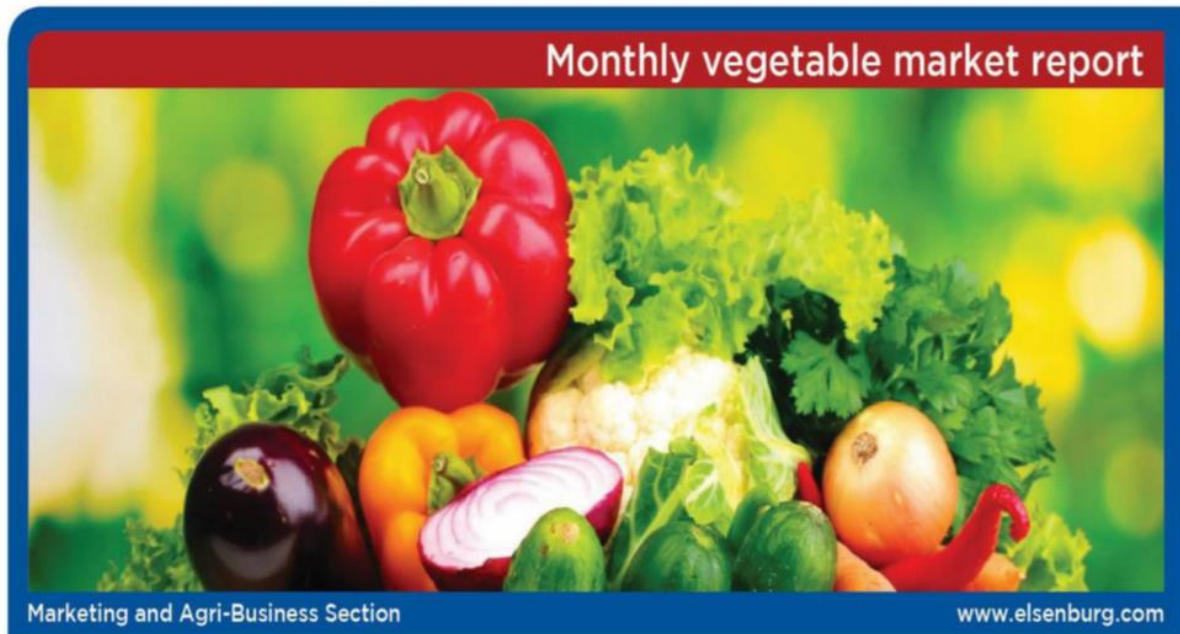


MONTHLY VEGETABLE REPORT



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MONTHLY MARKET INFORMATION REPORT: VEGETABLES

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INTRODUCTION

The Cape Town Fresh produce market monthly report aims to bring forth information about the performance of selected vegetable sales in the market during the period under review. At a given month the report looks at the main commodities that are traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market in terms of average volume (tons) and prices (Rand per ton). The report also looks into international and local issues that affect the fresh produce industry.

OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING INFORMATION SYSTEM (AMIS), OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES (DAFF)

The Agricultural Marketing Information Systems (AMIS) is a database interface offered by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF).

The main purpose of the Agricultural Marketing Information System (AMIS) is to provide reliable & updated information to farmers. In order to assist farmers to plan activities relating to production and marketing in a much-informed manner.

Agricultural market information is provided for horticulture, field crops, livestock and industrial products, and includes the following categories:

- marketing prices,
- grading and standard information,
- annual price trends, and
- marketing news (pertaining to the application procedures for import and export permits).

Click on the following website link to access the [DAFF AMIS](http://webapps.daff.gov.za/amis) web application, or alternatively go to the web address: <http://webapps.daff.gov.za/amis> (no subscription fee payable to access system). Cell phone user can send an SMS to ***120*4040#** (charged at standard SMS rates)

Please note that prices are updated at 12h00 a.m on a daily basis.

