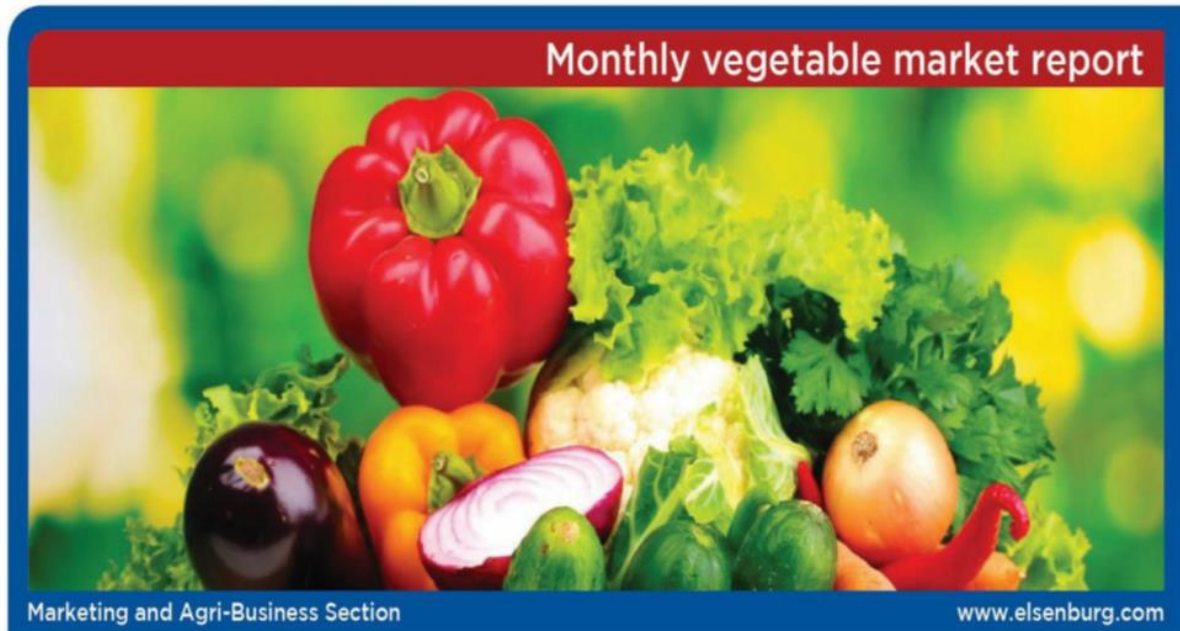


MONTHLY VEGETABLE REPORT



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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

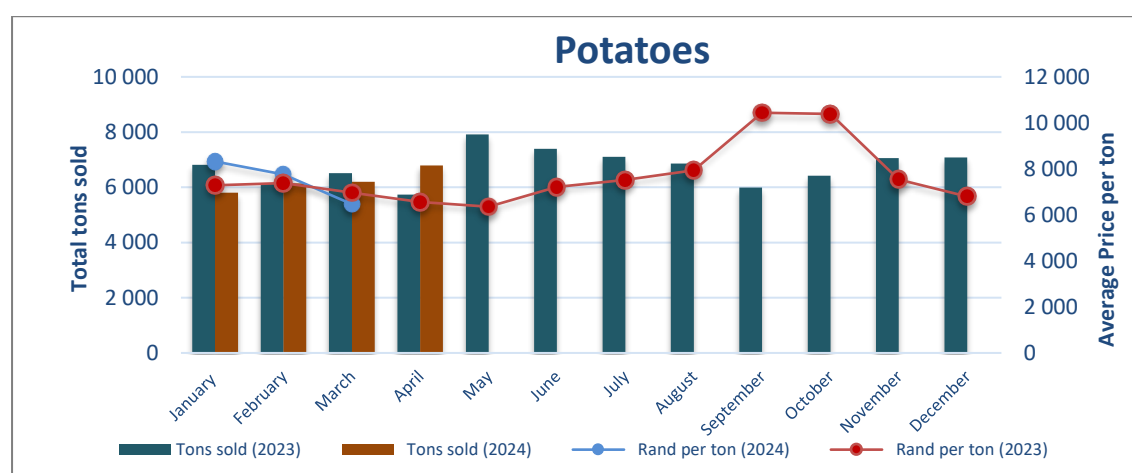
Vegetables are part of important annual crops for the South African agricultural industry. They play a fundamental role in contributing to various agricultural industries who are directly and indirectly involved in the vegetable industry. In return these industries make a significant contribution to 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 April 2024, increased by 9.6% from 6198.0 tons in March 2024 to 6791.5 tons. This translates to (593.4) ton increase in the tons of potatoes sold at Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of April 2024. The average market price per ton of potatoes sold also increased by 3.9% (or R255.4) from 6466.2 in March 2024 to R6721.60 in April 2024. Sales on the Cape Town market traded at 2.5% y/y per ton higher than the same period last year. The volume of potatoes also showed an increase of 18.3% y/y compared to the same period last year.

