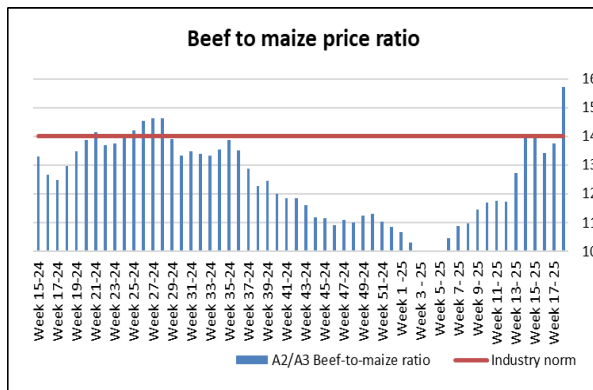
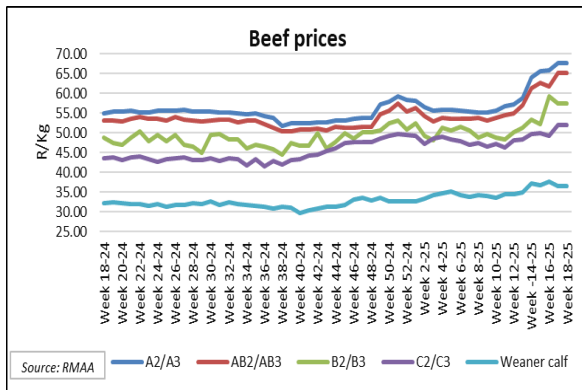




Summary

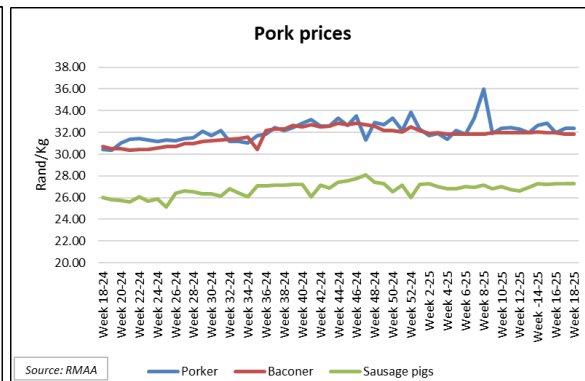
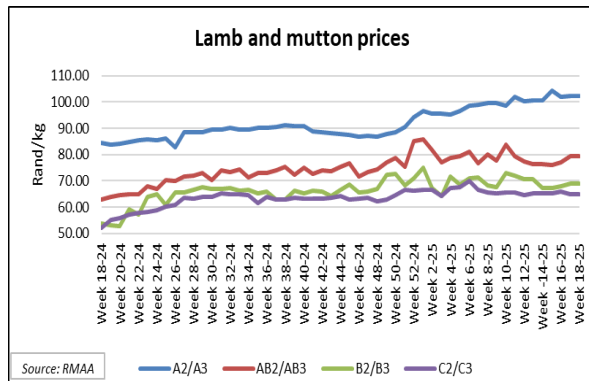
The value added tax (VAT) reversal statement of 24 April 2025, might also mean the withdrawal of the proposed expansion of the basket of zero-rated food items. The South African National Treasury announced that the repealing of the VAT increase negates the need for measures to cushion lower income households from the negative impacts of the proposed rate increase. In addition, other expenditure decisions will be revisited. However, the order by the high court states that the suspension of the VAT increase is subject to the passing of legislation that regulates the VAT rate. The livestock products that had been mooted for the expanded basket were dairy liquid blends, certain organ meat (offal) from sheep, pigs, goats, and poultry. This expansion of the basket was expected to increase the demand for these livestock products, and in turn, support the livestock subsector. Focusing on poultry, the industry has reported a significant decrease in bone-in chicken imports. This can be attributed to the effective implementation of anti-dumping levies on chicken imports over the recent years. However, the South African Poultry Association (SAPA) has noted that although import duties are beneficial to the industry, they typically result in price increases that are passed onto consumers.

