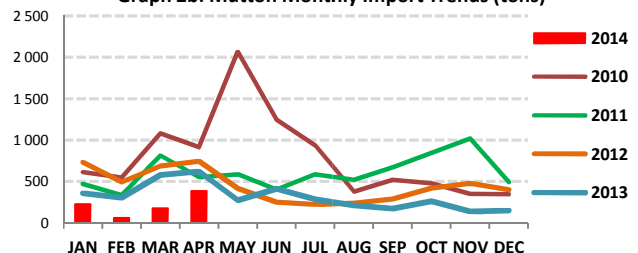
## OUTLOOK

Prices are however expected to ease somewhat in the short term on softer demand.

**Graph 2a: Mutton Import Trends (tons)**  
 Year-to-date: APRIL 2014

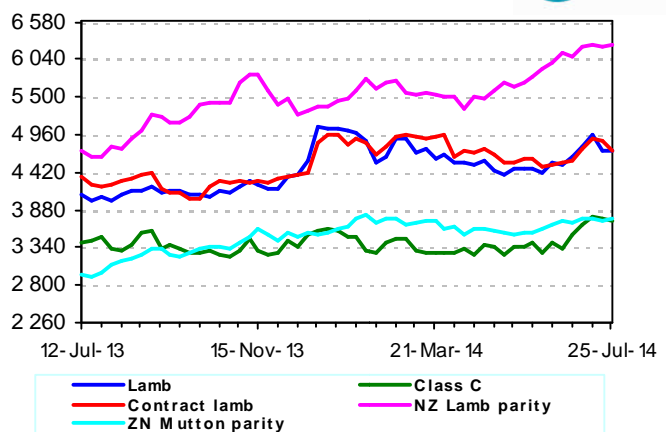


**Graph 2b: Mutton Monthly Import Trends (tons)**

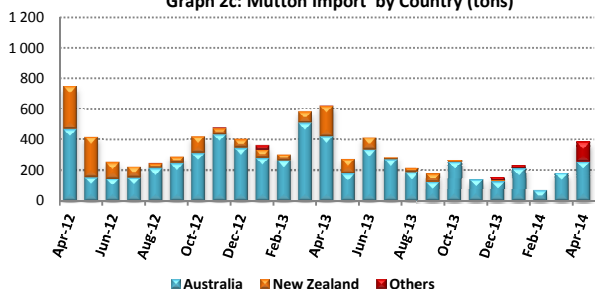


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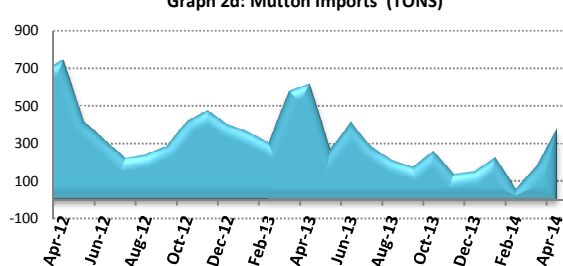
**Graph 2: Mutton price trends**



\* Last two data points are preliminary

**Graph 2c: Mutton Import by Country (tons)**


Source: SARS, Own Calculations

**Graph 2d: Mutton Imports (TONS)**


### Pork market trends (Graph 3)

#### International:

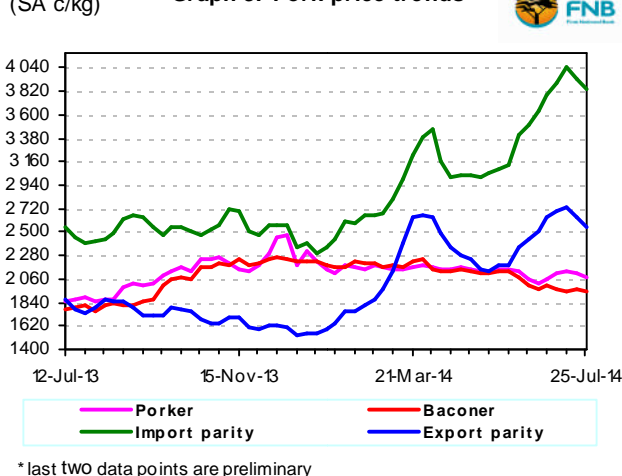
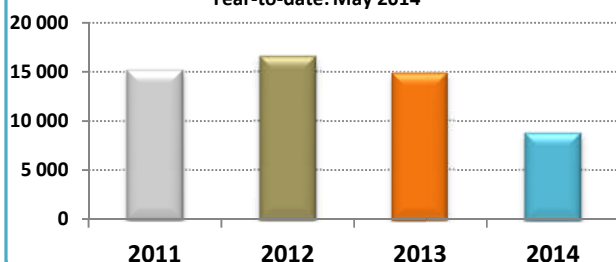
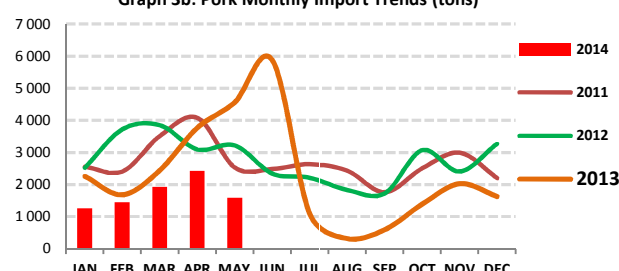
- The US Pork Carcass (FOB Plant) Cutout prices continued to strengthen and closed at US\$134.86/cwt, up 2% w/w and 31% y/y.
- Supplies rebounded sharply which saw the number of pigs slaughtered increasing by 14% w/w but still down by 9% y/y at 1.86m head.
- The cumulative year to date pigs slaughtered in the US reached 55.42m head, but still down by 5% y/y.
- In the latest USDA's WASDE report, US pork production was lowered due to slower than expected expansion in farrowing during the second quarter of 2014. Sows that farrowed during this period were reported at 2.80m head, down slightly from 2013. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48% of the breeding herd according to the earlier USDA's Quarterly Hogs and Pigs report.
- According to WASDE, this implies lower than previously forecast hog slaughter later in the year, but strong hog prices and lower feed costs are expected to provide incentives to feed hogs to heavier weights.