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



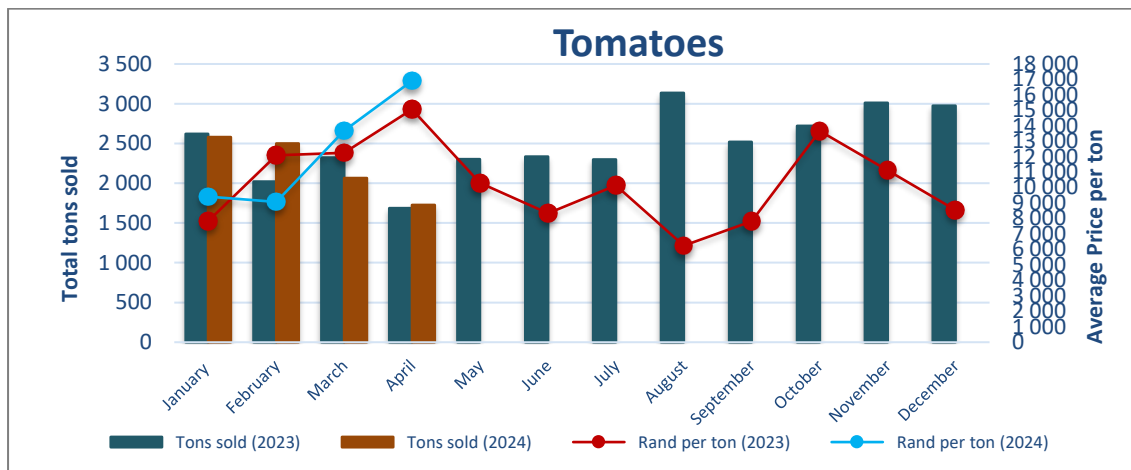
Source: Techno fresh (2024)

2. Tomatoes



The total amount of tomatoes sold during April 2024 was 1726.3 tons, which shows 339(ton) decrease from 2065.2 tons recorded in March 2024. Tomatoes were trading at R16910.0 in April 2024.

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



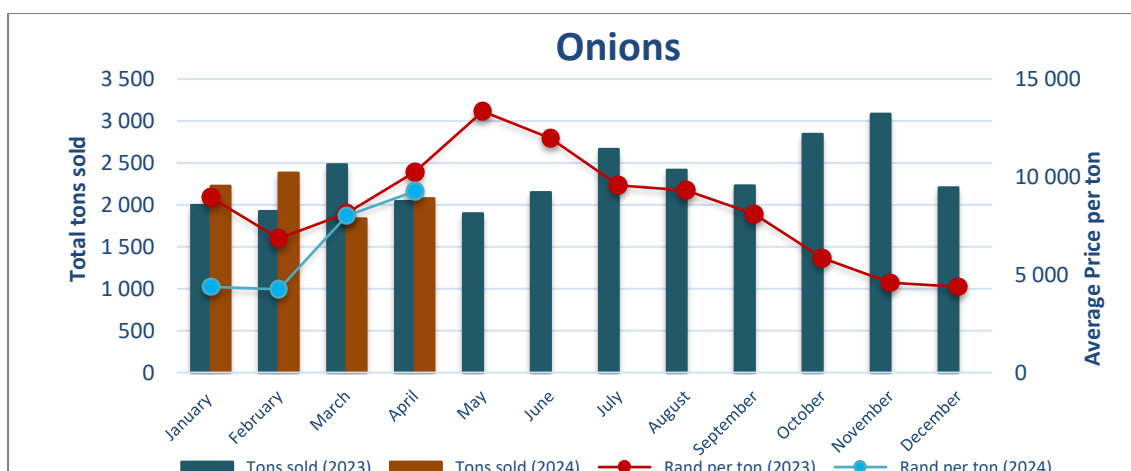
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3. Onions



In April 2024, the volume of onions traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market was 2076.0 tons, which shows 13.1% increase from 1835.5 tons recorded in March 2024. Price per ton of onions sold on the market also increased by 15.7% from R8005.8 in March 2024 to R9261.5.

