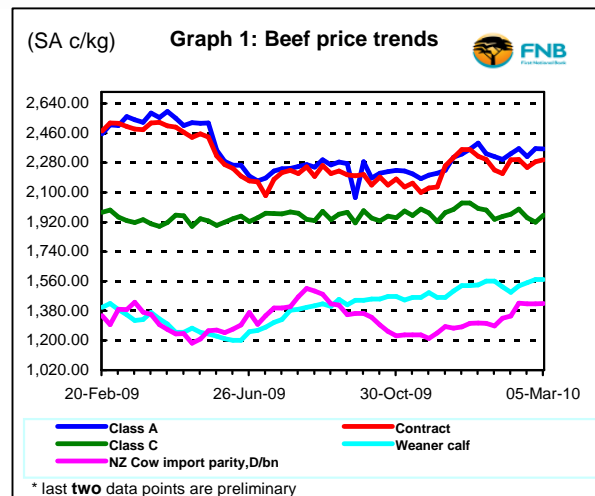


Beef market trends (Graph 1)

- International:** US domestic beef prices continued to strengthen supported by tight supplies on markets. The fall in supply was influenced by poor weather conditions which limited movement and transportation of cattle. Market activity on imported beef was reported moderate with prices continuing to trend higher on the back of stronger domestic market and tight supplies. Beef import parity however eased marginally lower mainly due to the strengthening of the Rand against the US dollar.
- Domestic:** Beef prices softened slightly due to weak demand during mid-month. Supplies however remained tight due to retentions on farms owing to improved grazing conditions. Weekly Class A, Contract Class A and Class C beef settled at R23.19/ kg, R22.52/ kg and R19.47/ kg respectively. Weekly weaner calf prices however traded slightly firmer on the back of tight supplies and strong demand. Price settled at R15.50/ kg, up 1.3% week on week and almost 11% higher than last year.

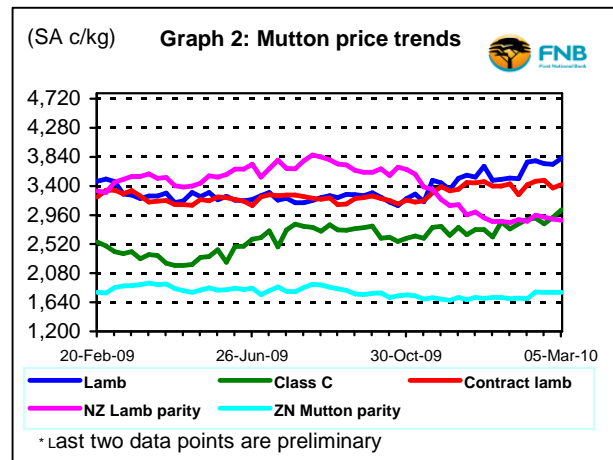


OUTLOOK

Beef prices are expected to trade firm to higher in the medium term as demand peaks in the build-up towards the Easter Holidays and the World Cup. Supplies of weaner calves will tighten up in the short to medium term as producers hold on to their stock.

Mutton market trends (Graph 2)

- International:** New Zealand export prices continued to strengthen supported by tight supplies and strong export demand leading to the Easter period. Import parity for lamb and mutton eased marginally lower due to a stronger Rand/US dollar exchange rate despite higher international prices.
- Domestic:** Lamb and mutton prices dipped slightly lower as demand weakened during midmonth. Weekly prices for Class A, Class C and Class A contract settled at R37.36/ kg, R28.27/ kg and R34.88/ kg respectively. Feeder lamb prices declined by 3.6% week on week and settled at R15.57/ kg live weight, which is 8% higher compared to the corresponding week last year.

