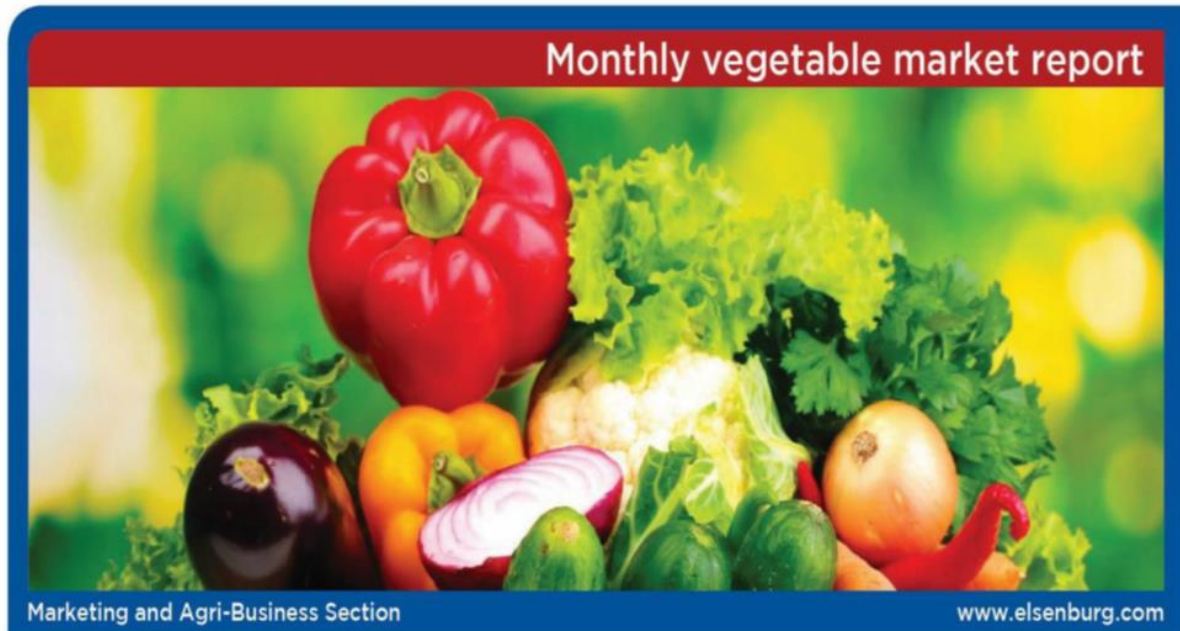


## MONTHLY VEGETABLE REPORT



Review period: 01 February 2023 to 01 February 2024

### 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)**

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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).

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## Vegetable price and volume trend analysis

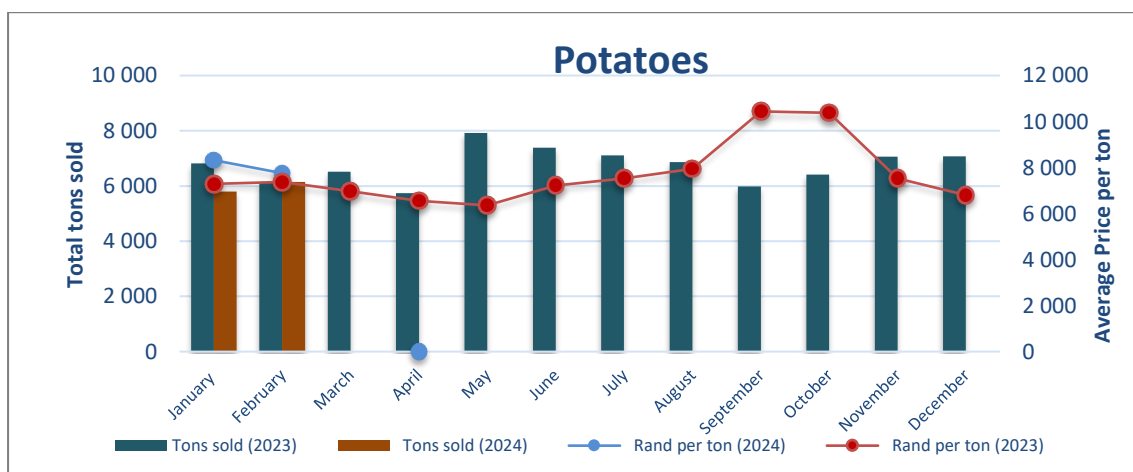
Vegetables are part of important annual crops for the South African agricultural industry. They play a fundamental role in contributing to various agricultural industries who are directly and indirectly involved in the vegetable industry. In return these industries make a significant contribution to 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 February 2024, increased by 5.9% from 5799.9 tons in January 2024 to 6141.2 tons. This translates to (341.3) ton increase in the tons of potatoes sold at Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of February 2024. Subsequently, the average market price per ton of potatoes sold decreased by 6.8% (or R565.2) from R8321.8 in January 2024 to R7756.6 February 2024. Sales on the Cape Town market traded at 5.1% y/y per ton higher than the same period last year. The volume of potatoes traded however showed a decrease of 0.1% y/y compared to the same period last year.