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



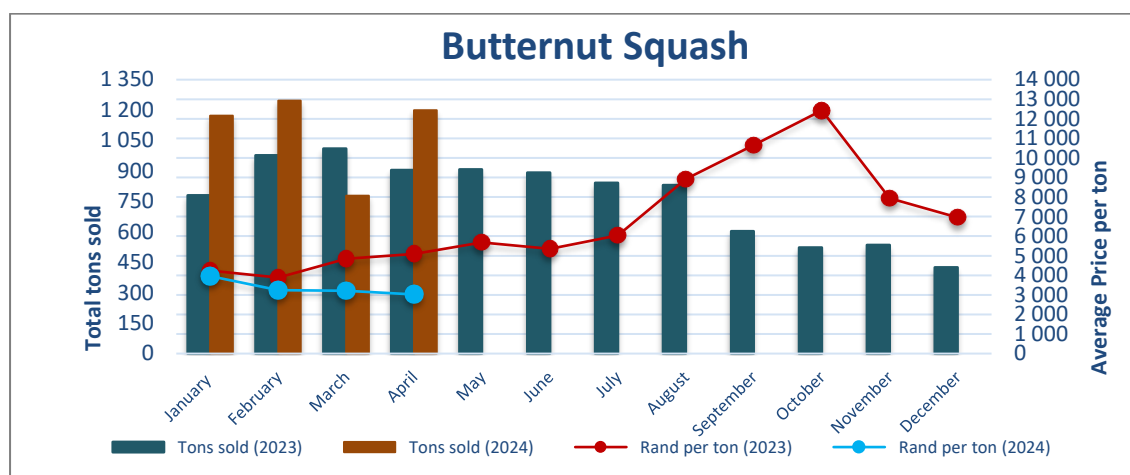
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4. Butternut Squash



Figure 4 below represents the volume of butternut squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during the month of April 2024. The volume of butternut squash sold increased by 54.1% from 778.4 tons in March 2024 to 1199.5 tons in April 2024. The price per ton of butternut on the other hand, decreased by 5.7% from R3204.1 in March 2024 to R3022.9 in April 2024. On a year-to-year basis the quantity of butternut squash sold during April 2023 and April 2024 increased by 32.6% while the price of butternut sold during the same period (2023/24) decreased by 40.6%.

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



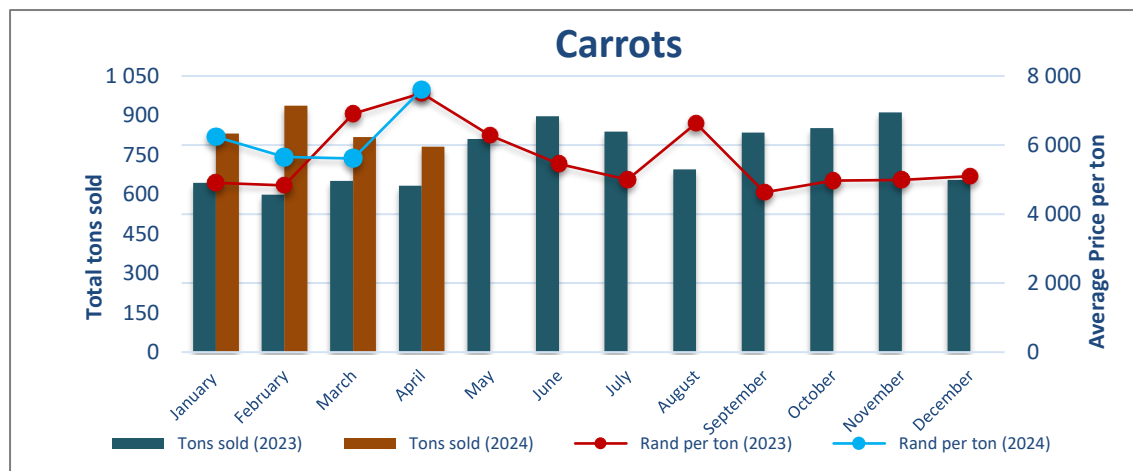
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5. Carrots