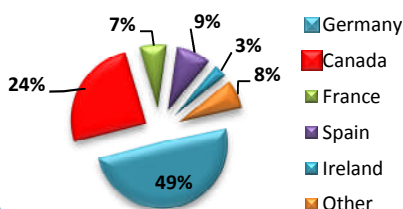
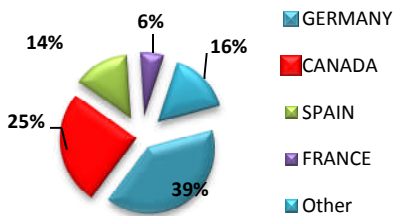
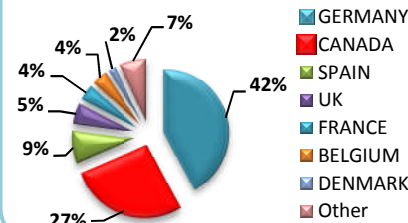
#### Domestic:

- Prices ended mixed with porkers maintaining a firmer trend.
- Weekly porker prices were firmer at R21.29 per kg, which is up 15% y/y.
- Baconers were the exception and continued to soften on subdued demand. Weekly baconer prices closed at R19.51 per kg but still 10% higher y/y.
- Import parity prices continued to trend upwards on the back of higher international prices and weakness in the Rand/US\$ exchange rate. Weekly import parity prices were up by 4% w/w and 58% y/y.
- Monthly import sales for May 2014 came in sharply lower by 34% m/m and 65% y/y at 1,594 tons. On a year to date basis, total pork imports for 2014 were down by 41% y/y and reached 8,663 tons.
- Major import sources were Germany which accounted for 44% in May and 50% year to date, France (17% and 8% yr-date), Canada (14% and 18% yr-date), and Spain (11% and 7% yr-date).

#### OUTLOOK

Prices are expected to trend sideways with limited upward potential in the short term on moderation in demand.

**Graph 3: Pork price trends**

**Graph 3a: Pork Import Trends (tons)**  
 Year-to-date: May 2014

**Graph 3b: Pork Monthly Import Trends (tons)**


**Graph 3c: Imports by Country - 2011**

**Graph 4d: Imports by Country - 2012**

**Graph 3e: Imports by Country - 2013**


Source: SAPPO, SARS, Own Calculations

### Poultry market trends (Graph 4)

#### International:

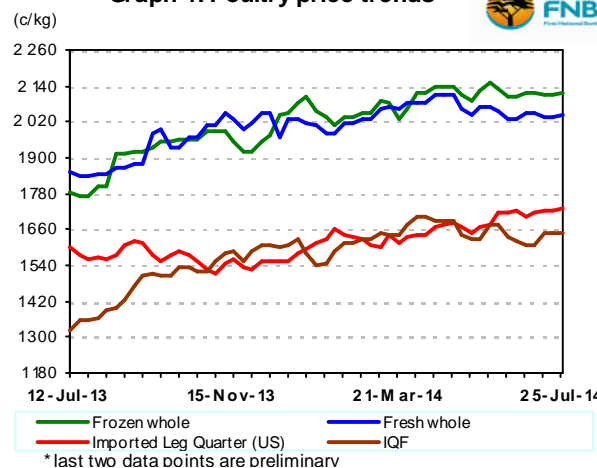
- US prices continued to trend across most categories.
- Retail demand was reportedly light to moderate ahead of the weekend with dealers continually having trouble locating trucks for shipping.
- At food service, demand was reportedly light to good, mostly light to moderate.
- Whole bird prices ended firmer at US112c/lb, up by 5.4% y/y.
- Leg quarters were almost unchanged w/w at US56c/lb, but still 3% higher y/y.
- Breast cuts were a bit softer at US130c/lb, but marginally higher by 0.6% compared to last year this time.
- Wing prices steadied at US135c/lb, down 6% y/y.
- Drumsticks gained 1% w/w but still down by 6% y/y at US68c/lb.
- In the weekly US Broiler Hatchery report, egg sets for the week ended 28 June 2014 increased by 1% y/y at 212m. Average hatchability for chicks remains at 83.0%. The broiler chick placement were slightly down on last year at 174m head. Cumulative broiler placements from December 29, 2013 through June 28, 2014 were slightly down y/y at 4.46 billion head.
- USDA raised its broiler production forecast as lower expected feed costs support a more rapid increase in production. The broiler export forecast for 2014 came in slightly higher while for the 2015 was unchanged from last month.

#### Domestic:

- Prices ended mixed with whole bird prices easing slightly on the back of subdued demand.
- Import parity prices rebounded slightly and finished up by 1% w/w and 7% y/y.
- Weekly frozen whole bird prices eased by 0.6% w/w but still 18% higher y/y at R21.07 per kg.
- Fresh whole bird prices closed at R20.34 per kg, down by 1% w/w but still 10% higher y/y.
- Individually Quick Frozen portions (IQF) were however the exception, gaining 2.4% w/w and 24% y/y to close at R16.46 per kg.

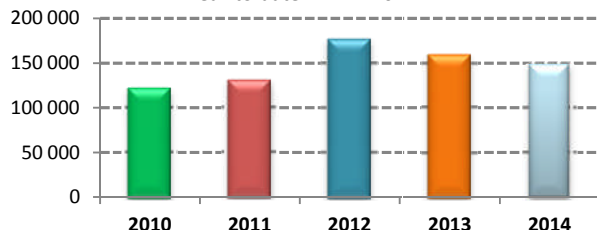
### OUTLOOK

Prices are expected trend sideways with limited upward potential on weak seasonal demand. The second half of the year will however see some improvement in producer margins as feeding costs decrease on the back of lower maize prices.