Vegetable price and volume trend analysis

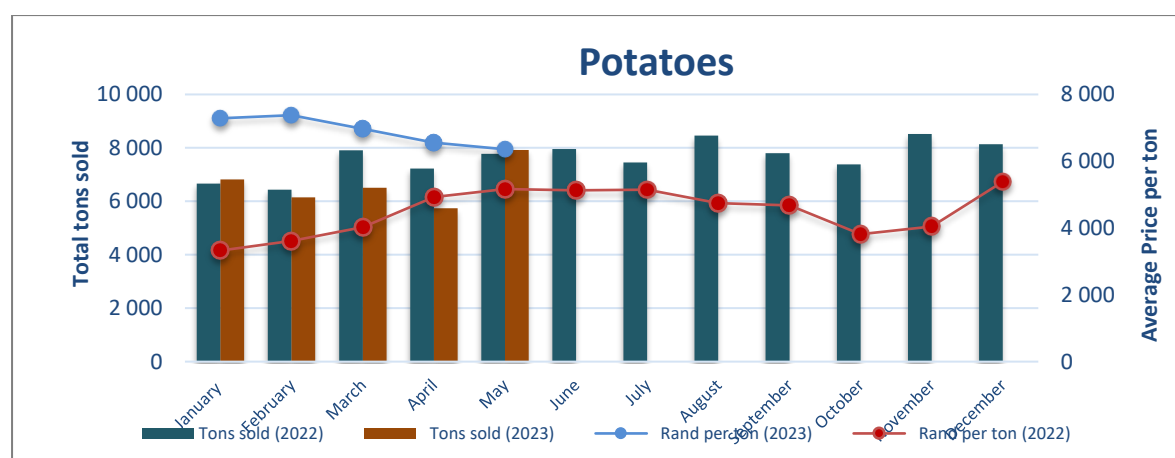
Vegetables are part of important annual crops for the South African agricultural industry. They play a fundamental role in contributing to various agricultural industries who are directly and indirectly involved in the vegetable industry. In return these industries make a significant contribution to employment creation and revenue generation in the Western Cape. At the fresh produce markets trade occurs on the market floors and market forces (i.e. demand and supply) determine prices of vegetables and fruits. The performance of the vegetable industry is largely dependent on climatic conditions and this impact on crop production. This occurs throughout all stages of production until the produce is harvested and ready for the market. Forming part of these climatic conditions is; drought, flood, hail and heat wave. In analyzing the price and volume of traded commodities, factors that impact on crops development and production are taken into consideration. Below are different figures of the main vegetables that are traded in the market in terms of prices and volumes.



1. Potatoes

As illustrated in the figure1, the volume of Potatoes sold at the Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of May 2023, increased by 37.9% from 5739.4 tons in April 2023 to 7917.5 tons in May 2023. This translates to (2178.1) ton increase in the tons of potatoes sold at Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of May 2023. Subsequently, the average market price per ton of potatoes sold decreased by 3% (or R199.3) from R6556.3 in April 2023 to R6357.1 in May 2023. Sales on the Cape Town market average market prices traded at remarkable 23% y/y per ton higher than the same period last year. The volume of potatoes traded also showed an increase of 1.9% y/y compared to the same period last year.

Figure 1: Potato prices and quantity traded at Cape Town Fresh Produce market



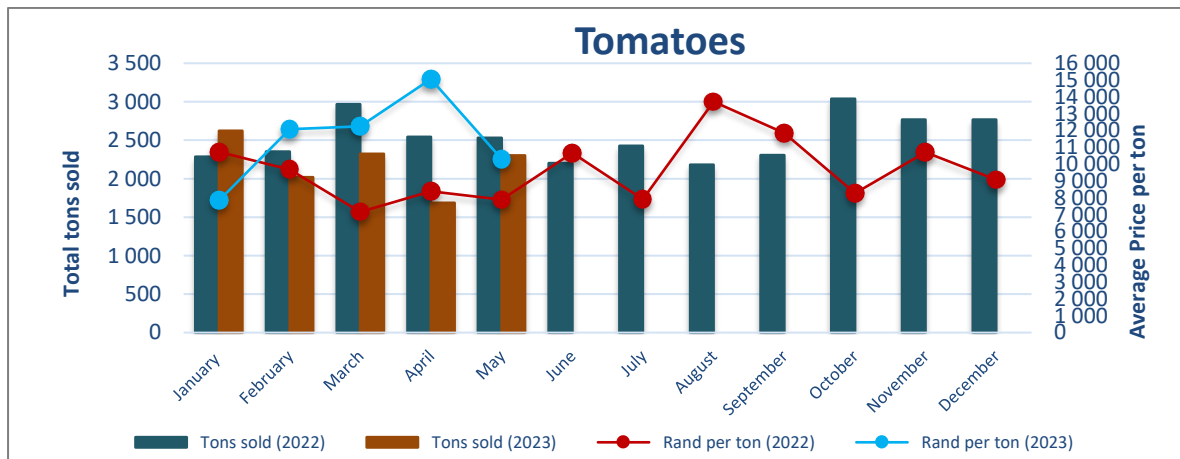
Source: Techno fresh (2023)

2. Tomatoes



The total amount of tomatoes sold during April 2023 was 2300.6 tons, which shows 615.2(ton) increase from 1685.4 tons recorded in April 2023. Tomatoes were trading at R10313.1 per ton in May 2023.

