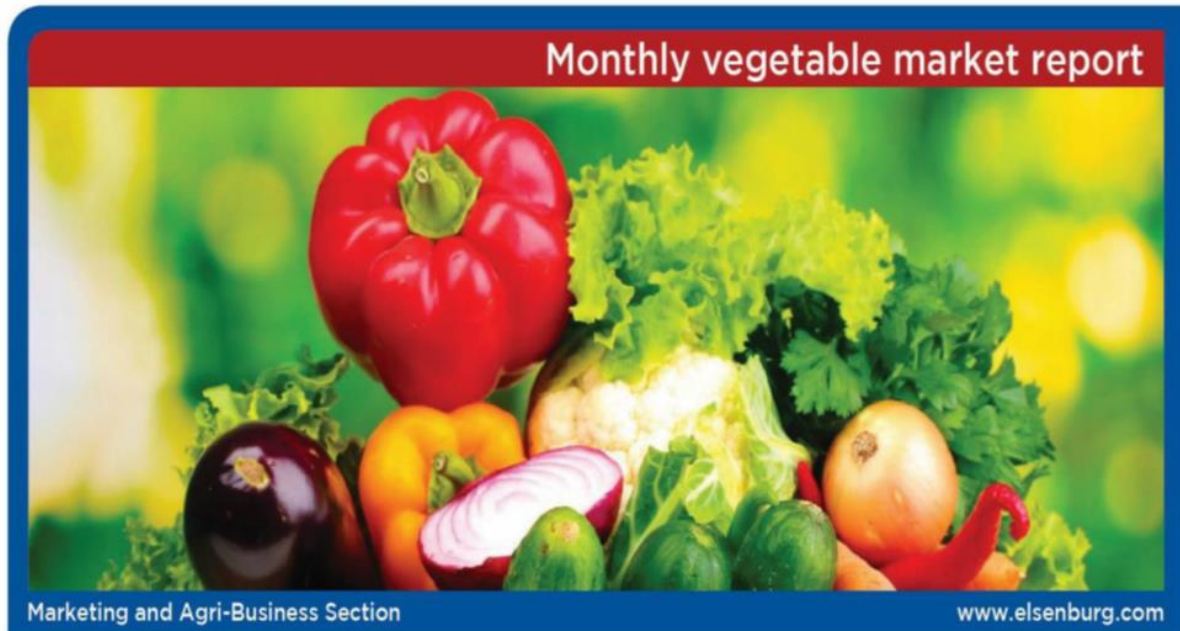


MONTHLY VEGETABLE REPORT



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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).

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

Vegetable price and volume trend analysis

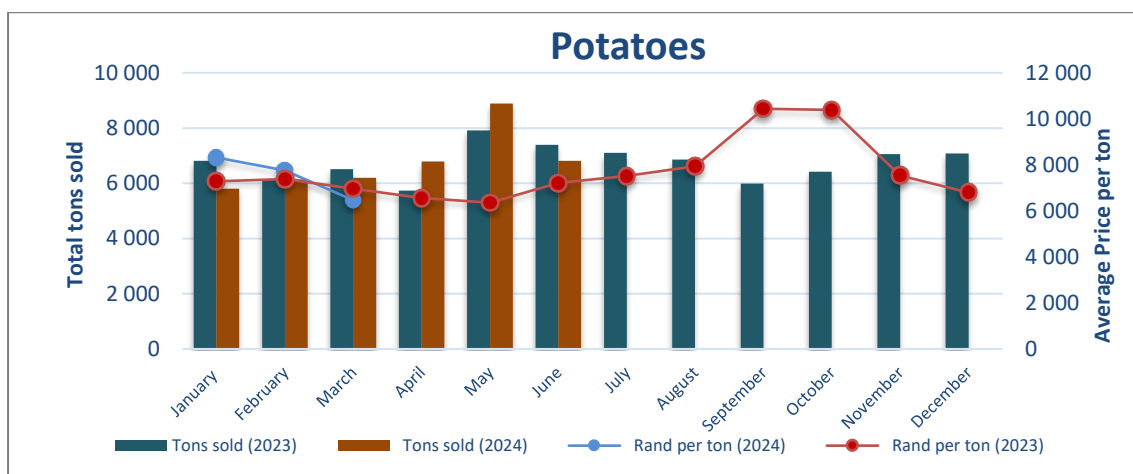
Vegetables are part of important annual crops for the South African agricultural industry. They play a fundamental role in contributing to various agricultural industries who are directly and indirectly involved in the vegetable industry. In return these industries make a significant contribution to 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 figure 1, the volume of Potatoes sold at the Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of June 2024, decreased by 23.3% from 8884.3 tons in May 2024 to 6813.9 tons. This translates to (2070.4) ton decrease in the tons of potatoes sold at Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of June 2024. The average market price per ton of potatoes sold, increased by 16.7% (or R970.5) from R5826.7 in May 2024 to 6797.2 in June 2024. Sales on the Cape Town market traded at 5.9% y/y per ton less than the same period last year. The volume of potatoes also showed a decrease of 7.8% y/y compared to the same period last year.