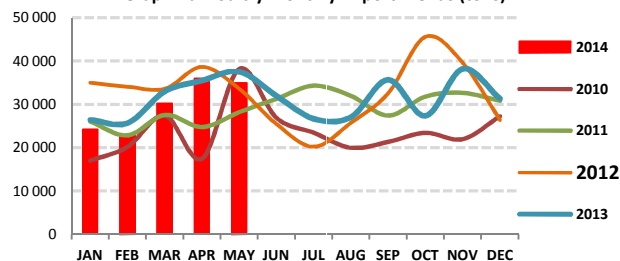
**Graph 4: Poultry price trends**




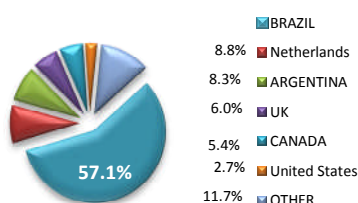
**Graph 4a: Poultry Import Trends**  
Year-to-date: APRIL - 2014



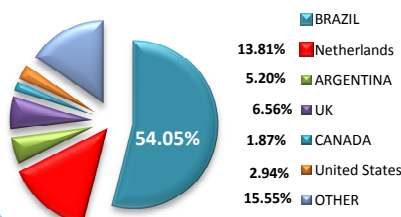
**Graph 4b: Poultry Monthly Import Trends (tons)**



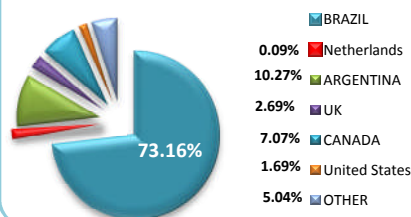
**Graph 4d: Imports by Country - 2011**



**Graph 4e: Imports by Country - 2012**



**Graph 4c: Imports by Country - 2013**



Source: SARS, Own Calculations

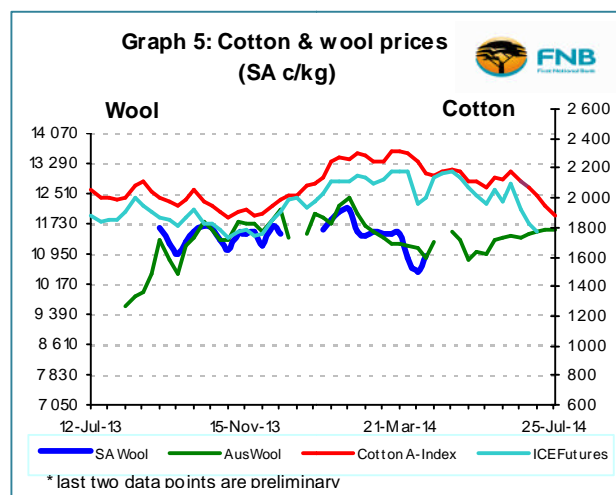
**Producer prices for selected livestock commodities**  
11 July 2014

	Beef	Mutton	Pork	Poultry
Open market: Class A / Porker / Fresh whole birds(R/kg)	32.82	49.54	21.29	20.34
Open market: Class C / Baconer / Frozen whole birds(R/kg)	23.96	37.72	19.80	21.07
Contract: A2/A3* / Baconer/ IQF (*includes fifth quarter) (R/kg)	32.59	49.01	19.51	16.46
Import parity price (R/kg)	28.18	37.68	40.42	17.22
Weaner Calves / Feeder Lambs (R/kg)	18.30	24.83		

## Wool and cotton market trends (Graph 5)

### International:

- The world cotton indicator price, Cotlook "A" Index, weakened further by 3% w/w and 8% y/y at US\$5.21c/lb.
- Cotton futures continued to post losses on good weather and increasingly good production prospects coupled with the increased planted area in the US.
- Cotton for Dec-14 delivery fell by 6% w/w at US\$6.12c/lb, and Mar-15 was down 5.5% w/w at US\$6.04c/lb.
- In the latest WASDE report, USDA raised the 2014/15 US cotton production and ending stocks forecasts. Expected production was raised by 1.5m bales to 16.5m due to larger planted area and improved crop conditions.
- World ending stocks for 2014/15 were raised by 3m to 35.6m bales due to a combination of higher estimated beginning stocks, higher production, and lower consumption. World production forecast for 2014/15 came in marginally higher by 0.5m to 116.4m bales.
- Elsewhere, China's consumption estimate was reduced by 1m for 2013/14 and 500,000 bales for 2014/15, as high domestic price levels and uncertainty about future policies have discouraged cotton use in textiles in favour of polyester. However, China's consumption is expected to grow nearly 6% in 2014/15 as a result of the announced elimination of government price supports, according to the USDA.
- Wool market: In Australia, AWEX EM Indicator rebounded marginally from last week and closed at AU\$10.26/kg clean wool. A total of 40,323 bales were offered with sales reaching 90%.
- According to the Landmark wool report, wool offerings for the 2013/14 selling season were over 114,000 bales less (-6%) than the 2012/13 season.



- Australian wool exports were reported down 2% y/y in 2013/14 with superfine greasy wool (19 microns and less) jumping close to 15% and exports of broader wool falling by around 20% reflecting the changing trend in production.

#### Domestic:

- The wool market is currently on recess. The final sale of the 2013/14 season saw gains on the domestic wool market as a result of good demand and a supportive Rand.
- The Cape Wools Merino indicator increased by 3.2% compared to the previous sale and 2.4% higher than the last year, closing at R112.91/ kg clean wool.
- At this level, the indicator was down by almost 1% compared to the current season's average but 7% higher than the opening sale of the 2013/14 season.
- Major buyers were Standard Wool SA with 4,844 bales (31.1%), Lempriere SA with 3,645 bales (23.4%), G Modiano SA with 2,904 bales (18.6%), and Stucken & Co with 2,000 bales (12.8%).