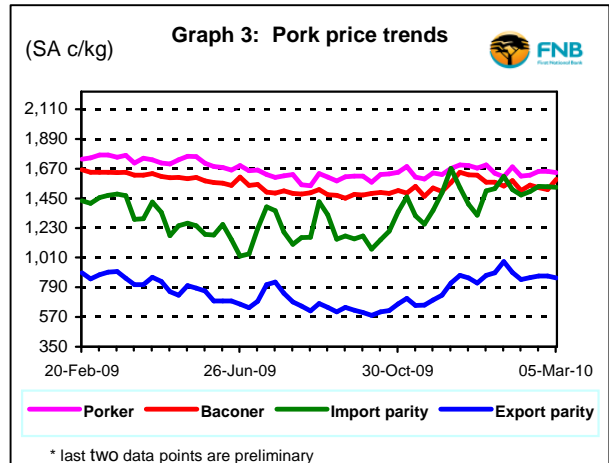


OUTLOOK

Lamb and mutton prices are expected to improve slightly during month end and will strengthen further towards the Easter holidays.

Pork market trends (Graph 3)

- **International:** US pork prices were firmer across most cuts with the exception of ribs. Weekly carcass, loin and ham prices increased by 1%, 3% and 3% respectively week on week supported by improved demand. Ribs closed down 2% compared to last week. Import parity prices for pork ended 2% higher week on week and 7% year on year, mainly due to higher international prices despite a stronger Rand/ US dollar exchanger rate.
- **Domestic:** Weekly prices ended mix, with porkers slightly firmer at R16.51/ kg and baconers a bit softer at R15.30/kg. On a year on year basis, the current prices are down 5% and 8% respectively. Slaughter numbers increased sharply during the week ended 12-Feb-10. Weekly number of pigs slaughtered were up 28% compared to the week earlier at 16,622 pigs, which is 22% higher compared to the corresponding week last year. Total number slaughtered since the beginning of the year stood at 84,485 pigs, which is 20% higher compared to last year.

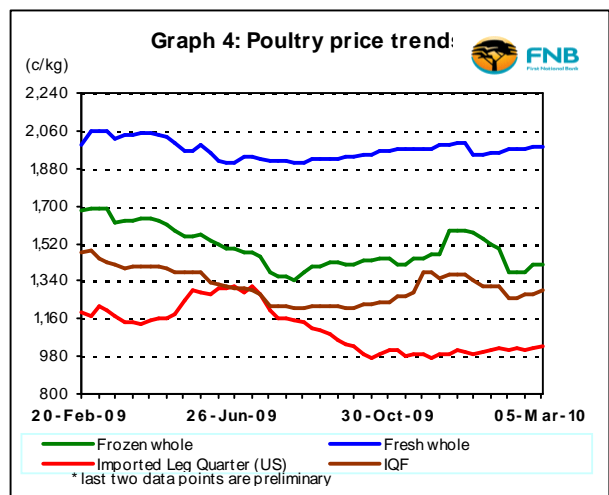


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Prices are expected to move sideways to lower in the short term, but will bottom out and increase towards Easter holidays.

Poultry market trends (Graph 4)

- **International:** US broiler prices traded mostly steady to lower across the board. Weekly leg quarter and wing prices remained under pressure and closed down 1.3% respectively week on week. Breasts and drumsticks traded a bit firmer, up 0.8% week on week.
 - Retail and food services sector demand was reported light to moderate throughout the week, with adequate supplies to handle market needs.
 - Weekly US broiler egg sets for the week ending 13-Feb-10 were reported up 1% while chick placements were down 1% compared to last year. The expected number available for marketing during the week ending 27-Mar-10 is estimated at 150.9m heads, down 0.2% compared to the week earlier.
 - Import parity prices (LQ) finished the week down 0.9% week on week, attributable to lower international prices and a stronger Rand/ US dollar exchange rate.
- **Domestic:** On the local front, there was a slight improvement in the fresh and IQF category while frozen whole birds traded sideways for the third consecutive week. Market sentiment remained steady but with some renewed hope for an upswing towards the Easter holidays. Supplies were light to moderate across the board. Weekly prices for frozen whole birds were unchanged compared to last week at R13.82/kg. Fresh whole birds and IQF moved marginally higher by 0.3% and 1.6% week on week at R19.75/kg and R12.75/kg respectively. However on a year on year basis, medium frozen, fresh whole birds and IQF prices are down 18%, 1%, and 14% respectively.



