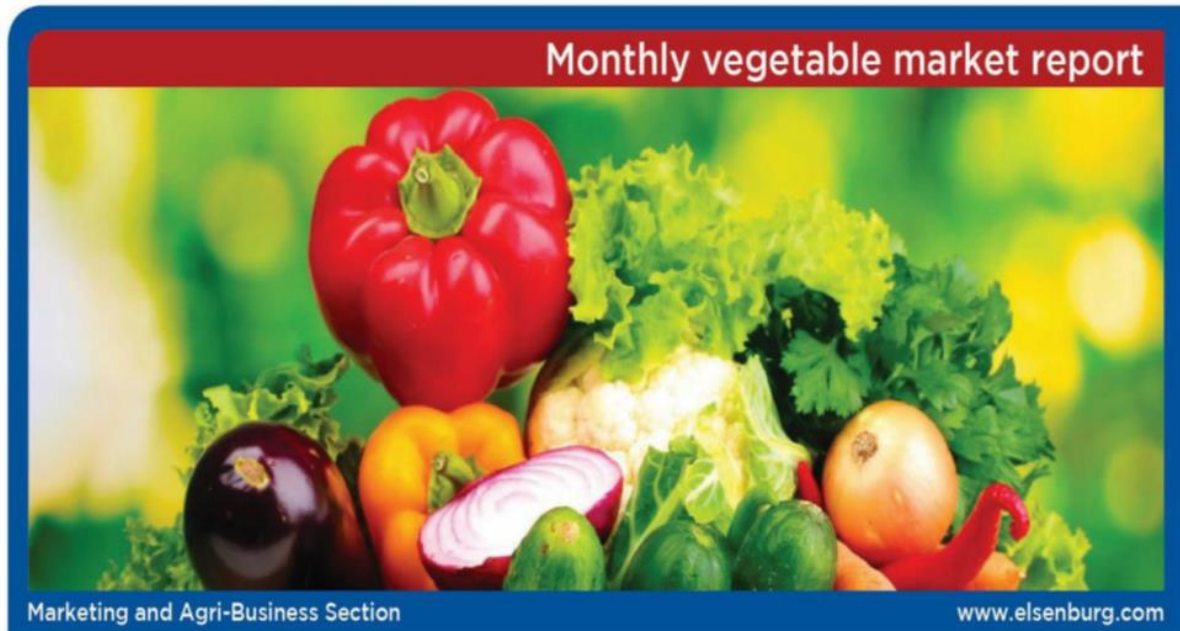


MONTHLY VEGETABLE REPORT



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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

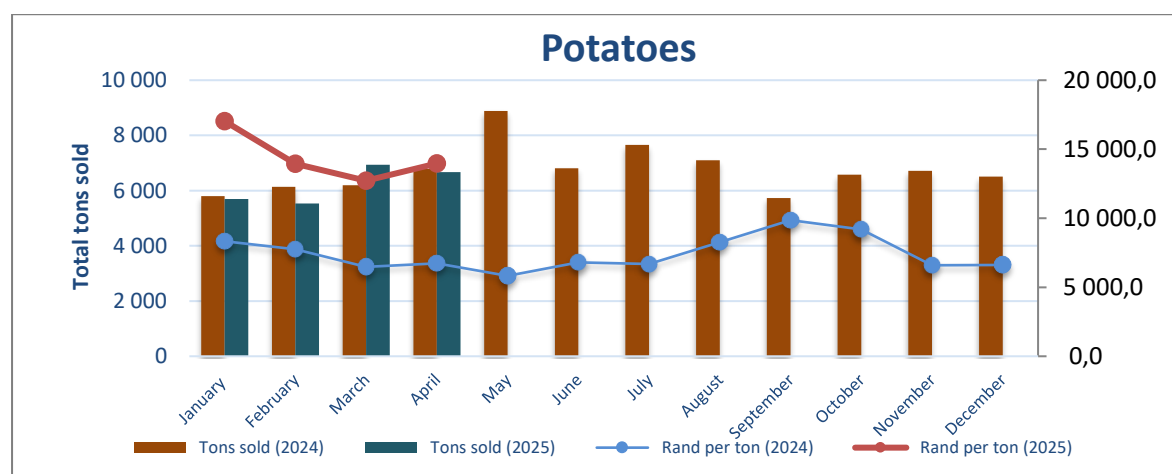
Vegetables are part of important annual crops for the South African agricultural industry. They play a fundamental role in contributing to various agricultural industries who are directly and indirectly involved in the vegetable industry. In return these industries make a significant contribution to 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 figure 1, the volume of Potatoes sold at the Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of April 2025 decreased by 4% from 6936.7 tons in March 2025 to 6672.2 tons. This translates to (264.5) ton decrease in the tons of potatoes sold at Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of April 2025. The average market price per ton of potatoes sold increased by 16% (or R991.5) from R6252.6 in March 2025 to R7244.1 in April 2025. Sales on the Cape Town market traded at 2% y/y per ton, lower than the same period last year. The volume of potatoes sold increased by 8% y/y compared to the same period last year.

