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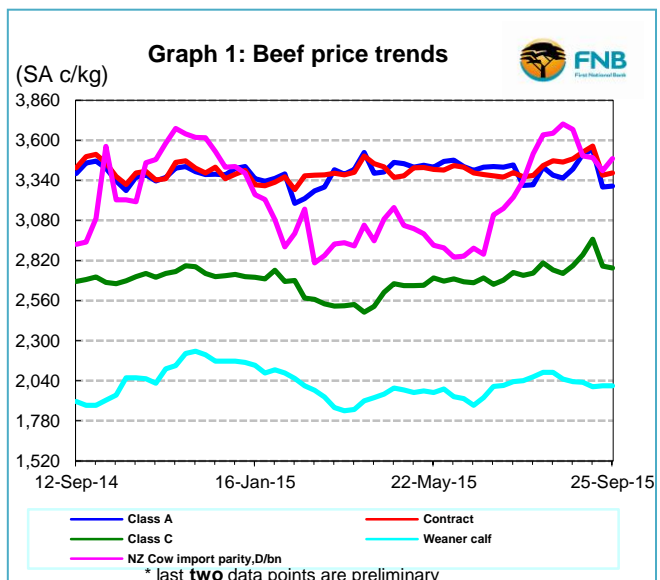
Beef market trends (Graph 1)

International:

- US imported beef prices trended mostly sideways for the week. Market activity on imports was reportedly slow to moderate.
- The domestic US beef market continued to post losses with wholesale boxed prices finishing lower across the board. US choice beef prices decreased by 1.1% w/w and 5% y/y at US\$238.45/cwt. The select beef prices were marginally down by 0.7% w/w at US\$228.05/cwt, which is 3.8% lower compared to last year.
- In the cattle market, calf prices continued to trend lower. The CME feeder cattle index decreased to US\$205.18/cwt in a shortened trading week due to the Labour holiday in the US. The estimated weekly cattle slaughter number fell sharply by 9.9% w/w and 14.3% y/y at 501,000 head. The year to date cattle slaughter reached 19.66m head, down by 6.8% y/y.
- Meanwhile, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) lowered its forecast of the 2015 US beef production in the latest World Agricultural Demand and Supply Estimates (WASDE) report. The reduced forecast was due to slower pace of slaughtering in the third quarter 2015 but this was partly offset by heavier carcass weights. However, the beef production forecast for 2016 was raised due to the increase in carcass weights. Beef imports for 2015 were lowered based on the pace of imports in July, but the forecast for 2016 was raised citing the possible late arrival of product shipped.
- In Australia, cattle prices extended gains with the benchmark Eastern Young Cattle Indicator (EYCI) increasing by 1.4% w/w and 61.6% y/y at AU\$5.85/kg cwt.
- Australian beef exports suffered a knock in August 2015 with volumes reported down 13% m/m and 5% below last year at 106,000 tons but still above the 5-year average of 91,000 tons. Volumes of beef to major export markets were reportedly down m/m in August. However, the US and China were the exception as they registered higher volumes on a year on year basis.

Domestic:

- Beef prices retained the recent uptrend on supply tightness with prospects of improved production conditions due to recent rains incentivizing producers to hold on to their stock for a bit longer.
- Weekly Class A beef prices gained 0.9% w/w and 4.6% y/y at R35.40 per kg.
- Contract Class A beef prices were up by 1.1% w/w and 4.1% y/y at R35.62 per kg.
- Class C beef prices were up by 3.6% w/w and 10.2% y/y at R29.58 per kg.
- Weaner calf prices maintained a softer trend on the back of weak demand across markets. Weekly weaner calf prices fell by 1.5% w/w but still up on last year by 4.9% at R20.00 per kg live weight.
- There are no signs of improvement in the hide market as demand plummeted and stocks increased sharply both on the domestic and international markets. Hide prices are fast approaching the early 2013 levels at just over R12/kg (green).



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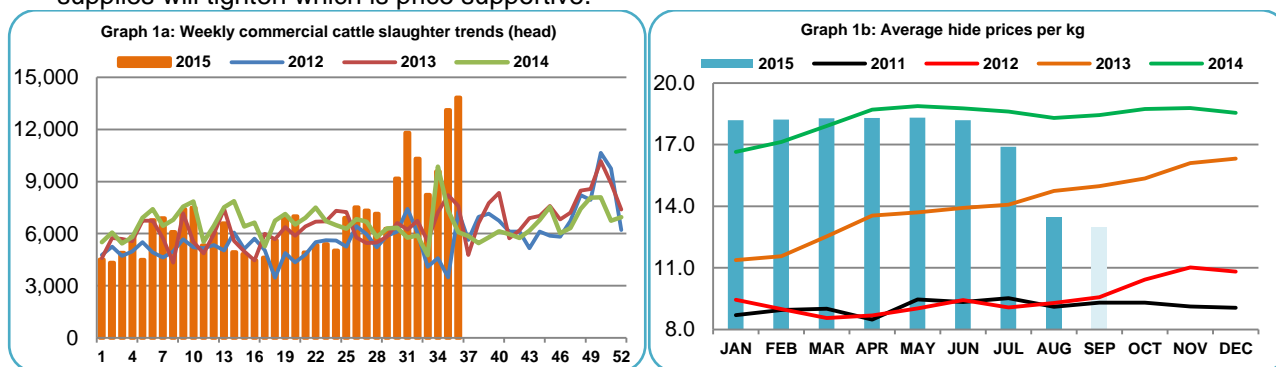
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OUTLOOK

Weather turned out positive for the industry with rains across most producing areas. Good rains at this time of the season will improve the grazing conditions in the short to medium term. As a result, cattle supplies will tighten which is price supportive.



Sheep market trends (Graph 2)

International:

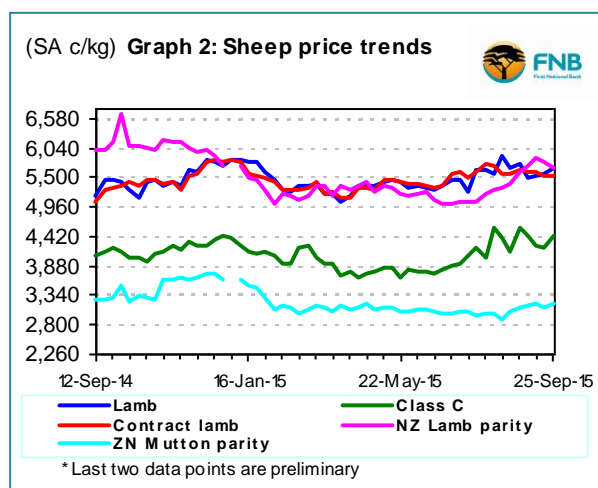
- The Australian domestic market saw prices falling across most categories. The National Trades Lamb indicator fell by 3% on the week at AU\$5.71/kg cwt. The mutton indicator prices reversed last week's gains and closed at AU\$3.68/kg cwt.
- Australian lamb exports for August were reported down 2% y/y at 17,552 tonnes swt. Lamb exports to the Middle East accounted for 34% of the total volume, up 21% y/y. Shipments to the US accounted for 21% of total exports and were up 4% y/y. However, exports to China and Japan were back 27% and 30% y/y respectively. Exports to Korea more than doubled while South East Asia saw an increase of 37% y/y in volumes. In the case of the EU, exports to the region fell by 43% y/y according to the Meat and Livestock Australia.
- In New Zealand (NZ), the upward trend in domestic producer prices continues with the 17.5kg lamb moving slightly up on last week at NZ\$99.40/ head, but down 5% y/y. Mutton prices remained firm at NZ\$53.50/ head, but still down by 10% y/y.
- On export update, NZ has reportedly recorded a 4% y/y increase in exports totalling 22,321t in July 2015 with the major destination being the European markets with France accounting for 32% followed by Germany (29%) and the United Kingdom (15%).
- In the US, Lamb Carcass Cutout prices were a bit softer at US\$325.38/cwt, which is down by 3% y/y. Weekly sheep slaughter number dropped by 13.5% w/w and 17.9% y/y to 32,000 head. The cumulative year to date sheep slaughter reached 1.38m head, down by 6.8% y/y. The cumulative year to date lamb production is down by 5.2% compared to the same period last year at 97.70 million pounds.