Fibre market prices 11 July 2014	SA prices (R/kg)	Australian prices (R/kg)	Australian futures Sep-14 (AU\$/kg)	Australian futures Nov-14 (AU\$/kg)
Wool market indicator (R/kg)	-	103.20		
19 $\mu$ long length wool (R/kg)	-	116.37	11.02	10.82
21 $\mu$ long length wool (R/kg)	-	115.17	10.90	10.70
23 $\mu$ long length wool (R/kg)	-	114.96	9.70	9.50
Fibre market prices 11 July 2014	SA derived Cotton (R/kg)	New York A-Index (US\$/kg)	Cotton Futures Dec-14 (US\$/kg)	Cotton Futures Mar-14 (US\$/kg)
Cotton Prices (R/kg)	20.12	1.87	1.50	1.52

Cotton Futures on the InterContinental Exchange (ICE); South Africa – wool market on recess

### Yellow maize market (Graph 6)

#### International:

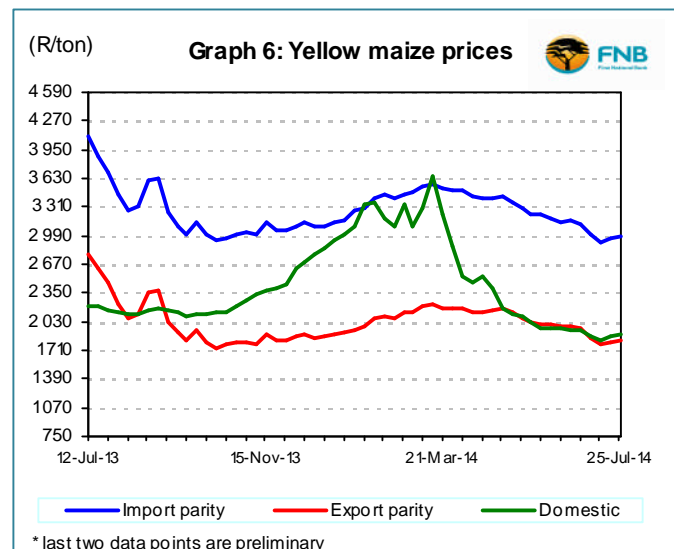
- US maize prices posted sharp losses ahead of the World Agricultural Demand and Supply estimate (WASDE) released on Friday (11<sup>th</sup> of July).
- According to the report US maize crop is estimated at 352.06m tons slightly lower than the June estimate and just over a ton below last year's record crop.
- Crop conditions remained unchanged at 75% in the good to excellent category with yields estimated at a record of 10t/ha.
- World carryover stocks were raised by 3% from the June estimate currently estimated at 188.5m tons.
- Maize feed and residual use will mostly see competition from high sorghum beginning stocks and expected increase in production which should lower sorghum prices.
- USA weekly export sales were pegged at 1.3m tons, with 363 000 tons from the old crop.

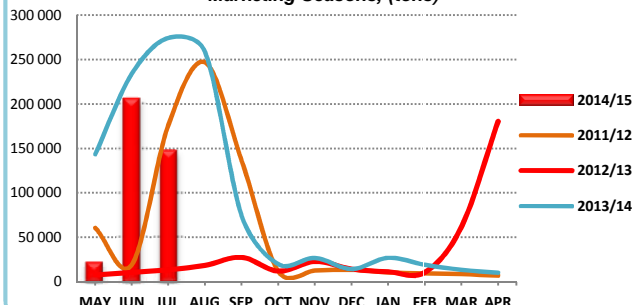
#### Domestic:

- Yellow maize prices continued the weaker trend on spill over effect from the international markets.
- Weekly yellow maize prices fell by 3% w/w and 18% y/y at R1,812 per ton.
- Exports were pegged at 92,084 tons and 3.7m tons for the season to date. The major export destination was Taiwan, with 61, 899 tons according to the latest SAGIS report.

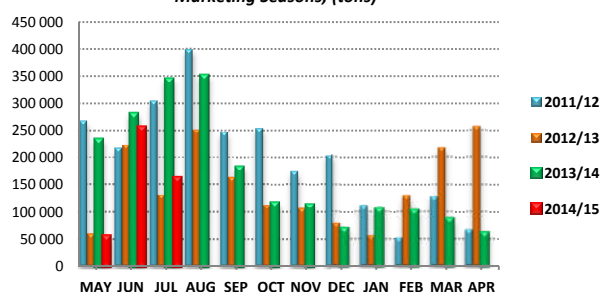
### OUTLOOK

Given the bullish supply outlook, maize futures are expected to continue to trend lower in the short to medium term.



**Graph 6a: Monthly Yellow Maize Export Trends**  
*Marketing Seasons, (tons)*


Source: SAGIS

**Graph 6b: Total SA Maize Export Trends**  
*Marketing Seasons, (tons)*


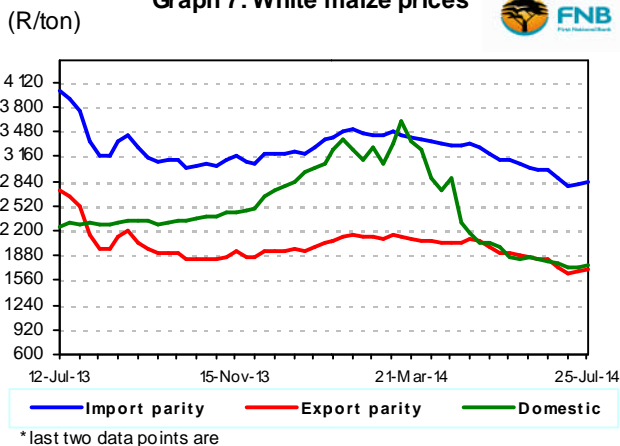
Yellow Maize Futures 11 July 2014	Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15	May-15	Jul-15			
CBOT (\$/t)	149	151.53	156.02	159.25	162			
JSE (R/t)	1795	1849	1869	-	1852			
CHICAGO CORN (R/t)	1699	1699	-	-	-			
Calculated Yellow Maize Options prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Sep-14			Dec-14			Mar-15		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
1 840	95	50	1 880	121	90	1 900	145	114
1 800	72	67	1 840	99	108	1 860	124	133
1 760	52	87	1 800	79	128	1 820	104	153

**White maize market trends (Graph 7)**
International:

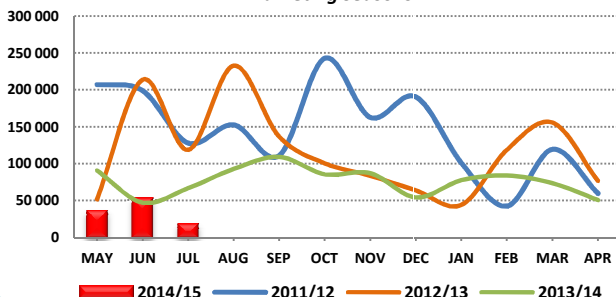
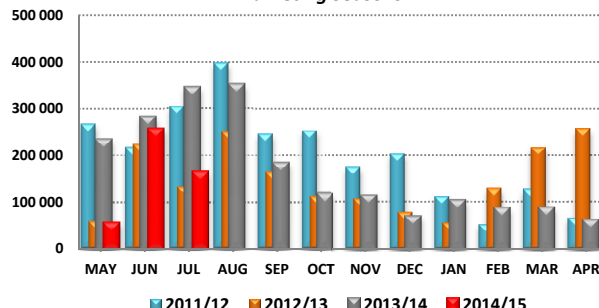
- US white maize prices weakened as production conditions remain favourable during pollination period.
- Weekly white maize prices closed at US\$155/ton, down 5% w/w and 43% y/y.