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



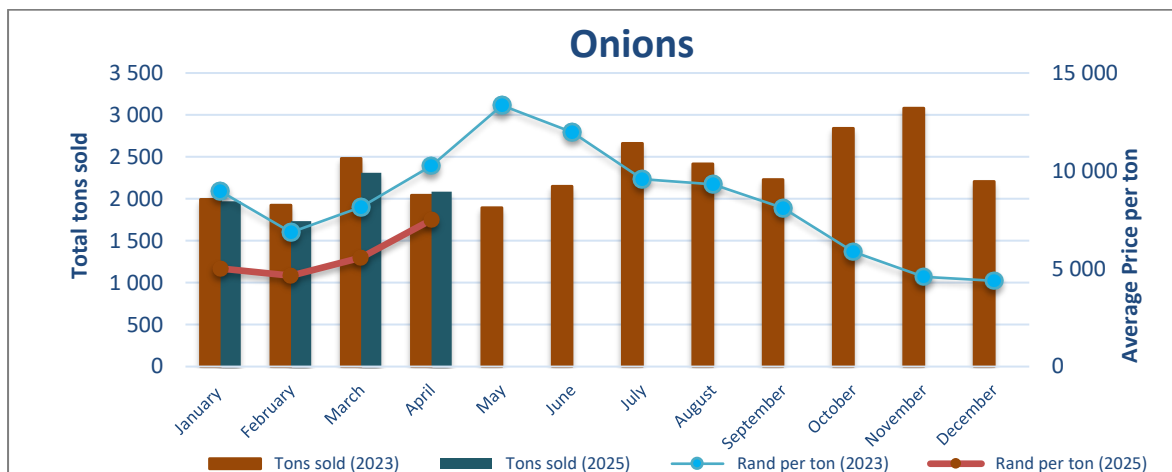
Source: Techno fresh (2025)



2. Onions

In April 2025, the volume of onions traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market was 2083.9 tons, which shows a 9.8% decrease from 2309.6 tons recorded in March 2025. Price per ton of onions sold on the market increased by 34.6% from R5574.3 in March 2025 to R7504.5 in April 2025.

Figure 2: Onions prices and quantity traded at Cape Town Fresh Produce market.



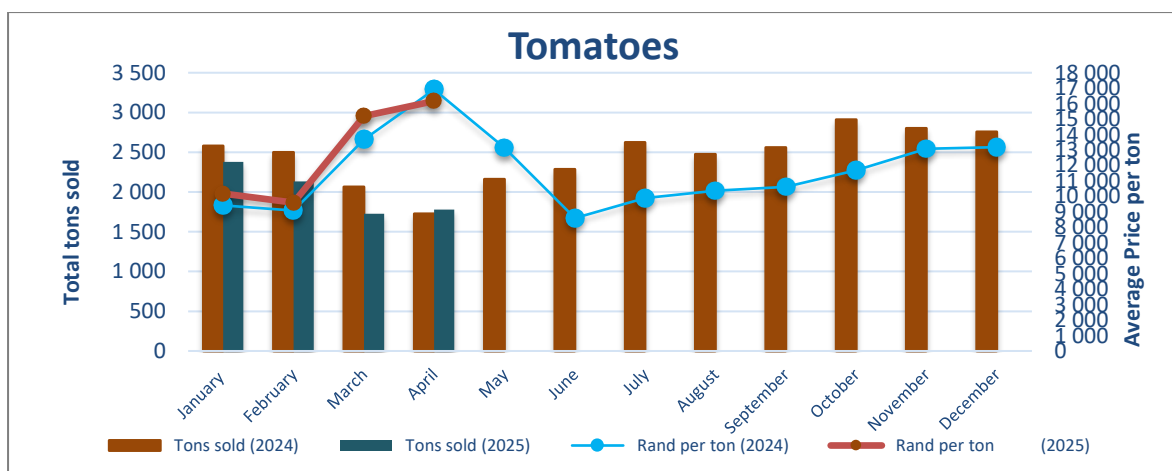
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3. Tomatoes



The total amount of tomatoes sold during April 2025 was 1777.2 tons, which shows a 51.3 (ton) increase from 1725.9 tons recorded in March 2025. Tomatoes were trading at R16166.2 in April 2025.