Domestic:

- Mutton prices continued to soften due to moderation in demand.
- Weekly mutton prices fell by 4.1% w/w but still 4.6% higher y/y at R42.22 per kg.
- Class A lamb prices ended a bit firmer at R55.08 per kg, which is 6.8% higher y/y.
- Contract Class A lamb prices were however marginally down on the week but still up 10% y/y at R55.77 per kg.
- Weaner lamb prices maintained a softer trend due to weak demand. Weekly weaner lamb prices fell further by 1.2% w/w but still 12.8% higher y/y at R27.17 per kg live weight.

OUTLOOK

Domestically, early spring rains were reported across most producing areas. This will improve moisture levels and boost pasture regrowth after the winter period. Supplies are therefore expected to tighten in the medium term as producers hold back to take advantage of the improved production conditions.



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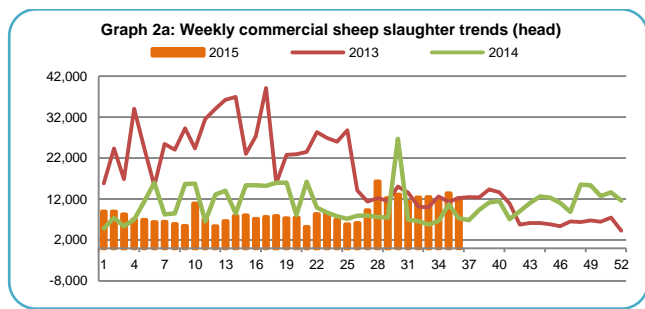
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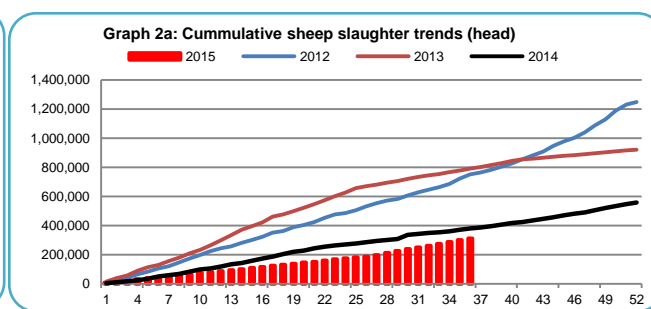
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Internationally, prices remain relatively firm as supplies from the traditional suppliers remain limited. The market will trend upwards on increased seasonal demand as the Christmas period draws nearer.



Source: RMMA



Pork market trends (Graph 3)

International:

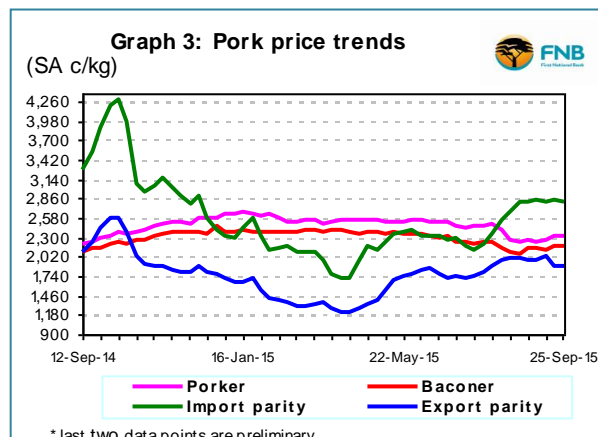
- US pork prices continued to weaken on softer demand. Prices have generally declined in 2015 due to improved production following last year's devastating Porcine Epidemic Diarrhoea virus (PEDv) outbreak.
- The average pork carcass cutout value finished the week marginally down by 0.6% at US\$85.18/cwt, which is 19.5% lower y/y.
- Loin prices reversed course and finished slightly up by 1.2% w/w at US\$81.23/cwt, which is still 29% lower y/y.
- Ham prices decreased further by 3.1% w/w and 36.8% y/y at US\$65.29/cwt.
- Rib prices were down 2.8% w/w and 0.5% y/y at US\$142.73/cwt.
- Weekly US estimated pig slaughter number fell by 6% w/w and 0.5% y/y at 2.04m head. The year-to-date estimated pig slaughter reached 78.58m head, up 8% y/y.
- The USDA WASDE report made a slight reduction to its 2015 pork production estimate to 11.04m tons, but left the 2016 figure unchanged at 11.13m tons. The pork import and export forecasts came in unchanged 0.5m and 2.2m tons respectively.
- In the European Union (EU), pig slaughter during the first half of 2015 was reported up 4% y/y due to the increase in the breeding herd during 2014. Major increases in pig slaughter were in Spain (+8%), followed by the Netherlands, Germany, France and Denmark. Total meat production during the six months to June 2015 was reported up 5% y/y at 11.4m tons largely due to increased carcass weights.

Domestic:

- Prices ended mixed with porkers rebounding slightly on limited volumes.
- Weekly baconer prices eased by 1.5% w/w but still up 1.6% y/y at R21.14 per kg.
- Porker prices advanced marginally to close at R22.52 per kg, which is 2.6% higher y/y.
- Import parity prices eased marginally lower due to the weaker international prices despite a further depreciation in the Rand/ US dollar exchange rate. The weaker Rand continues to reduce the competitiveness of the imported product, which is an upside for the local market.

OUTLOOK

It is however expected that prices will trend sideways with further upside potential in the medium term due to increased seasonal demand. Internationally, downside pressure remains due the increased production particularly in the US where the industry is recovering from the PEDv outbreak. Additionally, the weaker global feed commodity prices will bolster production and improve producer margins.



