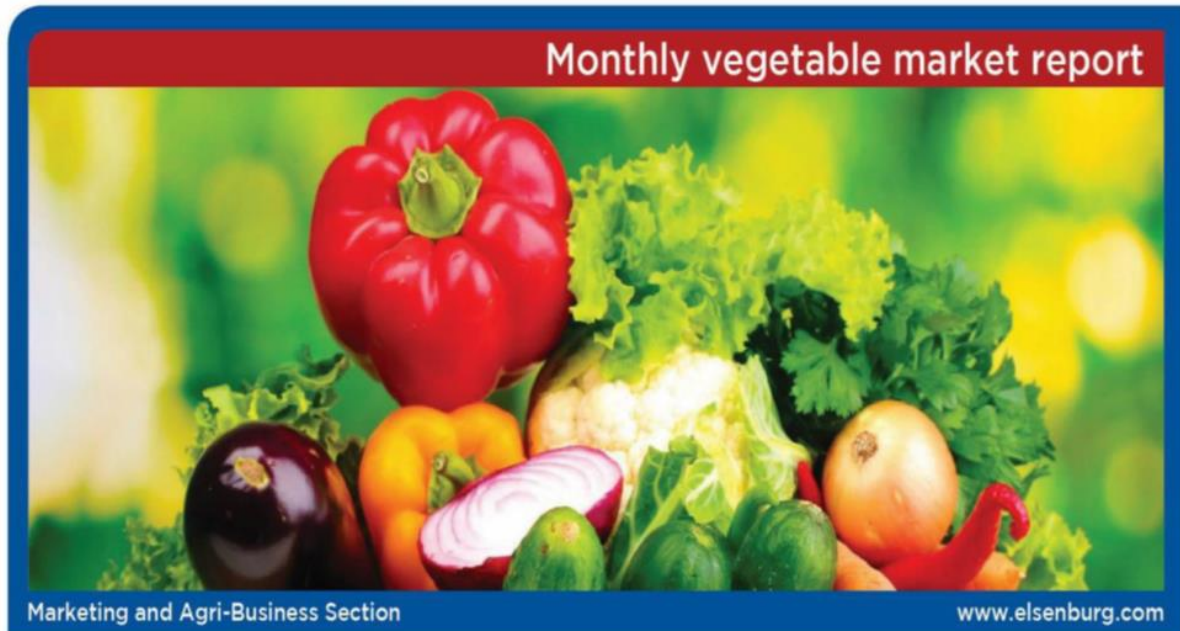


MONTHLY VEGETABLE REPORT



Review period: 01 February 2025 to 01 February 2026

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

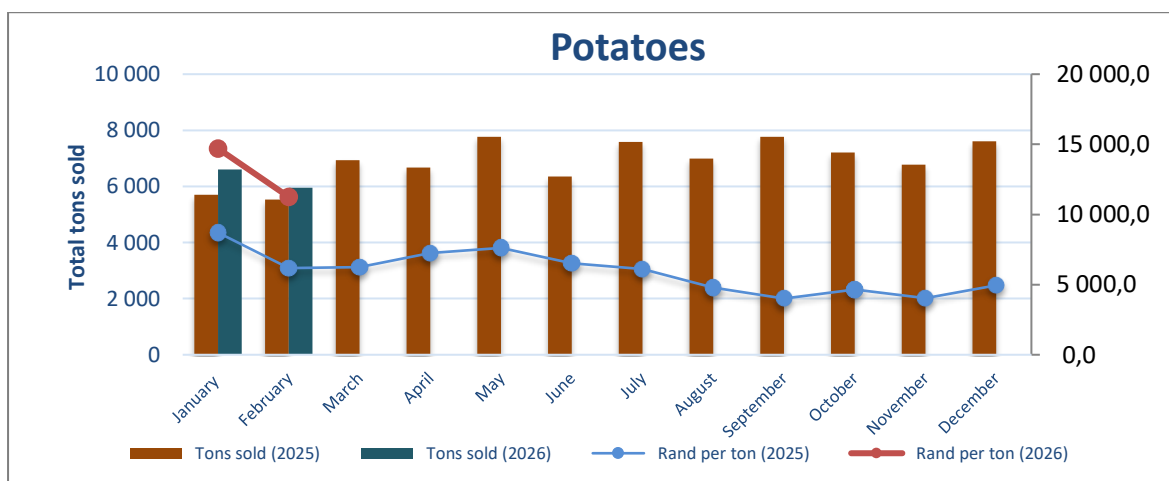
Vegetables are part of important annual crops for the South African agricultural industry. They play a fundamental role in contributing to various agricultural industries who are directly and indirectly involved in the vegetable industry. In return these industries make a significant contribution to 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 February 2026 decreased by 10% from 6602.2 tons in January 2026 to 5957.2 tons. This translates to (645) ton decrease in the tons of potatoes sold at Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of February 2026. The average market price per ton of potatoes sold also decreased by 15% (or R919.6) from R5992.1 in January 2026 to R5072.5 in February 2026. Sales on the Cape Town market traded at 18% y/y per ton, lower than in 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.