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



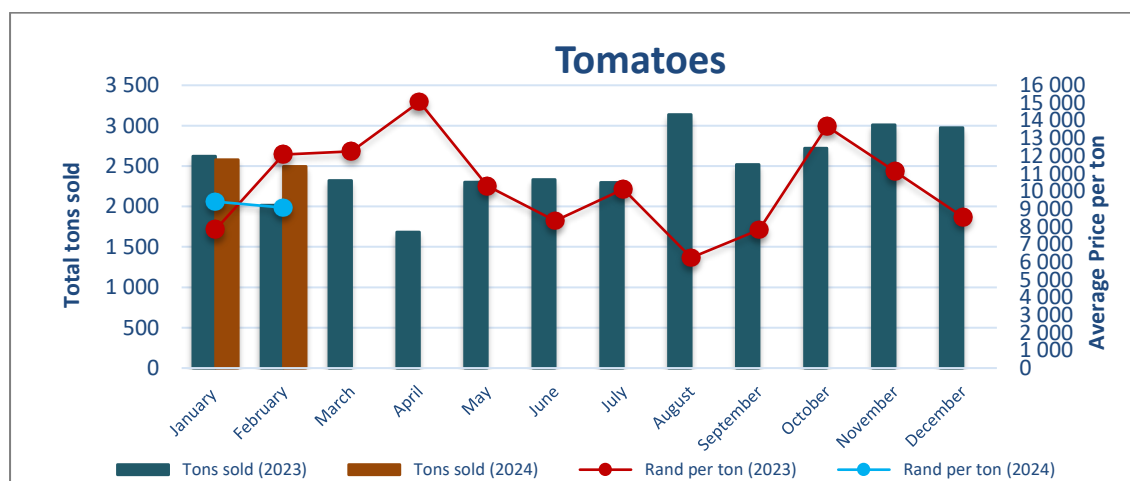
Source: Techno fresh (2024)

## 2. Tomatoes



The total amount of tomatoes sold during February 2024 was 2498.3 tons, which shows 83.2(ton) decrease from 2581.5 tons recorded in January 2024. Tomatoes were trading at R9078.3 in February 2024.

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



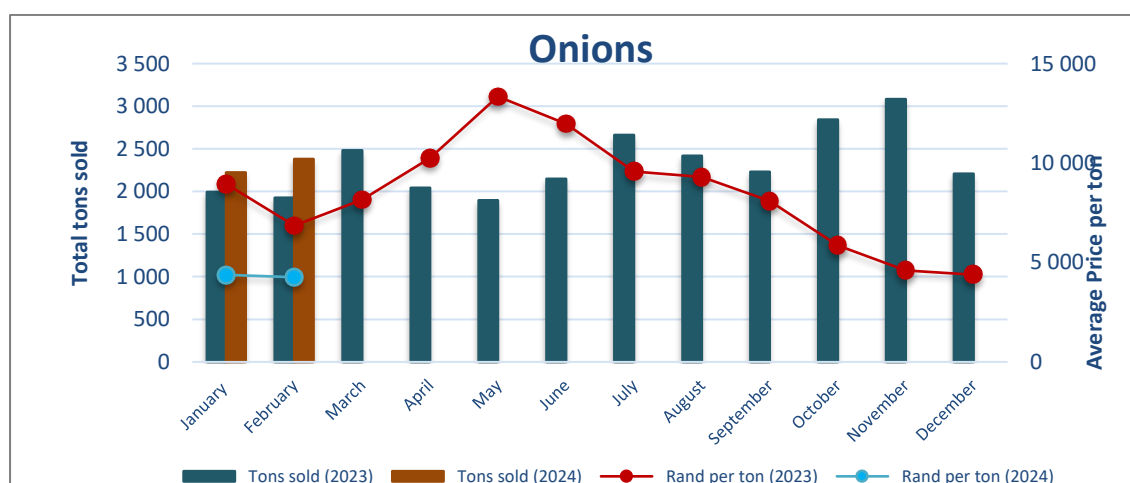
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## 3. Onions



In January 2024, the volume of onions traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market was 2380.1 tons, which shows 7% increase from 2223.4 tons recorded in January 2024. Price per ton of onions sold on the market decreased by 2.8% from R4379.7 in January 2024 to R4256.5 in February 2024.