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

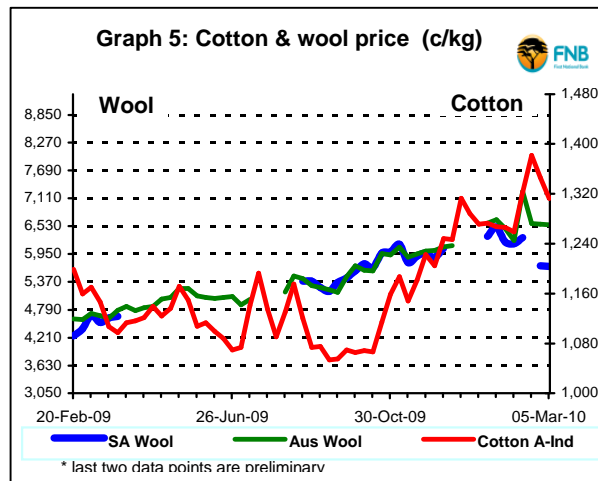


How can we help you?

Producer prices for selected livestock commodities 19 February 2010	Beef	Mutton	Pork	Poultry
Open market: Class A / Porker / Fresh whole birds(R/kg)	23.19	37.36	16.51	19.75
Open market: Class C / Baconer / Frozen whole birds(R/kg)	19.47	28.27	15.00	13.82
Contract: A2/A3* / Baconer/ IQF (*includes fifth quarter) (R/kg)	22.52	34.88	15.30	12.75
Import parity price (R/kg)	14.23	17.92	15.38	10.11
Weaner Calves / Feeder Lambs (R/kg)	15.50	15.57		

Wool and cotton market trends (Graph 5)

- International:** US cotton prices posted modest gains on the back of strong demand and tight supplies. USDA has been bullish in its recent outlook report, raising US export projections to 12m bales and global consumption to 115m. Weekly prices were up 4.6% week on week and 52% higher when compared to the same week last year.
 - Weekly spot transactions were reported at 36,934 bales compared to 58,030 bales last week, and up 13% compared to last year. Total spot transactions for the season were pegged at 698,989 bales, up 8% compared to the corresponding week last year.
 - Derived cotton lint prices finished the week up 4.4% week on week and 15% year on year, mainly due to higher international cotton prices.
 - Weekly cotton futures on ICE (US) futures ended modestly higher for near term contracts: Mar-10 was up 8.2% w/w at 78.79USc/lb; May-10 was up 6.8% w/w at 78.98USc/lb; Jul-10 was up 4.6% w/w at 78.40USc/lb; Oct-10 was down 0.7% w/w at 73.77USc/lb; Dec-10 was down 2.5% w/w at 72.66USc/lb.
- Domestic:** There was no sale for the week. The last sale saw the market ending firmer on the back of weaker exchange rate. The weekly market indicator Cape Wools' Merino settled at R62.93/kg clean wool, which is 7.6% and 17% higher than the current season's average and opening sale respectively. Major buyers were Standard Wool SA 33.6% (2,276 bales); Modiano SA 24.6% (1,661 bales) and Lempriere SA 21.9% (1,483 bales). Sales reached 99.1% of the wool offered.