As indicated by Figure 5 below shows the total volume of carrots traded at Cape Town fresh produce market during April 2024. The volume of carrots traded in April 2024, decreased month-month by 4.5% from 818.2 tons in March 2024 to 781.6 tons. When comparing year-on-year, the amount of carrots traded during this period increased by 23.4% from 633.3 tons in April 2023 to 781.6 tons in April 2024. In April 2024 carrots was trading at R7605.8 per ton, which indicates 35.6% increase in price per ton of carrots between March 2024 and April 2024. The average market price per ton of carrots also increased by 1.4% y/y from R7502.2 in April 2023 to R7605.8 in April 2024.

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



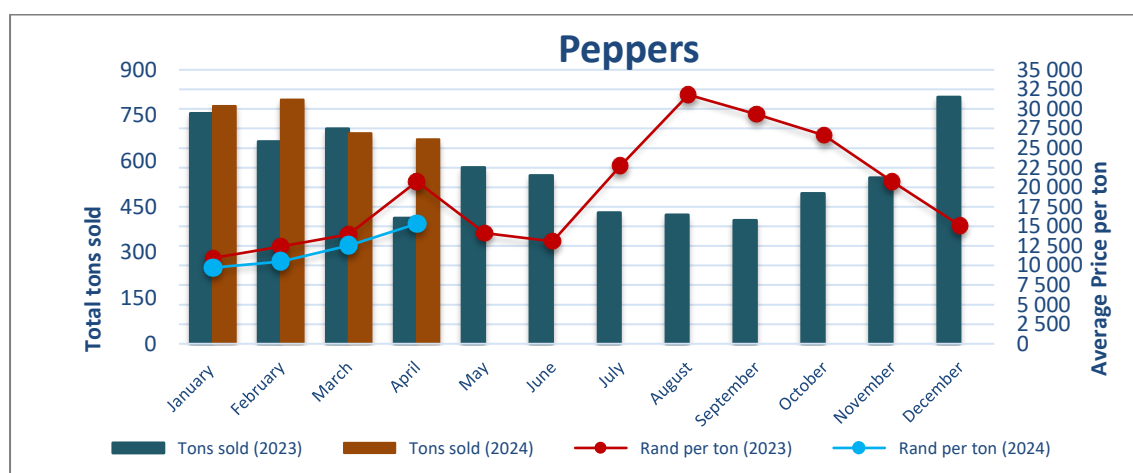
Source: Techno fresh (2024)

6. Peppers



As illustrated in figure 6 below, the total volume of peppers sold during April 2024 decreased by 2.9% from 691.8 tons in March 2024 to 671.4 tons. The average market price of peppers on the other hand, increased by 22.1% from R12555.4 in March 2024 to R15328.6 in April 2024. On annual basis, the total volume of peppers sold during the period under review registered a year-on-year increase of 62.6%. The total volume of peppers sold thus increased from 413.1 tons of peppers traded in April 2023 to 671.4 tons of peppers traded in April 2024. The average market price per ton on the other hand, decreased by 26.1% from R 20730.5 in April 2023 to R15328.6 in April 2024.

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



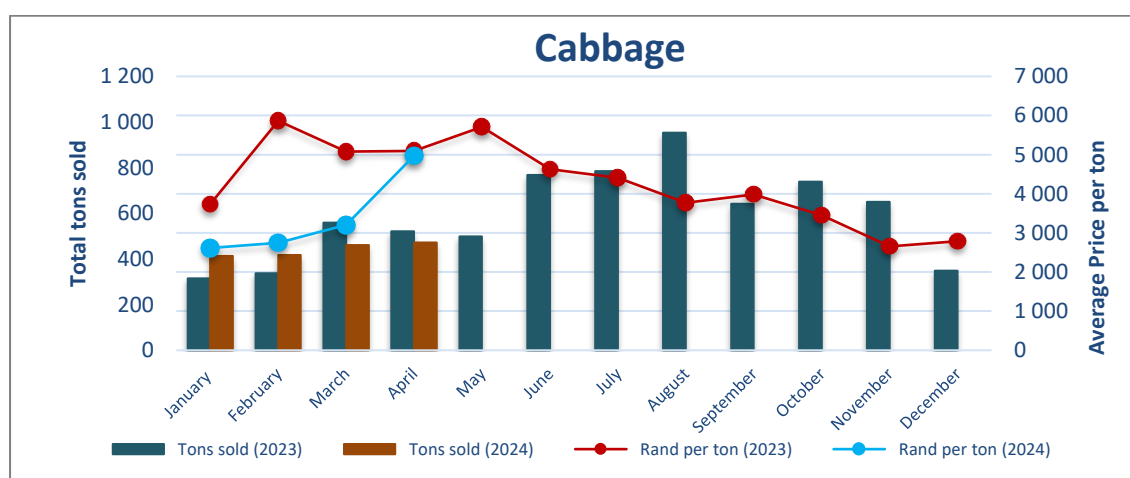
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7. Cabbages