Figure 2: Tomatoes sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



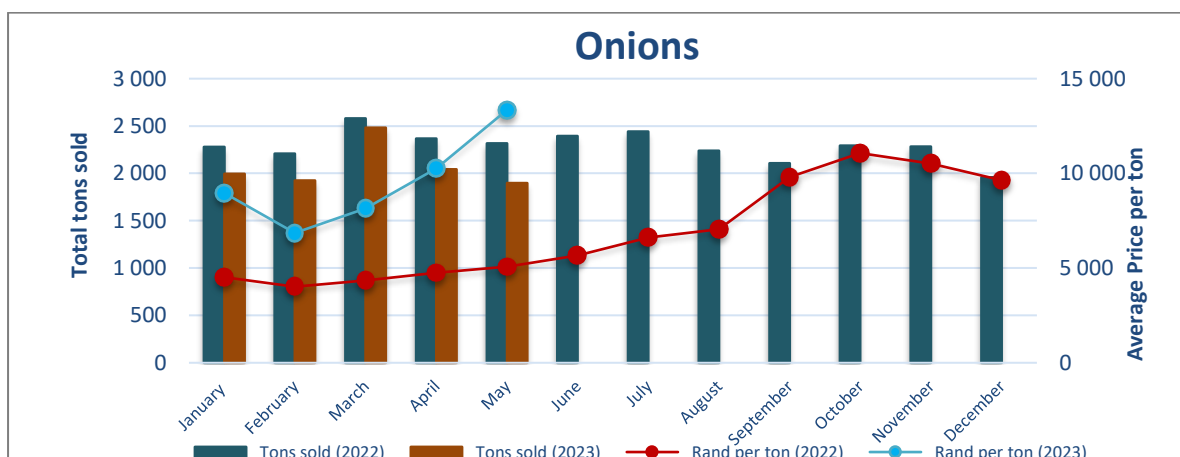
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3. Onions

In May 2023, the volume of onions traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market was 1895.2 tons, which shows 7.2% decrease from 2043.3 tons recorded in April 2023. Price per ton of onions sold on the market increased by 30.1% from R10254.7 in April 2023 to R13345.6 in May 2023.

Figure 3: Onions prices and quantity traded at Cape Town Fresh Produce market



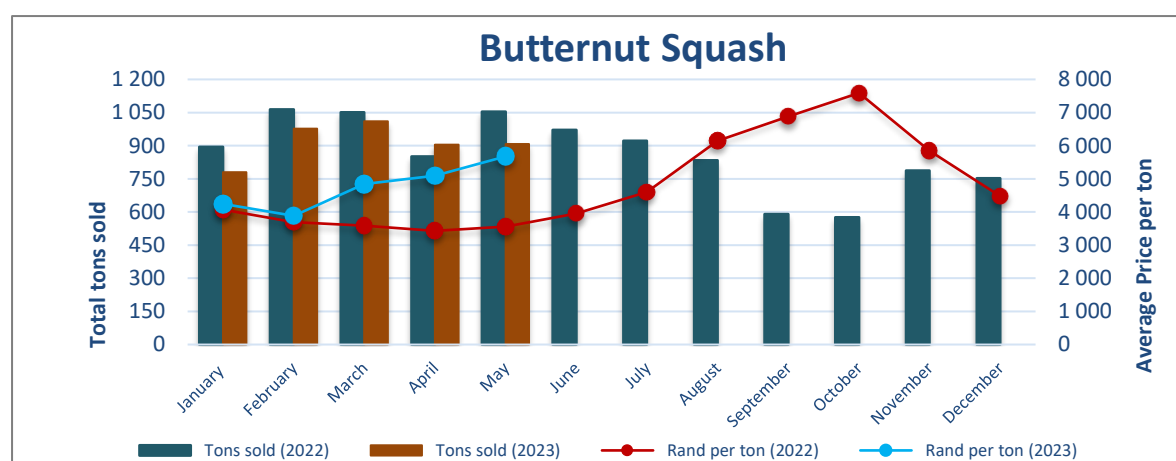
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4. Butternut Squash

Figure 4 below represents the volume of butternut squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during the month of May 2023. The volume of butternut squash sold increased slightly by 0.3% from 904.9 tons in April 2023 to 907.7 tons in May 2023. The price per ton of butternut also increased by 11.5% from R5089.6 in April 2023 to R5677.1 in May 2023. On a year to year basis the quantity of butternut squash sold during May 2022 and May 2023 decreased by 13.9% while the price of butternut sold during the same time period(2022/23) increased by 59.6%.