Fibre market prices 19 February 2010	SA prices (R/kg)	Australian prices (R/kg)	Australian futures Apr-10 (AU\$/kg)	Australian futures Jun-10 (AU\$/kg)
Wool market indicator (R/kg)	62.93	65.85		
19µ long length wool (R/kg)	70.39	74.59	10.30	10.18
21µ long length wool (R/kg)	-	66.60	9.10	8.98
23µ long length wool (R/kg)	-	63.57	8.30	8.18
	SA derived Cotton (R/kg)	New York A-Index (US\$/kg)	New York future Mar-10 (US\$/kg)	New York future May-10 (US\$/kg)
Cotton Prices (R/kg)	13.82	1.80	1.73	1.74

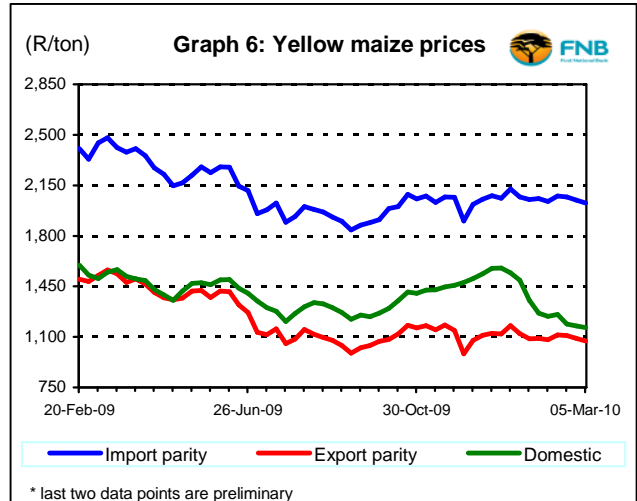
South Africa- previous sale



Yellow maize market (Graph 6)

- International:** US yellow maize prices eased lower under pressure due to a stronger dollar and higher planting estimates. USDA released planting intentions report which put the expected area under maize for 2010 at 36m hectares, up 1m ha from last year. Meanwhile, estimates out of Argentina put the expected production in the range 19m to 20m tons which is slightly higher than the USDA estimate of 17m tons. The country earlier announced that it would allow 10m tons of maize exports owing to a good cropping season. Import parity prices for yellow maize (Randfontein) eased marginally lower due to the combined effect of lower international prices and a stronger Rand/ US dollar exchange rate.
- Domestic:** Yellow maize prices eased lower under pressure due to a stronger Rand and spill over weakness from the international market. Weekly prices were down 5.4% week on week and 26% year on year, settling at R1,188/ ton. Yellow maize traded at the lowest level since July 2009. Producer deliveries of yellow maize for the week ended 12-Feb-10 came in sharply lower compared to the week earlier at 7,000 tons. Season to date producer deliveries have now reached 4.7m tons.

 - Weekly yellow maize Safex futures finished lower across the board: Mar-10 was down 6.3% w/w (-R79/t); May-10 was down 4.3% w/w (-R53/t); Jul-10 was down 3.6% w/w (-R44/t); Sep-10 was down 3.5% w/w (-R45/t). Chicago Corn on Safex: Mar-10 was down 2% w/w (-R17/t); Jul-10 was down 2% w/w (-R18/t).



OUTLOOK

It is expected that prices will continue trading sideways to lower in the short to medium term with limited upward potential due to a record world crop.

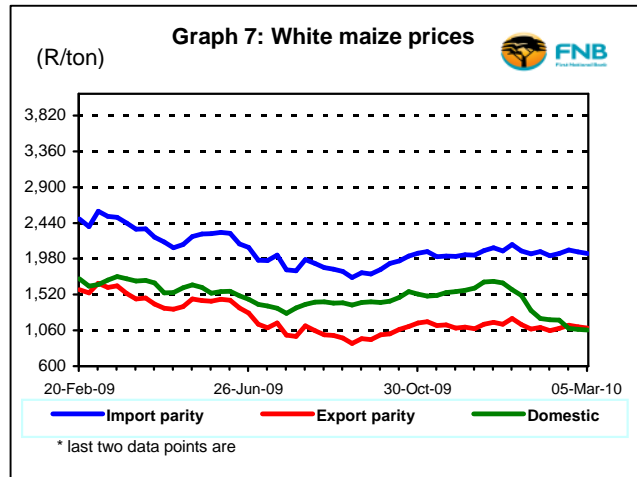
Yellow Maize Futures 19 February 2010	Mar-10	May-10	July-10	Sep-10	Dec-10
CBOT (\$/t)	141.84	146.41	150.74	153.90	156.89
SAFEX (R/t)	1,169	1,179	1,195	1,230	1,288
CHICAGO CORN (R/t)	1,074	-	1,165	-	1,248