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



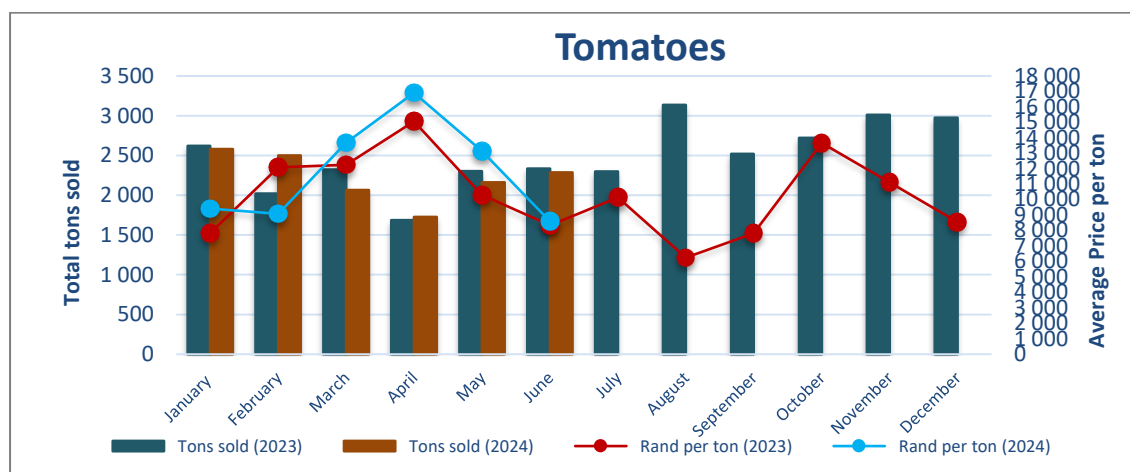
Source: Techno fresh (2024)

2. Tomatoes



The total amount of tomatoes sold during June 2024 was 2287.1 tons, which shows 126.5(ton) increase from 2160.6 tons recorded in May 2024. Tomatoes were trading at R8598.0 in June 2024.

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



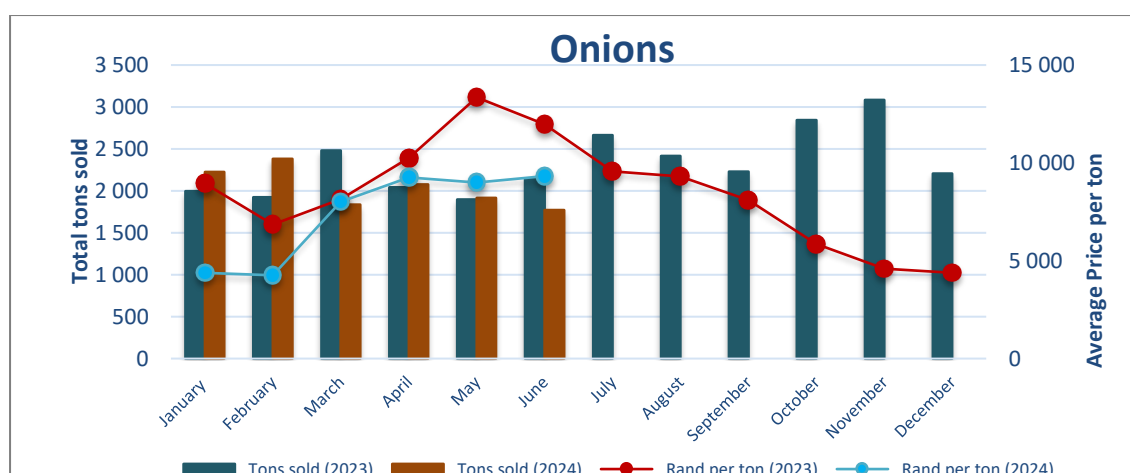
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3. Onions



In June 2024, the volume of onions traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market was 1770.8 tons, which shows 7.6% decrease from 1916.2 tons recorded in May 2024. Price per ton of onions sold on the market on the other hand, increased by 3.6% from R8997.9 in May 2024 to R9323.1 in June 2024.

