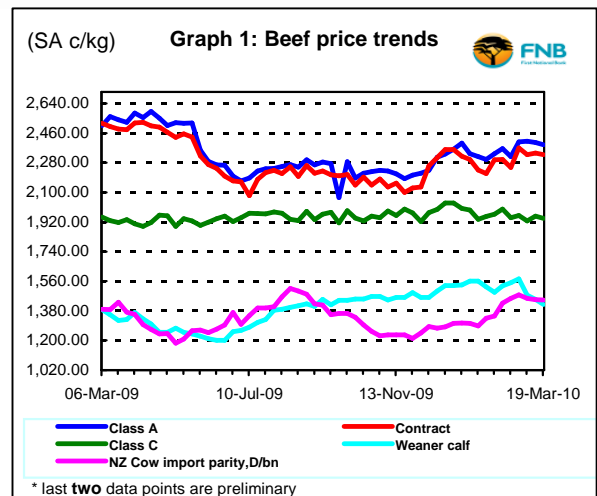


Beef market trends (Graph 1)

- **International:** US domestic beef prices were up during the week. Stronger domestic prices and tight supplies of imported product continued to support the market. Beef import parity however dropped 1.4% mainly due to a stronger Rand/US dollar exchange.
- **Domestic:** Beef prices were steady to lower on the week. Weekly Contract Class A and Class C beef softened slightly and closed the week at R23.30/kg and R19.28/ kg respectively. Class A beef on the other hand remained a bit firmer at R24.11/kg. Weaner calf prices came under pressure and declined due to improved volumes on markets. Weekly weaner calf prices were down 6.3% week on week and closed at R14.75/kg live weight.

OUTLOOK

Beef prices are expected to ease somewhat in the short term but will bottom out and increase as the Easter Holidays draw nearer. Weaner calf prices will remain under downward pressure as we enter the weaning season.

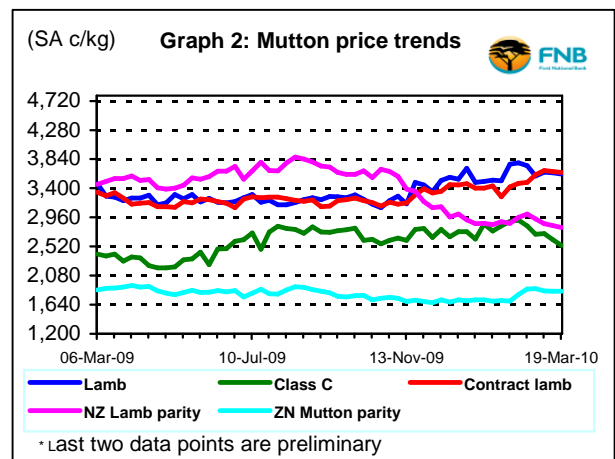


Mutton market trends (Graph 2)

- **International:** New Zealand export lamb prices remained firm and are expected to strengthen in short term due to limited supplies. Import parity prices however eased slightly lower under pressure due to the strengthening of the Rand against the US dollar.
- **Domestic:** On the domestic market, prices posted marginally recovery on improved uptake. Weekly prices for Class A, Class C and Class A contract closed firmer at R36.42/kg, R27.14/kg and R36.66/kg respectively, which is 5.1%, 12.9% and 9.9% higher when considered year on year. Feeder lamb prices increased by 1.7% week on week and 8% year on year, closing at R15.60/kg live weight.

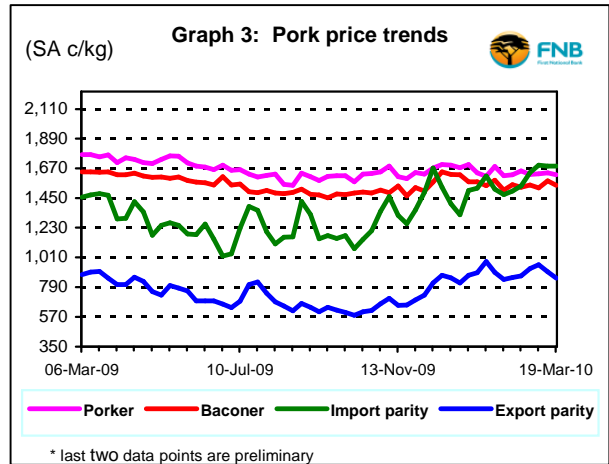
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Lamb and mutton prices are expected to improve somewhat leading to the Easter holidays.