Calculated Yellow Maize Options prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Mar-10			May-10			Jul-10		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
1,220	82	41	1,240	115	70	1,280	146	96
1,180	59	58	1,200	91	86	1,240	123	113
1,140	40	79	1,160	71	106	1,200	101	131



White maize market trends (Graph 7)

- **International:** US white maize prices traded slightly firmer for the week. Weekly white maize prices settled at \$152/ ton, up 3.6% week on week and but still down 2.3% year on year. White maize import parity prices (Randfontein) eased marginally lower by 0.3% week on week, mainly due to a stronger Rand/ US dollar exchange rate.
- **Domestic:** White maize market remained under pressure and declined due to lower international prices and a larger expected crop. Weekly white maize prices were down 8.8% week on week and were 37% lower compared to the corresponding week in 2009. Daily spot prices reached a record low of R1,023/t, last seen during Feb-2006, before settling the week at R1,086/ ton.
 - White maize export sales for the week ended 05-Feb-10 rose sharply by 22% week on week, coming in at 14,055 tons and bringing total white maize exports to 1.13m tons. Total maize exports for the current marketing year reached 1.29m tons.
 - White maize (WM) futures on Safex were down across the board: Sep-10 was down 5.9% w/w (-R72/t); Jul-10 was down 6.1% w/w (-R72/t); May-10 was down 7.5% w/w (-R88/t); Mar-10 was down 9.5% w/w (-R111/t).



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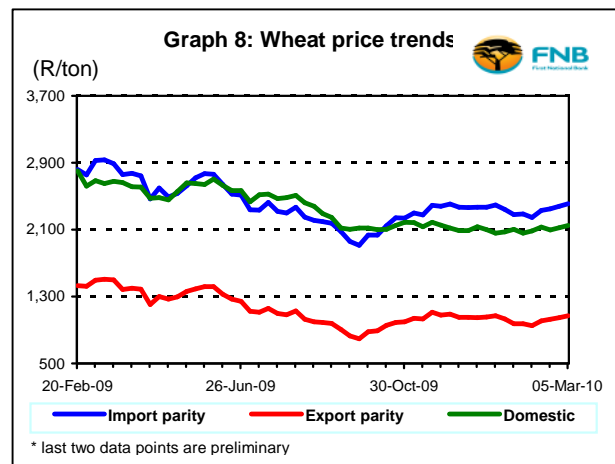
Prices are expected to continue trading lower in the short to medium term.

White Maize Futures 19 February 2010	Mar-10	May-10	July-10	Sep-10	Dec-10
SAFEX (R/t) WM ₁	1,055	1,082	1,116	1,154	1,210

Calculated White Maize Options prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Mar-10			May-10			Jul-10		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
1,120	72	34	1,160	107	63	1,200	123	77
1,080	49	51	1,120	84	80	1,160	100	94
1,040	31	73	1,080	64	100	1,120	79	113

Wheat market trends (Graph 8)

- **International:** US wheat prices ended slightly higher for the week. USDA projected wheat planted area at 22m hectares with the total crop at 54m tons. Weekly US wheat export sales were pegged at 463,400 tons. Meanwhile, Australia's wheat crop estimate for 2009/10 was raised by 5% compared to the previous season to 22.99m tons. Weekly wheat prices were up 1.6% week on week but still 10% down on last year this time. Wheat import parity (Randfontein) closed up 1% week on week, mainly on the back of higher international prices.
- **Domestic:** Wheat prices eased slightly lower under pressure from a stronger Rand. Weekly wheat prices were down 1.6% week on week and 26% year on year. Prices settled at R2,097/ton.