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



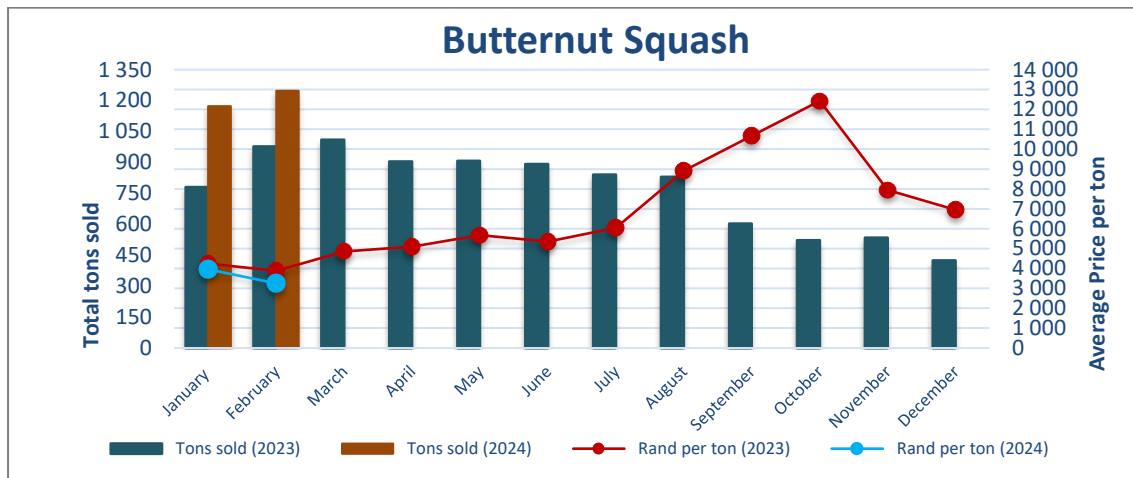
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#### 4. Butternut Squash



Figure 4 below represents the volume of butternut squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during the month of February 2024. The volume of butternut squash sold increased by 6.4% from 1172.4 tons in January 2024 to 1246.8 tons in February 2024. The price per ton of butternut decreased by 17.9% from R3957.3 in January 2024 to R3248.9 in February 2024. On a year-to-year basis the quantity of butternut squash sold during February 2023 and February 2024 increased by 27.5% while the price of butternut sold during the same period (2023/24) decreased by 16.4%.

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



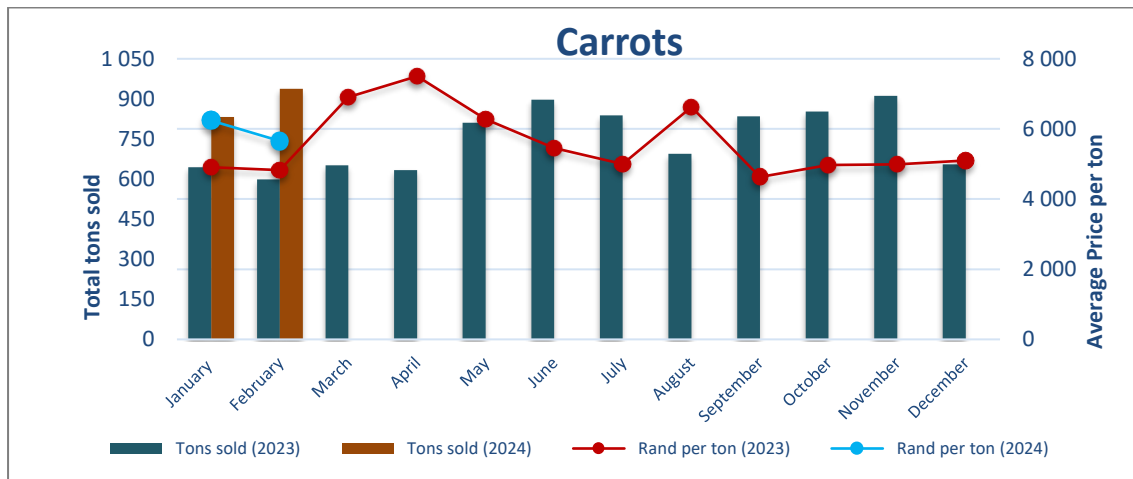
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#### 5. Carrots