Figure 3: Tomatoes sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



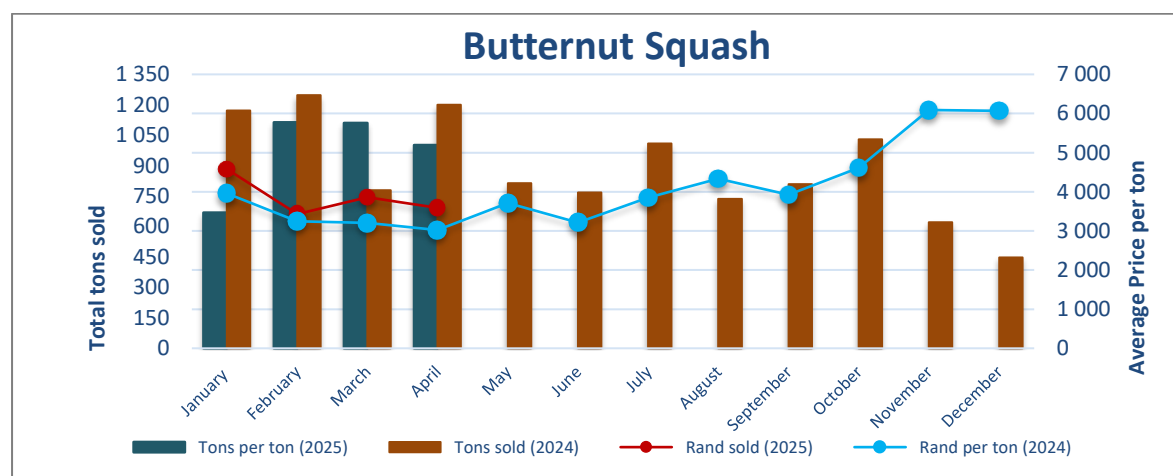
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4. Butternut Squash



Figure 4 below represents the volume of butternut squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during the month of April 2025. The volume of butternut squash sold decreased by 9.7% from 1110.1 tons in March 2025 to 1002.1 tons in April 2025. The price per ton of butternut also decreased by 7% from R3857.0 in March 2025 to R3586.7 in April 2025. On a year-to-year basis the quantity of butternut squash sold during April 2024 and April 2025 decreased by 16.5% while the price of butternut sold during the same period (2024/25) also increased by 18.7% from R3022.9 per ton in April 2024 to R3586.7 per ton in April 2025.

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



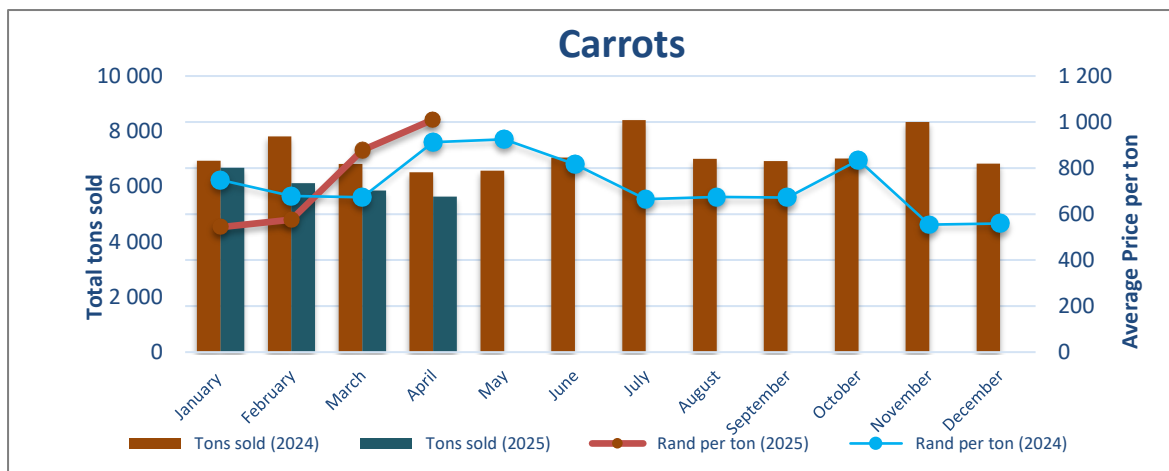
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5. Carrots