- Weekly wheat futures on Safex: Mar-10 was down 1.7% w/w (-R36/t); May-10 was down 1.6% w/w (-R34/t); Jul-10 was down 1% w/w (-R22/t); Sep-10 was down 0.9% w/w (-R19/t); Dec-10 was up 0.5% w/w (+R11/t).

OUTLOOK

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

Wheat Futures 19 February 2010	Mar-10	May-10	July-10	Sep-10	Dec-10			
KCBT (\$/t)	183.08	187.12	191.07	195.29	201.54			
SAFEX (R/t)	2,077	2,113	2,159	2,201	2,251			
Calculated Wheat Option prices (R/ton) RMB commodity desk (Tel: 011 269 9005)								
Mar-10			May-10			Jul-10		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
2,160	128	81	2,200	151	110	2,240	192	153
2,120	105	98	2,160	128	127	2,200	170	171
2,080	85	118	2,120	108	147	2,160	149	190

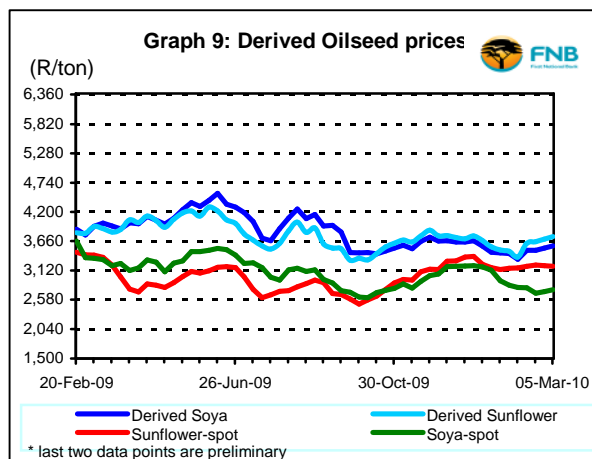
Oilseed market trends (Graph 9)

- International: US soybean prices ended slightly higher for the week. Prices ended mix in the soybean complex which saw soybeans and soyoil settling up 1.4% and 1.6% respectively week on week while soymeal eased marginally lower by 0.8%. The combined influence of a stronger US dollar and weak export sales exerted downward pressure late in the week. Derived soybean and sunflower prices all ended higher due to higher international prices despite a stronger Rand/US dollar exchange rate.

- Domestic: Weekly prices ended mixed across the oilseed complex traded on Safex. Soybeans remained under pressure and continued to decline, ending the week at R2,699/t, down 3.6% and almost 26% lower compared to the corresponding week in 2009.

Sunflower on the other hand maintained a firmer trend, closing marginally higher by 0.7% week on week at R3,218/t, but was 7% lower when considered year on year.

- Soybean futures on Safex: Mar-10 was down 6% w/w (-R167/t); May-10 was down 1% w/w (-R25/t); Jul-10 was down 2.4% w/w (-R63/t).
- Sunflower futures on Safex: Mar-10 was almost unchanged w/w (+R1/t); May-10 was up 1.3% w/w (+R42/t); Jul-10 was up 0.7% w/w (+R22/t);



OUTLOOK

Domestic soybean prices will remain under pressure due to bearish fundamentals on the global market. In the case of sunflower, prices will trade sideways to firmer in the short term.