* last two data points are preliminary

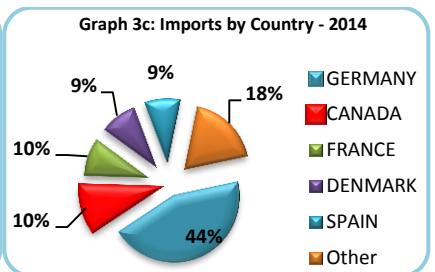
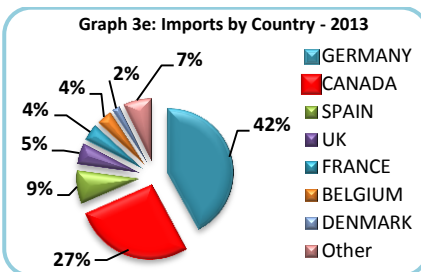
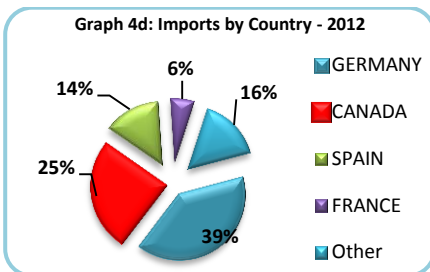
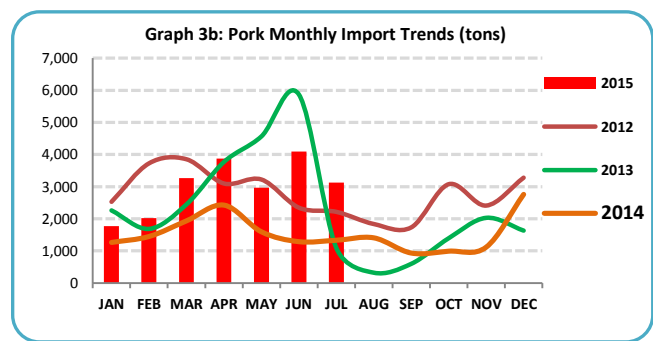
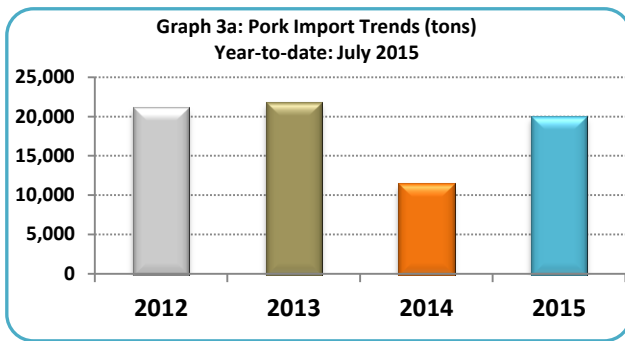
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Source: SAPPO, SARS, Own Calculations

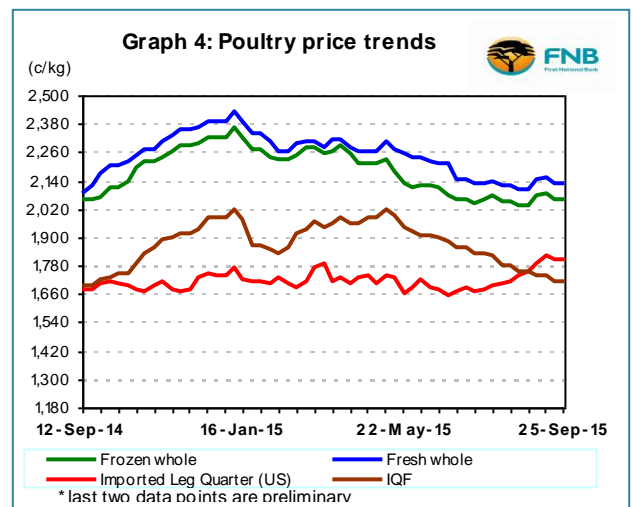
Poultry market trends (Graph 4)

International:

- US broiler prices were steady to lower with the biggest decline for the drumsticks. Market activity was reportedly slow to moderate.
- Demand at retail and food service level was reportedly light to good, mostly moderate approaching the weekend.
- Whole bird prices were unchanged from last week at US114.60 cents/lb, but still up 1% y/y.
- Leg quarter prices again steadied at US45.50 cents/lb, but still down by 13.9% y/y.
- Breast cut prices were also unchanged at US129.50 cents/lb, but still 1% higher y/y.
- Wing prices moved marginally lower and closed at US157.00 cents/lb, which is 7.7% higher y/y.
- Drumsticks prices reversed last week's gains and finished down 8.6% w/w and 25% y/y at US48.00 cents/lb.
- USDA reduced its forecast of US broiler production for 2015 and 2016 by 1% respectively from last month as producers scaled down in response to weaker margins. The export forecast lowered by 2% and 11% respectively for 2015 and 2016 due to a sustained weakness in demand.
- In the recent USDA Foreign Agricultural Service update, domestic broiler production for Brazil was forecast to increase by 5% to reach 13.5m tons in 2016 as producers respond to higher world demand coupled with improved competitiveness due to the weaker currency. The Brazilian Real has reportedly shed almost 30% of its value due to the recessionary economic conditions.

Domestic:

- Weakness in the domestic market particularly for mixed portions continues as stocks are still high and demand remains sluggish.
- Mixed portions remained under pressure and trended sideways. The Individually Quick Frozen (IQF) prices steadied at R17.37 per kg, but still up 2.6% y/y.
- The whole bird category however continued to trend firmer with the weekly medium frozen prices closing at R20.84 per kg, which is up 1% on last year.
- Medium fresh whole bird prices advanced marginally at R21.51 per kg, which is 3.3% higher y/y.



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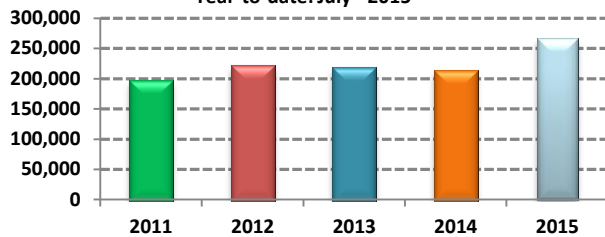
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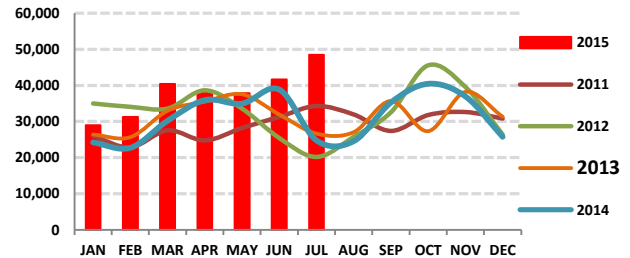
OUTLOOK

It is expected that poultry prices will remain under pressure in the short term due to increased stocks and the general weakness in the local economy. The sustained rand weakness will however improve the competitiveness of the local product as it makes imports more expensive. However, the downside is its effect on higher grain prices particularly for maize as it is a major ingredient in poultry feed. The generally higher feed commodities will erode producer margins and force producers to scale down production in the longer term. Nonetheless, prices should rebound strongly on increased seasonal demand towards year end as favourable braai weather (warmer) returns. Internationally, production conditions remain favourable for production expansion due to lower prices for feed grains and oilcake.