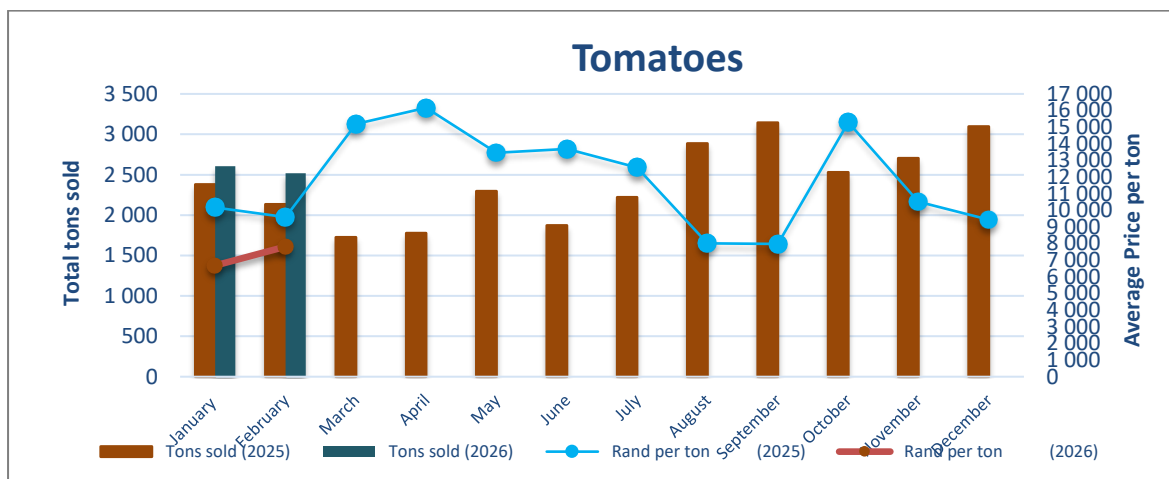
Source: Techno fresh (2026)

2. Tomatoes



The total amount of tomatoes sold during February 2026 was 2518.3 tons, which shows 86.4 (ton) decrease from 2604.7 tons recorded in January 2026. Tomatoes were trading at R7819.2 in February 2026.

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



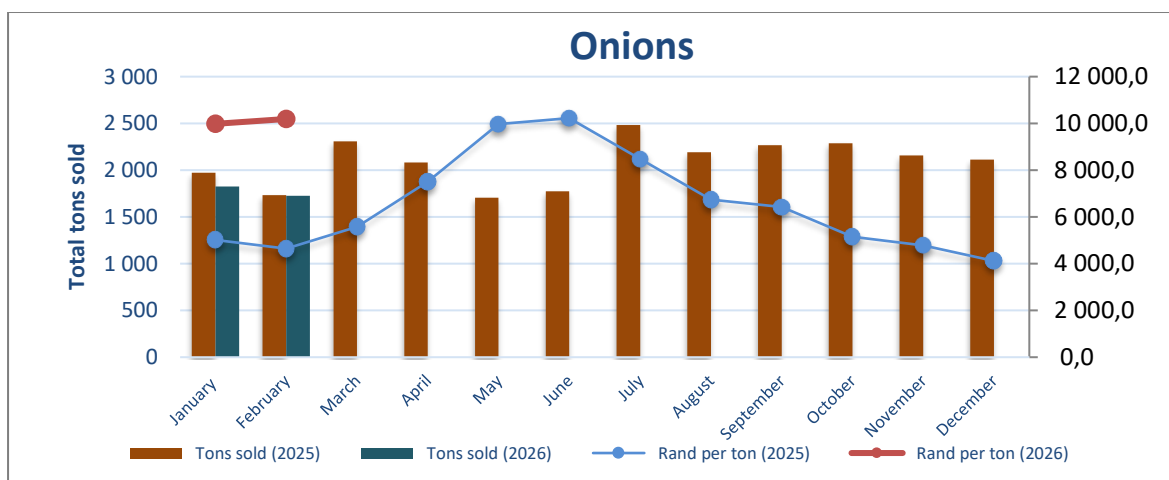
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3. Onions