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



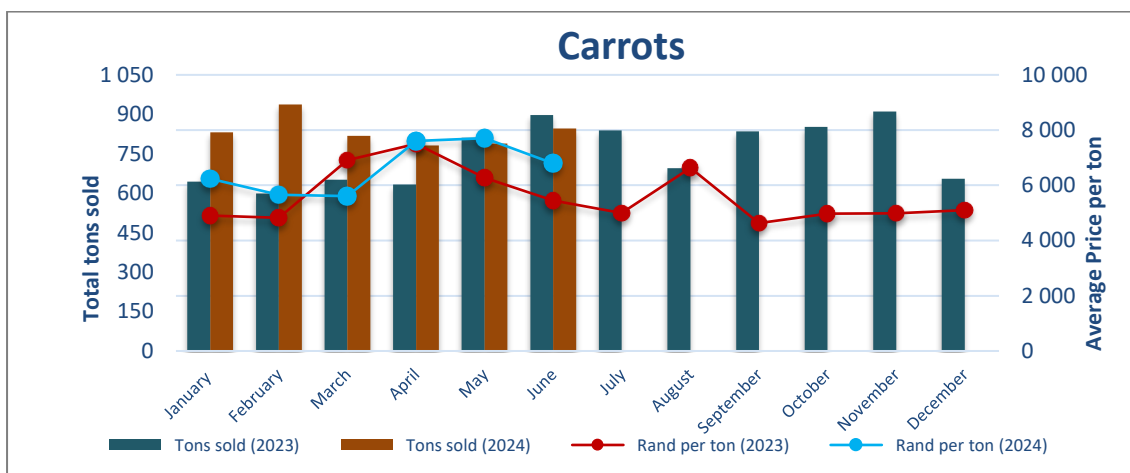
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4. Carrots



As indicated by Figure 4 below shows the total volume of carrots traded at Cape Town fresh produce market during June 2024. The volume of carrots traded in June 2024, increased month-month by 7.2% from 789.2 tons in May 2024 to 845.8 tons. When comparing year-on-year, the amount of carrots traded during this period decreased by 5.7% from 897.2 tons in June 2023 to 845.8 tons in June 2024. In June 2024 carrots was trading at R6798.9 per ton, which indicates 11.8% decrease in price per ton of carrots between May 2024 and June 2024. The average market price per ton of carrots on the other hand, increased by 24.7% y/y from R5454.0 in June 2023 to R 6798.9 in June 2024.

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



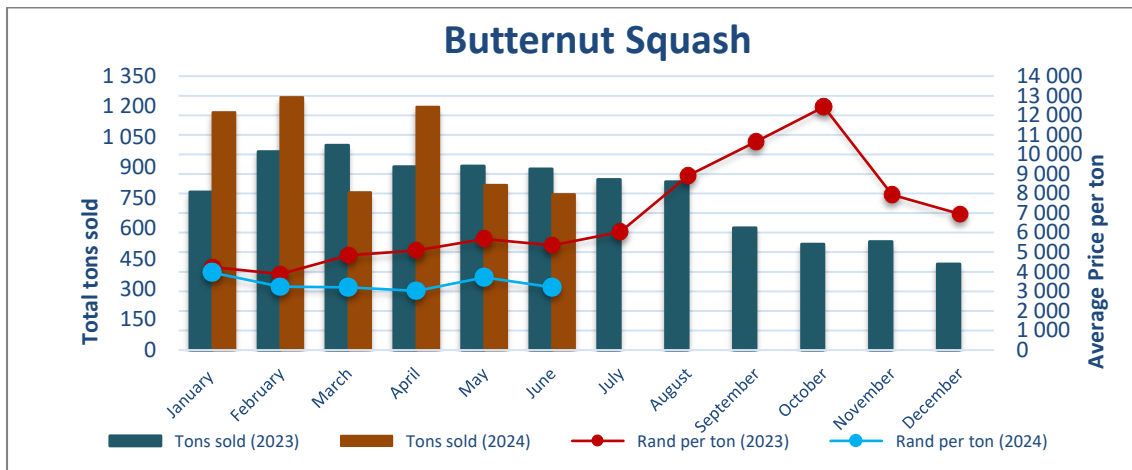
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5. Butternut Squash



