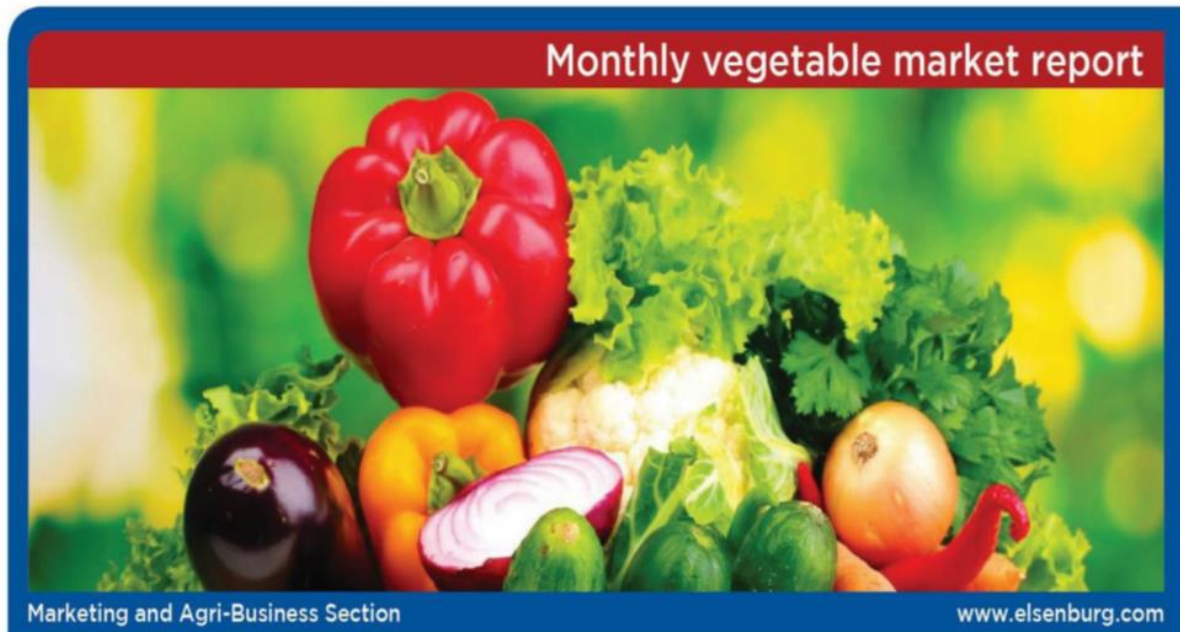


MONTHLY VEGETABLE REPORT



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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

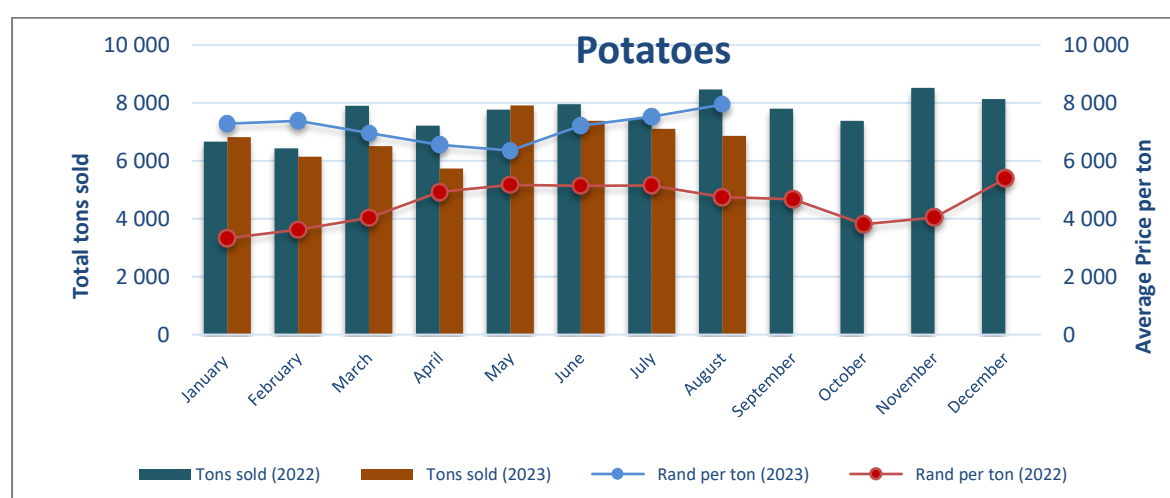
Vegetables are part of important annual crops for the South African agricultural industry. They play a fundamental role in contributing to various agricultural industries who are directly and indirectly involved in the vegetable industry. In return these industries make a significant contribution to 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 August 2023, decreased by 3.4% from 7106.3 tons in July 2023 to 6861.7 tons. This translates to (244.6) ton decline in the tons of potatoes sold at Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of August 2023. Subsequently, the average market price per ton of potatoes sold increased by 5.5% (or R415.9) from R7528.6 in July 2023 to R7944.5 in August 2023. Sales on the Cape Town market traded at remarkable 67.3% y/y per ton higher than the same period last year. The volume of potatoes traded however showed a decrease of 18.9% y/y compared to the same period last year.