Figure 4: Butternut squash sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



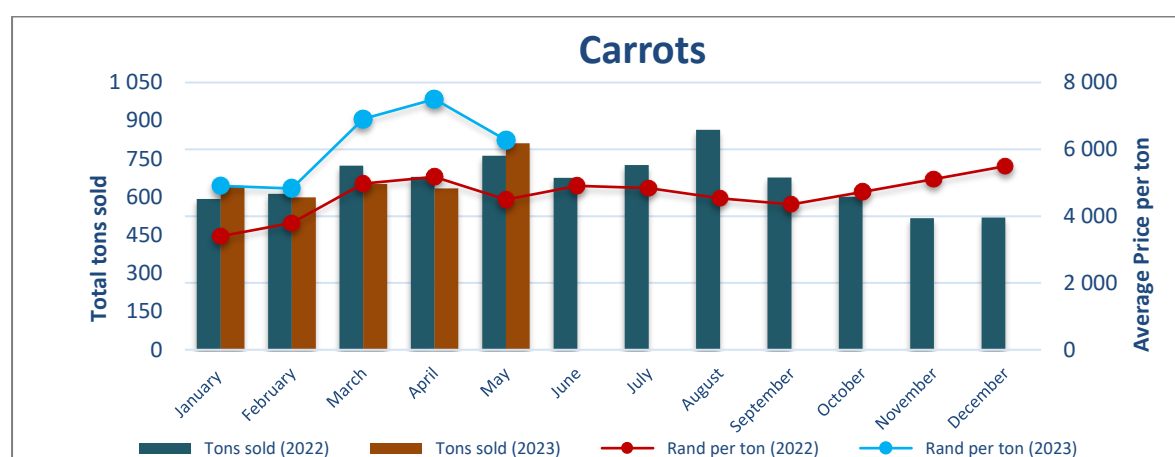
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5. Carrots



As indicated by Figure 5 below shows the total volume of carrots traded at Cape Town fresh produce market during May 2023. The volume of carrots traded in May 2023, increased month-month by 28% from 633.3 tons in April 2023 to 810.9 tons. When comparing year-on-year, the amount of carrots traded during this period also increased by 6.3% from 762.6 tons in May 2022 to 810.9 tons in May 2023. In May 2023 carrots was trading at R6277.5 per ton, which indicates 16.3% decrease in price per ton of carrots between April 2023 and May2023. The average market price per ton of carrots increased by 39.6% from R4496.7 in May 2022 to R6277.5 in May 2023.

Figure 5: Carrots sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



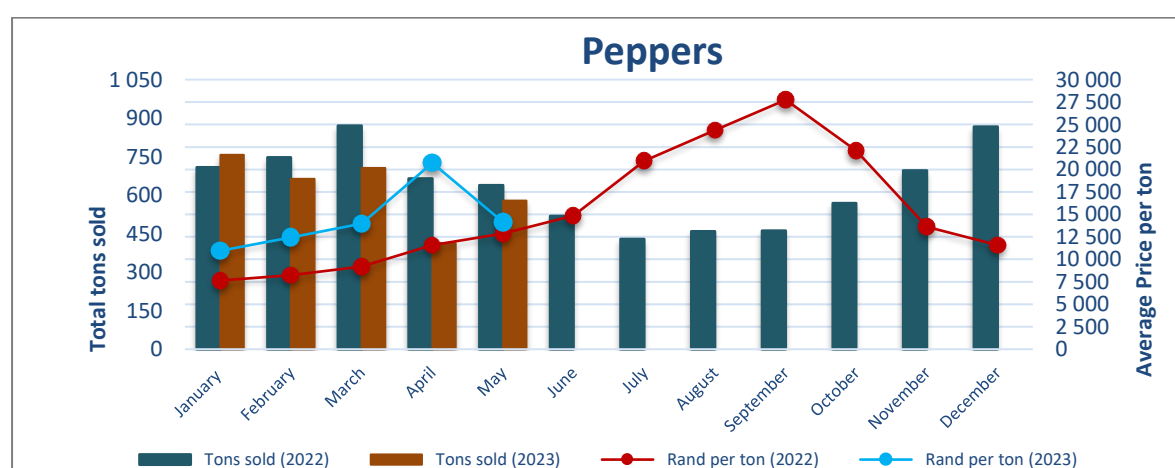
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6. Peppers



As illustrated in figure 6 below, the total volume of peppers sold during May 2023 increased by 40.3% from 413.1 tons in April to 579.4 tons. The average market price of peppers decreased by 31.8% from R20730.5 in April 2023 to R14138.3 in May 2023. On annual basis, the total volume of peppers sold during the period under review registered a year-on-year decrease of 9.3%. The total volume of peppers sold thus decreased from 639.0 tons of peppers traded in May 2022 to 579.4 tons of peppers traded in May 2023. The average market price per ton on the other hand, increased by 10% from R10313.1 in May 2022 to R14138.3 in May 2023.