Domestic:

- The weaker trend continues on the domestic market on the back of higher yields and spill over weaknesses from the international market.
- Weekly white maize prices closed at R1,717 per ton, down 3% w/w and 24% y/y.
- On the export front, white maize exports came in at 8,078 tons and 103,802 tons for the season to date. Major export destinations are the neighbouring countries.

**Graph 7: White maize prices**

**OUTLOOK**

Given the bullish supply outlook, maize futures are expected to continue to trend lower in the short to medium term.

**Graph 7a: Monthly White Maize Export Trends (tons)**  
*Marketing Seasons*

**Graph 7b: Total Monthly SA Maize Exports (tons)**  
*Marketing Seasons*


Source: SAGIS;

White Maize Futures 11 July 2014	Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15	May-15	Jul-15			
JSE (R/t) WM <sub>1</sub>	1687	1746	1785	1831	1852			
Calculated White Maize Options prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Sep-14			Dec-14			Mar-15		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
1 720	62	29	1 780	110	76	1 820	150	115
1 680	40	47	1 740	88	94	1 780	128	133
1 640	23	70	1 700	69	115	1 740	108	153

### Wheat market trends (Graph 8)

#### International:

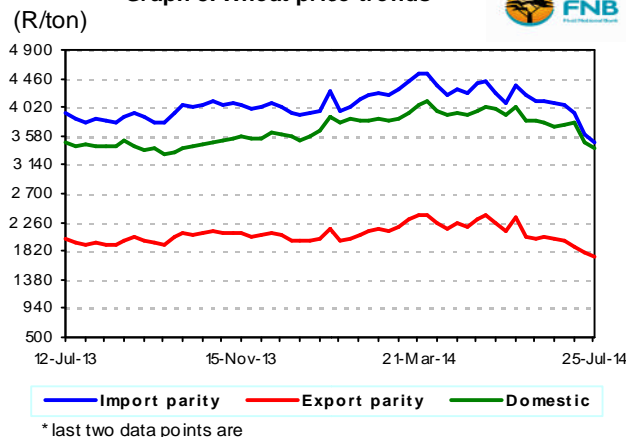
- US wheat prices continued to weaken as market expectations for supply remained bullish ahead of the USDA supply and demand estimate report.
- USDA raised its production output to 54.2m tons, up by 3% from the June estimate. This is mainly due to increased yields of hard red spring (HRS) wheat in the Northern plains which more than offset the drought affected hard red winter (HRW) wheat in the southern plains.
- Feed and residual use was lowered by 381 020 tons to 3.7m tons on tight supply of HRW wheat and relatively more attractive prices for other feed grains. Feed use will however increase in other countries especially countries of the European Union as wheat crop ratings are poor in some areas due to excessive rainfall.
- USDA reported harvest progress to be at 57% complete, 2% ahead of last year however 3% behind the 5 year average. Yields are reportedly at 2.9t/ha slightly lower y/y.
- Overall world wheat production was raised 3.6m tons to 705.2m tons with the highest increases expected from the EU and Ukraine as production conditions continue to improve.
- Prices will therefore continue the weaker trend on abundant supply.

#### Domestic:

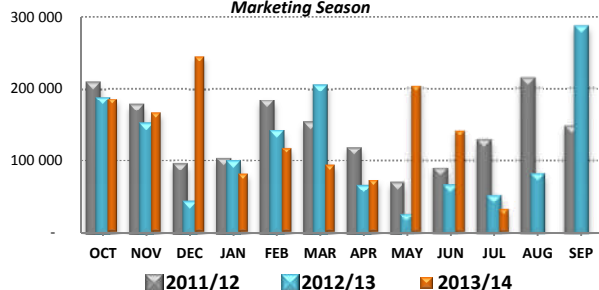
- Wheat trended firmer mainly on Rand weaknesses despite lower international prices.
- Weekly wheat prices gained 1% w/w and 9% y/y R3,796/ ton.
- On the import front, there was no record for the week. For the season to date, import sales reached 1.4m tons.

### OUTLOOK

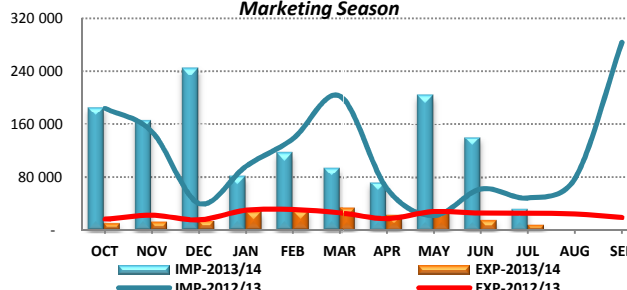
Prices are expected trend sideways with a downside potential due to abundant world supplies.