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



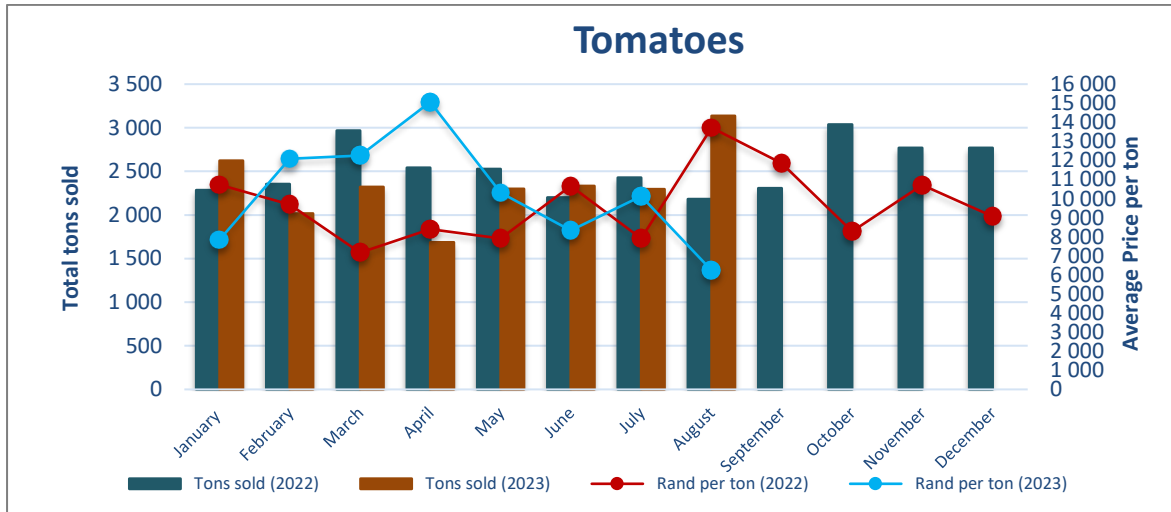
Source: Techno fresh (2023)



2. Tomatoes

The total amount of tomatoes sold during August 2023 was 3137.1 tons, which shows 840.6(ton) increase from 2296.5 tons recorded in July 2023. Tomatoes were trading at R6247.1 per ton in August 2023.

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



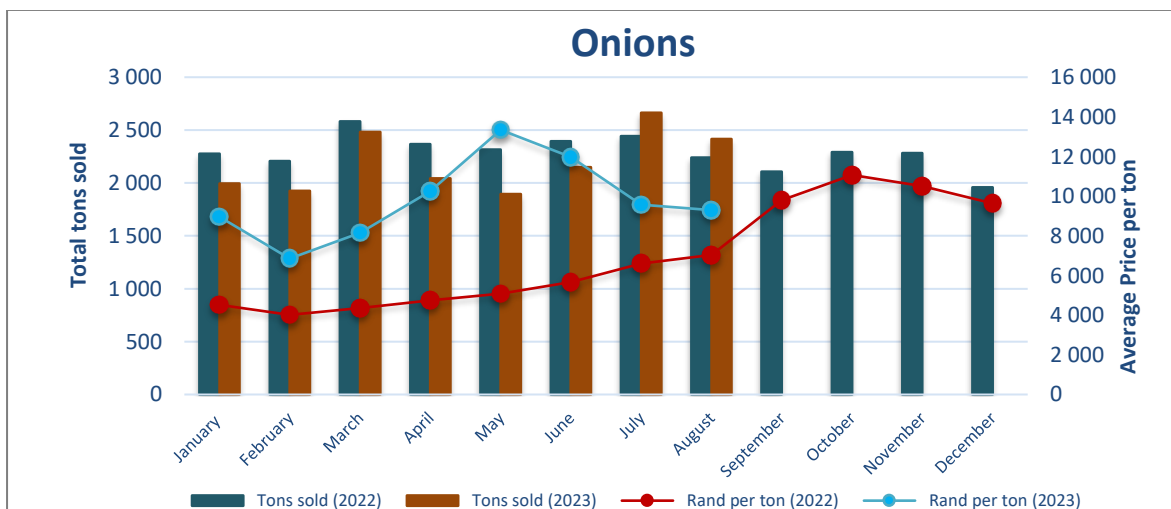
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3. Onions



In August 2023, the volume of onions traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market was 2416.5 tons, which shows 9.2% decrease from 2662.4 tons recorded in July 2023. Price per ton of onions sold on the market also decreased by 2.8% from R9574.8 in July 2023 to R9306.0 in August 2023.