The total volume of cabbages sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during April 2024 recorded a month-to-month increase of 2.2% or 10.1 tons. The total volume of cabbages sold therefore increased from 461.6 tons in March 2024 to 471.7 in April 2024. The average market price per ton of cabbages also increased by 55% from R3208.0 in March 2024 to R4971.7 in April 2024. On annual basis, the total volume of cabbages sold decreased from 520.6 tons obtained in April 2023 to 471.7 tons in April 2024. This represents a year-on-year decrease of 9.4% that is 48.9 tons, less than the amount registered within the same period last year.

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



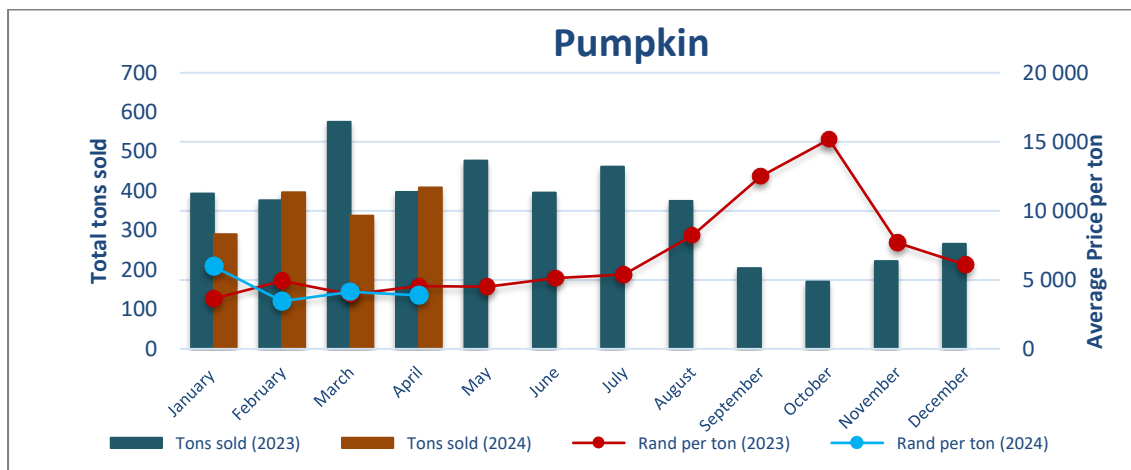
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8. Pumpkin



A total amount of 409.3 tons of pumpkin was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during April 2024. This presents 21.1% or 71.4-ton increase from the previous month (March) record of 337.9 tons. The average market price on the other hand, decreased by 6.3% or R260.2 per ton from R4141.6 in March 2024 to R3881.3 in April 2024. On year and year, basis pumpkin was trading at R4538.7 per ton in April 2023 compared to R3881.3 in April 2024. These results indicate a decline of R657.4 in price per ton of pumpkin between April 2023 and April 2024.