In February 2026, the volume of onions traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market was 1727.1 tons, which shows 5.5% decrease from 1827.0 tons recorded in January 2026. The price per ton of onions sold on the market on the other hand increased by 11.6% from R4969.9 in January 2026 to R5545.3 in February 2026.

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



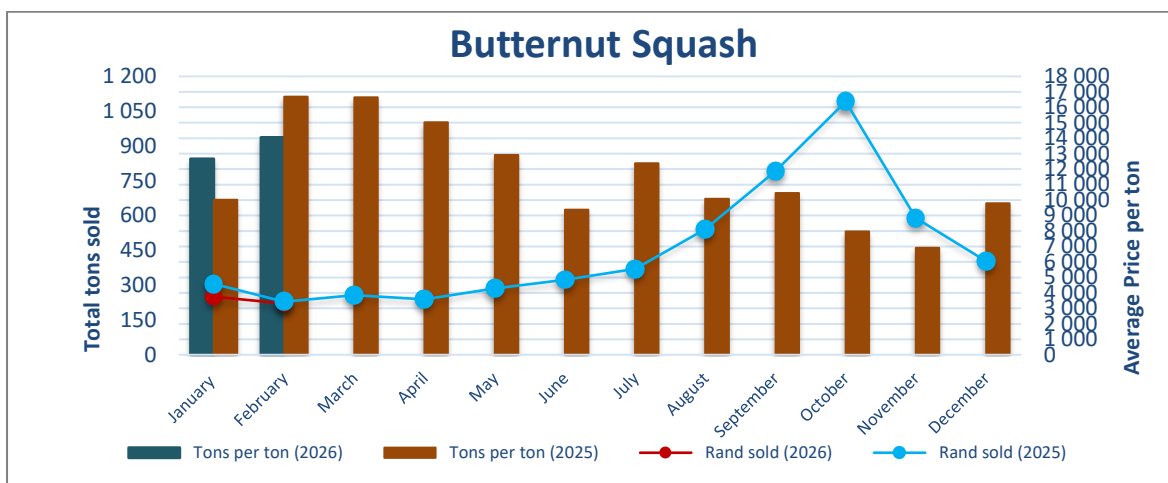
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4. Butternut Squash



Figure 4 below represents the volume of butternut squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during the month of February 2026. The volume of butternut squash sold increased by 10.9% from 845.4 tons in January 2026 to 937.2 tons in February 2026. The price per ton of butternut decreased by 11.8% from R3752.6 in January 2026 to R3310.8 in February 2026. On a year-to-year basis the quantity of butternut squash sold during February 2025, and February 2026 decreased by 15.8%. The price of butternut sold during the same period (2025/26) also decreased by 3.5% from R3430.3 per ton in February 2025 to R3310.8 per ton in February 2026.

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



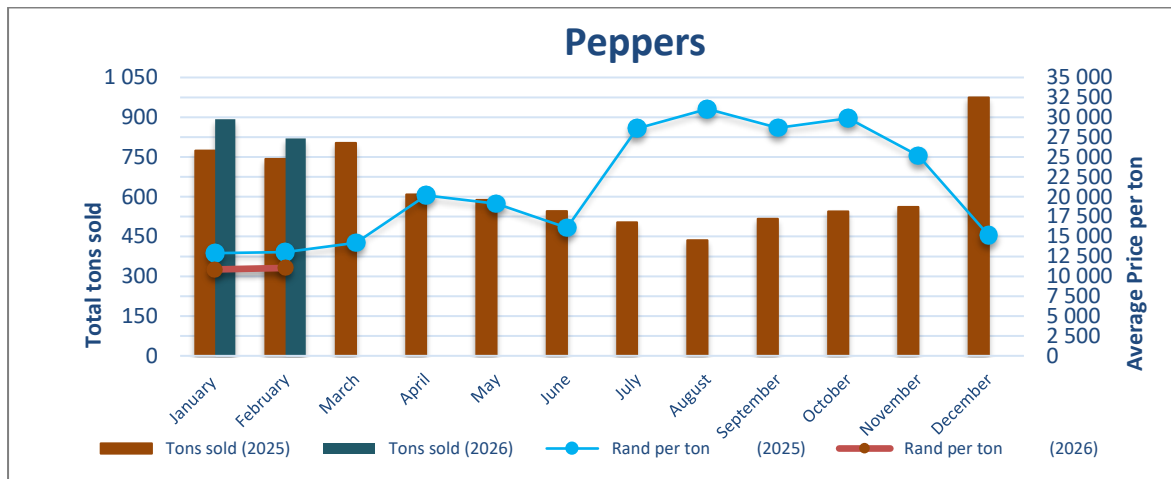
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5. Peppers