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



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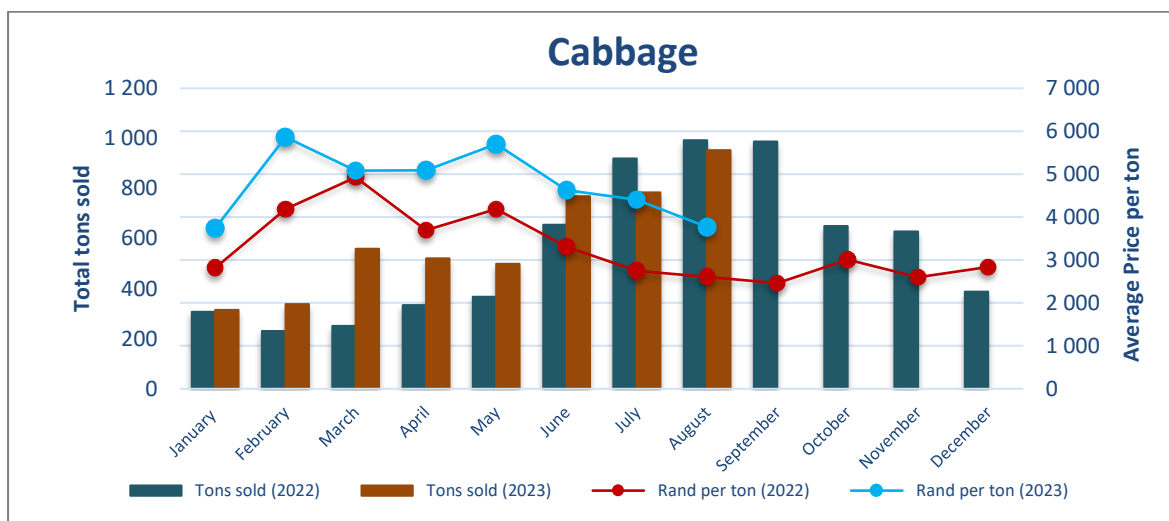
4. Cabbages



The total volume of cabbages sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during August 2023 recorded a month-to-month increase of 21.6% or 169.2 tons.

The total volume of cabbages sold therefore increased from 784.6 in July 2023 to 953.8 tons in August 2023. The average market price per ton of cabbages on the other hand decreased by 14.5% from R4407.2 in July 2023 to R3768.1 in August 2023. On annual basis, the total volume of cabbages sold decreased from 992.6 tons obtained in August 2022 to 953.8 tons in August 2023. This represents a year-on-year decrease of 3.9% that is 38.9 tons, less than the amount registered within the same period last year.

Figure 4: Cabbages sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



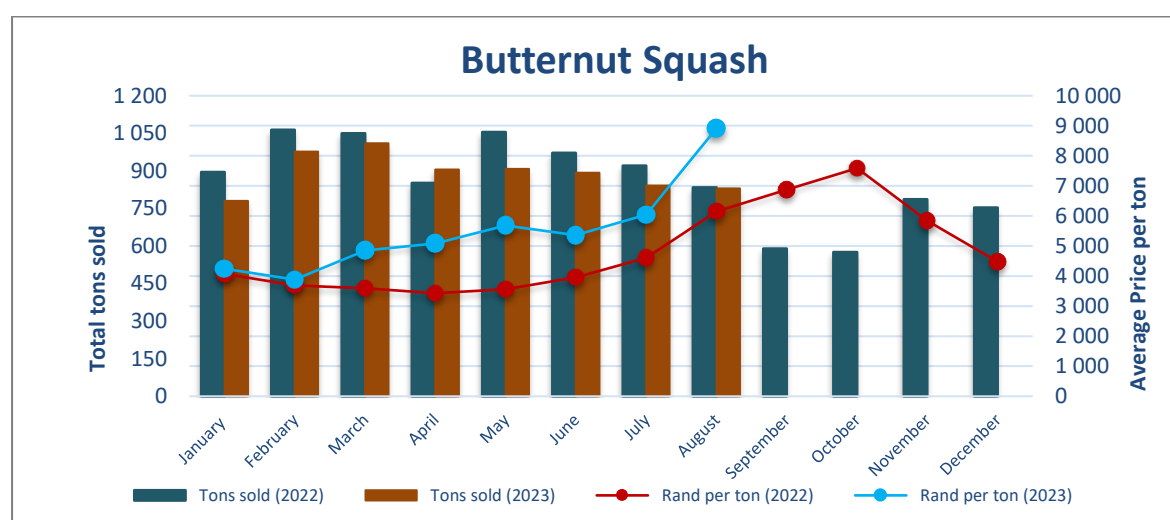
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5. Butternut Squash