Pork market trends (Graph 3)

- **International:** US pork prices maintained a firmer trend across most cuts. Weekly carcass, loin, rib and ham prices increased by 4%, 5%, 2% and 7% respectively week on week on the back of strong demand leading to the Easter holidays. Import parity prices for pork ended 3% higher week on week and 16% year on year, mainly due to higher international prices despite a stronger Rand/US dollar exchange rate.
- **Domestic:** Weekly prices ended mixed with porkers maintaining an uptrend while baconers were softer. Prices closed at R16.51/kg and R16.30/kg and R15.24/kg for porkers and baconers respectively. Meanwhile pork imports continued to increase with total February imports coming in at 2,365 tons, up 8.7% month on month and 53.1% year on year. The cumulative imports for the year to date stood at 4,541 tons, which is 74% higher than was imported during the same period in 2009. The bulk of imports were ribs (78%), which increased month on month by 29% while hams and other cuts dropped by 51% and 24% respectively month on month.

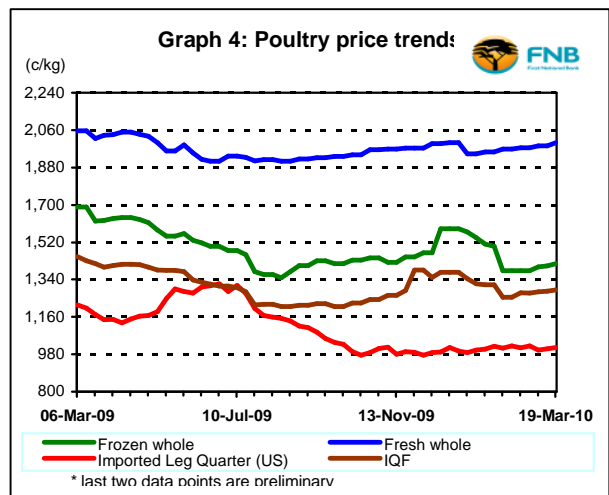


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Prices are expected to move sideways to lower in the short term, but will bottom out and increase towards Easter holidays. Higher imports will keep domestic prices under downward pressure.

Poultry market trends (Graph 4)

- **International:** US prices were steady to lower across most categories. Weekly leg quarter, drumsticks and wings were down 0.9%, 1.6% and 3.5% respectively week on week. Breasts were a bit firmer. Retail and food services sector demand was reported light to moderate ahead of the weekend. Weekly US broiler egg sets and chick placements for the week ending 27-Feb-10 were reported up 1% respectively year on year. The expected number available for marketing during the week ending 10-Apr-10 is estimated at 153.4m head, up 0.8% compared to the week earlier. Import parity prices (LQ) drifted lower by 2% week on week, due to the combined effect of lower international prices and a stronger Rand/US dollar exchange rate.
- **Domestic:** On the local front, prices posted marginal gains on improved uptake. Market sentiment however remained steady but with some renewed hope for an upswing as the Easter holidays draw nearer. In the product category, fresh whole birds have been consistently on a firmer trend while IQF remains volatile. Weekly prices for frozen, fresh whole birds and IQF prices ended at R14.02/kg, R19.85/kg and R12.80/kg, up 1.5%, 0.5% and 0.4% respectively week on week. On the feeding side, prices of the energy component remain considerably low which bodes well for improved producer margins.



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Prices are expected to continue to recover somewhat as we approach the Easter holidays.

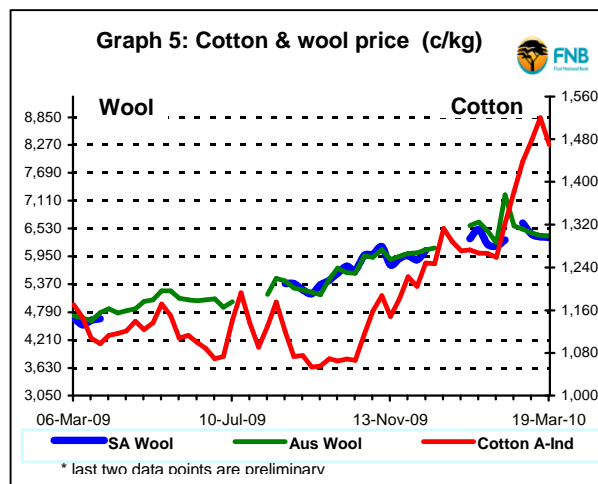
Producer prices for selected livestock commodities 05 March 2010	Beef	Mutton	Pork	Poultry
Open market: Class A / Porker / Fresh whole birds(R/kg)	24.11	36.42	16.30	19.85
Open market: Class C / Baconer / Frozen whole birds(R/kg)	19.28	27.14	15.25	14.02
Contract: A2/A3* / Baconer/ IQF (*includes fifth quarter) (R/kg)	23.30	36.66	15.24	12.80
Import parity price (R/kg)	14.56	18.46	16.93	10.01
Weaner Calves / Feeder Lambs (R/kg)	14.75	15.60		