As indicated by Figure 5 below shows the total volume of carrots traded at Cape Town fresh produce market during April 2025. The volume of carrots traded in April 2025, decreased month-month by 3.8% from 702.8 tons in March 2025 to 676.1 tons. When comparing year-on-year, the amount of carrots traded during this period also decreased by 13.5% from 781.6 tons in April 2024 to 676.1 tons in April 2025. In April 2025 carrots was trading at R8424.7 per ton, which indicates 15.3% increase in price per ton of carrots between March 2025 and April 2025. The average market price per ton of carrots on the other hand, increased by 10.8% y/y from R7605.8 in April 2024 to R8424.7 in April 2025.

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



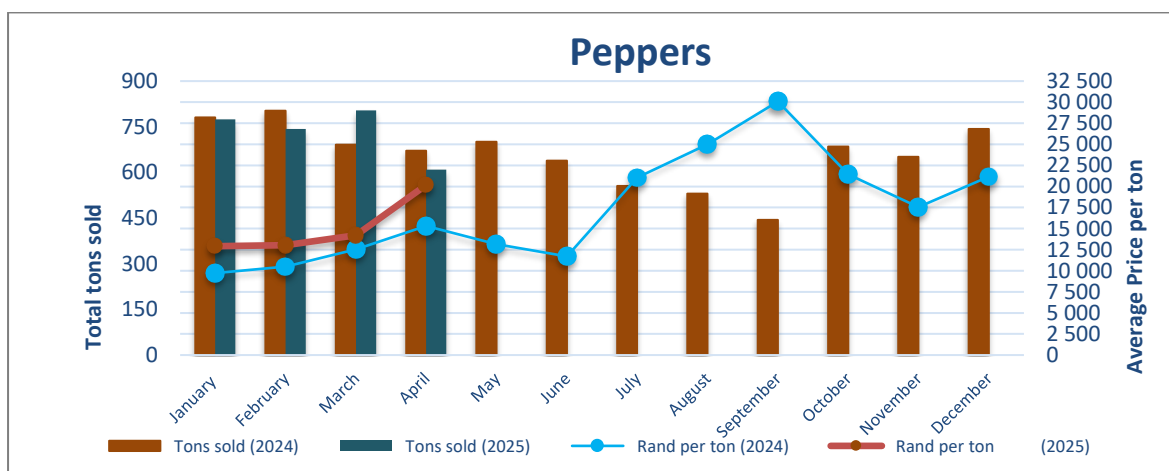
Source: Techno fresh (2025)

6. Peppers



As illustrated in figure 6 below, the total volume of peppers sold during April 2025 decreased by 24.2% from 803.3 tons in March 2025 to 609.3 tons. The average market price of peppers on the other hand, increased by 41.8% from R14227.6 in March 2025 to R20177.7 in April 2025. On an annual basis, the total volume of peppers sold during the period under review registered a year-on-year decrease of 9.3 tons from 671.4 tons in April 2024 to 609.3 tons in April 2025. The average market price per ton on the other hand, increased by 31.6% from R15328.6 in April 2024 to R20177.7 in April 2025.

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



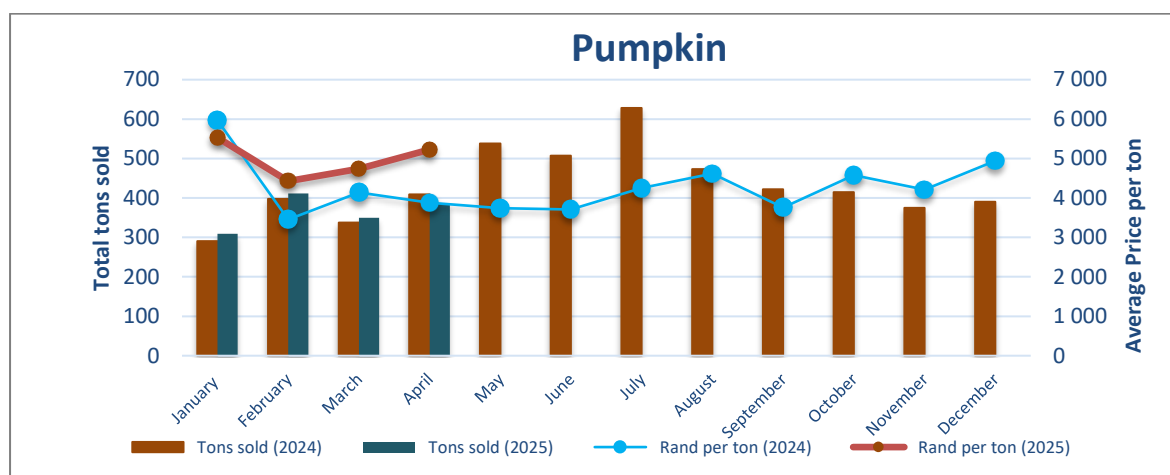
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7. Pumpkin