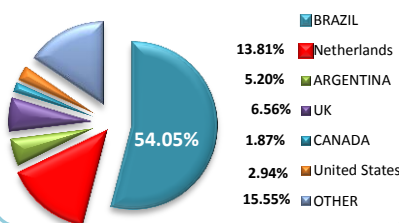
Graph 4a: Poultry Import Trends
Year-to-date: July - 2015



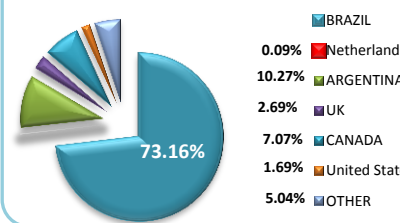
Graph 4b: Poultry Monthly Import Trends (tons)



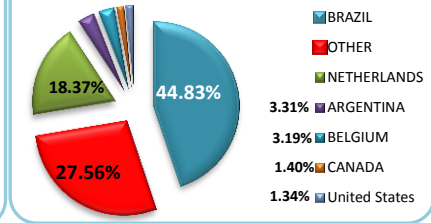
Graph 4e: Imports by Country - 2012



Graph 4c: Imports by Country - 2013



Graph 4d: Imports by Country - 2014



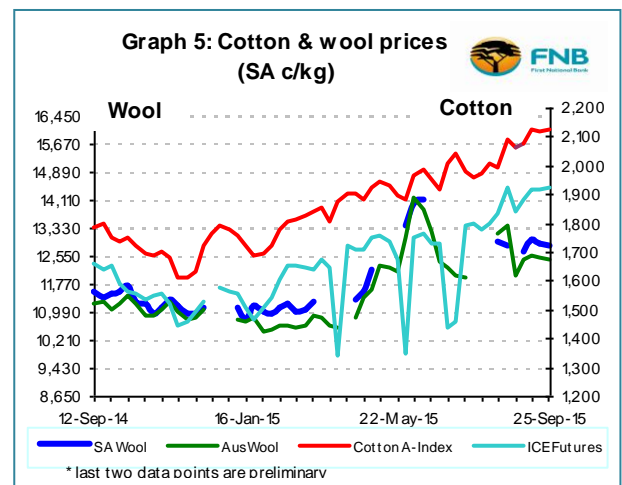
Source: SARS, Own Calculations; *Excluding BNLS

Producer prices for selected livestock commodities 11 September 2015	Beef	Mutton	Pork	Poultry
Open market: Class A / Porker / Fresh whole birds(R/kg)	35.40	55.08	22.52	21.51
Open market: Class C / Baconer / Frozen whole birds(R/kg)	29.58	42.22	20.25	20.84
Contract: A2/A3* / Baconer/ IQF (*includes fifth quarter) (R/kg)	35.62	55.77	21.14	17.37
Import parity price (R/kg)	34.88	31.65	28.21	18.25
Weaner Calves / Feeder Lambs (R/kg)	20.00	27.17		

Wool and cotton market trends (Graph 5)

International:

- Cotton prices trended a bit firmer for the week. However, gains were limited as the market had anticipated a bullish USDA WASDE report.
- In the report, the US cotton crop was revised higher to 13.4m bales on better than expected yields in Texas. Consumption was unchanged from last month while exports were raised to 10.2m bales. Ending stocks are currently estimated at 3.2m bales, down 500,000bales from last year.
- Other survey reports however expected further upward revisions to reach a region of 13.6m and 13.8m bales.
- World production was however lowered on reductions in Brazil and Pakistan. Overall world production is expected to reach 108.7m tons, down 9% y/y. Consumption was lowered from the previous estimates on uncertainties in the world economy and large stocks of yarn.
- Cotton prices settled the week at US69.97 cents/lb, almost unchanged w/w but down 6% y/y.



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- In the futures market, prices moved sideways with both the Dec-15 and Mar-15 contracts averaging US63 cents/ lb.
- Wool market: Prices were extremely volatile, with earlier gains offset by late week losses in the Australian wool market. The AWEX Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) was virtually unchanged from last week and up 17% y/y at AU\$12.58 per kg clean wool. Volumes of sales reached 95% of the 33,721 bales offered.

Domestic:

- The market soared further on strong uptake and Rand weakness which saw the weekly Cape Wools Merino indicator up 2% w/w and 15% y/y at R129.89 per kg (clean). At current levels, the indicator is slightly higher compared to the opening sale of the season and the season to date average.
- Major wool buyers were Standard Wool SA with 1,355 bales (27.4%), Lempriere SA with 1,251 bales (25%), G Modiano SA with 1,173 bales (23.7%), and Segard Masurel SA with 469 bales (9.5%).

Fibre market prices 11 September 2015	SA prices (R/kg)	Australian prices (R/kg)	Australian futures Dec-15 (AU\$/kg)	Australian futures Mar-15 (AU\$/kg)
Wool market indicator (R/kg)	129.89	118.73		
19µ long length wool (R/kg)	137.12	131.03	12.80	12.60
21µ long length wool (R/kg)	129.40	124.20	12.40	12.20
23µ long length wool (R/kg)	-	122.69	11.20	11.00
Fibre market prices 11 September 2015	SA derived Cotton (R/kg)	New York A-Index (US\$/kg)	Cotton Futures Oct-15 (US\$/kg)	Cotton Futures Mar-16 (US\$/kg)
Cotton Prices (R/kg)	21.21	1.54	1.39	1.38

Cotton Futures on the InterContinental Exchange (ICE);

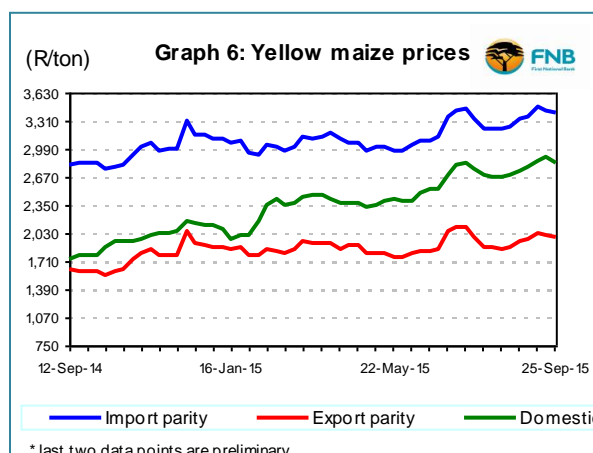
Yellow maize market (Graph 6)

International:

- US maize prices ended firmer due to good buying support in a holiday shortened week.
- Meanwhile, the El Niño-Southern Oscillation (ENSO) weather data reportedly showed that the waters in the Pacific Ocean cooled by 0.1 degrees but the El Niño pattern remains intact. The weather across most of the US remains warm and dry.
- The USDA’s WASDE report also came in tighter with overall feed grain supply slightly lowered mainly due to reduction in maize for the USA.
- Yields came in lower than expected as rain damage was irreversible in other parts of the Maize Belt. Total 2014/15 US crop is expected to reach 345.07m tons, down 4% y/y.
- Feed use is expected to ease on a smaller crop, however this is offset by increased used for sweeteners, bringing ending stocks to 40.45m tons, 5m tons, 3m tons lower than the August estimate and almost 4m tons lower y/y.
- World production was consequently lowered to 978.10, down 7.5m tons from the previous estimate and 3% down.
- Production was also lowered in the EU and the Philippines on untimely dry warm weather conditions.
- Consumption is expected to ease to 985.62m tons on lower feed use in the USA and EU. This is on the back of abundant feed grain supplies making maize less competitive.

Domestic:

- The sustained depreciation of the rand has to a large extent been responsible for the current strength in domestic maize prices.
- The weekly average yellow maize prices settled at R2,842 per ton, up 2% w/w and 64% y/y.
- Exports for the week came in at 5,275 tons, all destined for the neighbouring countries.
- There were no imports registered for the week, cumulative year to date imports were pegged at 238,873 tons all sourced from Argentina.



