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## MARKET PRICE ANALYSIS: LIVESTOCK

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<b>Livestock Prices (R/kg)</b>												
	<b>Beef</b>			<b>Mutton</b>			<b>Pork</b>			<b>Poultry</b>		
	<b>Current</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>W/W % change</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>W/W % change</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>W/W % change</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>W/W % change</b>
<b>Class A/ Porker/ Fresh Whole birds</b>	R51,10	R52,67		R90,04	R87,93		R28,90	R29,19		R34,20	R35,43	
<b>Class C/ Baconer/ Frozen birds</b>	R44,81	R45,13		R60,34	R61,52		R30,35	R28,83		R34,30	R35,92	
<b>Contract A2/A3*/Cutters/ IQF</b>	R50,04	R50,10		R89,58	R63,85					R32,50	R32,40	
<b>Import parity price(R/Kg)</b>	R55,31	-		R100,02			R54,38	-		R38,66	-	
<b>Weaner calves /feeder lambs</b>	R32,96	R29,86		R43,15	R41,93							
<b>Beef hides /Dorper skin(R/kg)</b>				-	R44,60							
<b>Merino skin(R/kg)</b>				-	R44,67							

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IQF –Individually quick frozen

**Beef market outlook:** In the beef market, the average contract class A carcass prices were a bit softer towards midmonth and struggled to get back to the lofty highs of over R60/kg.

**Lamb and mutton market outlook:** July 2023 started on a positive note in the weaner market with lambs and calf prices lifting 0.7% (+R0.28/kg) and 5.3% (+R1.66/kg) on limited availability and good demand ahead of the Spring in over a month's time. Average weaner calf prices closed at R32.96/kg live weight (LW) with some areas reporting even greater demand. However, we are still in the last stretch of the winter months with cold conditions intensifying thus further denting demand.

**Pork and Baconer market outlook:** It was a mixed bag last week in this market with weakness in porker prices continuing post month end. Porker prices eased by 0.4% (-R0.12/kg) in the first week of July but were still 5.8% (+R1.58/kg) higher y/y at R28.90/kg. Baconers on the other hand lifted by 3.9% on the week (+R1.15/kg) and were 7.4% (+R2.08/kg) higher y/y and back above R30/kg at R30.35/kg.

**Poultry market outlook:** This market remains an exception as prices continued to hold their ground despite downward pressure in the meat complex. Chicken remains the cheapest form of protein for most of the populace hence it often outcompetes other meat types especially during tough economic times. The outbreak of the avian flu remains a concern as a spread to commercial farms will curtail output and expansion plans.

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