Figure 5 bellow represents the volume of butternut squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during the month of June 2024. The volume of butternut squash sold decreased by 5.6% from 813.5 tons in May 2024 to 768.1 tons in June 2024. The price per ton of butternut also decreased by 13.4% from R3709.7 in May 2024 to R3214.2 in June 2024. On a year-to-year basis the quantity of butternut squash sold during June 2023 and June 2024 decreased by 13.9% while the price of butternut sold during the same period (2023/24) also decreased by 40%.

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



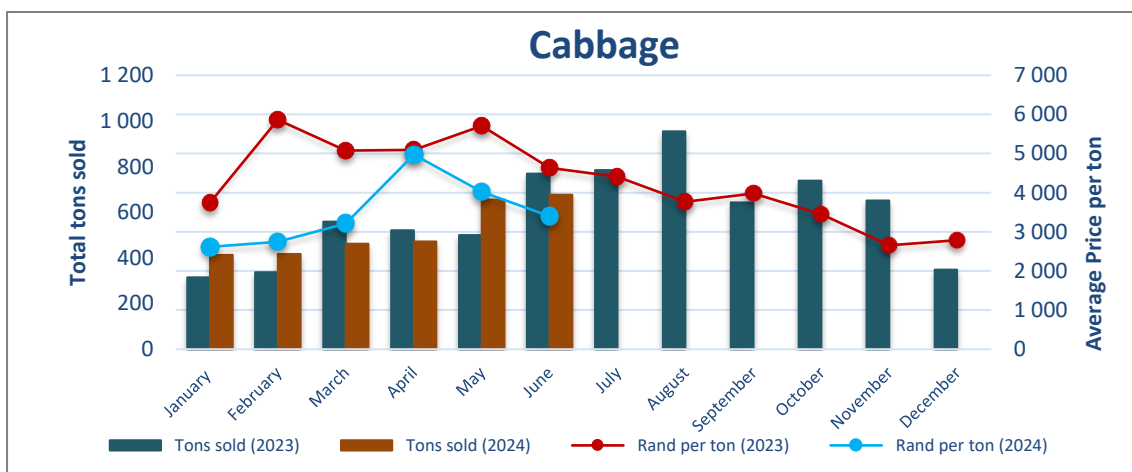
Source: Techno fresh (2024)

6. Cabbages



The total volume of cabbages sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during June 2024 recorded a month-to-month increase of 3% or 19.8 tons. The total volume of cabbages sold therefore increased from 656.3 tons in May 2024 to 676.1 tons in June 2024. The average market price per ton of cabbages decreased by 15.6% from R4024.6 in May 2024 to R3396.1 in June 2024. On annual basis, the total volume of cabbages sold decreased from 768.7 tons obtained in June 2023 to 676.1 tons in June 2024. This represents a year-on-year decrease of 12% that is 92.6 tons, less than the amount registered within the same period last year.

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



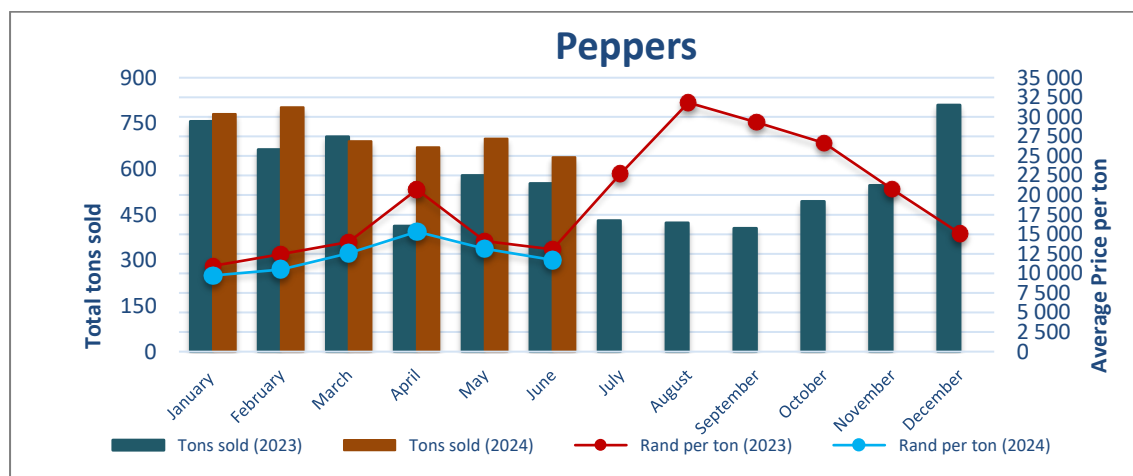
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7. Peppers