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



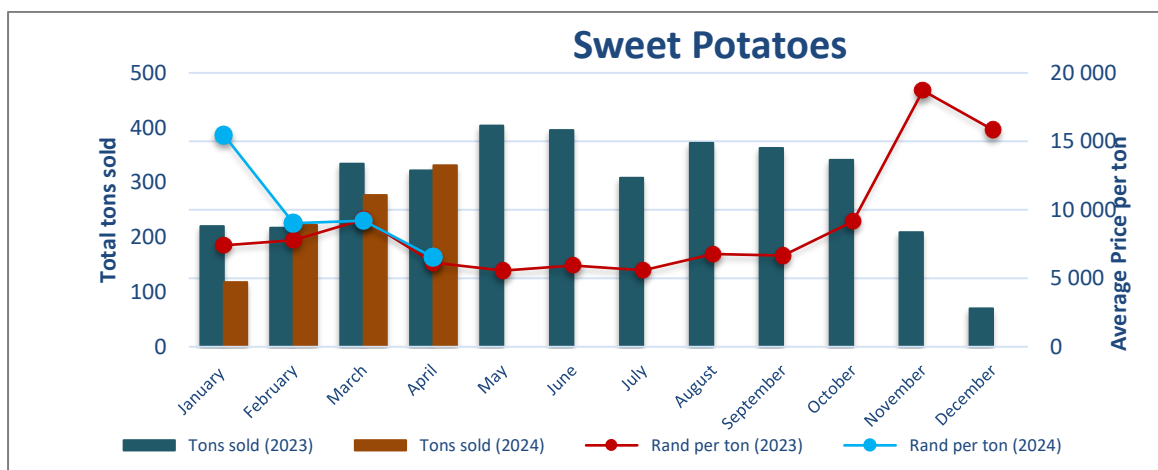
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9. Sweet potato



The total volume of sweet potato sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market increased from 276.9 in March 2024 to 331.4 in April 2024. This translates to 19.7% month-to-month increase recorded during the month of April 2024. The total volume of sweet potato sold increased year-on-year by 2.9% from 322.0 tons in April 2023 to 331.4 in April 2024. Sweet potato was trading at R6524.5 during April 2024. On annual basis, the average market price per ton increased by 6.1% from R6148.5 in April 2023 to R6524.5 in April 2024.

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



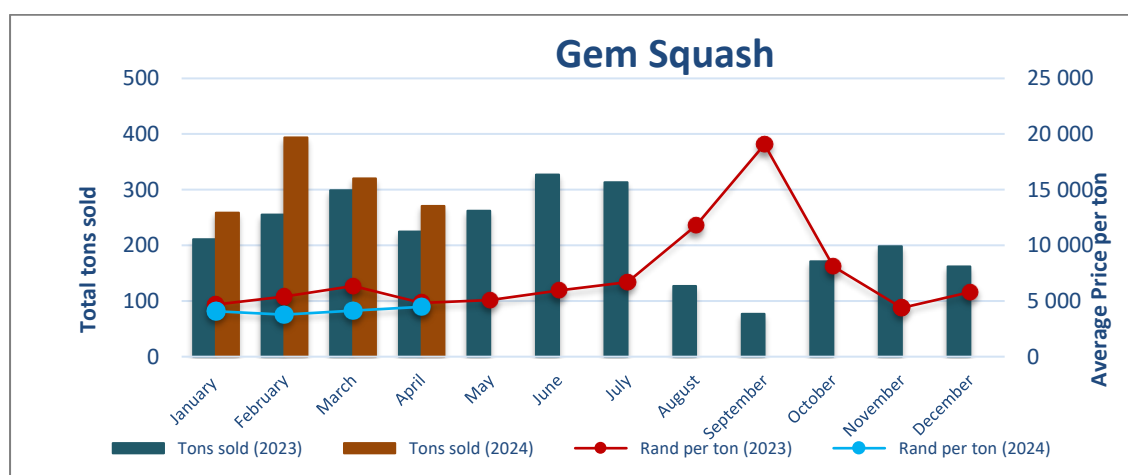
Source: Techno fresh (2024).

10. Gem squash



Figure 10 bellow shows the total volume of gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in April 2024. The volume of gem squash sold during April 2024 decreased by 15.4% from 320.5 tons in March 2024 to 271.1 tons. The price per ton of gem squash on the other hand, increased by 8.3% from R4132.6 in March 2024 to R4476.4 in April 2024. On annual basis, gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market increased by 20.6% during the period under review. As a result, the volume of gem squash sold increased from 224.8 tons in April 2023 to 271.1 tons in April 2024. The average market price of gem squash decreased by 7.2% or R345.5 per ton from R4821.9 in April 2023 to R4476.4 in April 2024.