Figure 6: Peppers sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



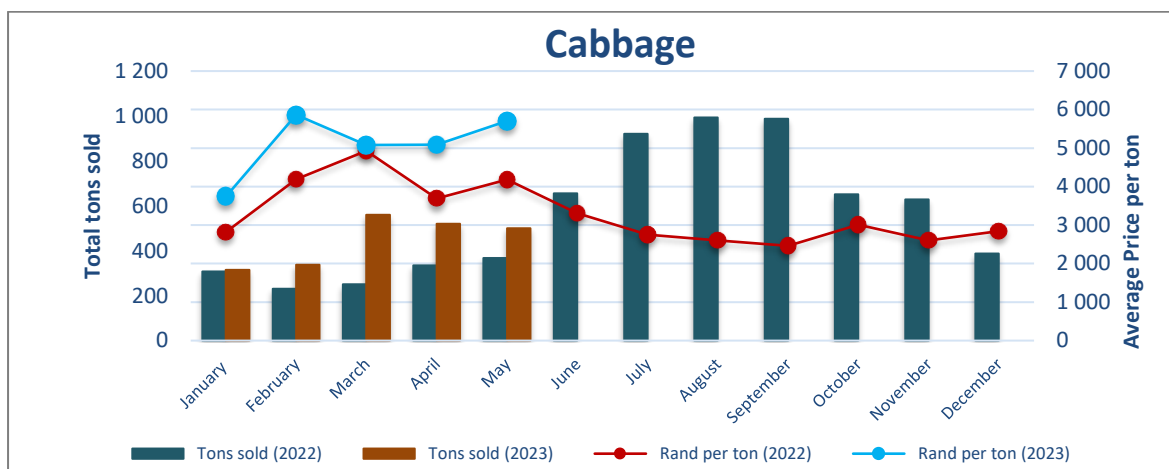
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7. Cabbages



The total volume of cabbages sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during May 2023 recorded a month-to-month decrease of 4.1% or 21.1 tons. The total volume of cabbages sold therefore decreased from 520.6 tons in April 2023 to 499.5 tons in May 2023. The average market price per ton of cabbages on the other hand increased by 12.1% from R5090.5 in April 2023 to R5704.7 in May 2023. On annual basis, the total volume of cabbages sold increased from 367.3 tons obtained in May 2022 to 499.5 tons obtained in May 2023. This represents a year-on-year increase of 36% that is 132.2 tons, more than the amount registered within the same period last year.

Figure 7: Cabbages sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



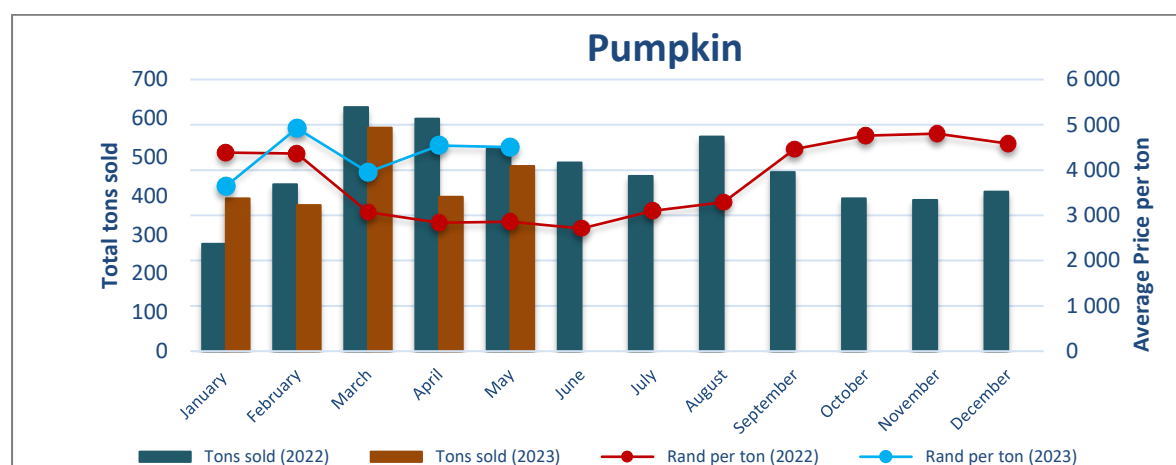
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8. Pumpkin



A total amount of 477 tons of pumpkin was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during May 2023. This presents 20% or 79.4-ton increase from the previous month (April) record of 397.7 tons. The average market price on the other hand decreased by 0.7% or R29.90 per ton from R4538.7 in April 2023 to R4508.8. On year and year, basis pumpkin was trading at R2859.5 per ton in May 2022 compared to R4508.8 in May 2023. These results indicate an increase of 57.7% in price per ton of pumpkin between May 2022 and May 2023.