As illustrated in figure 7 below, the total volume of peppers sold during June 2024 decreased by 8.8% from 700.2 tons in May 2024 to 638.7 tons. The average market price of peppers also decreased by 10.9% from R13133.3 in May 2024 to R11704.8 in June 2024. On annual basis, the total volume of peppers sold during the period under review registered a year-on-year increase of 15.5%. The total volume of peppers sold thus increased from 552.9 tons of peppers traded in June 2023 to 638.7 tons of peppers traded in June 2024. The average market price per ton on the other hand, decreased by 10.5% from R13073.3 in June 2023 to R11704.8 in June 2024.

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



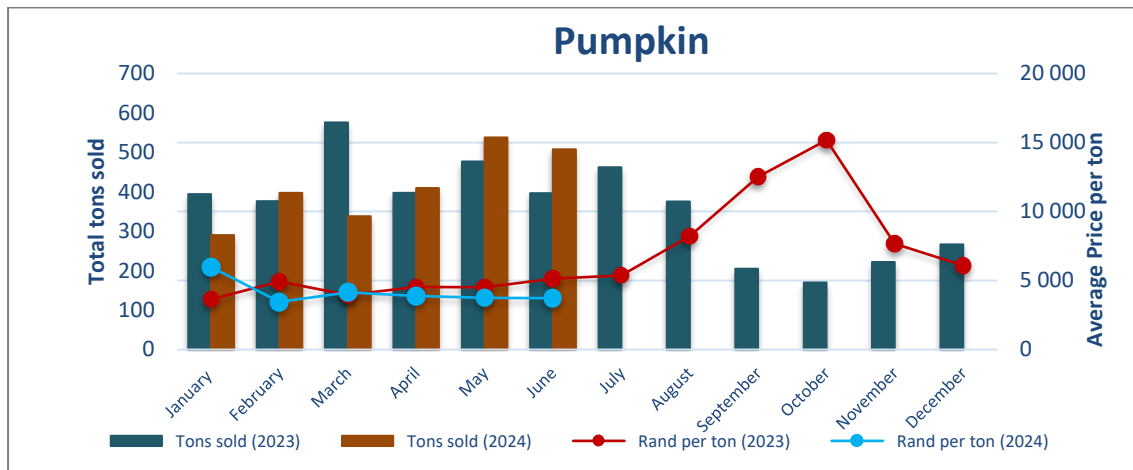
Source: Techno fresh (2024)

8. Pumpkin



A total amount of 507.5 tons of pumpkin was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during June 2024. This presents 5.7% or 30.5-ton decrease from the previous month (May) record of 538 tons. The average market price also decreased by 0.9% or R33 per ton from R3744.3 in May 2024 to R3711.3 in June 2024. On year and year, basis pumpkin was trading at R5125.6 per ton in June 2023 compared to R3711.3 in June 2024. These results indicate a decline of R1414.3 in price per ton of pumpkin between June 2023 and June 2024.

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



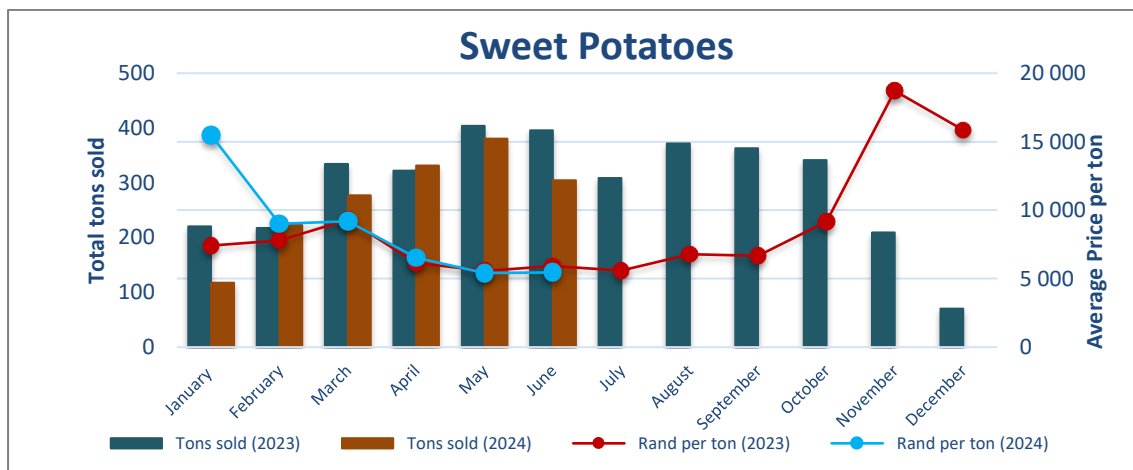
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9. Sweet potato