**Graph 8: Wheat price trends**




**Graph 8a: Wheat Import Trends (tons)**  
*Marketing Season*


Source: SAGIS;

**Graph 8b: Wheat Import & Export Trends (tons)**  
*Marketing Season*


Wheat Futures 11 July 2014			Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15	May-15	Jul-15	
KCBT (\$/t)			233.76	237.58	240.08	241.55	237.81	
JSE (R/t)			3715	3545.00	3580.00	-	-	
Calculated Wheat Option prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Sep-14			Dec-14			Mar-15		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
3 760	98	53	3 580	144	109	3 620	147	107
3 720	75	70	3 540	123	128	3 580	125	125
3 680	56	91	3 500	103	148	3 540	105	145

### Oilseed market trends (Graph 9)

#### International:

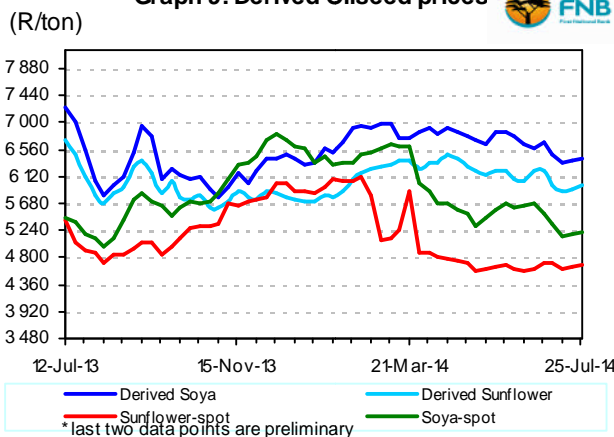
- Ideal weather conditions in the Midwest continue to place downward pressure on prices due to high supply expectations.
- The US oilseed production is projected at 113.1m tons, with soybean coming in at a record crop of 96.5m tons due to the increased planted area.
- Ending stocks were raised significantly to 10m tons in the latest USDA supply and Demand Estimate report due to overall ample feed grain supply.
- Overall world oilseed production was raised by 5m tons from the June estimate and currently projected at a record of 521.9m tons, with soybean estimated at 304.8m tons up 4.8m tons on high supply outlook from the USA.
- US soybean prices traded at US\$515/ton, down 5% w/w and 15% y/y, soybean cake meal traded at US\$47/ton, down 2% w/w and 18% y/y.
- Prices are expected to continue the weaker trend on abundant world supply.

#### Domestic:

- Oilseeds traded on the JSE extended recent losses on a bullish crop outlook.
- Weekly soybean prices weakened further to R5,148 per ton, down by 4% w/w and 5% y/y.
- Sunflower prices closed at R4,617 per ton, down 2% w/w and 15% y/y.

#### OUTLOOK

The medium term outlook for prices remains bearish given the good harvest for oilseed crops.

**Graph 9: Derived Oilseed prices**


Oilseeds Futures 11 July 2014	Sep-14	Dec-14	Mar-15	May-15	Jul-15			
CBOT Soybeans (US \$/t)	404	-	402	405	408			
CBOT Soya oil (US c/lb)	36.86	36.96	37.22	37.33	37.43			
CBOT Soya cake meal (US\$/t)	399.15	380.30	383.16	386.14	388.79			
JSE Sunflower seed (R/t)	5045	5115	5170	5120	-			
JSE Soybean seed (R/t)	4630	4740	4843	-	-			
Calculated Sunflower Option prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Sep-14			Dec-14			Mar-15		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
4 680	140	90	4 780	264	224	4 880	338	301
4 640	118	108	4 740	242	242	4 840	316	319
4 600	98	128	4 700	222	262	4 800	295	338

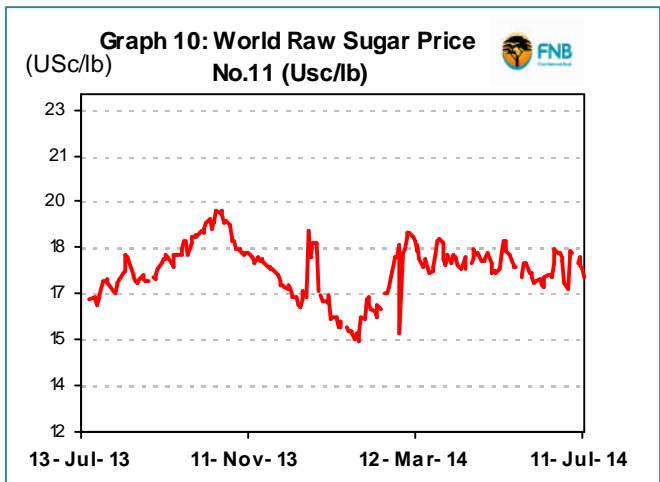
### Sugar market trends (Graph 15)

#### International:

- The July World Supply and Demand Estimate projected a slight decrease in the estimate for sugar production in Mexico for the 2013/14 crop as harvest nears completion and yields coming in lower than expected. Stocks to use ratio remain low at 15.4% implying high ending stocks.
- For the current year, production is estimated at 6.1m tons on reduced land area and average sugar yields. Lower production is still expected in Brazil due to poor yields.
- According to the USDA, the 2013/14 US beet sugar production is lowered by 50,000 short tons, raw value (STRV) to 4.750 million, based on an expected slow start of 2014/15 harvesting in September. Imports are increased by 89,000 STRV due to the reallocation of the tariff-rate quota (TRQ) by USTR. Total deliveries are increased by 90,000 STRV based on pace.
- These events imply lower ending stocks, estimated at 1.808 million STRV with stocks-to-use at 14.5 percent. The U.S. 2014/15 sugar production is forecast 130,000 STRV lower due to revised cane sugar processors' forecasts. Total production is forecast at 8.225 million STRV. Imports from Mexico are reduced to 1.877 million STRV, down 234,000 STRV. Deliveries for human consumption are increased by 50,000 STRV, based on modest growth from the previous year. Ending stocks are forecast at 1.447 million STRV for a stocks-to-use ratio of 11.9 percent.
- The weekly world raw sugar prices on ICE (InterContinental nearby futures, No.11 contract) continued to weaken, finishing down 1% w/w but still up by 7% y/y at US17.39c/lb. Futures were down across the board with the Mar-2014 contract falling by 2% w/w at US18.86c/lb, and May-2015 down 1% w/w at US19.04c/lb.

#### Domestic:

- The June 2014 RV price in respect of cane delivered in May 2014 for 2014/15 was declared at R3,337.56 per ton, down R1.02 compared to the previous month. According to the Cane Growers Association, the decrease was due to a US1.16c/lb drop in the weighted average world market price (17.30 C/lb vs. 18.46 c/lb).
- At this stage 66.3% of the estimated export availability is reportedly unpriced and 70.5% of the estimated dollar revenue is uncovered.
- Export availability for the 2014/15 season was estimated at 746,268 tons with 399,220 tons so far been allocated for marketing and pricing. A total of 260,396 tons have reportedly been priced at an average of US17.91c/lb.