A total amount of 384.4 tons of pumpkin was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during April 2025. This presents a 10% or 35 ton increase from the previous month (March) record of 349.4 tons. The average market price also increased by 10.3% or R487.3 from R4739.7 in March 2025 to R5227.0 in April 2025. On year and year basis, pumpkin was trading at R3881.3 per ton in April 2024 compared to R5227.0 in April 2025. These results indicate an increase of R1345.7 in price per ton of pumpkin between April 2024 and April 2025.

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



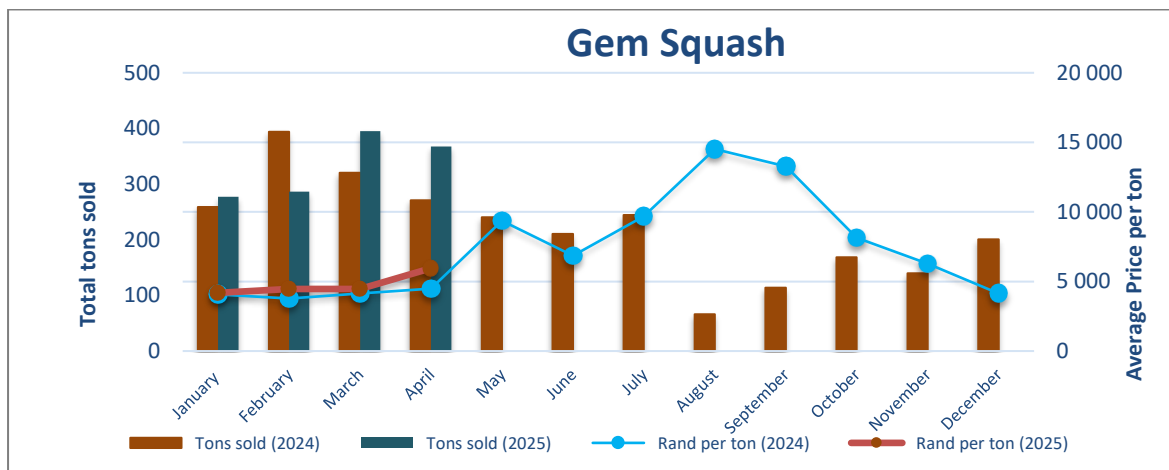
Source: Techno fresh (2025)

8. Gem squash



Figure 8 below shows the total volume of gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in April 2025. The volume of gem squash sold during April 2025 decreased by 7% from 395.4 tons in March 2025 to 367.8 tons. The price per ton of gem squash on the other hand increased by 33.5% from R4457.9 March 2025 to R5952.0 in April 2025. On an annual basis, gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market increased by 35.7% during the period under review. As a result, the volume of gem squash sold increased from 271.1 tons in April 2024 to 367.8 tons in April 2025. The average market price of gem squash also increased by 33% or R1475.7 per ton from R4476.4 in 2024 to R5952.0 in April 2025.