As indicated by Figure 5 below shows the total volume of carrots traded at Cape Town fresh produce market during February 2024. The volume of carrots traded in February 2024, increased month-month by 12.7% from 831.7 tons in January 2024 to 937.2 tons. When comparing year-on-year, the amount of carrots traded during this period also increased by 56.5% from 598.9 tons in February 2023 to 937.2 tons in February 2024. In February 2024 carrots was trading at R5657.0 per ton, which indicates 9.3% decrease in price per ton of carrots between January 2024 and February 2024. The average market price per ton of carrots on the other hand, increased by 17.2% y/y from R4826.5 in February 2023 to R5657.0 in February 2024.

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



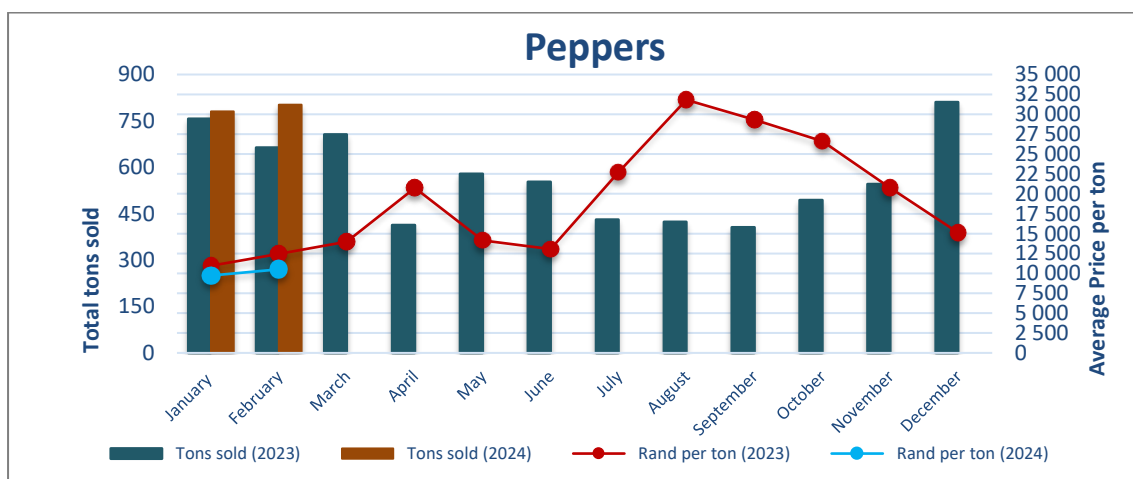
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## 6. Peppers



As illustrated in figure 6 below, the total volume of peppers sold during February 2024 increased by 2.8% from 780.7 tons in January 2024 to 802.5 tons in February 2024. The average market price of peppers also increased by 8% from R9726.4 in January 2024 to R10507.7 in February 2024. On annual basis, the total volume of peppers sold during the period under review registered a year-on-year increase of 20.8%. The total volume of peppers sold thus increased from 664.1 tons of peppers traded in February 2023 to 802.5 tons of peppers traded in February 2024. The average market price per ton on the other hand, decreased by 15.5% from R12435.2 in February 2023 to R10507.7 in February 2024.

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



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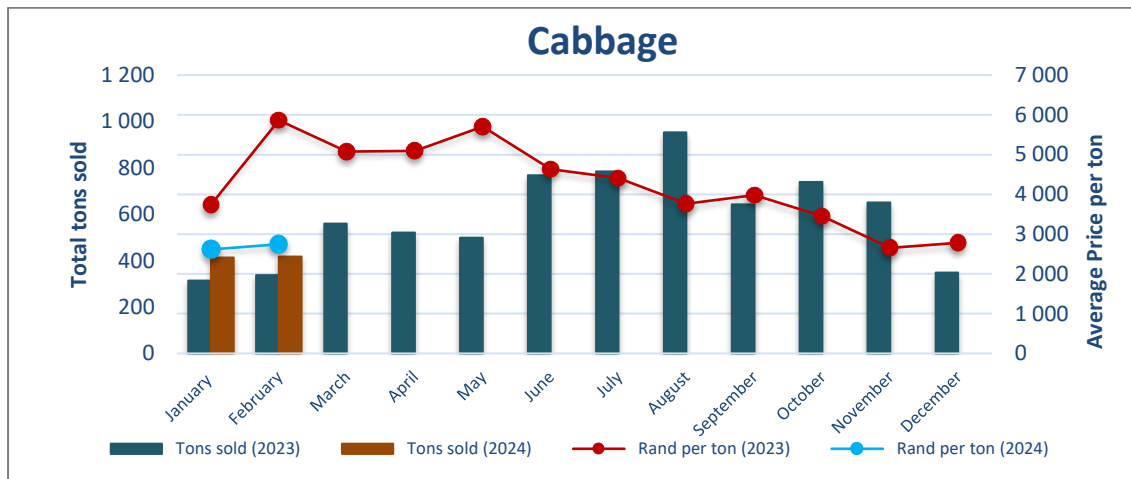
## 7. Cabbages



