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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 | R52,67 | R50,50 | 4,29 | R87,93 | R88,10 | 0,19 | R29,19 | R28,89 | 1,03 | R35,43 | R35,67 | 0,67 |
| Class C/ Baconer/ Frozen birds | R45,13 | R45,20 | 0,15 | R61,52 | R61,57 | 0,08 | R28,83 | R29,89 | 3,54 | R35,92 | R36,40 | 1,32 |
| Contract A2/A3*/Cutters/ IQF | R50,10 | R50,94 | 1,64 | R63,85 | - | - | | | | R32,40 | R32,67 | 0,82 |
| Import parity price(R/Kg) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weaner calves /feeder lambs | R29,86 | R29,84 | 0,06 | R41,93 | R41,92 | 0,02 | | | | | | |
| Beef hides /Dorper skin(R/kg) | | | | R44,60 | | | | | | | | |
| Merino skin(R/kg) | | | | R44,67 | | | | | | | | |

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IQF –Individually quick frozen

Beef market outlook: Despite a reprieve in load-shedding intensity in June, demand for red meat remains soft and carcass prices continued on its downward trend apparent since the start of the year. This is likely the effect of increased pressure on consumers' disposable income from food, fuel, and interest rate costs. Higher municipal electricity prices are also likely to add a further blow to consumers' disposable income. Weaner calf prices, in turn, have shown some recovery in the last week of June. We sense that this is due to resistance from producers to sell at levels below R30.00 per kg.

Lamb and mutton market outlook: Local lamb and mutton carcass prices have started to pick up over the past month. Higher prices are usually associated with winter months but the trend has been more muted in comparison to previous years, especially for lamb. Feeder lamb prices are also higher on the back of firming demand and seasonal price dynamics.

Pork and Baconer market outlook: Porker prices continued on a downward trend pressured by lower beef prices over the past weeks. Differentials between pork and chicken prices, in turn, continue to shrink as poultry prices are increasing and pork prices following a downward trend. In this regard, in 2022, we saw that when pork prices dipped below chicken prices, there was an associated demand shift with numerous consumers opting to buy more affordable pork. Given this, further significant decreases in pork prices could be limited by the price dynamics in poultry markets.

Poultry market outlook: Local poultry prices remain firm on the back of a weak exchange rate and elevated global prices. Being an affordable meat protein, poultry is also likely to benefit from increased demand in favour of higher-priced meat protein products such as red meat.

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