Figure 8: Gem squash sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



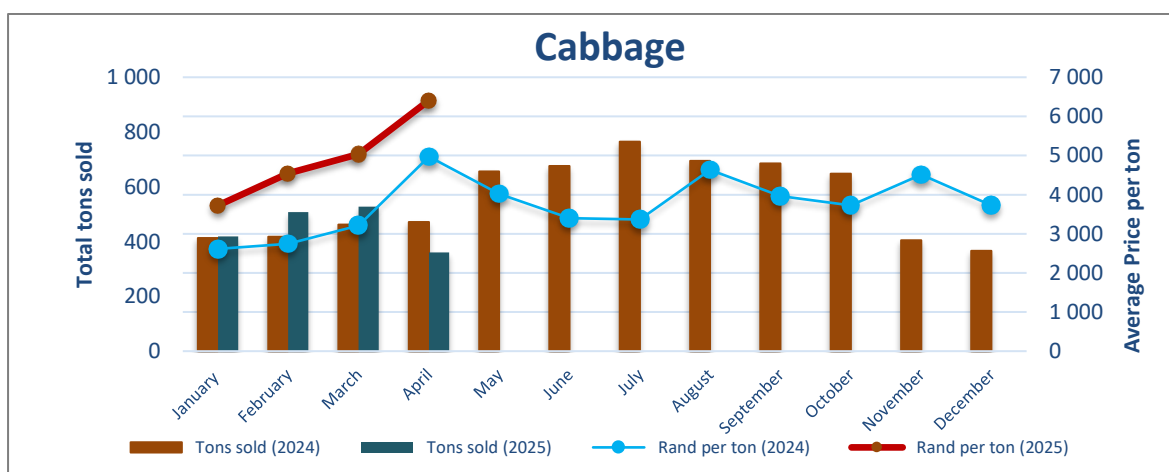
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9. Cabbages



The total volume of cabbages sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during April 2025 recorded a month-to-month decrease of 31.7% or 167.3 tons. The total volume of cabbage sold decreased from 527.8 tons in March 2025 to 360.5 tons in April 2025. The average market price per ton of cabbage increased by 27.2% from R5038.6 in March 2025 to R6409.6 in April 2025. On an annual basis, the total volume of cabbages sold decreased from 471.7 tons obtained in April 2024 to 360.5 tons in April 2025. This represents a year-on-year decrease of 23.6%, that is 167.3 tons less than the amount registered during the same period last year.

Figure 9: Cabbages sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



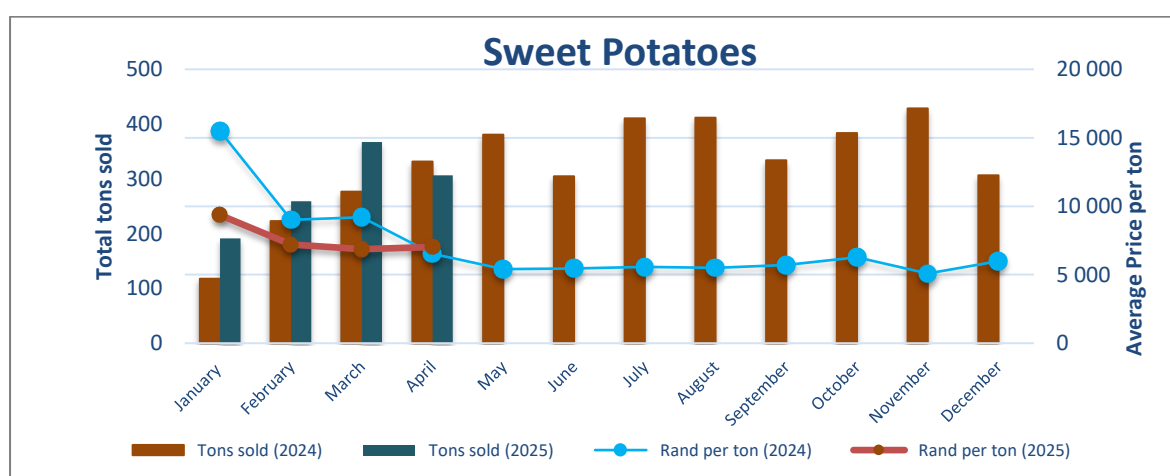
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10. Sweet potato



The total volume of sweet potato sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market decreased from 367.2 tons in March 2025 to 306.4 tons in April 2025. This translates to 16.6% month-to-month decrease recorded during the month of April 2025. The total volume of sweet potato sold also decreased year-on-year by 7.6% from 331.4 tons in April 2024 to 306.4 tons in April 2025. Sweet potato was trading at R7013.7 during April 2025. On an annual basis, the average market price per ton increased by 7.5% from R6524.5 in April 2024 to R7013.7 in March 2025.

Figure 10: Sweet potato sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market.