The total volume of cabbages sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during February 2024 recorded a month-to-month increase of 1.1% or 4.5tons.

The total volume of cabbages sold therefore increased from 413.1 tons in January 2024 to 417.5 tons in February 2024. The average market price per ton of cabbages on the other hand, decreased by 5.1% from R2614.0 in January 2024 to R2746.4 in February 2024. On annual basis, the total volume of cabbages sold increased from 337.8 tons obtained in February 2023 to 417.5 tons in February 2024. This represents a year-on-year increase of 23,6% that is 79.7 tons, more than the amount registered within the same period last year.

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



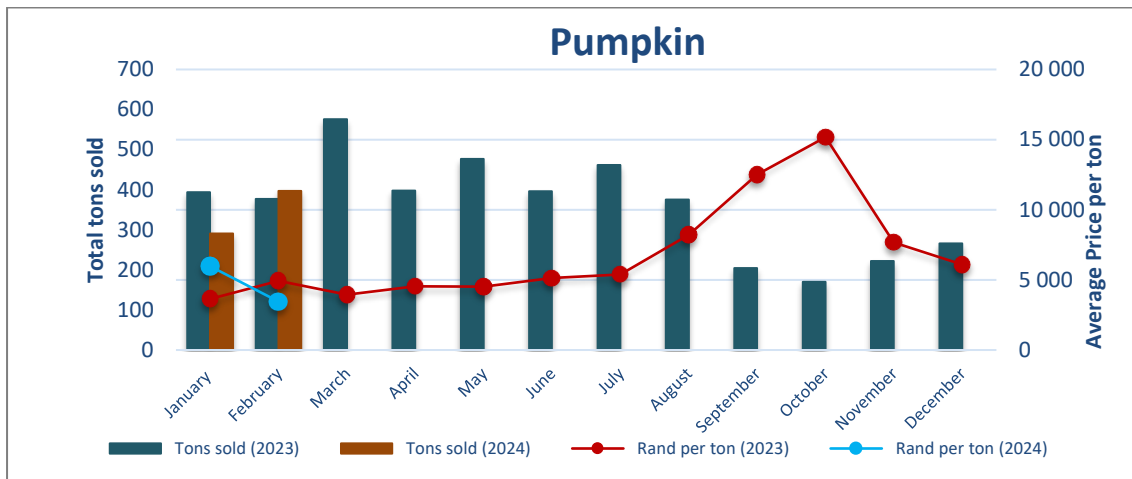
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## 8. Pumpkin



A total amount of 397.3 tons of pumpkin was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during February 2024. This presents 36.8% or 106.9 -ton increase from the previous month (January) record of 290.4 tons. The average market price on the other hand, decreased by 42.1% or R2515.3 per ton from R5969.4 in January 2024 to R3454.1 in February 2024. On year and year, basis pumpkin was trading at R4922.5 per ton in February 2023 compared to R3454.1 in February 2024. These results indicate a decrease of 29,8% in price per ton of pumpkin between February 2023 and February 2024.