The total volume of sweet potato sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market decreased from 380.7 tons in May 2024 to 304.6. This translates to 20% month-to-month decrease recorded during the month of June 2024. The total volume of sweet potato sold also decreased year-on-year by 23% from 395.8 tons in June 2023 to 304.6 tons in June 2024. Sweet potato was trading at R5456.7 during June 2024. On annual basis, the average market price per ton decreased by 7.9% from R5924.4 in June 2023 to R5456.7 in June 2024.

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



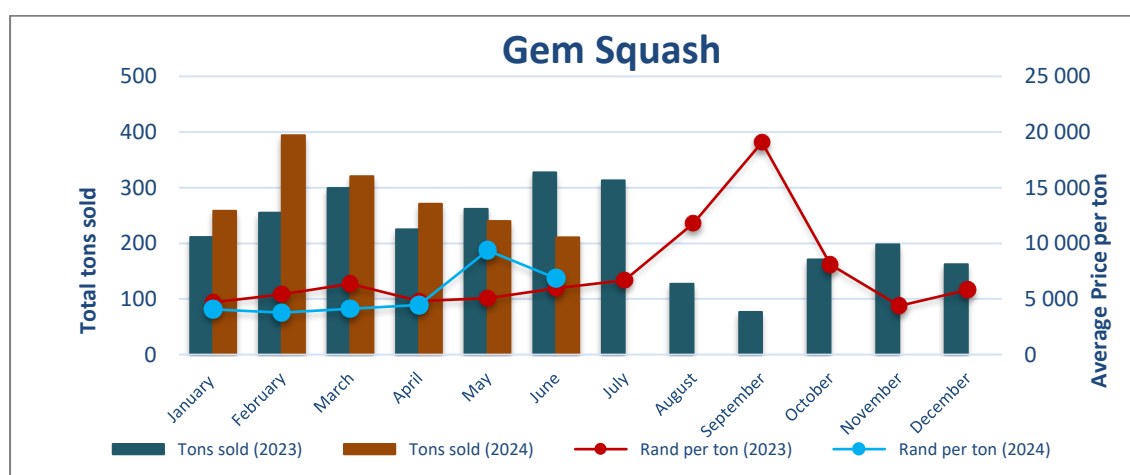
Source: Techno fresh (2024).

10. Gem squash



Figure 10 below shows the total volume of gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in June 2024. The volume of gem squash sold during June 2024 decreased by 12.4% from 240.3 tons in May 2024 to 210.5 tons. The price per ton of gem squash also decreased by 26.8% from R9360.7 in May 2024 to R6855.1 in June 2024. On annual basis, gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market decreased by 35.7% during the period under review. As a result, the volume of gem squash sold decreased from 327.4 tons in June 2023 to 210.5 tons in June 2024. The average market price of gem squash increased by 15.3% or R907.1 per ton from R5948 in June 2023 to R6855.1 in June 2024.