Figure 8: Pumpkin sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



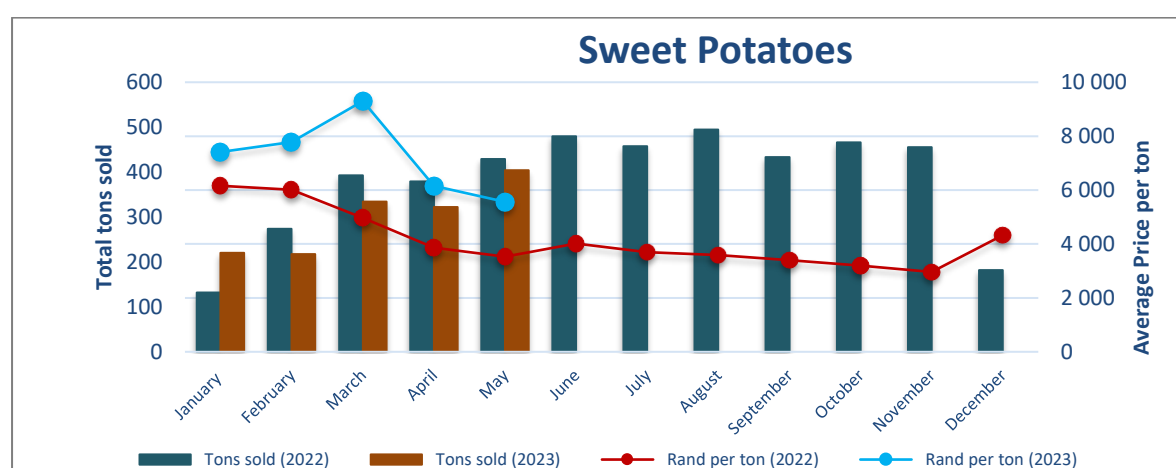
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9. Sweet potato



The total volume of sweet potatoes sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market increased from 322 tons in April 2023 to 403.8 tons in May 2023. This translates to 25.4% month-to-month increase recorded during the month of May 2023. The total volume of sweet potatoes sold decreased year-on-year by 5.9% from 429.0 tons in May 2022 to 403.8 tons in May 2023. Sweet potatoes were trading at R5564.0 during May 2023. On annual basis, the average market price per ton increased by 57.6% from R3529.5 in May 2022 to R5564.0 in May 2023.

Figure 9: Sweet potato sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market.



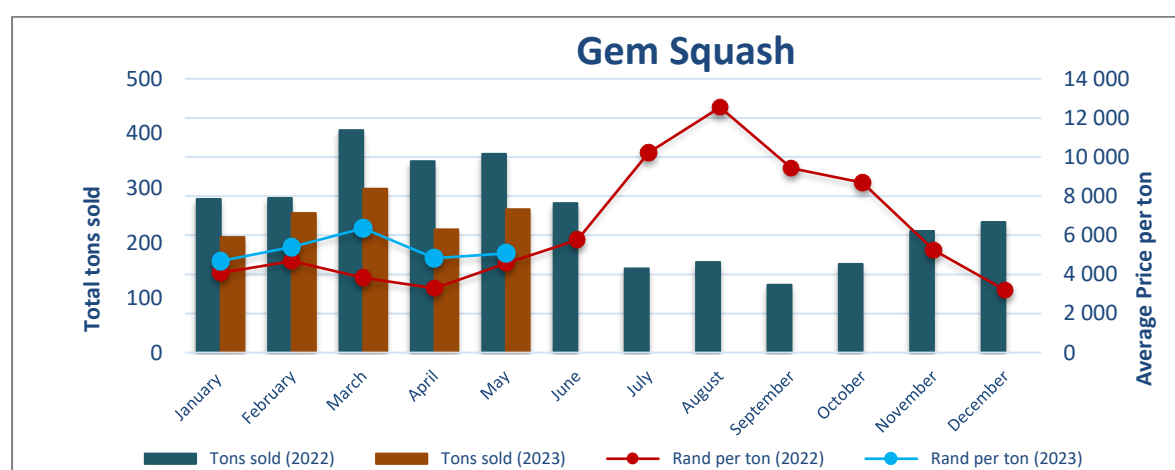
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10. Gem squash



Figure 10 bellow shows the total volume of Gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in May 2023. The volume of Gem squash sold during May 2023 increased by 16.6% from 224.8 tons in April 2023 to 262.1 tons. The price per ton of Gem squash also increased by 5.2% from R4821.9 in April 2023 to R5073.9 in May 2023. On annual basis, volume of gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market decreased by 27.8% during the period under review. As a result, the volume of gem squash sold decreased from 362.9 tons in May 2022 to 262.1 tons in May 2023. The average market price of gem squash on the other hand increased by 10.9% or R500.5 per ton from R4573.4 in May 2022 to R5073.9 in May 2023.