Figure 5 bellow represents the volume of butternut squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during the month of August 2023. The volume of butternut squash sold decreased by 1.4% from 841.4 tons in July 2023 to 829.6 tons August 2023. The price per ton of butternut increased by 47.6% from R6038.9 in July 2023 to R8913.9 in August 2023. On a year to year basis the quantity of butternut squash sold during August 2022 and August 2023 decreased by 0.5% while the price of butternut sold during the same time period(2022/23) increased by 45%.

Figure 5: Butternut squash sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



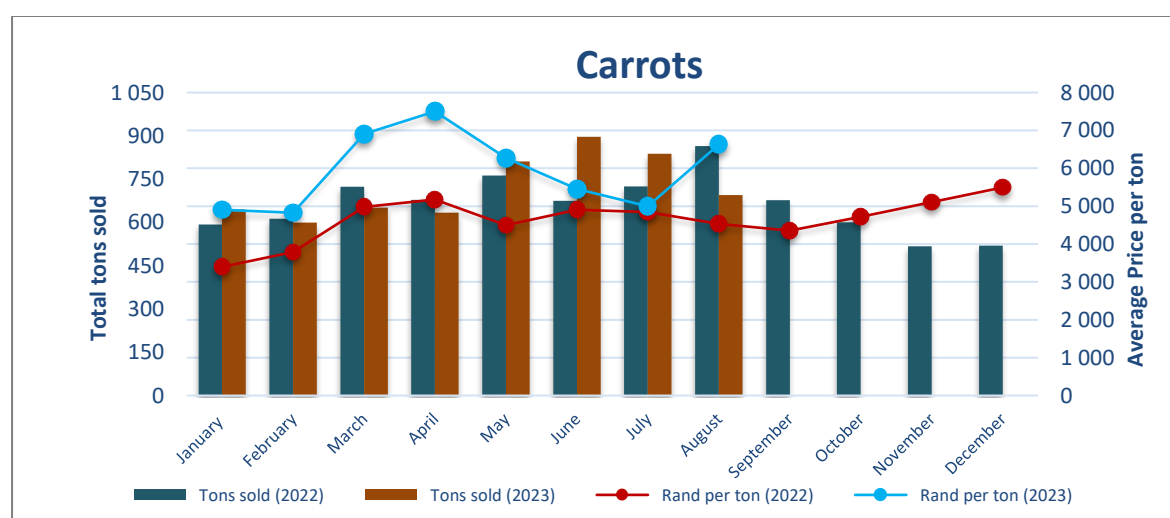
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6. Carrots



As indicated by Figure 6 below shows the total volume of carrots traded at Cape Town fresh produce market during August 2023. The volume of carrots traded in August 2023, decreased month-month by 17.2% from 838.5 tons in July 2023 to 694.5 in August 2023. When comparing year-on-year, the amount of carrots traded during this period also decreased by 19.6% from 864.2 tons in August 2022 to 694.5 tons in August 2023. In August 2023 carrots was trading at R6627.7 per ton, which indicates 32.6% increase in price per ton of carrots between July 2023 and August 2023. The average market price per ton of carrots also increased by 46.3% from R4530.6 in August 2022 to R6627.7 in August 2023.

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



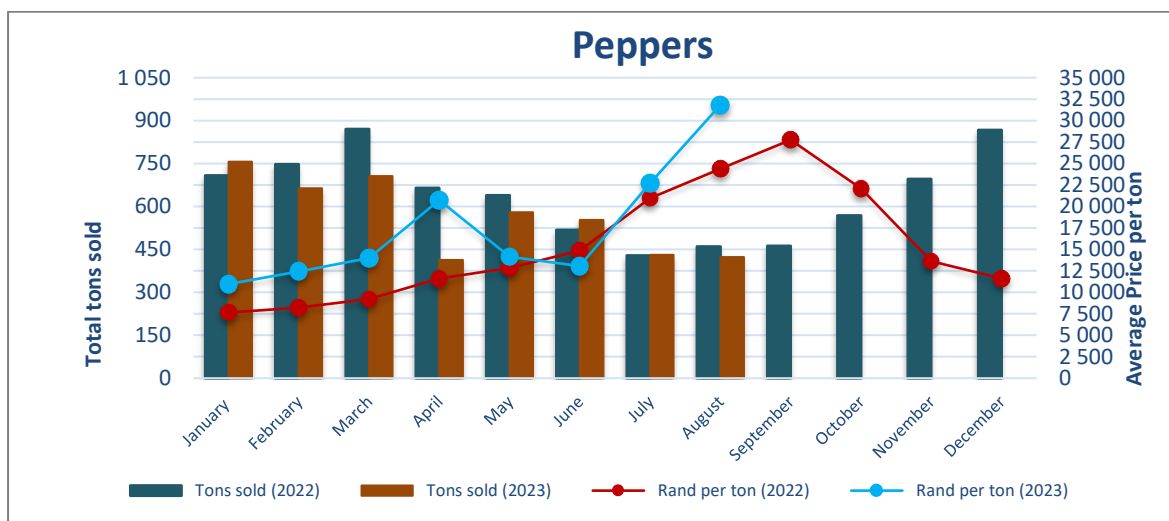
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7. Peppers