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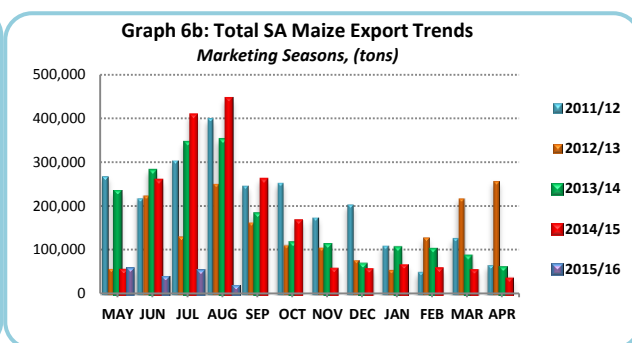
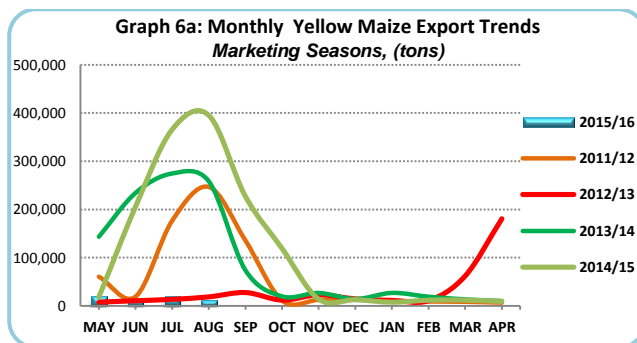
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Internationally, it is a weather market with dry conditions are required heading into harvest period. The domestic market will continue to gain support from the weaker currency and overall regional supply concerns. Nonetheless, recent rains bode well for the early crop which should limit further advances in prices in the medium term.



Source: SAGIS

Yellow Maize Futures 11 September 2015	Sep-15	Dec-15	Mar-16	May-16	Jul-16
CBOT (\$/t)	148	152	157	160	162
JSE (R/t)	2 861	2 903	2 871	2 594	2 574
CHICAGO CORN (R/t)	-	2 028	2 124	-	2 239

Calculated Yellow Maize Options prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Dec-15			Mar-16			May-16		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
2,940	139	102	2,920	203	154	2,640	224	178
2,900	118	121	2,880	181	172	2,600	201	195
2,860	98	141	2,840	160	191	2,560	180	214

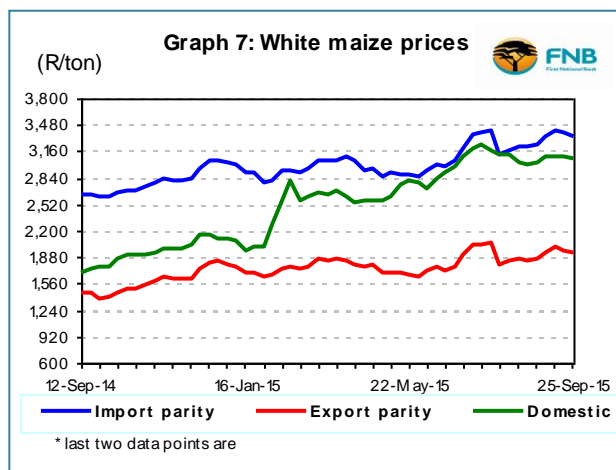
White maize market trends (Graph 7)

International:

- White maize ended with marginal gains on tight supply outlook.
- Weekly average white maize prices moved slightly lower and averaged US\$146/ton, up 1% w/w and 4% y/y.

Domestic:

- Prices moved relatively sideways with the weaker rand being the only supportive feature on the market.
- Although it is still early in the season, production conditions have improved somewhat with the recent rains likely to booster soil moisture levels leading to the planting time.
- White maize prices averaged R3,092 per ton, up 82% y/y.
- Exports for the week were pegged at 5,795 tons, with the cumulative season to date reaching 146,528 tons, all destined to neighbouring countries.
- Imports for the week came in at 574 tons, bringing cumulative year to date imports to 5,824 tons. All sourced from Zambia.



OUTLOOK

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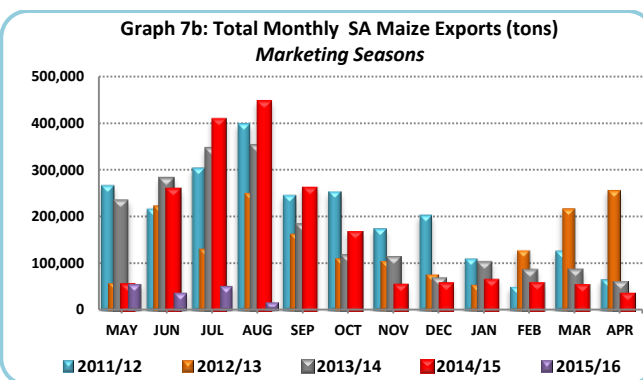
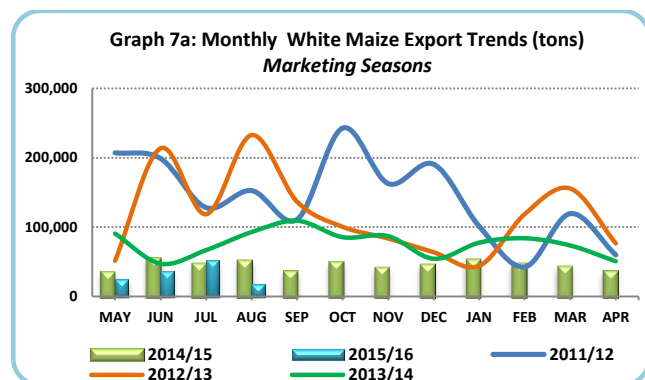
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White Maize Futures 11 September 2015	Sep-15	Dec-15	Mar-16	May-16	Jul-16			
JSE (R/t) WM ₁	3 121	3 194	3 151	2 751	2 704			
Calculated White Maize Options prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Dec-15			Mar-16			May-16		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
3,240	185	139	3,200	254	205	2,800	288	239
3,200	163	157	3,160	232	223	2,760	265	256
3,160	142	176	3,120	211	242	2,720	244	275

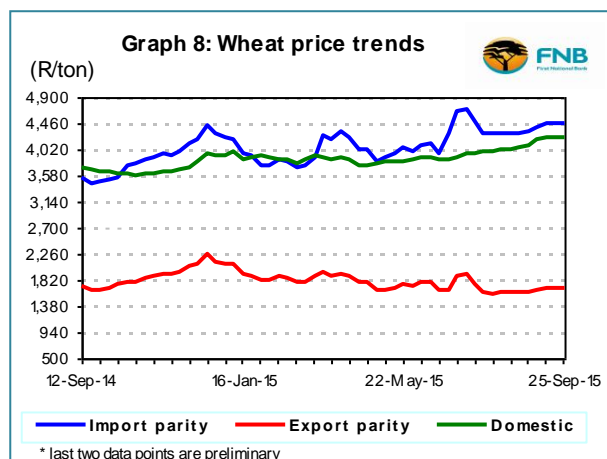


Source: SAGIS;

Wheat market trends (Graph 8)

International:

- Wheat prices posted slight gains mainly due to strong uptake after last week's record low prices.
- Gains were however limited by a bullish USDA's WASDE report which indicated a slight decrease in total US exports.
- Overall US exports were lowered by 680,000 tons due to a bullish USD\$ and aggressive competition on the world market.
- Meanwhile, US production is expected to reach 58.1m tons, up 5% y/y, pushing ending stocks to 23.8m tons well above the 5-year average of 20m tons.
- Most key production areas have experienced good production condition bolstering above average yields and thus sizeable crop. Overall world production is expected to reach a third consecutive record high, estimated at 732m tons and bringing supply levels to 943m tons, up 3% y/y.
- Production prospects are bullish in the EU and the Black Seas region. Russia's crop is estimated at 61m tons, about 24% higher than the 5-year average. Production estimates were also raised in Ukraine, up 7% y/y at 26.5m tons.
- The US wheat market remained under pressure on plentiful supplies and aggressive competition as harvest is underway in most growing regions.
- Winter wheat planting is underway in the US with weather conditions mostly favourable bolstering seasonal planting pace.
- Nonetheless, consumption remains strong despite the bleak world economic environment. World total consumption is expected to reach 715m tons, up 4% from the 5-year average. The increase will mainly be driven by strong demand in Ukraine at 12.7m tons, the highest in 10 years. Other notable domestic consumption increases are seen in the EU and Russia on abundant domestic supplies.