Wool and cotton market trends (Graph 5)

- International:** US cotton prices remained upward bound due to improved economic outlook. Tight global supplies due to reduced production in major countries continued to feed the bullish tone. Weekly cotton prices were up 42% week on week and almost 70% higher when considered year on year. Weekly spot cotton transactions dropped by 42% week on week and 7% year on year at 28,381 bales. Total spot transactions for the season were reported at 776,027 bales, which is up 8% year on year. Derived cotton lint prices finished the week up 2.9% week on week, mainly due to higher international cotton prices. Weekly cotton futures on ICE (US) futures were steady to firmer: May-10 was almost unchanged w/w at 82.43USc/lb; Jul-10 was up 1.1% w/w at 82.85USc/lb; Oct-10 was up 0.4% w/w at 76.55USc/lb; Dec-10 was up 0.9% w/w at 75.09USc/lb.

Wool Market: The Australian dollar wool market ended marginally lower on the back of a firmer AU\$. The weekly market indicator AWEX EMI closed at Au\$9.15/kg.
- Domestic:** Domestic wool market weakened under pressure due to a stronger Rand. The currency strengthened by 2.5% and 1.5% against the US dollar and the Euro respectively on the day of sale. The weekly market indicator Cape Wool's Merino closed down 3.5% week on week at R64.11/kg clean wool. This is 9% and 19% higher compared to the current season's average and opening sale respectively. Major buyers were Standard Wool SA with 3493 bales (31%), G Modiano SA with 2,861 bales (25.4%), Lempriere SA with 2,697 bales (23.9%), Stucken & Co with 1,228 bales (10.9%), Segard Masurel SA with 545 bales (4.8%). Sales reached 96% of the wool offered.

Cotton: Locally, there was no improvement in production with current crop remaining the lowest on record. The 2nd estimate for the 2009/10 production year pegged the total crop at 40,385 lint bales, down 10% compared to the previous season. RSA produced seed cotton is approximately 36,965 lint bales, down 12% from the previous season. The balance of 3,420 lint bales relates to Swaziland produced cotton ginned by the Swaziland ginnery. The expected rebound in international prices should see focus shifting back to cotton as profitability improves.

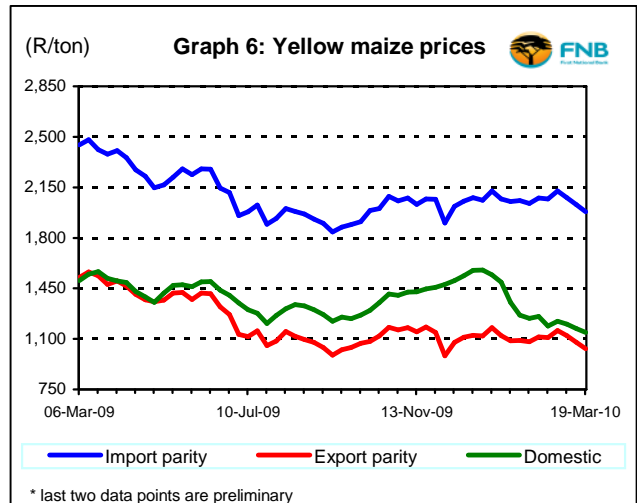


Fibre market prices 05 March 2010	SA prices (R/kg)	Australian prices (R/kg)	Australian futures May-10 (AU\$/kg)	Australian futures Jul-10 (AU\$/kg)
Wool market indicator (R/kg)	6,411	64.37		
19µ long length wool (R/kg)	7,304	73.97	10.05	9.93
21µ long length wool (R/kg)	6,546	64.85	9.05	8.93
23µ long length wool (R/kg)	6,327	62.88	8.25	8.13
	SA derived Cotton (R/kg)	New York A-Index (US\$/kg)	New York future May-10 (US\$/kg)	New York future Jul-10 (US\$/kg)
Cotton Prices (R/kg)	14.77	1.91	1.81	1.82



Yellow maize market (Graph 6)