As illustrated in figure 7 below, the total volume of peppers sold during August 2023 decreased by 1.8% from 431.0 tons in July 2023 to 423.2 tons. The average market price of peppers on the other hand increased by 40.1% from R22718.4 in July 2023 to R31817.2 in August 2023. On annual basis, the total volume of peppers sold during the period under review registered a year-on-year decrease of 7.9%. The total volume of peppers sold thus decreased from 459.7 tons of peppers traded in August 2022 to 423.2 tons of peppers traded in August 2023. The average market price per ton on the other hand, increased by 30.5% from R24382.3 in August 2022 to R31817.2 in August 2023.

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



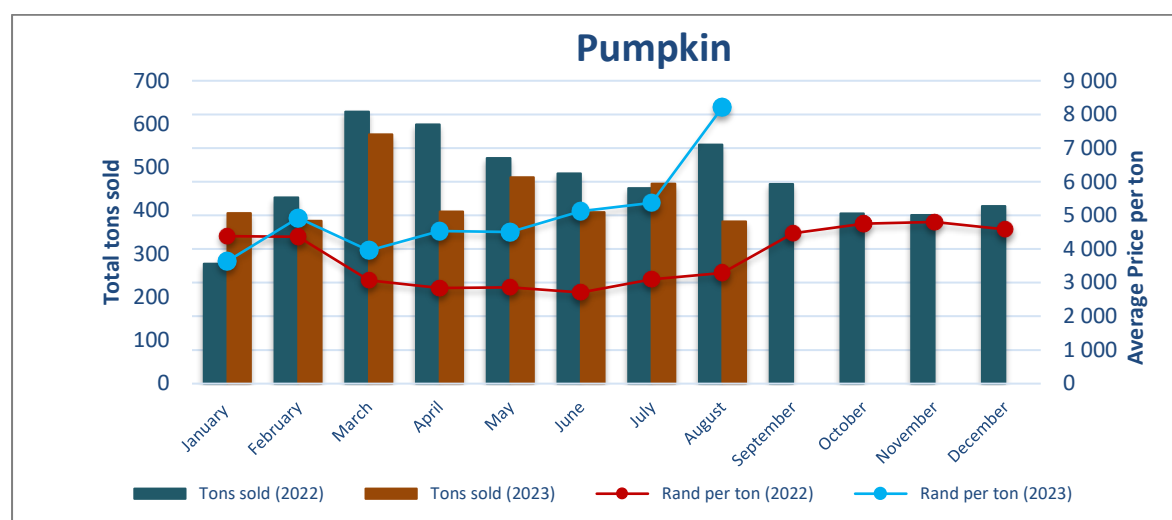
Source: Techno fresh (2023)

8. Pumpkin



A total amount of 375 tons of pumpkin was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during August 2023. This presents 18.8% or 87-ton decrease from the previous month (July) record of 462 tons. The average market price increased by 52.9% or R2840.5 per ton from R5374.5 in July 2023 to R8215.0 in August 2023. On year and year, basis pumpkin was trading at R3289.4 per ton in August 2022 compared to R8215.0 in August 2023. These results indicate an increase of 149.7% in price per ton of pumpkin between August 2022 and August 2023.