As illustrated in figure 5 below, the total volume of peppers sold during February 2026 decreased by 8.2% from 893.0 tons in January 2026 to 820 tons. The average market price of peppers increased by 1.7% from R10862.1 in January 2026 to R11051.1 in February 2026. On an annual basis, the total volume of peppers sold during the period under review registered a year-on-year increase of 76.8 tons from 743.1 tons in February 2025 to 820 tons in February 2026. The average market price per ton on the other hand decreased by 15.2% from R13035.6 in February 2025 to R11051.1 in February 2026.

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



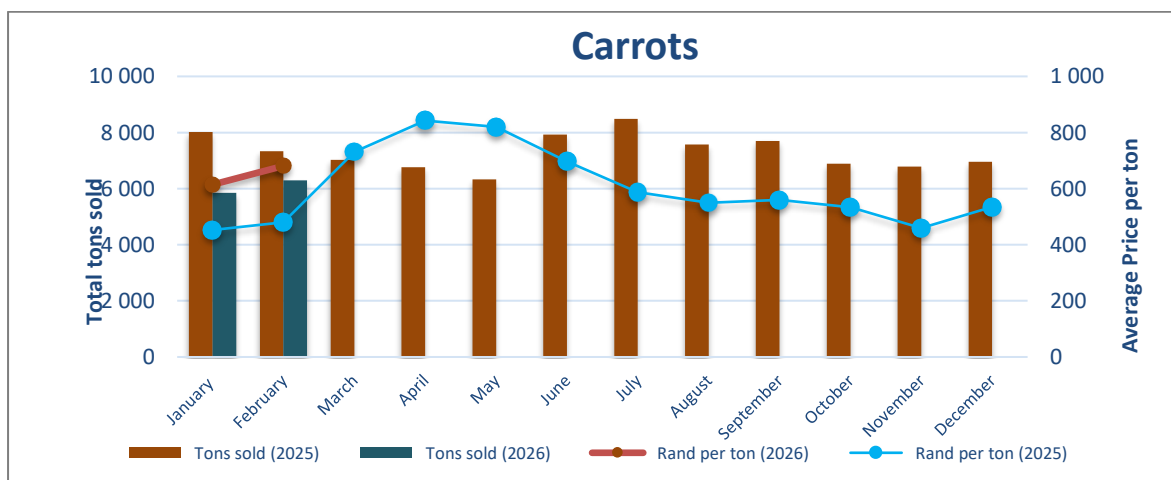
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6. Carrots



As indicated by Figure 6 below shows the total volume of carrots traded at Cape Town fresh produce market during February 2026. The volume of carrots traded in February 2026, increased month-month by 7.5% from 585.4 tons in January 2026 to 629.2 tons . When comparing year-on-year, the amount of carrots traded during this period decreased by 14.2% from 733.7 tons in February 2025 to 629.2 tons in February 2026. In February 2026 carrots was trading at R6810.0 per ton, which indicates 10.8% increase in price per ton of carrots between January 2026 to February 2026. The average market price per ton of carrots increased by 42% y/y from R4796.6 in February 2025 to R6810.0 in February 2026.