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



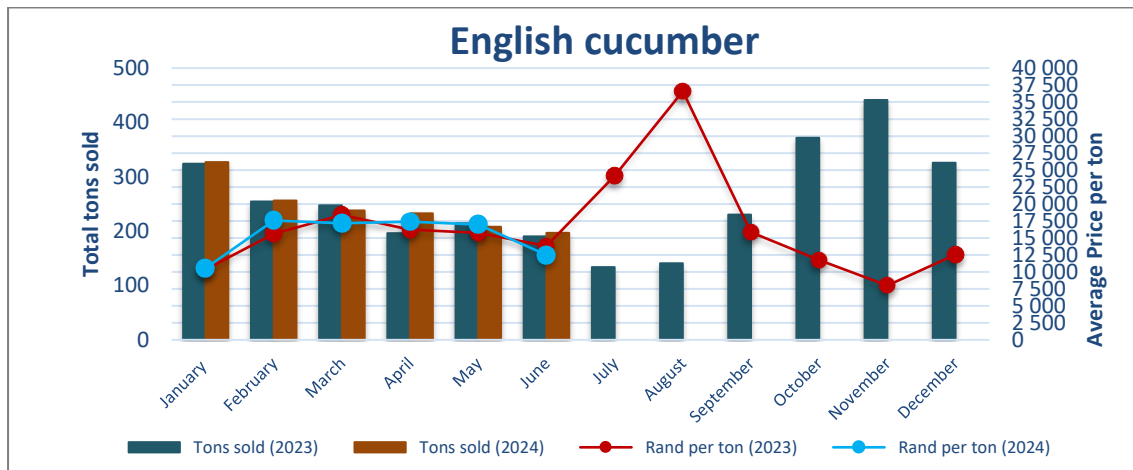
Source: Techno fresh (2024)

11. English cucumber



During the period under review (June 2024), the total volume of English cucumber sold amounted to 196.8 tons which is 5.3% or 11 tons less than 207.9 tons which was recorded in May 2024. The average market price of English cucumber also decreased by 26.3% from R16980.1 in May 2024 to R12516.4 in June 2024. On annual basis, the volume of tons of English cucumber increased by 3.5% (or 6.7 tons) from 190.2 tons in June 2023 to 196.8 tons in June 2024.

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



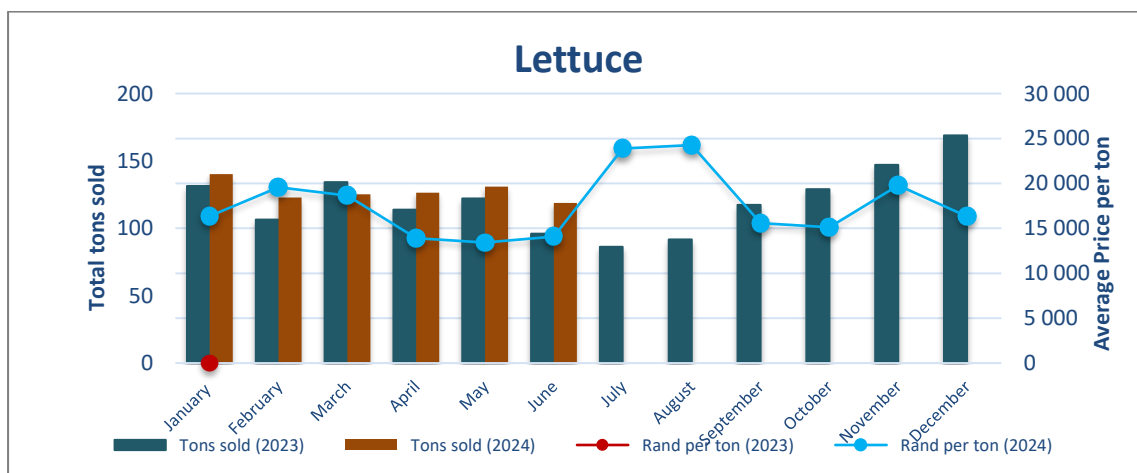
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12. Lettuce



A total amount of 118.8 tons of lettuce was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during June 2024. This presents 9.2% or 12.1 tons decrease from the previous month (May 2024) record of 130.9 tons. The average market price also decreased by 3.6% or R508.1 from R14284.6 in May 2024 to R13776.5 in June 2024. On year and year, lettuce was trading at R 14067.5 in June 2023 compared to R13776.5 in June 2024. These results indicate a decrease of 2.1% in price per ton of lettuce between June 2023 and June 2024.