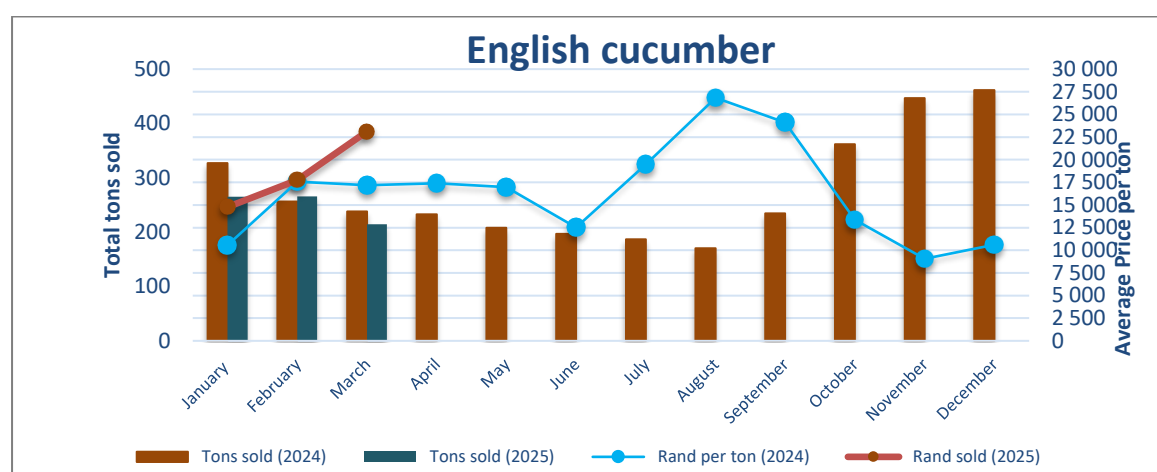
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11. English cucumber



During the period under review (April 2025), the total volume of English cucumber sold amounted to 222.0 tons which is 3.6% or 7.6 tons more than 214.4 tons which was recorded in March 2025. The average market price of English cucumber decreased by 9.1% from R23112.7 in March 2025 to R21019.0 April 2025. On annual basis, the volume of tons of English cucumber decreased by 4.6% (or 10.7 tons) from 232.7 tons in April 2024 to 222.0 tons in April 2025.

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



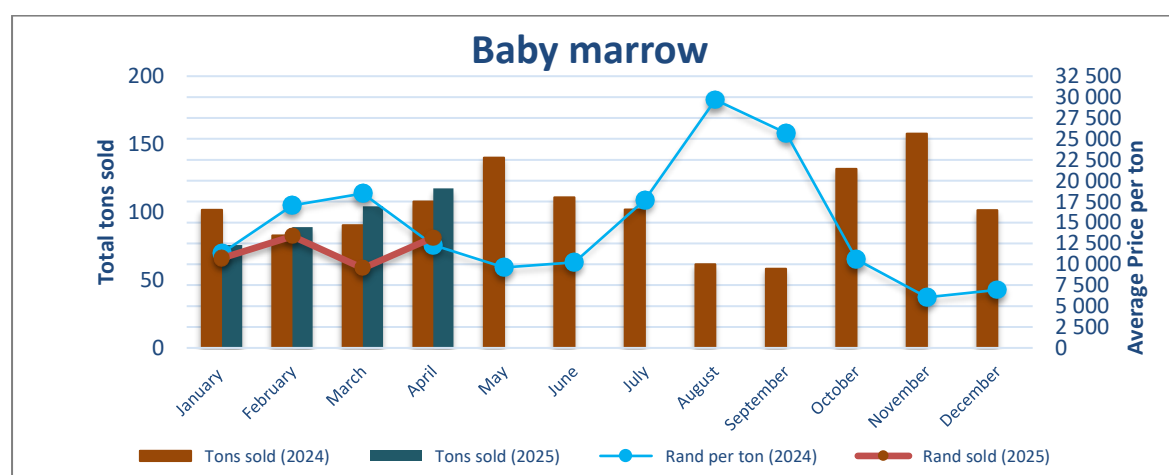
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12. Baby marrow sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market.



A total amount of 117.5 tons of baby marrow was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during April 2025. This presents 12.8% or 13.3 tons increase from the previous month (March 2025) record of 104.2 tons. The average market price also increased by 38.6% or R3676.7 from R9530.0 in March 2025 to R13206.7 in April 2025. On year and year, baby marrow was trading at R12324.4 in April 2024 compared to R13206.7 in April 2025. These results indicate an increase of 7.2% in price per ton of baby marrow between April 2024 and April 2025.