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



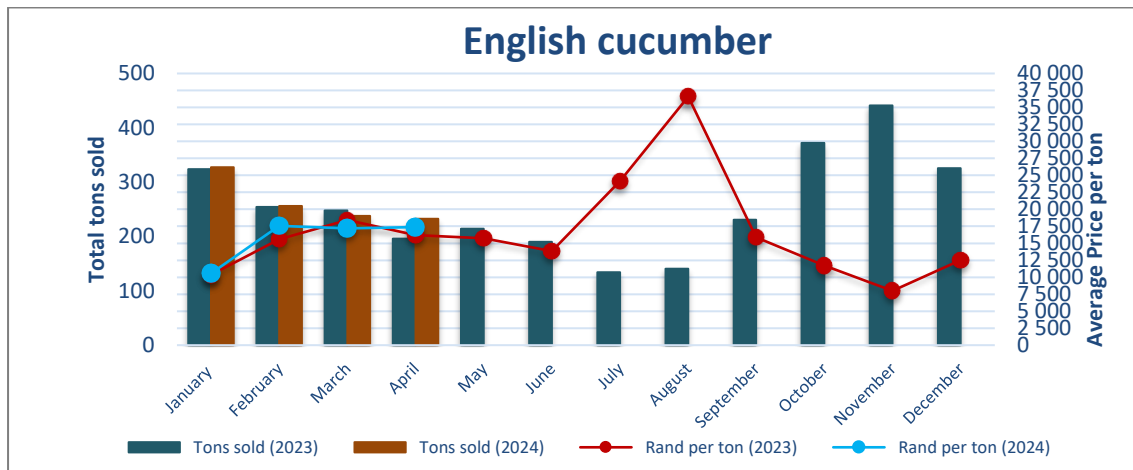
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11. English cucumber



During the period under review (April 2024), the total volume of English cucumber sold amounted to 232.7 tons which is 2.3% or 5.5 tons less than 238.1 tons which was recorded in March 2024. The average market price of English cucumber on the other hand increased by 1.2% from R17180.4 in March 2024 to R17381.5 in April 2024. On annual basis, the volume of tons of English cucumber increased by 18.6% (or 36.5 tons) from 196.2 tons in April 2023 to 232.7 tons in April 2024.

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



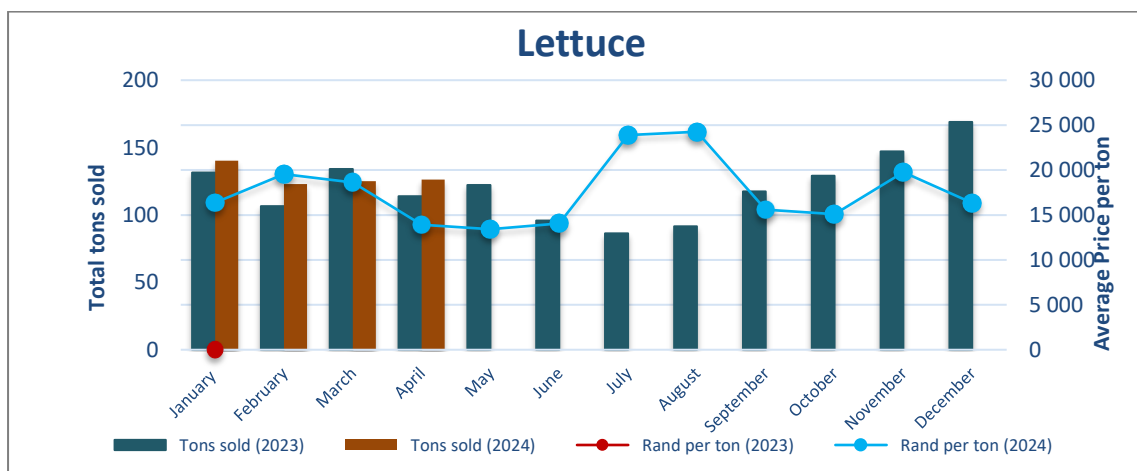
Source: Techno fresh (2024)

12. Lettuce



A total amount of 126.4 tons of lettuce was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during April 2024. This presents 0.9% or 1.2 tons increase from the previous month (March 2024) record of 125.2 tons. The average market price on the other hand, decreased by a notable 28.7% or R5761.6 from R20059.9 March 2024 to R14298.3. On year and year, lettuce was trading at R13906.3 in April 2023 compared to R14298.3 in April 2024. These results indicate an increase of 2.8% in price per ton of lettuce between April 2023 and April 2024.