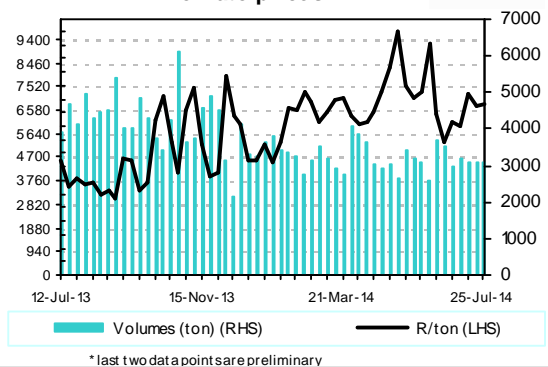
ICE Sugar Futures 11 July 2014	Mar-15	May-15	Jul-15	Oct-15	Mar-16
Sugar No.11 (US c/lb)	18.86	19.04	19.08	19.28	19.69
% Change w/w	-1.8%	-1.3%	-1.1%	-1.0%	-0.6%

**Vegetable Market Trends (Graphs 11 to 15)**
**Tomatoes**

Weekly tomato prices moved sideways on weak uptake across markets.

Weekly tomato prices were almost unchanged w/w but still 29% higher y/y at R5,916 per ton. Volumes traded were pegged at 3,081 tons, down 4% w/w and 22% y/y.

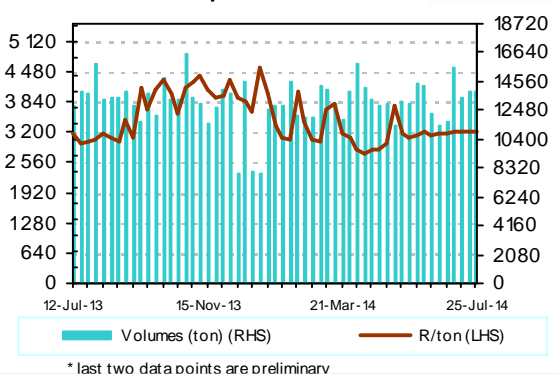
Prices are expected to trend sideways to firmer on reduced supplies and improved uptake.

**Graph 11: Fresh Produce Markets  
- Tomato prices**

**Potatoes**

Potato prices trended mostly sideways on subdued demand.

Weekly potato prices closed at R3,199 per ton, almost unchanged w/w and y/y. Volumes of potatoes traded were pegged at 13,390 tons, down 14% w/w but still up 4% y/y.

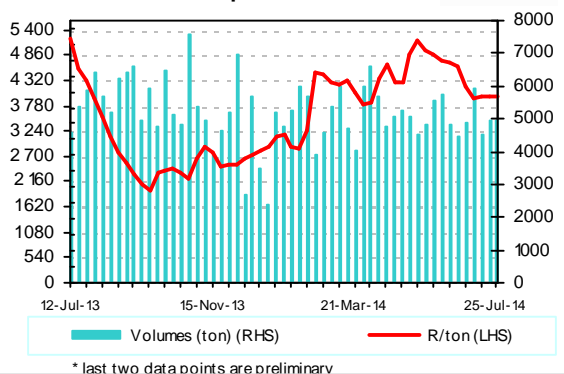
It is expected that prices will weaken in the short to medium term on supply pressure.

**Graph 12: Fresh Produce Markets  
- Potato prices**

**Onions**

Onion prices posted marginal gains supported by improved uptake across markets.

Weekly onion prices finished at R3,978 per ton, marginally higher on the week but still down by 23% y/y. Volumes of onions traded reached 4,512, down 23% w/w and 2% y/y.

It is expected that prices will trend sideways in the short term on limited uptake.

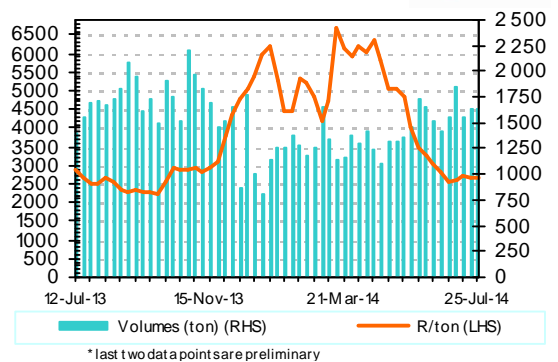
**Graph 13: Fresh Produce Markets  
- Onion prices**


### Carrots

Carrot prices remained on an extended downtrend under pressure due to higher volumes across markets. Weekly carrot prices fell by 11% w/w and closed at R2,537 per ton, but were up by 14% y/y. Volume of carrots traded reached 1,554 tons, up by 10% w/w but still down by 9% y/y.

Prices expected to maintain the current momentum in the short term on moderation in demand.

**Graph 14: Fresh Produce Markets - Carrot prices**

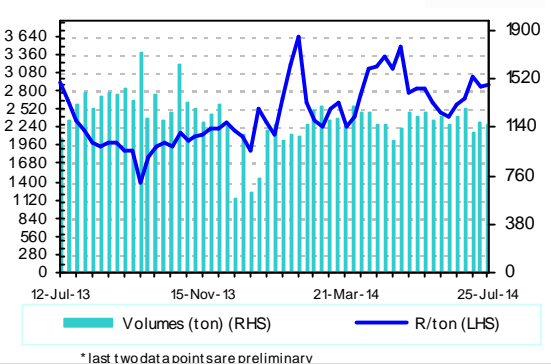


### Cabbages

Cabbage prices continued to post good gains supported by strong uptake across markets. Weekly cabbage prices closed at R2,686 per ton, up 4% w/w and almost unchanged y/y. Volumes of cabbages traded were pegged at 1,293 tons, up 6% w/w and 14% y/y.

It is however expected that prices will ease somewhat in the short term on volume pressure.