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



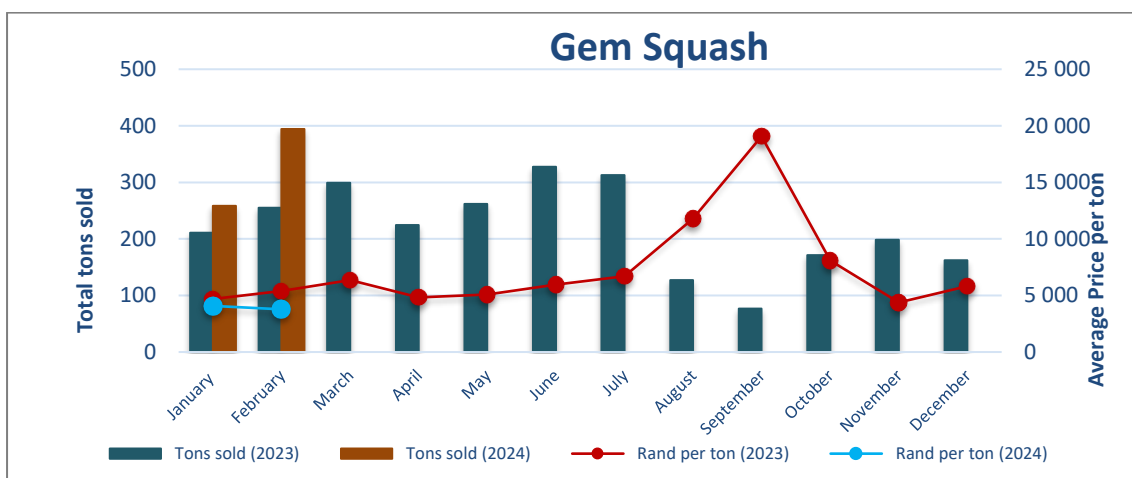
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### 9. Gem squash



Figure 9 below shows the total volume of gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in February 2024. The volume of gem squash sold during February 2024 increased by 52.4% from 258.7 tons in January 2024 to 394.2 tons. The price per ton of gem squash on the other hand, decreased by 7.4% from R4076.6 in January 2024 to R3776.1 in February 2024. On an annual basis, gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market increased by 54.5% during the period under review. As a result, the volume of gem squash sold increased from 255.1 tons in February 2023 to 394.2 tons in February 2024. The average market price of gem squash decreased by 30.1% or R1629.3 per ton from R5405.4 in February 2023 to R3776.1 in February 2024.

**Figure 9: Gem squash sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market**



Source: Techno fresh (2024)

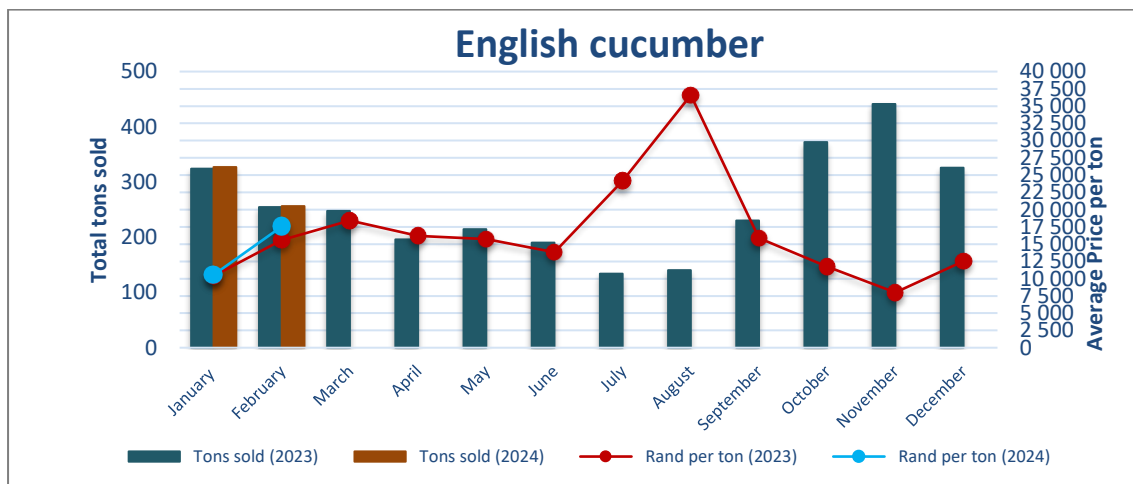


## 10. English cucumber



During the period under review (February 2024), the total volume of English cucumber sold amounted to 256,3 tons which is 21.7% or 70.9 tons less than 327.2 tons which was recorded in January 2024. The average market price of English cucumber on the other hand, increased by 66.2% from R10570.2 in January 2024 to R17567.8 in February 2024. On annual basis, the volume of tons of English cucumber increased by 0.6% (or 1.7 tons) from 254.7 tons in February 2023 to 256.3 tons in February 2024.