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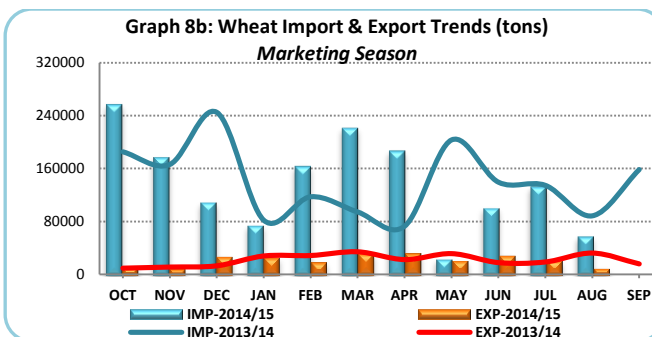
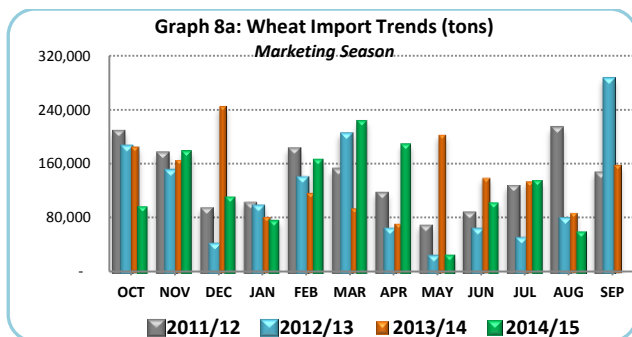
- Due to the build-up in stocks following 3 years of consecutive record harvest, ending stocks are expected to reach a record 227m tons. Stocks are notably high in China at 89.3m tons (45% higher than the 5-year average, and 39% of the total world stocks).

Domestic:

- Prices ended the week firmer as the Rand continue to weaken against the US\$.
- Weekly wheat prices closed at R4,238 per ton, up by 1% w/w and 14% y/y.
- Imports for the week came in at 59,490 tons all sourced from Russia. The cumulative year to date figure reached 1.7m tons.

OUTLOOK

The currency remains the main driver of price direction in the short to medium term. Internationally, price prospects remain bearish due to on plentiful world supplies and the general weakness in the agricultural commodity markets.



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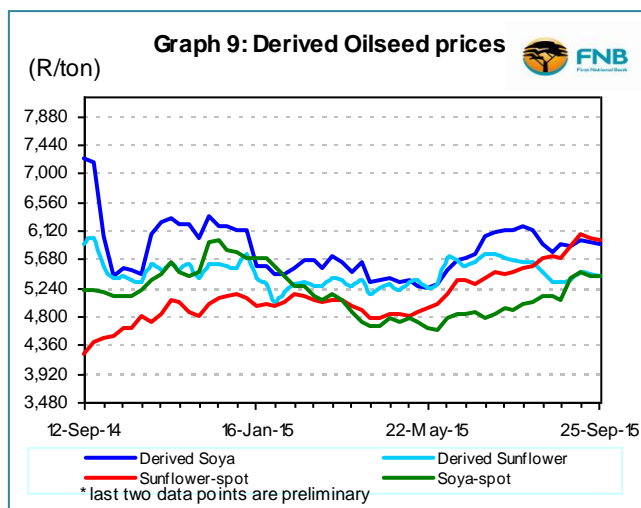
Wheat Futures 11 September 2015	Sep-15	Dec-15	Mar-16	May-16	Jul-16
KCBT (\$/t)	172.92	182.32	187.39	191.07	194.52
JSE (R/t)	4 225	4 195	4 280	-	-

Calculated Wheat Option prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Dec-15			Mar-16			May-16		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
4,200	146	96	4,280	206	160			
4,160	124	114	4,240	184	178			
4,120	104	134	4,200	164	198			

Oilseed market trends (Graph 9)

International:

- Soya bean prices closed the week slightly higher on expected increase in domestic use reported by USDA's WASDE late in the week.
- US ending stocks were lowered to 12.26m tons, on strong demand for crushing which was raised by 272,000 tons due to 50.89m tons. The stronger US\$ has not curbed export demand for US soya beans.
- Despite uncertainties over the Chinese economy, import demand in China was left unchanged at 79m tons in the WASDE report, up by 2m tons from last year.
- Overall world soya bean production was lowered to 319.6m tons, reflecting reductions in Ukraine and Canada where dry weather conditions reduced yield prospects.
- Ending stocks were consequently lowered to 84.98m tons however remaining 8% higher compared to last year.



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Domestic:

- Oilseed prices ended firmer on spill over gains from the international market and a sustained weakness in the Rand/US dollar exchange rate.
- Weekly soya bean prices were up 2% w/w and 5% y/y at R5,471 per ton.
- Sunflower prices averaged R6,045 per ton up 3% w/w and 44% compared to last year time.

OUTLOOK

Internationally, the short to medium term outlook for oilseed prices remains bearish due to the abundant global supplies. Nonetheless, the renewed Rand weakness continues to provide some cushion for the local market.

Oilseeds Futures 11 September 2015	Sep-15	Dec-15	Mar-16	May-16	Jul-16
CBOT Soybeans (US \$/t)	326.14	-	322.98	323.20	324.45
CBOT Soya oil (US c/lb)	26.65	27.18	27.42	27.66	27.94
CBOT Soya cake meal (US\$/t)	342.71	338.63	335.98	332.24	331.35
JSE Sunflower seed (R/t)	5 976	6 061	5 721	-	-
JSE Soybean seed (R/t)	5 405	5 382	5 245	5 025	-

Calculated Sunflower Option prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)

Dec-15			Mar-16			May-16		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
6,100	207	168	5,760	281	242	5,040	412	373
6,060	186	187	5,720	259	260	5,000	390	391
6,020	166	207	5,680	239	280	4,960	369	410

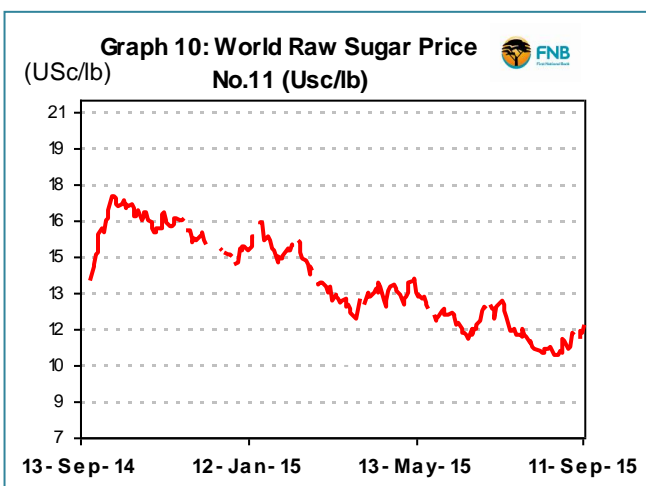
Sugar market trends (Graph 15)