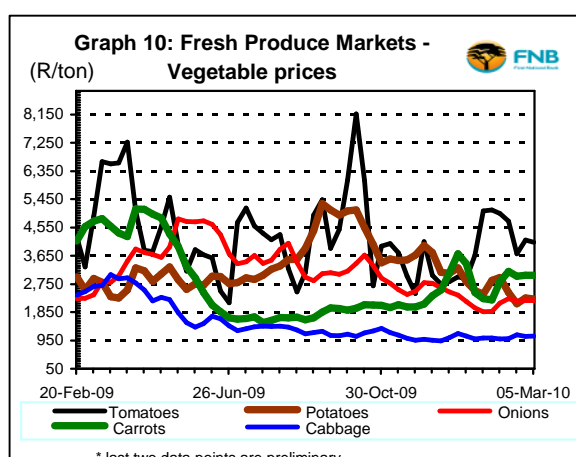
Oilseeds Futures 19 February 2010	Mar-10	May-10	July-10	Sep-10	Dec-10
CBOT Soybeans (US \$/t)	347.23	350.68	353.47	345.39	-
CBOT Soya oil (US c/lb)	38.52	39.00	39.46	39.76	40.16
CBOT Soya cake meal (US \$/t)	276.40	270.00	269.00	262.00	252.40
SAFEX Sunflower seed (R/t)	3,221	3,285	3,322	3,370	-
SAFEX Soybean seed (R/t)	2,620	2,525	2,547	-	-

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

Mar-10			May-10			Jul-10		
Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call	Ask	Put	Call
3,320	188	153	3,360	275	237	3,420	334	284
3,280	166	171	3,320	253	255	3,380	312	302
3,240	146	191	3,280	232	274	3,340	290	320

Vegetable market trends (Graph 10)

- Potatoes**
 Potato prices continued to decline as a result of weak demand on markets under review. Weekly prices dropped by 14.7% week on week and 29.1% year on year, settling at R2,116/ ton. Volumes traded declined by 1.5% week on week, coming in at 11,267 tons which is still 2.5% higher than last year. It is expected that prices will improve somewhat towards month end.
- Cabbage**
 Cabbage prices posted sharp gains on the back of reduced volumes on markets. Weekly cabbage prices increased by 12.2% week on week and settled at R1,129/ ton, but still 53% down on last year. Weekly volumes of cabbages traded were pegged 1,455 tons, down 6.2% week on week but still 18.7% higher year on year. Prices are expected to move sideways with limited upward potential in the medium term.
- Carrots**
 Carrot prices lost ground and ended lower due to improved volumes and limited uptake. Prices declined by 4.7% week on week and 27% year on year, settling at R3,001/ ton. Weekly volumes of carrots traded were up 2.3% week on week and 5.1% year on year, coming at 1,235 tons. Prices are expected to move sideways in the short term.
- Onions**
 Onion prices eased modestly lower despite reduced volumes due to lack of demand. Weekly prices settled at R2,198/ ton, down 3.5% week on week and 3.4% year on year. Volumes traded came in at 3,861 tons, down 4.3% week on week but were still 6.4% higher when compared to the corresponding week last year. Prices are expected to move sideways in the short term due to an expected increase in supplies.



- **Tomatoes**

Tomato prices posted sharp losses due to a substantial increase in volumes. Weekly volumes of tomatoes traded increased by a whopping 22.8% and were almost 17% higher year on year at 4,066 tons. Prices dropped by 21.9% week on week and 12.4% year on year, settling at R3,713/ ton. Prices are expected to improve slightly in the week ahead.

Vegetable prices: Fresh Produce Markets. (Average Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban)						
Week ending 19 February 2010	Average Price (R/t)	w/w	y/y	Total Volume (t)	w/w	y/y
Tomato	3,713	-21.9%	-12.4%	4066	22.8%	16.8%
Potato	2,116	-14.7%	-29.1%	11267	-1.5%	2.5%
Onion	2,198	-3.5%	-3.4%	3861	-4.3%	6.4%
Carrot	3,001	-4.7%	-27.1%	1235	2.3%	5.1%
Cabbage	1,129	12.2%	-53.0%	1455	-6.2%	18.7%

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