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



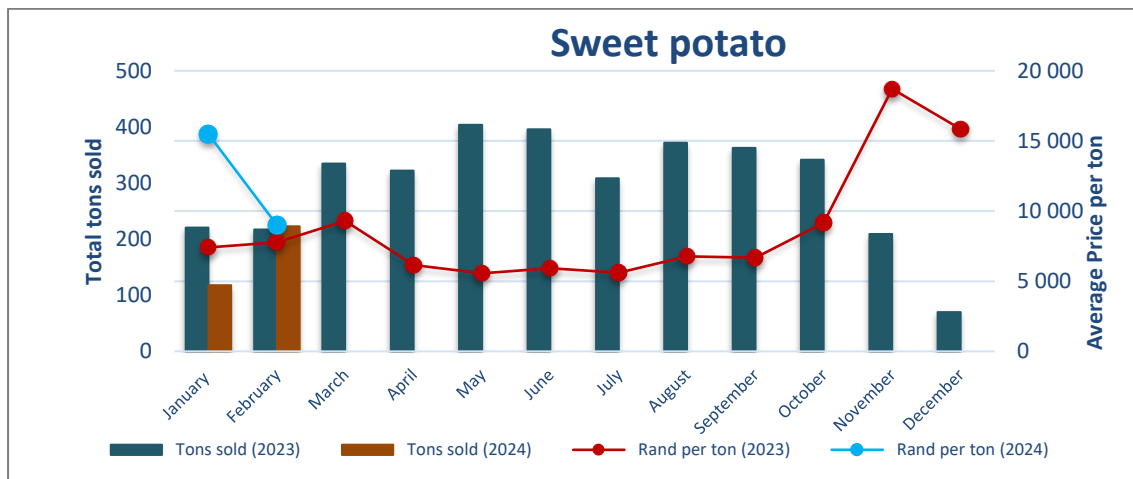
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## 11. Sweet potato



The total volume of sweet potato sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market increased from 117.7 tons in January 2024 to 222.9 tons in February 2024. This translates to 89.3% month-to-month increase recorded during the month of February 2024. The total volume of sweet potato sold increased year-on-year by 2.6% from 217.3 tons in February 2023 to 222.9 in February 2024. Sweet potato was trading at R 9014.8 during February 2024. On annual basis, the average market price per ton increased by 15.9% from R 7781.0 in February 2023 to R9014.8 in February 2023.

**Figure 11: Sweet potato sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market.**



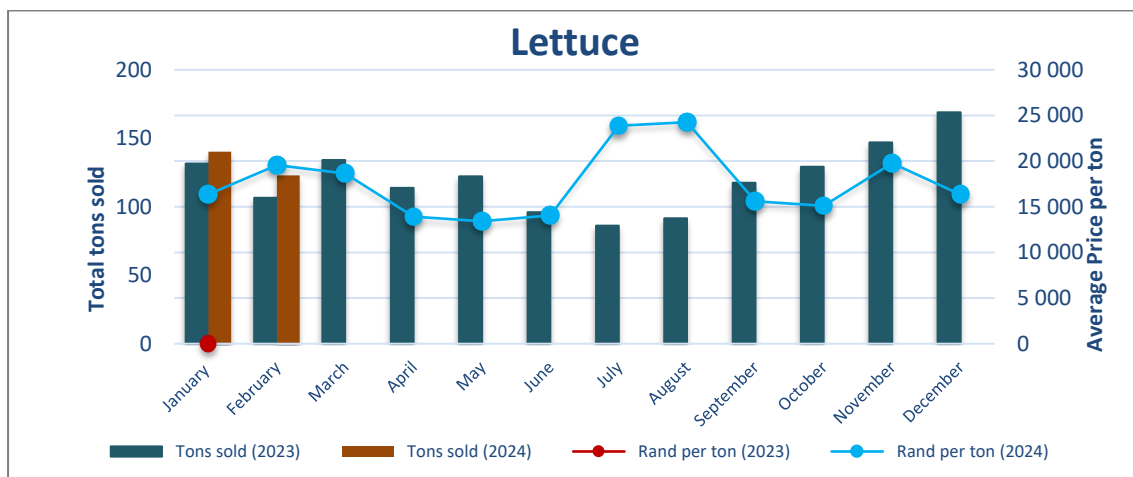
Source: Techno fresh (2024)

## 12. Lettuce



A total amount of 122.9 tons of lettuce was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during February 2024. This presents 12.4% or 17.3 tons decrease from the previous month (January 2024) record of 140.2 tons. The average market price on the other hand, increased by 18.6% or R3327.4 from R17856.1 in January 2024 to R21183.5 in February 2024. On year and year, lettuce was trading at R19558.4 in February 2023 compared to R21183.5 in February 2024. These results indicate an increase of 8.3% in price per ton of lettuce between February 2023 and February 2024.