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



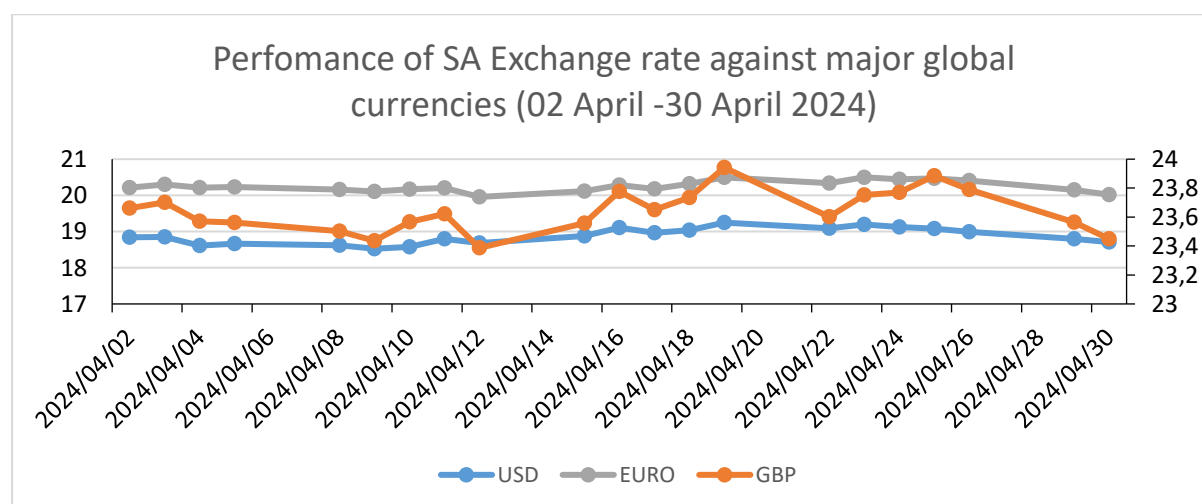
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Table 1: Trend analysis of niche vegetables traded on the Cape Town Fresh Produce market.

Product Name highest to the lowest volumes in April 2024	Average tons April 2024 (Ton)	% change in average tons April 2024 (m/m)	Average Price April 2024(Rand/ton)	% change in average price April 2024 (m/m)
Beetroot	147,7	24,0%	8 347,8	-4,4%
Cauliflower	131,1	100,2%	11 982,9	-49,5%
Baby marrow	107,7	19,1%	12 324,4	-33,3%
Green beans	91,4	20,5%	16 321,5	-23,1%
Sweetcorn	83,0	60,3%	15 426,5	-30,8%
Brinjals	69,8	51,0%	12 154,5	-20,3%
Broccoli	30,9	8,7%	40 549,0	-0,1%
Spinach	24,9	-15,2%	16 249,7	-5,5%
Spring onion	24,5	-6,8%	15 672,4	0,8%
Leeks	18,1	19,5%	10 020,7	-23,7%
Hubbard squash	5,4	-37,6%	5 395,5	72,6%
Mushrooms	3,4	15,3%	82 171,8	7,7%
Radish	2,7	-22,9%	25 265,4	2,2%
Patty pans	1,0	-68,5%	18 383,4	0,8%
Marrows	0,1	-87,4%	8 200,0	27,9%

Source: Techno fresh (2024)

Exchange Rates



Source: South African Reserve Bank (2024)

During the reporting period 02 April-30 April 2024, looking at month-to-month average of the Rand has strengthened against the Great British pound and the Euro, while USD remained unchanged at R18.87. The Great British pound was trading at R23.64 in April 2024 compared to R23.97 in March 2024. Euro was at trading at R20.25 in April 2024 compared to 20.51 in March 2024.

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	60,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price.	2433,00
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	3,78	cents per litre decrease in the retail price.	2166,090
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	35,70	cents per litre decrease the retail price.	1519,738
LPGAS (maximum retail price)	19,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price.	3516,00

The Department of Energy has announced fuel price adjustments with effect from 03 April 2024. The price of Petrol 95 ULP & LRP increased by 60 cents, the price of diesel (0.05% sulphur) decreased by 3 cents, price of paraffin decreased by 35 cents and LPGAS's maximum retail price decreased by 19 cents during the reporting period.

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