The beef industry



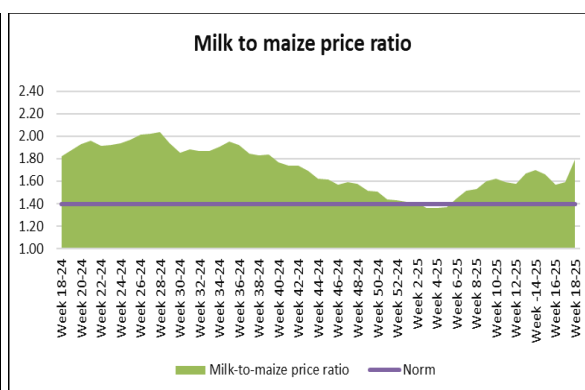
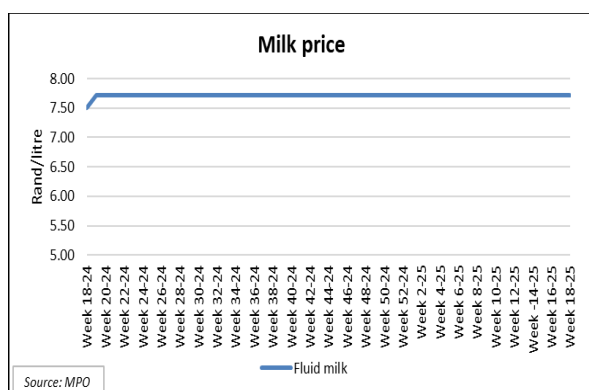
- **Beef prices** were bullish week-on-week (w/w).
- The average prices of class A2/A3 and AB2/AB3 increased by 1.9% and 1.5% w/w to R67.74/kg and R65.23/kg, respectively.
- The average prices of class B2/B3 and C2/C3 increased by 3.9% and 0.8% w/w to R57.50/kg and R51.92/kg, respectively.
- On average, beef prices were nearly 21% higher year-on-year (y/y) due to improved demand.
- The average **weaner price** decreased by 0.7% w/w to R36.60/kg due to slower demand for weaners on the market.
- In the past week, the average **beef-to-maize price ratio** increased by 14.3% to 15.7 due a decrease in the average yellow maize price by nearly 11% w/w.

The mutton and pork industries



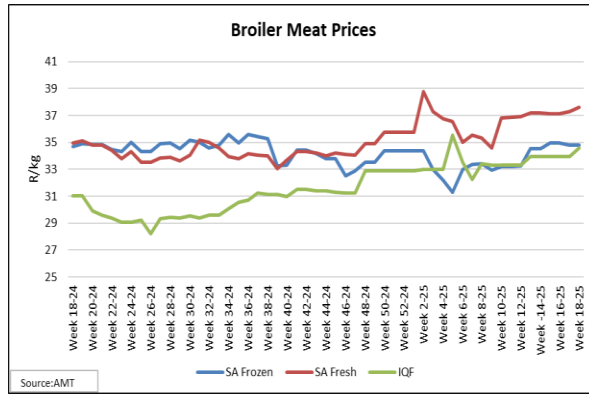
- **Mutton and lamb prices** were largely bullish w/w.
- The average prices of class A2/A3 and AB2/AB3 increased by 1.2% and 2.3% w/w to R102.43/kg and R79.32/kg, respectively.
- The average price of class B2/B3 increased by 1.6% to R69.02/kg, while class C2/C3 decreased w/w by 0.7% to R64.92/kg.
- The average mutton and lamb prices were 25% higher y/y due to better demand.
- The **pork prices** were bullish w/w.
- The average price of porkers increased by 0.2% w/w to R32.36/kg.
- The average prices of baconers and sausage increased w/w by 0.2% and 3.3% to R31.85/kg and R27.27/kg, respectively.
- On average, pork prices were 6.3% higher y/y due to improved demand on the market.

The dairy industry



- The latest average **milk producer price** set by dairy processors is estimated at R7.71/l.
- In the past week, the average **milk-to-maize price ratio** improved by 12.5% w/w to 1.78.
- The increase in the milk-to-maize price ratio was due to the nearly 11% w/w decrease in the average yellow maize price.
- The average milk-to-maize price ratio is above its long-term average of 1.4, a level which is supportive of intensive dairy producers.

The broiler industry



- **Broiler prices** were largely bullish w/w.
- The average price of **South African frozen chicken** marginally decreased by 0.1% w/w to R34.78/kg, while **fresh chicken** increased by 0.9% w/w to R37.62/kg.
- The average price of **IQF chicken** also increased by 1.9% w/w to 34.60/kg.
- Average chicken prices were up by 6.4% on an annual basis.

The wool industry

Indicator	SA prices (R/kg)		Change
	Previous	Current	
Clean non-RWS certified wool	181.50	179.41	↓ -1.2%
Clean RWS certified wool	186.56	182.80	↓ -2.0%

- The latest **wool auction** took place on 07 May 2025, with 6 627 bales of wool on offer
- Sustainable certified merino wool only accounted for 47% of the total wool on offer.
- The market continued to face pressure on the back of a stronger rand against the US dollar.
- Approximately 92.8% of the wool that was on offer was sold during the auction.
- Compared to the previous auction, the **non-RWS** (Responsible Wool Standard) and the **RWS** decreased by 1.2% and 2% to R179.41/kg and R182.80/kg, respectively.
- The next wool auction is expected to take place on the 14 May 2025.

Mohair industry

- The fourth **mohair sale** of the 2025 summer season took place on 15 April 2025, with 197 832 kg of mohair on offer and it was reported in the previous Biweekly Report.
- The fifth sale of the 2025 summer season is expected to take place on 13 May 2025.

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