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



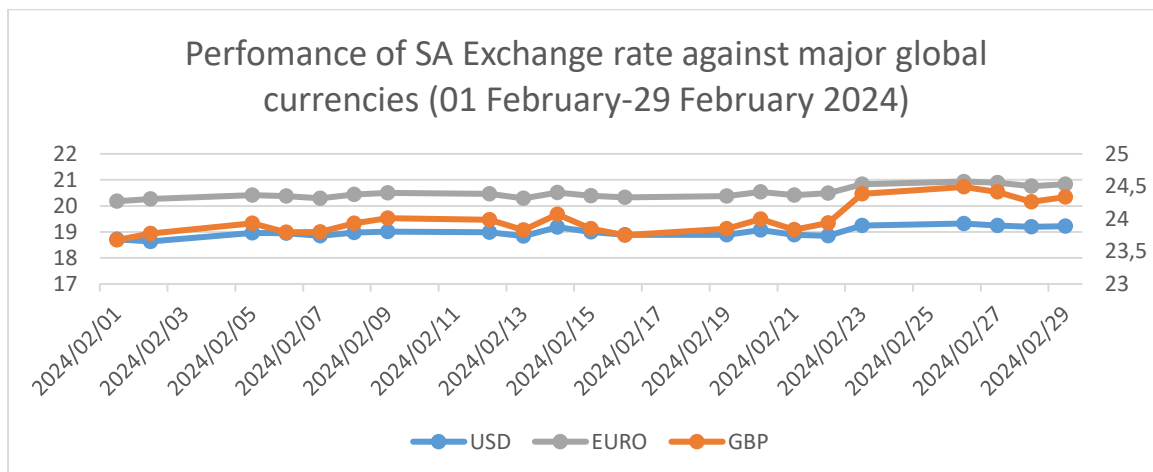
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**Table 1: Trend analysis of niche vegetables traded on the Cape Town Fresh Produce market.**

Product Name highest to the lowest volumes in February 2024	Average tons February 2024 (Ton)	% change in average tons February 2024 (m/m)	Average Price February 2024(Rand/ton)	% change in average price February 2024 (m/m)
Beetroot	100,0	11,9%	12576,8	21,5%
Baby marrow	82,8	-18,6%	17053,1	50,1%
Sweetcorn	77,0	-17,5%	15529,4	5,8%
Green beans	74,9	-10,9%	17642,6	46,4%
Brinjals	54,6	-8,6%	11045,2	-20,7%
Cauliflower	47,6	-55,8%	29144,8	223,5%
Broccoli	34,1	4,9%	38264,1	40,1%
Spring onion	32,6	11,9%	12 576,8	21,5%
Spinach	25,8	8,8%	16 521,5	18,0%
Hubbard squash	15,7	-6,9%	2 143,7	-25,3%
Leeks	11,2	170,6%	13 576,0	45,2%
Radish	3,4	32,6%	25 565,1	-16,6%
Patty pans	3,3	168,5%	18 233,3	54,2%
Mushrooms	2,1	25,1%	77 700,7	-13,5%
Marrows	0,0	-100%	0,0	-100%

Source: Techno fresh (2024)

### Exchange Rates



Source: South African Reserve Bank (2024)

During the reporting period 02 January- 31 January 2024, looking at month-to-month average of the Rand has weakened against the US Dollar, Great British pound and remained unchanged for the Euro. The US Dollar was trading at R18.99 in February 2024 compared to R18.79 in January 2024. The Great British pound was trading at R23.99 in February 2024 compared to R23.88 in January 2024. Euro was at trading at R20.50 in February 2024 remaining unchanged from value recorded in January 2024.

## Energy

**Table 3.1 Basic fuel Price adjustments**

<b>Product Description</b>	<b>Numerical adjustment applicable to the coast parts in South Africa</b>	<b>Price adjustment Description</b>	<b>The average price (cents) applicable to the coastal parts of South Africa</b>
<b>Petrol 95 ULP &amp; LRP</b>	75,00	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in the retail price	2252,00
<b>Diesel 0.05% Sulphur</b>	73,00	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in the retail price	2063,97
<b>Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)</b>	53,00	cents per litre <b>increase</b> the retail price	1491,43
<b>LPGAS (maximum retail price)</b>	37,00	cents per litre <b>increase</b> in the retail price	349,00

The Department of Energy has announced fuel price adjustments with effect from 02 February 2024. The price of Petrol 95 ULP & LRP increased by 75 cents, the price of diesel (0.05% sulphur) increased by 73 cents, price of paraffin increased by 53 cents. Lastly, LPGAS's maximum retail price increased by 37 cents during the reporting period.

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