- International:** US yellow maize prices eased marginally lower due to a firmer dollar and lower crude oil prices. Prices were however a bit firmer early in the week due to concerns over weather related planting delays. Weekly export sales were reported slightly above expectations at 761,400 tons for current year and 72,000 tons for next year. Out of Argentina, harvesting has commenced and yields are reportedly good with private estimates pegging the crop at 20.2m ton, which is almost 37% higher year on year. Weekly yellow maize prices closed down 0.8% week on week but still 5% above last year this time. Import parity prices for yellow closed down 2.2% week on week and 14.9% year on year, due to combined effect of lower international prices and a stronger Rand/US dollar exchange rate.
- Domestic:** Yellow maize prices eased slightly lower in line with weakness on the international market. The stronger Rand added to the bearish tone. Weekly yellow maize prices were down 1.8% week on week and 20% year on year, closing at R1,201/ton. The large domestic crop will continue to exert downward pressure on the market. Meanwhile, weekly export sales for yellow maize came in at 2,660 tons, up 9% compared to the week earlier. Weekly producer deliveries for yellow increased marginally by 0.1% week on week to 4.73m tons. Weekly yellow maize Safex futures traded lower across the board: May-10 was down 3.2% w/w (-R40/t); Jul-10 was down 3.1% w/w (-R39/t); Sep-10 was down 2.7% w/w (-R35/t). Chicago Corn on Safex: Jul-10 was down 4% w/w (-R52/t); Dec-10 was down 4% w/w (-R46/t).



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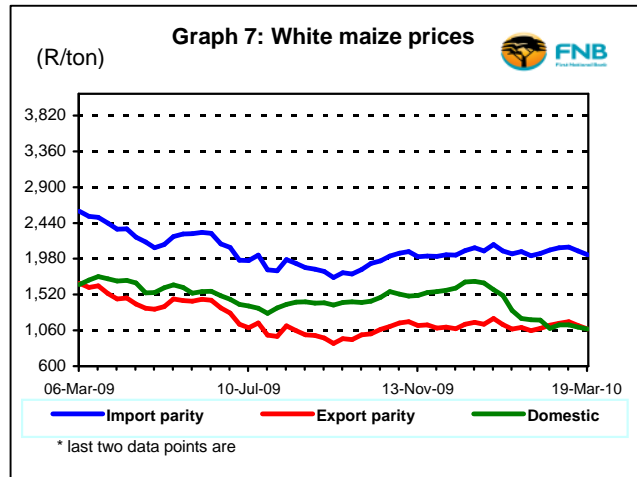
It is expected that prices will remain under downward pressure in the medium term due to a hefty domestic and global supply outlook.

Yellow Maize Futures 05 March 2010	May-10	July-10	Sep-10	Dec-10	Jul-11			
CBOT (\$/t)	147.91	152.24	155.63	158.55	167.45			
SAFEX (R/t)	1,200	1,208	1,247	1,302	1,302			
CHICAGO CORN (R/t)	-	1,260	-	1,379	1,379			
Calculated Yellow Maize Options prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
May-10			Jul-10			Dec-10		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
1,240	76	36	1,240	97	65	1,280	133	100
1,200	53	53	1,200	75	83	1,240	110	117
1,160	34	74	1,160	56	104	1,200	90	137



White maize market trends (Graph 7)

- **International:** Unlike yellow maize, US white maize prices continued to trade firmer. Weekly white maize prices increased modestly by 3.7% week on week and 0.5% year on year, closing at \$160/ton. White maize import parity prices closed marginally higher by 0.6% week on week, but were almost 18% down on last year.
- **Domestic:** White maize market traded sideways despite a stronger Rand and a bearish domestic supply outlook. Weekly white maize prices closed at R1,130/ ton and were almost unchanged when compared to last week. However the current prices are almost 32% lower when compared to the corresponding week in 2009. Weekly export sales of white maize were a bit disappointing, dropping by 63% week on week at 18,985 tons. Weekly producer deliveries to the country's silos reached 11.3m tons for the current marketing season to date. White maize deliveries rose to 6.6m tons. White maize (WM) futures on Safex were all down: May-10 closed down 3.7% w/w (-R44/t); Jul-10 was down 4.2% w/w (-R50/t); Sep-10 was down 4% w/w (-R49/t).