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



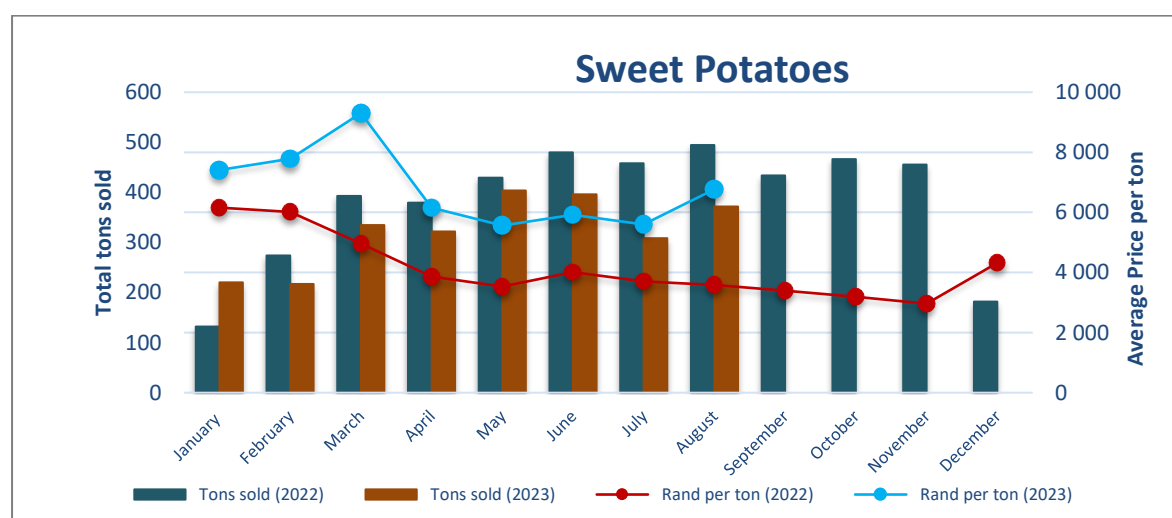
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9. Sweet potato



The total volume of sweet potatoes sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market increased from 308.7 tons in July 2023 to 372.0 tons in August 2023. This translates to 20.5% month-to-month increase recorded during the month of August 2023. The total volume of sweet potatoes sold decreased year-on-year by 24.8% from 494.6 tons in August 2022 to 372 tons in August 2023. Sweet potatoes were trading at R6773.1 during August 2023. On annual basis, the average market price per ton increased by 89% from R3582.7 in August 2022 to R6773.1 in August 2023.

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



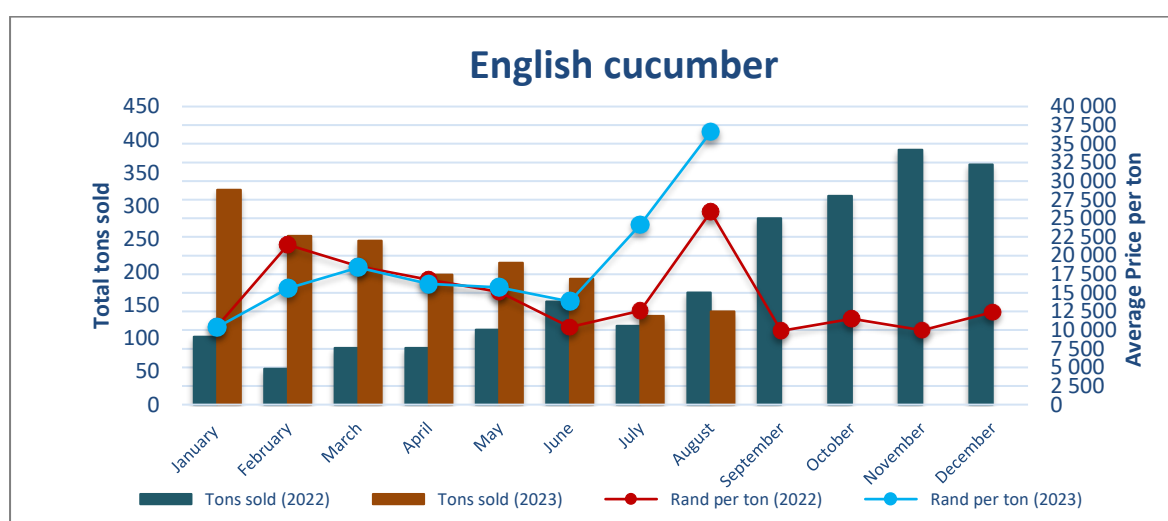
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1.10. English cucumber



During the period under review (August 2023), the total volume of English cucumber sold amounted to 140.7 tons which is 5% or 6,7 tons more than 134 tons which was recorded in July 2023. The average market price of English cucumber also increased by a notable 51.5% from R24157.4 in July 2023 to R36589.9 in August 2023. On annual basis, the volume of tons of English cucumber decreased by 17% (or 28.7tons) from 169.4 tons in August 2022 to 140.7 tons in August 2023.

Figure 10: English cucumber sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market.



