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MARKET PRICE ANALYSIS: LIVESTOCK

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Livestock Prices (R/kg)												
	Beef			Mutton			Pork			Poultry		
	Current	Previous	W/W % Change	Current	Previous	W/W % Change	Current	Previous	W/W % change	Current	Previous	W/W % change
Class A/ Porker/ Fresh Whole birds	R50,92	R51,10	0,35	R90,18	R90,04	0,15	R29,05	R28,90	0,51	R34,42	R34,20	0,64
Class C/ Baconer/ Frozen birds	R46,52	R44,81	3,81	R63,56	R60,34	5,33	R30,02	R30,35	1,08	R34,69	R34,30	1,13
Contract A2/A3*/Cutters/ IQF	R50,18	R50,04	0,27	R89,18	R89,58	0,44	-	-		R32,98	R32,50	1,47
Import parity price(R/Kg)	R51,47	R55,31	6,94	R93,54	R100,02	6,47	R55,2	R54,38	1,50	R37,13	R38,66	3,95
Weaner calves /feeder lambs	R33,98	R32,96	3,09	R43,08	R43,15	0,16						
Beef hides /Dorper skin(R/kg)				-	-							
Merino skin(R/kg)				-	-							

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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 month-end 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 0.15% and 5.33% on limited availability and good demand ahead of the Spring in over a month's time. Average weaner feeder lambs prices closed at R43.08/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 price seased by 0.51% in the second week of July but were still w/w at R29.05/kg. Baconers on the other hand lifted by 1.08% on the week and were lower w/w and but still above R30/kg at R30.02/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 meattypes 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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