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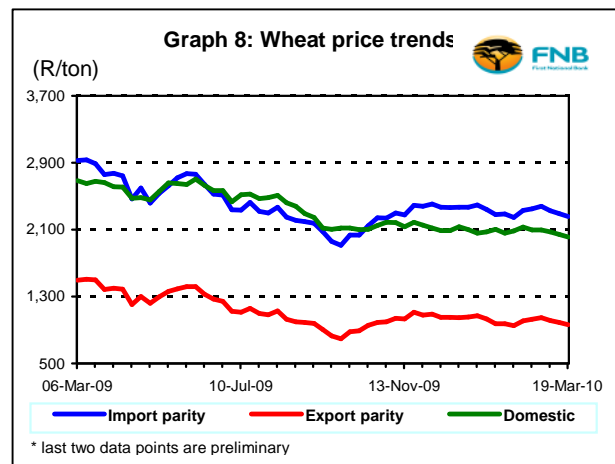
Prices are expected to remain under pressure and trade lower in the short to medium term - upside potential remains limited due to a large domestic supply outlook.

White Maize Futures 05 March 2010	May-10	July-10	Sep-10	Dec-10	Jul-11
SAFEX (R/t) WM ₁	1,136	1,135	1,174	1,229	1,331

Calculated White Maize Options prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
May-10			Jul-10			Dec-10		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
1,180	73	29	1,180	110	65	1,220	121	75
1,140	49	45	1,140	87	82	1,180	98	92
1,100	30	66	1,100	67	102	1,140	77	111

Wheat market trends (Graph 8)

- **International:** US wheat prices declined due to weak export demand and underlying huge global supplies. Weekly US wheat export sales were reported at 375,700 tons for current year and 33,300 tons for next year. Meanwhile, the International Grains Council raised its estimate of world wheat production by 6m tons to at 659m tons in the latest outlook report. Weekly wheat prices closed down 1% week on week but still 6% down on last year this time. Wheat import parity (Randfontein) closed down 2.3% week on week and almost 16% year on year, attributable to lower international prices and a stronger Rand/US dollar exchange rate.
- **Domestic:** Wheat prices eased slightly lower due to the combined influence of lower international prices and a stronger Rand. Weekly wheat prices were down 1% week on week and 25% year on year, closing at R2,073/ton.



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Weekly wheat futures on Safex eased lower across the board: Mar-10 was down 1.9% w/w (-R40/t); May-10 was down 3% w/w (-R64/t); Jul-10 was down 3.2% w/w (-R71/t); Sep-10 was down 3.4% w/w (-R77/t); Dec-10 was down 3.5% w/w (-R80/t).

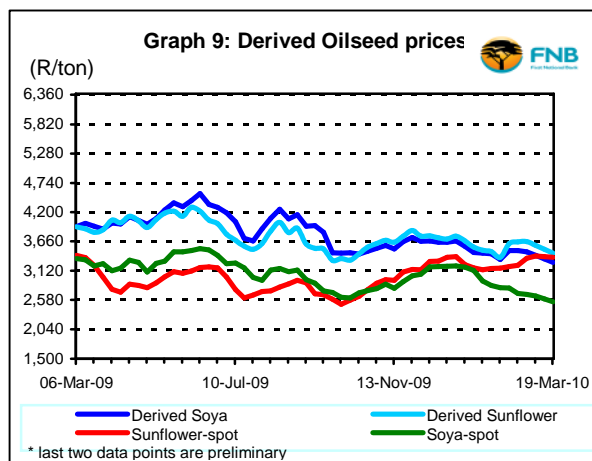
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Prices are expected to continue trending sideways with limited upward potential due to the bearish influence from the international grain market.

Wheat Futures 05 March 2010	May-10	July-10	Sep-10	Dec-10	Jul-11			
KCBT (\$/t)	183.90	187.94	192.17	198.60	-			
SAFEX (R/t)	2,105	2,139	2,173	2,205	-			
Calculated Wheat Option prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
May-10			Jul-10			Dec-10		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
2,140	104	69	2,180	142	101	2,220	184	137
2,100	82	87	2,140	120	119	2,180	161	154
2,060	63	108	2,100	100	139	2,140	140	173

Oilseed market trends (Graph 9)

- International: US soybean prices reversed last week's gains and finished the week slightly lower on sluggish export demand. Prices ended mixed in the product category with soymeal closing down 6.5% week on week while soyoil ended modestly higher by 3.1% week on week on improved demand prospects. Potential for record crops in South America will continue to limit price recovery. Derived soybean and sunflower prices all weakened due to the combined effect of lower international prices and a stronger Rand/US dollar exchange rate.
- Domestic: Weekly prices ended mixed across the oilseed complex traded on Safex. Soybeans remained under pressure and declined closing at R2,650/ton, down 1.1% week on week and 21% year on year. In the case of sunflower, prices closed a bit firmer at R3,393/ton, which is 1.2% higher than last week. Soybean futures on Safex: Mar-10 was down 1.5% w/w (-R40/t); May-10 was down 2.7% w/w (-R70/t); Jul-10 was down 2.8% w/w (-R73/t). Sunflower futures on Safex however eased lower: May-10 was down 3.9% w/w (-R135/t); Jul-10 was down 3.9% w/w (-R139/t).