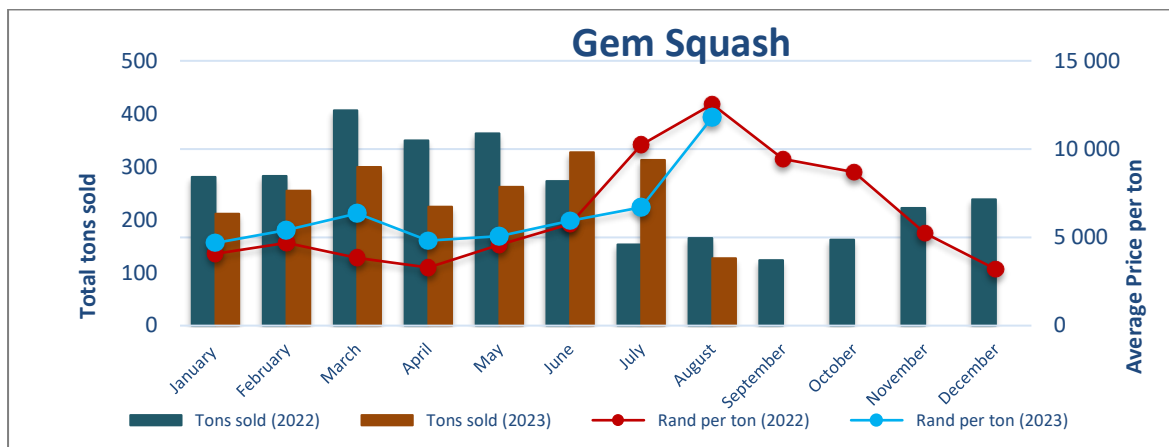
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11. Gem squash



Figure 11 below shows the total volume of Gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in August 2023. The volume of Gem squash sold during August 2023 decreased by 59.4% from 313.1 tons in July 2023 to 127.2 tons in August 2023. The price per ton of Gem squash on the other hand, increased by 76.1% from R6693.7 in July 2023 to R11788.2 in August 2023. On annual basis, volume of gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market decreased by 23.2% during the period under review. As a result, the volume of gem squash sold decreased from 165.5 tons in August 2022 to 127.2 tons in August 2023. The average market price of gem squash also decreased by 6% or R12542.1 per ton in August 2022 to R11788.2 in August 2023.

Figure 11: Gem squash sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



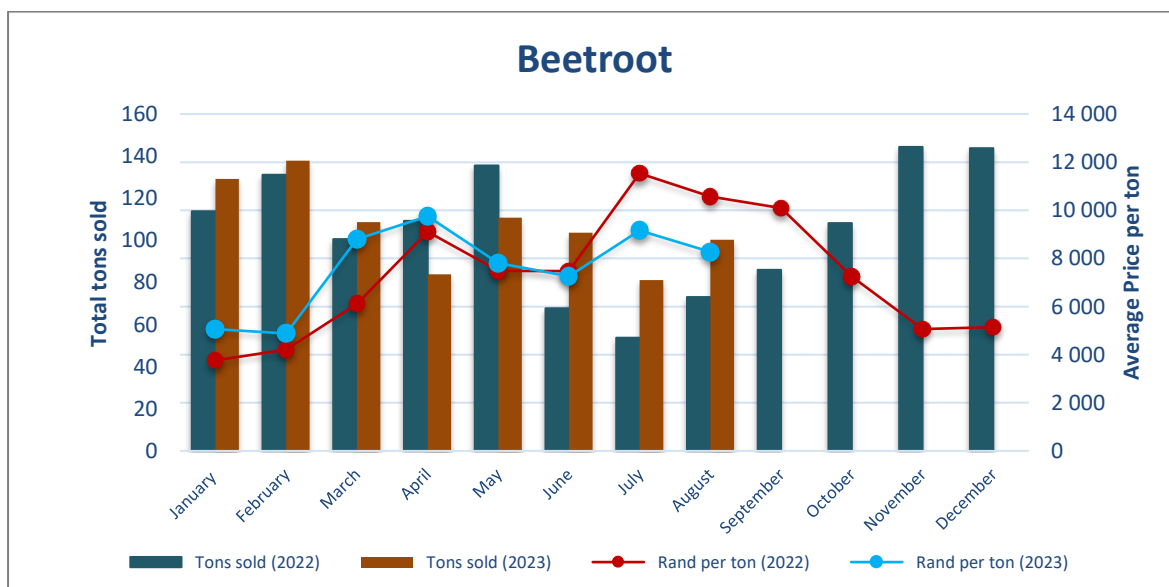
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12. Beetroot



A total amount of 100.2 tons of beetroot was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during August 2023. This presents 23.5% or 19.1 tons increase from the previous month (July 2023) record of 81.1 tons. The average market price decreased by 9.7% or R891 from R23885.5 in July 2023 to R8271.6 in August 2023. On year and year, beetroot was trading at R10573.9 in August 2022 compared to R8271.6 in August 2023. These results indicate a decrease of 21.8% in price per ton of Beetroot between August 2022 and August 2023.