International:

- Sugar prices posted slight gains, reversing the recent downtrend on improved demand. Prices however remain at historical lows.
- India's sugar production is expected to reach 28.3m tons, up by 4m tons y/y while demand is pegged at 24.5m tons.
- In the US, the WASDE report showed a decrease of 90,291 short tons raw value (STRV) from last month in the beginning stocks for 2015/16 due to revised estimates for 2014/15, including supply reduction of 6,291, an 119,000 increase in deliveries, and a 35,000 decrease in exports.
- Total 2015/16 US sugar production was projected down 66,000 from last month at 8.734m STRV. The import projection for 2015/16 came in at 3.4m STRV, up 24,959 STRV. Ending stocks were projected at 1.5m STRV, implying an ending stocks-to-use ratio of 13.5%.
- Raw sugar prices ended averaged US11.37 cents/lb, up 3.9% w/w but down 21.5% y/y.
- Futures were slightly firmer across the board. Sugar for Mar-16 delivery rose by 2% w/w at US12.45 cents/lb, and the May-16 contract was up 1.3% w/w at US12.44 cents/lb.

Domestic:

- The July 2015 RV price in respect of cane delivered in June 2015 was declared at R3,833.07 per ton, down by R34.34 m/m. According to the South African Cane Growers Association, this was attributable to the 59,096 drop in local market demand estimate (LMDE) which was drawn from 13.4% underperformance in the first quarter of the year. Losses were however limited by the 2% m/m reduction in sugar output estimation, the firmer spot No.11 price and the weaker R/US\$ exchange rate.



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- Export availability was revised up to 81,008 tons, up 30% from the June estimate on reduction in LMDE. Further significant revisions on export availability are however expected given the uncertainty in the crop estimate as it is still early in the season.

ICE Sugar Futures 11 September 2015	Mar-16	May-16	Jul-16	Oct-16	Mar-17
Sugar No.11 (US c/lb)	12.45	12.44	12.38	12.53	13.01
% Change w/w	2.0%	1.3%	0.7%	0.2%	-0.2%

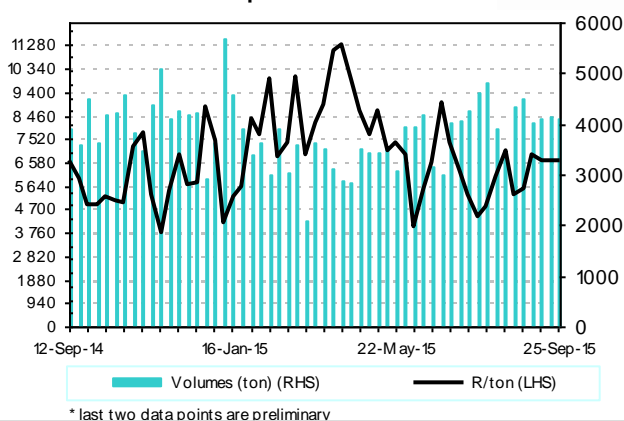
Vegetable Market Trends (Graphs 11 to 15)

Tomatoes

This week tomato prices ended lower on subdued midmonth demand. Weekly tomato prices closed at R6,664 per ton, down 4% w/w but almost unchanged from last year. Volumes of tomatoes traded reached 4,115 tons, up 2% w/w but 5% higher y/y.

It is however expected that prices will move sideways as supply and demand come into balance.

Graph 11: Fresh Produce Markets - Tomato prices



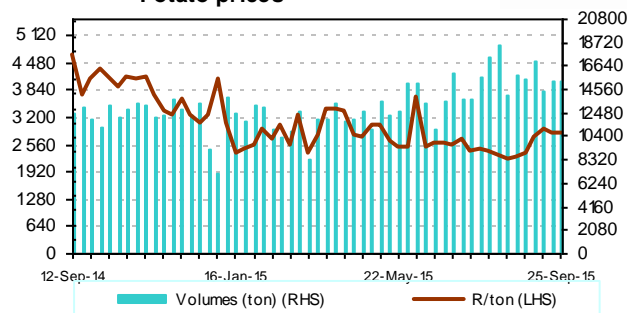
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Potatoes

Potato prices continued to trend firmer on moderation in supplies across markets. The average weekly price of potatoes reached R2,913 per ton, up 7% w/w but still down 38% y/y. Volumes of potatoes traded came in at 14,452 tons, down 16% w/w and up 16% y/y.

The medium term outlook remains bearish on increased supplies as harvest from regions with higher yields reaches the markets.

Graph 12: Fresh Produce Markets - Potato prices



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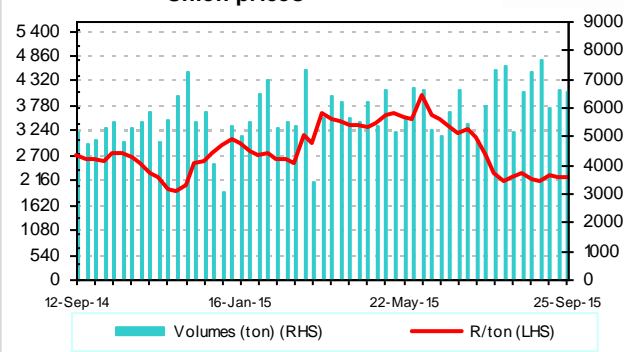
Onions

In the onion market, prices rebounded after weeks of bearish trade.

Weekly onion prices closed at R2,241 per ton, up 6% w/w and down 17% y/y. Volumes of onions traded were pegged at 5,984 tons, down 22% w/w but still 16% higher y/y.

Prices are expected to trend sideways to lower in the short to medium term on volume pressure.

Graph 13: Fresh Produce Markets - Onion prices



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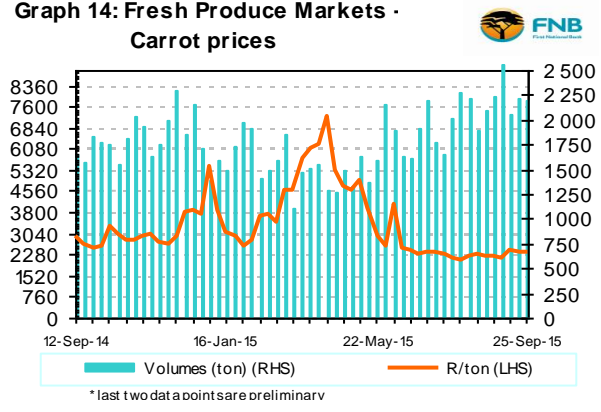
Carrots

Carrot prices ended mostly firmer on supply tightness across markets.

Weekly carrot prices were up 13% w/w but down 17% y/y, closing the week at R2,448 per ton. Volumes of carrots traded reached 2,047 tons, down 20% w/w but 24% higher y/y.

Prices are expected to remain under downward pressure due to higher volumes.