Figure 10: Gem squash sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



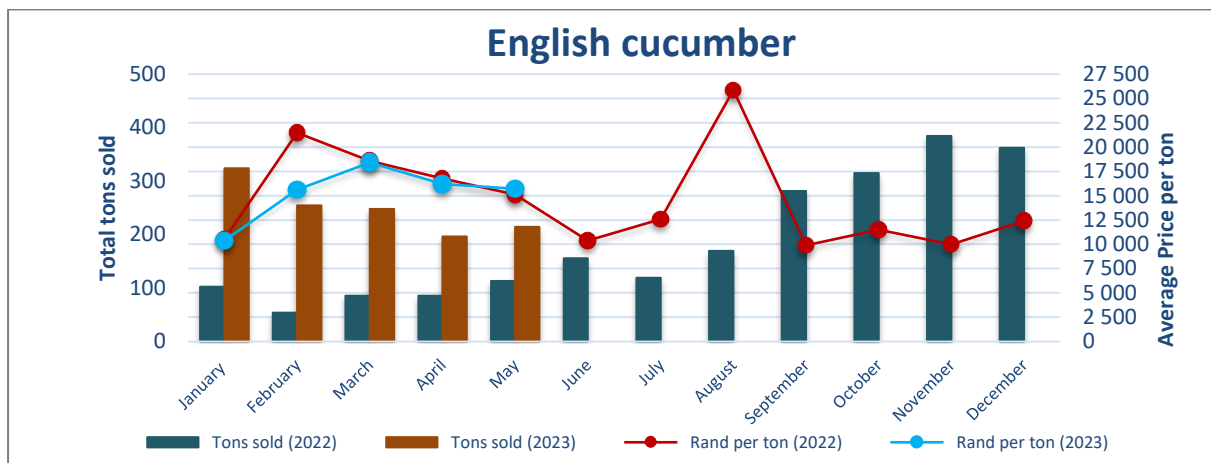
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1.11. English cucumber



During the period under review (May 2023), the total volume of English cucumber sold amounted to 214.4 tons which is 9.3% or 18.2 tons more than 196.2 tons which was recorded in April 2023. The average market price of English cucumber decreased by 3% from R16213.3 in April 2023 to R15726.6 in May 2023. On annual basis, the volume of tons of English cucumber increased by an unbelievable 89% (or 101 tons) from 113.4 tons in May 2022 to 214.4 in May 2023.

Figure 11: English cucumber sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market.



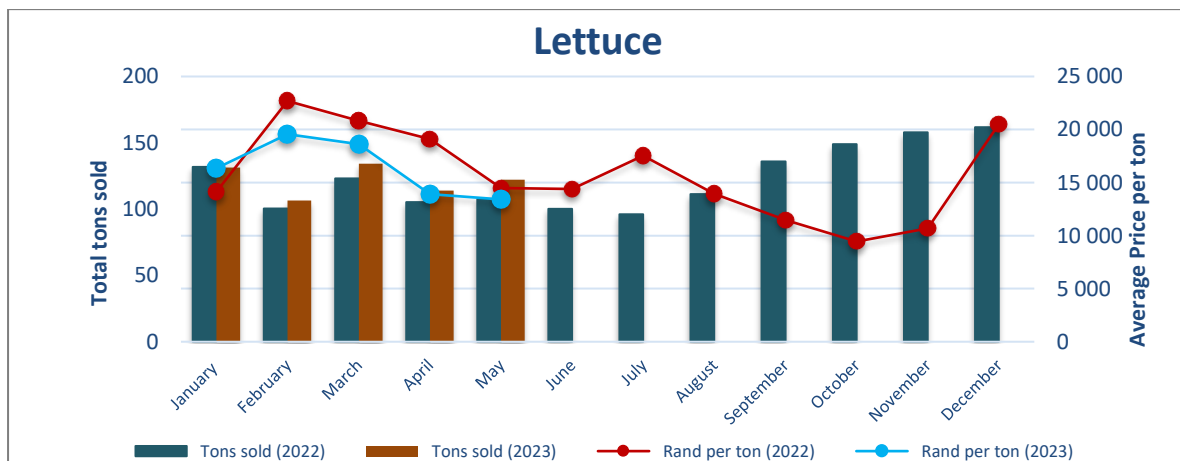
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12. Lettuce



A total amount of 122.2 tons of lettuce was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during May 2023. This presents 7.3% or 8.3 tons increase from the previous month (April 2023) record of 113.9 tons. The average market price decreased by 3.5% or R490.6 from R13906.3 in April 2023 to R13415.7 in May 2023. On year and year, lettuce was trading at R14473.9 in May 2022 compared to R13415.7 in May 2023. These results indicate a decrease of 7.3% in price per ton of lettuce between May 2022 and May 2023.