Figure 12: Baby marrow sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market



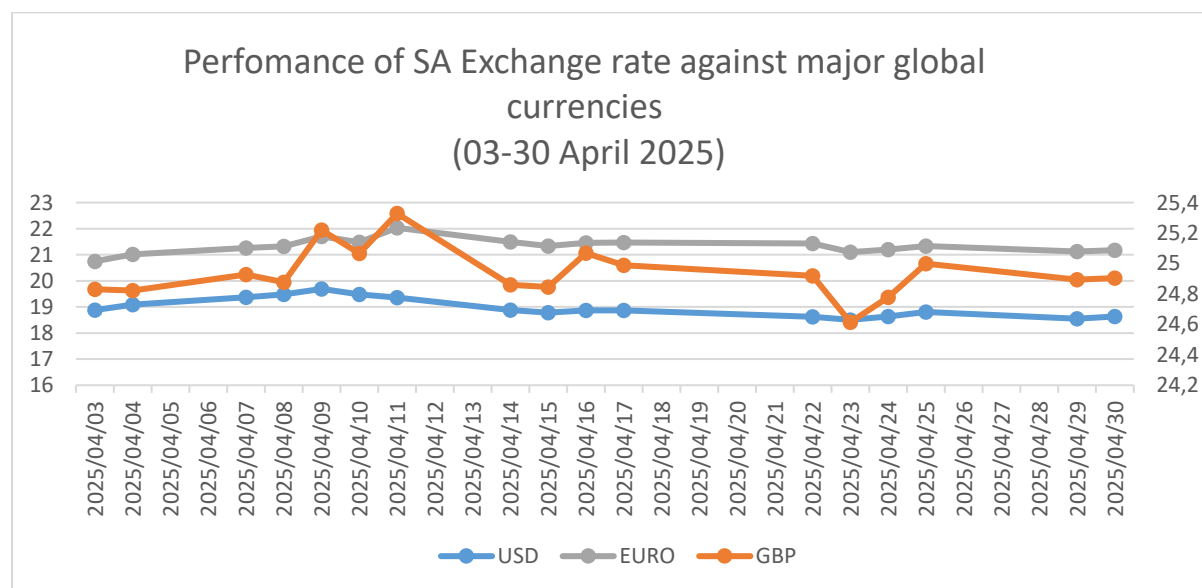
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Table 1: Trend analysis of niche vegetables traded on the Cape Town Fresh Produce market.

Product Name highest to the lowest volumes in April 2025	Average tons April 2025 (Ton)	% change in average tons April 2025 (m/m)	Average Price April 2025 (Rand/ton)	% change in average price April 2025 (m/m)
Green beans	95,1	38,1%	18942,0	-18,1%
Lettuce	93,2	-1,2%	33917,1	4,1%
Beetroot	78,9	8,2%	17257,5	73,1%
Sweetcorn	72,1	15,1%	23945,4	16,7%
Cauliflower	68,8	10,4%	21272,6	26,6%
Brinjals	66,3	16,4%	12443,9	16,6%
Spinach	26,0	26,7%	22096,4	11,6%
Spring onion	23,2	-8,2%	10844,0	3,5%
Broccoli	22,5	-4,8%	57322,1	21,1%
Leeks	7,3	24,5%	10453,8	7,3%
Hubbard squash	2,6	100,0%	5846,2	100,0%
Mushrooms	1,6	40,9%	87500,0	-0,6%
Radishes	1,4	-22,4%	23477,8	-12,1%
Patty pans	1,0	-45,9%	39004,4	122,1%
Marrows	0,6	-83,9%	4932,7	253,6%

Source: Techno fresh (2025)

Exchange Rates



Source: South African Reserve Bank (2025)

During the reporting period 03-30 April 2025, looking at month-to-month average of the South African Rand, it can be noted that it weakened against all major currencies. During this period the US Dollar was trading at R18.97 in April 2025 compared to R18.26 in March 2025. Great British Pound was trading at R24.93 in April 2025 compared to R23.58 in March 2025, while the Euro was trading at R21.33 in April 2025 compared to R19.74 in March 2025.

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	76,00	cents per litre decrease in the retail price.	2079,00
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	88,00	cents per litre decrease in the retail price.	1849,050
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	81,70	cents per litre decrease the retail price.	1234,118
LPGAS (maximum retail price)	79,00	cents per litre decrease in the retail price.	3462,00

The Department of Energy has announced fuel price adjustments with effect from 02 April 2025. The price of Petrol 95 ULP & LRP decreased by 76cents, the price of diesel (0.05% sulphur) decreased by 88 cents, price of paraffin decreased by 81 cents. Lastly, LPGAS's maximum retail price decreased by 79 cents during the reporting period.

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