OUTLOOK

Domestic soybean prices will remain under pressure and move sideways to lower while sunflower will continue to trade firmer.



Oilseeds Futures 05 March 2010	May-10	July-10	Sep-10	Dec-10	Jul-11
CBOT Soybeans (US \$/t)	346.35	349.21	343.55	-	349.29
CBOT Soya oil (US c/lb)	40.05	40.48	40.77	41.12	41.65
CBOT Soya cake meal (US \$/t)	257.70	258.60	255.80	248.70	254.40
SAFEX Sunflower seed (R/t)	3,370	3,381	3,535	3,560	-
SAFEX Soybean seed (R/t)	2,515	2,557	-	-	-

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

May-10			Jul-10			Dec-10		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
3,420	180	130	3,420	265	226	3,580	334	289
3,380	158	148	3,380	243	244	3,540	312	307
3,340	137	167	3,340	223	264	3,500	290	325

Vegetable market trends (Graph 10)

• **Potatoes**

Potato prices maintained an upward trend supported by strong uptake across most markets. Weekly potato prices rose by 9.4% week on week and closed at R2,385/ton. This is however still 18.7% lower year on year. Volumes of potatoes traded increased by 4.6% week on week and 5% year on year, coming in at 12,567 tons. Prices are however expected to move sideways with limited upward potential in the short term.

• **Cabbage**

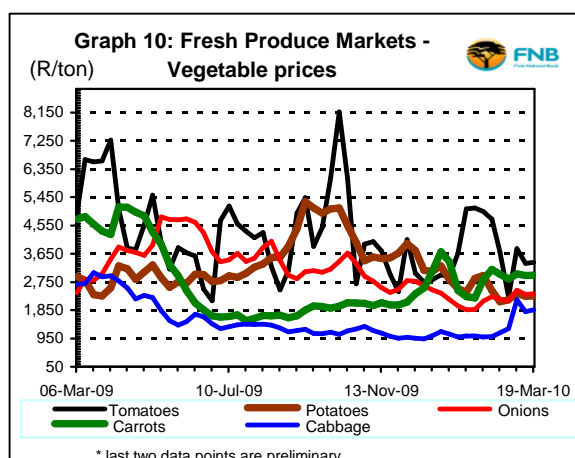
Cabbage prices maintained a stronger trend on the back of good uptake and reduced volumes on markets. Weekly cabbage prices increased by a whopping 72% week on week and closed at R2,175/ton, but still 19% down on last year. Volumes of cabbages traded dropped by 11.4% week on week, coming in at 1,316 tons. Prices are expected to soften slightly in the week ahead.

• **Onions**

Onion prices posted sharp gains due to good uptake on markets. Weekly onion prices increased by 16.3% week on week and 3.2% year on year, closing at R2,490/ton. Volumes traded came in at 5,015 tons, up 20.3% week on week but still 4.8% down on last year. Prices are however expected to ease somewhat in the short term due to increased supplies.

• **Tomatoes**

Tomato prices bottomed out and increased on the back of reduced volumes on markets. Weekly volumes of tomatoes traded were down 19.4% week on week, coming in at 4,392 tons. This is however almost 32% higher when considered year on year. Prices increased by 68.2% week on week and closed at R3,816/ton, but still 22% down on last year. Prices are however expected to ease slightly lower due to moderation in demand during mid-month.



Vegetable prices: Fresh Produce Markets. (Average Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban)						
Week ending 05 March 2010	Average Price (R/t)	<i>w/w</i>	<i>y/y</i>	Total Volume (t)	<i>w/w</i>	<i>y/y</i>
Tomato	3,816	68.2%	-22.1%	4392	-19.4%	31.8%
Potato	2,385	9.4%	-18.7%	12567	4.6%	5.0%
Onion	2,490	16.3%	3.2%	5015	20.3%	-4.8%
Cabbage	2,175	72.3%	-18.5%	1316	-11.4%	24.1%

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