Figure 12: Lettuce sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



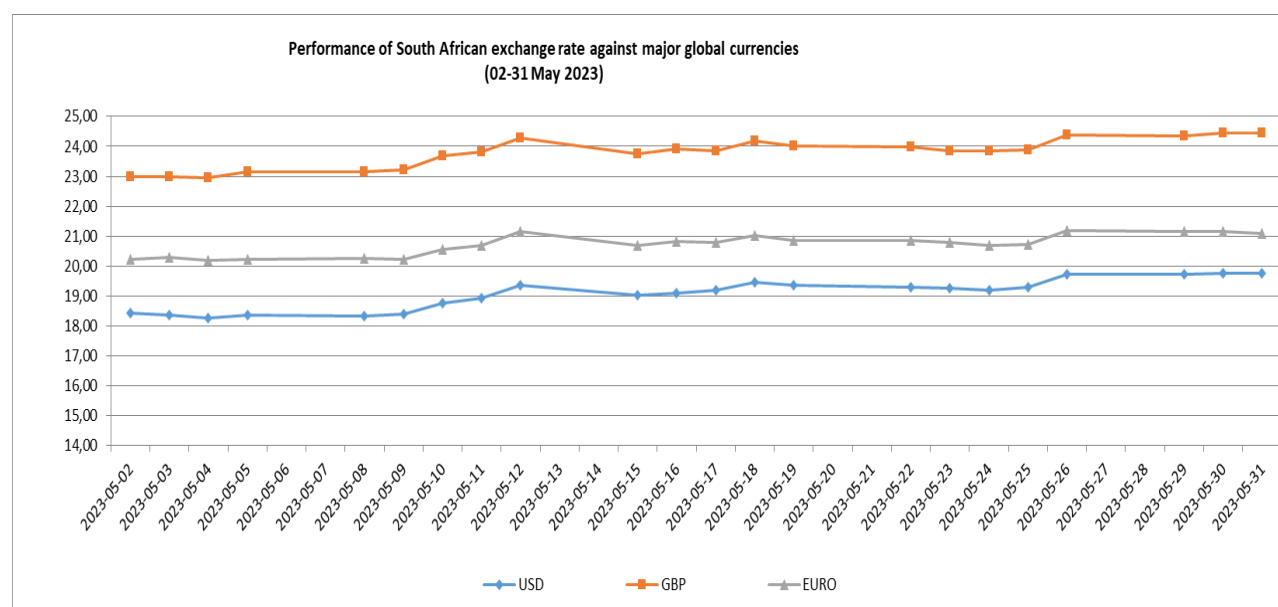
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Table 1: Trend analysis of niche vegetables traded on the Cape Town Fresh Produce market

Product Name highest to the lowest volumes in May 2023	Average tons May 2023 (Ton)	% change in average tons May2023 (m/m)	Average Price May 2023 (Rand/ton)	% change in average price May 2023 (m/m)
Beetroot	110,8	32,1%	7 805,5	-20,0%
Cauliflower	104,1	15,1%	16 774,0	14,8%
Green beans	103,0	38,0%	15 775,4	-21,5%
Brinjals	54,3	-1,1%	15 428,4	-0,6%
Baby marrow	47,3	74,3%	11 798,9	21,4%
Broccoli	37,7	23,0%	34 479,9	-25,5%
Sweetcorn	33,5	-19,9%	31 609,5	52,3%
Leeks	25,4	35,6%	8 535,7	-8,2%
Spring onion	22,5	30,1%	25 782,5	1,9%
Spinach	19,2	12,2%	20 970,6	8,5%
Mushrooms	3,3	121,4%	68 255,3	-15,9%
Radish	2,2	-41,6%	19 984,4	11,5%
Patty pans	1,9	221,3%	15 596,1	-57,1%
Hubbard squash	0,4	-40,2%	1 708,6	-62,4%
Marrows	0,1	100,0%	1 583,3	100,0%

Source: Techno fresh (2023)

Exchange Rates



Source: South African Reserve Bank (2023)

During the reporting period 02 May to 31 May 2023, looking at month-to-month average of the Rand has weakened against all three major currencies. The US Dollar was trading at R23,78 in

May 2023 compared to R22.62 in April 2023. Lastly, Euro was at trading at R20.71 in May 2023 compared to R19.92 in April 2023.

Energy

Table 3.1 Basic fuel Price adjustments

Product Description	Numerical adjustment applicable to the coast parts in South Africa	Price adjustment Description	The average price (cents) applicable to the coastal parts of South Africa
Petrol 95 ULP & LRP	37,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price	2262,00
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	73,54	cents per litre decrease in the retail price	1943,090
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	33,00	cents per litre decrease the retail price	1346.558
LPGAS (maximum retail price)	444,00	cents per litre decrease in the retail price	3073.00

The Department of Energy has announced fuel price adjustments with effect from 03 May 2023. The price of Petrol 95 ULP & LRP increased by 37 cents. The price of diesel (0.05% sulphur) , illuminating paraffin and LPGAS's maximum retail price increased by 73 cents, 33 cents and 444 cents respectively during the reporting period.

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