**Graph 15: Fresh Produce Markets - Cabbage prices**

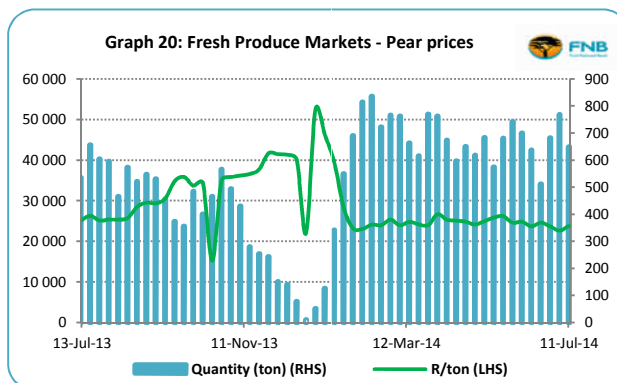
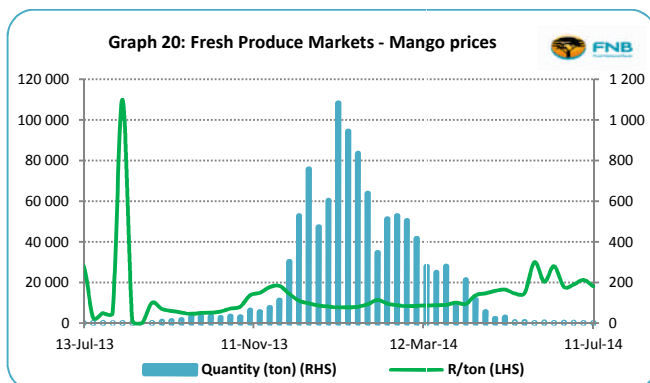
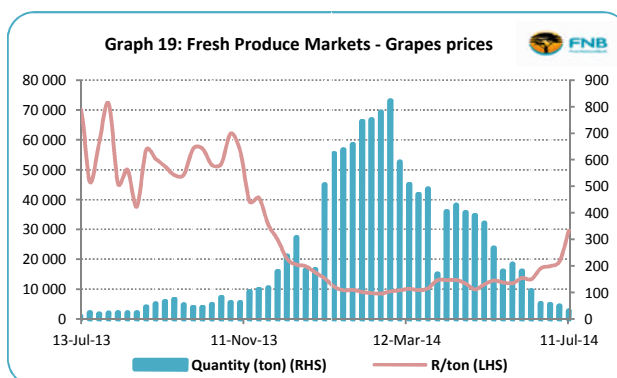
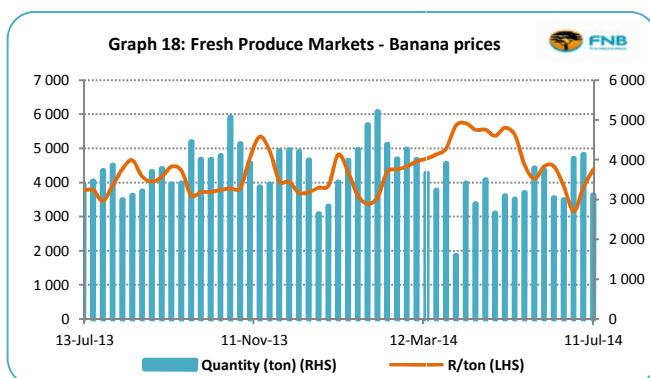
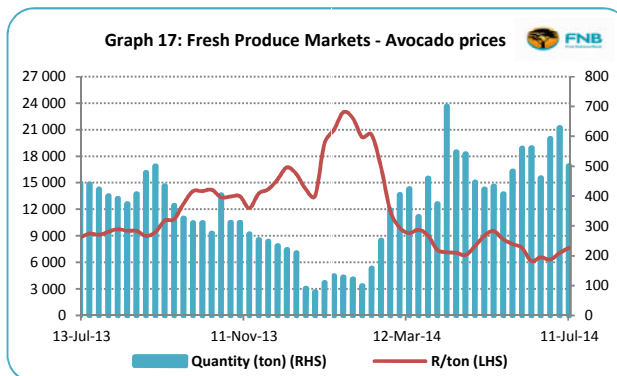
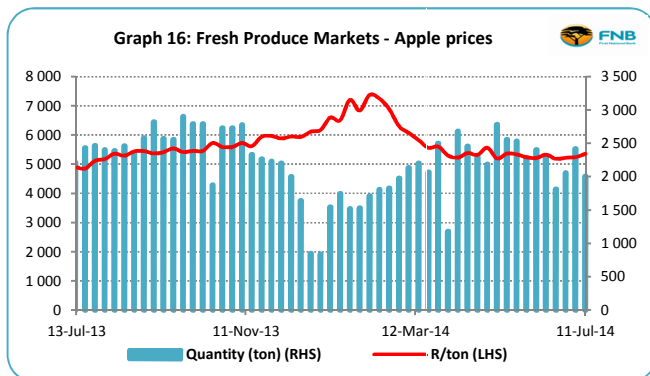


### Vegetable prices: South Africa's Major Fresh Produce Markets. (Average Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban)

Week ending 11 July 2014	Average Price (R/t)	w/w	y/y	Total Volume (t)	w/w	y/y
Tomato	7 238	22%	58%	3081	-4%	-22%
Potato	3 199	0.2%	0.2%	13390	-14%	5%
Onion	3 978	1%	-23%	4512	-23%	-2%
Carrot	2 730	4%	-5%	1546	-16%	11%
Cabbage	3 011	12%	3%	1104	-15%	5%

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### The Fruit Market Trends – Major Fresh Produce Markets in SA (Graphs 16 to 20)



#### FRUIT PRICES: Major FPM. (Average Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban)

Week ending 11 July 2014	Average Price (R/t)	w/w	y/y	Total Volume (t)	w/w	y/y
Apples	5 351	2%	10%	2003	-17%	-9%
Avocados	7 666	8%	-13%	500	-20%	13%
Bananas	4 398	14%	16%	3112	-24%	-7%
Mangoes	18 098	-15%	-36%	2	4%	80%
Pears	23 788	5%	-5%	648	-15%	21%

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