Graph 14: Fresh Produce Markets - Carrot prices



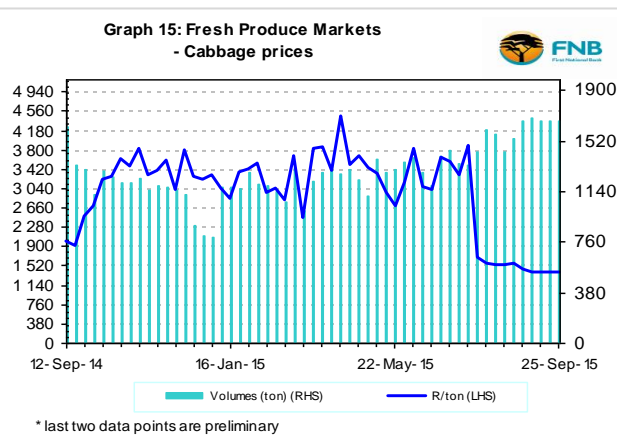
Cabbages

Cabbage prices moved sideways as a result of weak demand despite reduced volumes across markets.

Weekly cabbage prices closed at R1,387 per ton, virtually unchanged w/w but still down 30% y/y. Volumes of cabbages traded were down 1% w/w but 2% higher y/y at 1,668 tons.

Prices are expected to move sideways with limited upward potential on abundant supplies.

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	Average Price (R/t)	w/w	y/y	Total Volume (t)	w/w	y/y
11 September 2015						
Tomato	6 664	-4%	0%	4115	2%	5%
Potato	2 913	7%	-38%	14452	-16%	15.9%
Onion	2 241	6%	-17%	5984	-22%	16%
Carrot	2 448	13%	-17%	2047	-20%	24%
Cabbage	1 387	0%	-30%	1668	-1%	2%

* Daily prices also available at <https://www.fnbagricomms.co.za>

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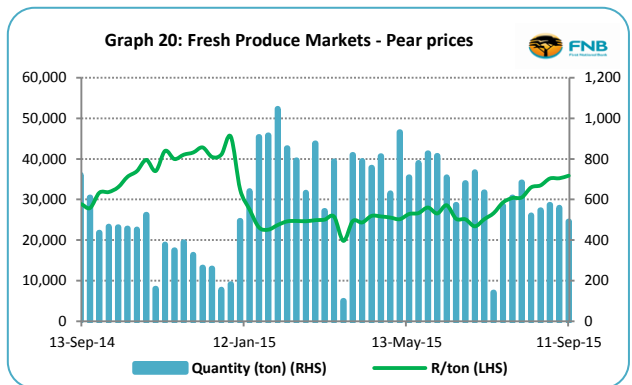
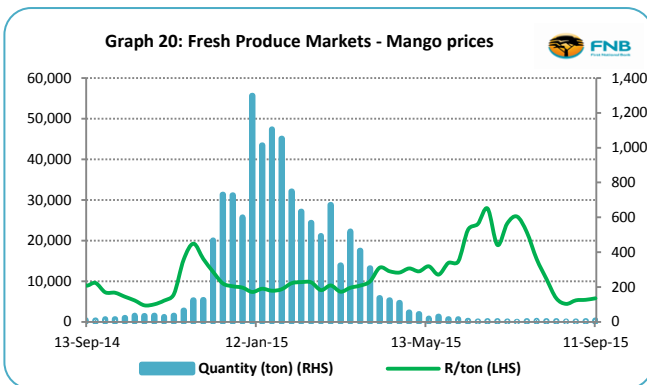
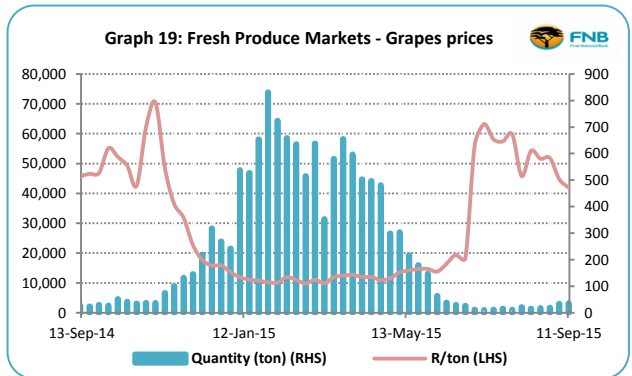
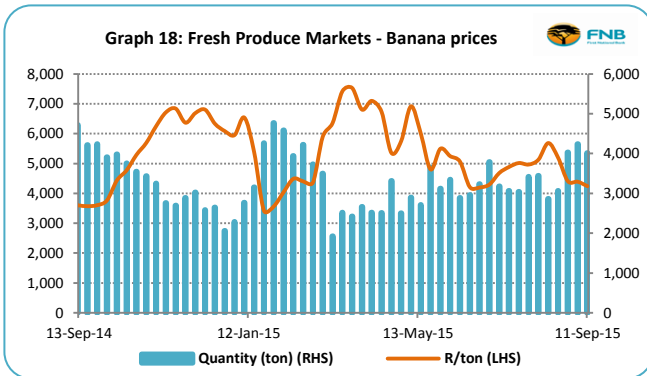
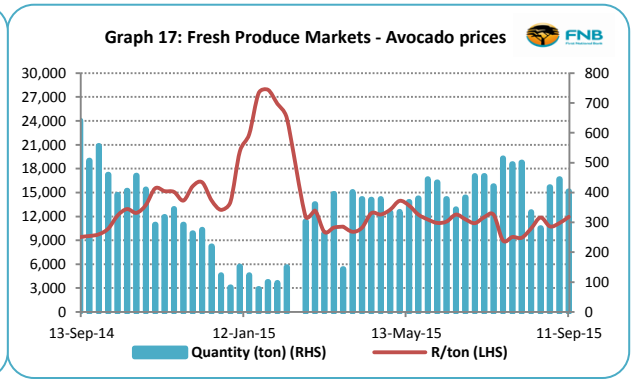
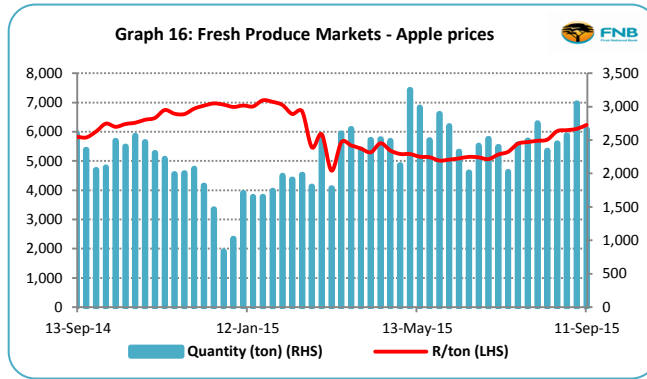
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The Fruit Market Trends – Major Fresh Produce Markets in SA (Graphs 16 to 20)



FRUIT PRICES: Major FPM. (Average Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban)						
Week ending	Average Price (R/t)	w/w	y/y	Total Volume (t)	w/w	y/y
11 September 2015						
Apples	6 234	2%	7%	2662	-13%	2%
Avocados	11 951	7%	27%	404	-9%	-37%
Bananas	4 241	-3%	18%	4010	-5%	-15%
Grapes	41 898	-6%	-8%	37	7%	35%
Pears	35 861	2%	24%	491	-12%	-32%

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