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



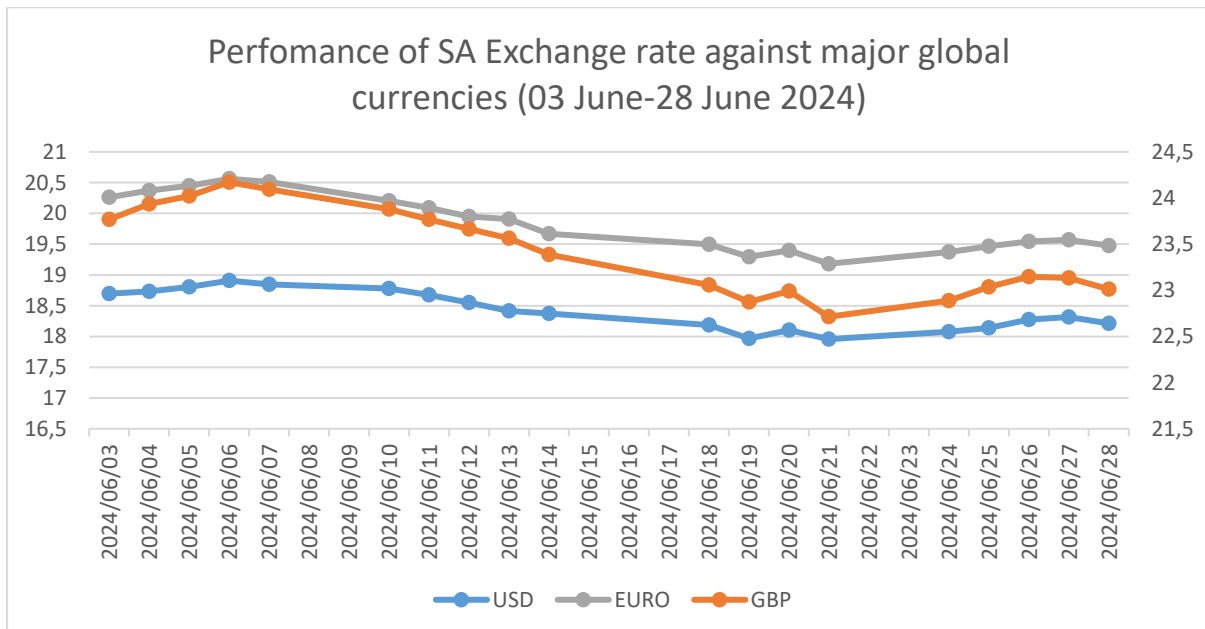
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Table 1: Trend analysis of niche vegetables traded on the Cape Town Fresh Produce market.

Product Name highest to the lowest volumes in May 2024	Average tons June 2024 (Ton)	% change in average tons June 2024 (m/m)	Average Price June 2024(Rand/ton)	% change in average price June 2024 (m/m)
Baby marrow	110,9	-20,8%	10 229,8	6,1%
Beetroot	103,6	-15,1%	6 771,8	-9,9%
Green beans	100,6	-9,9%	15 193,0	12,3%
Cauliflower	79,9	-17,1%	16 961,5	5,0%
Sweetcorn	42,4	-34,7%	23 315,2	17,2%
Spinach	35,7	5,1%	12 228,0	-13,3%
Broccoli	31,1	14,2%	33 159,0	-20,4%
Brinjals	30,7	-45,9%	27 789,6	86,7%
Spring onion	17,2	-30,0%	13 239,7	-6,7%
Leeks	8,5	-41,5%	8 785,9	9,7%
Radishes	2,3	9,1%	22 817,1	3,0%
Mushrooms	1,3	-48,0%	86 891,6	1,5%
Patty pans	0,8	-66,4%	24 865,7	41,8%
Hubbard squash	0,2	-95,8%	1 666,7	-69,1%
Marrows	0	0%	0	0%

Source: Techno fresh (2024)

Exchange Rates



Source: South African Reserve Bank (2024)

During the reporting period 03 June-28 June 2024, looking at month-to-month average of the Rand, it can be noted that it remained unchanged at R18.42 against the US Dollar (USD) when comparing with May 2024. The Rand weakened against the Great British Pound and was

trading at 23.42 in June 2024 compared to R23.26 in May 2024. Lastly the Rand strengthened against the Euro, it was trading at R19.83 in June 2024 compared to R19.91 in May 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	124,00	cents per litre decrease in the retail price.	2346,00
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	118,54	cents per litre decrease in the retail price.	2017,550
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	80,00	cents per litre decrease the retail price.	1420,738
LPGAS (maximum retail price)	135,00	cents per litre decrease in the retail price.	3335,00

The Department of Energy has announced fuel price adjustments with effect from 05 June 2024. The price of Petrol 95 ULP & LRP decreased by 124 cents, the price of diesel (0.05% sulphur) decreased by 118 cents, price of paraffin decreased by 80 cents and LPGAS's maximum retail price decreased by 135 cents during the reporting period.

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