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



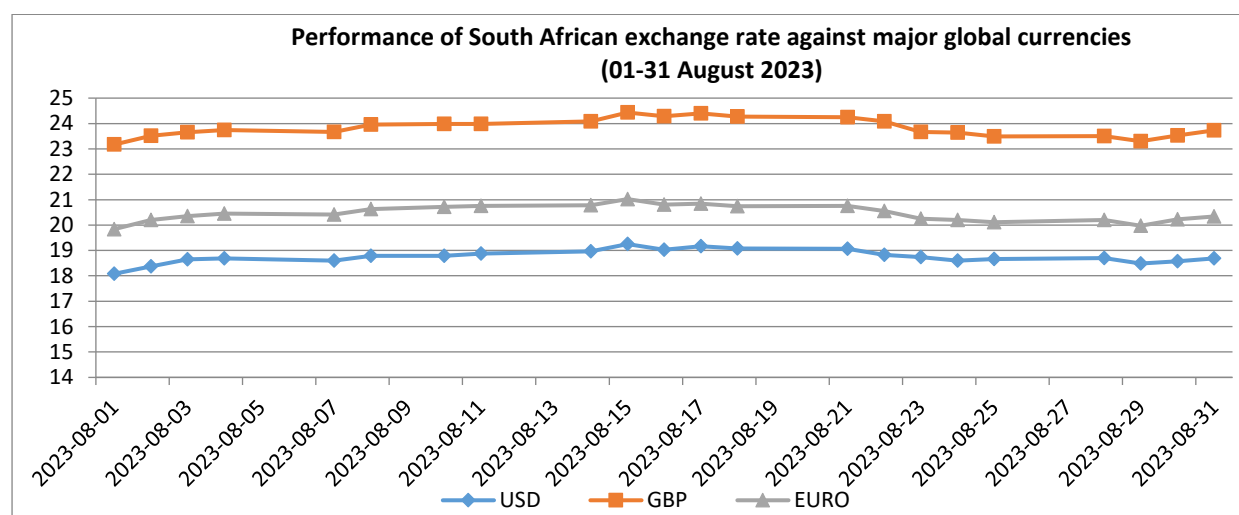
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Table 1: Trend analysis of niche vegetables traded on the Cape Town Fresh Produce market

Product Name highest to the lowest volumes in August 2023	Average tons August 2023 (Ton)	% change in average tons August 2023 (m/m)	Average Price August 2023 (Rand/ton)	% change in average price August 2023 (m/m)
Lettuce	91,7	6,2%	24 263,8	1,6%
Green beans	72,4	4,3%	33 108,1	34,5%
Brinjals	53,2	8,6%	16 747,0	9,4%
Spinach	51,6	55,3%	18 787,3	-23,9%
Cauliflower	36,5	-48,0%	48 748,2	112,4%
Broccoli	31,5	-30,4%	44 301,2	43,4%
Leeks	30,9	-13,9%	4 199,7	-17,1%
Spring onion	25,1	25,0%	18 612,7	-12,2%
Sweetcorn	24,1	24,4%	35 482,8	-6,3%
Baby marrow	16,2	-52,5%	26 004,4	30,5%
Mushrooms	3,0	18,9%	75 657,9	0,8%
Radish	2,5	48,5%	20 210,4	13,4%
Patty pans	1,2	10,8%	25 657,9	49,2%
Hubbard squash	0	0%	0	0%
Marrows	0	0%	0	0%

Source: Techno fresh (2023)

Exchange Rates



Source: South African Reserve Bank (2023)

During the reporting period 01 August to 31 August 2023, looking at month-to-month average of the Rand has weakened against all three major currencies. The US Dollar was trading at R18.75 in August 2023 compared to R18.19 in July 2023. The Great British pound was trading at R23.83 in August 2023 compared to R23.42 in July 2023. Lastly, Euro was at trading at R20.46 in August 2023 compared to R20.11 in July 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 decrease in the retail price	2211,00
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	72,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price	1949,090
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	71,00	cents per litre decrease the retail price	1370,558
LPGAS (maximum retail price)	161,00	cents per litre decrease in the retail price	2691,00

The Department of Energy has announced fuel price adjustments with effect from 02 August 2023. The price of Petrol 95 ULP & LRP increased by 37 cents, the price of diesel (0.05% sulphur) increased by 72 cents , price of paraffin increased by 71 cents. Lastly, LPGAS's maximum retail price decreased by 161 cents during the reporting period.

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