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



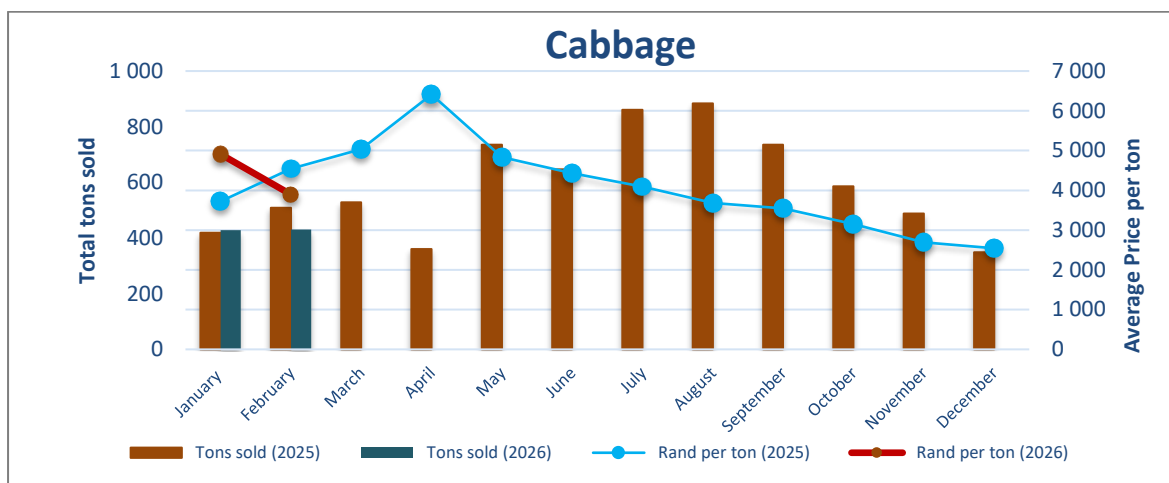
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7. Cabbages



The total volume of cabbage sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during February 2026 recorded a month-to-month increase of 0.6% or 2.6 tons. The total volume of cabbage sold increased from 428.5 tons in January 2026 to 431.1 tons in February 2026. The average market price per ton of cabbage decreased by 20.6% from R4907.3 in January 2026 to R3896.0 in February 2026. On an annual basis, the total volume of cabbage sold decreased from 508.3 tons obtained in February 2025 to 431.1 tons in February 2026. This represents a year-on-year decrease of 15.2%, that is 77.2 tons less than the amount registered during the same period last year.

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



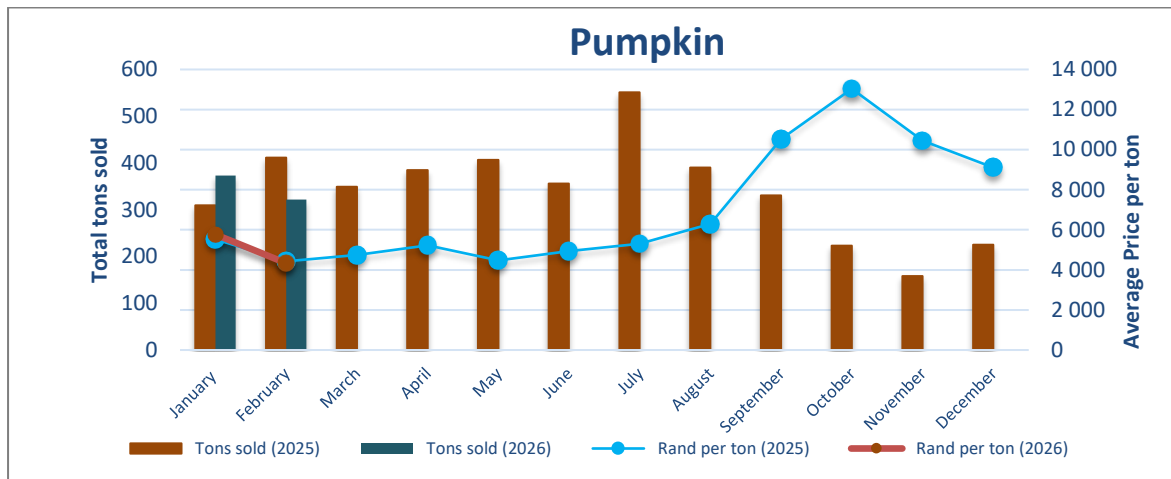
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8. Pumpkin



A total of 322.1 tons of pumpkin was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during February 2026. This presents a 13.7% or 51.1-ton decrease from the previous month (January) record of 373.1 tons. The average market price decreased by 24.8% or R1429.7 from R5765.8 in January 2026 to R4336.1 in February 2026. On year and year basis, pumpkin was trading at R4426.8 per ton in February 2025 compared to R4336.1 in February 2026. These results indicate a decrease of R90.7 in price per ton of pumpkin between February 2025 and February 2026.

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



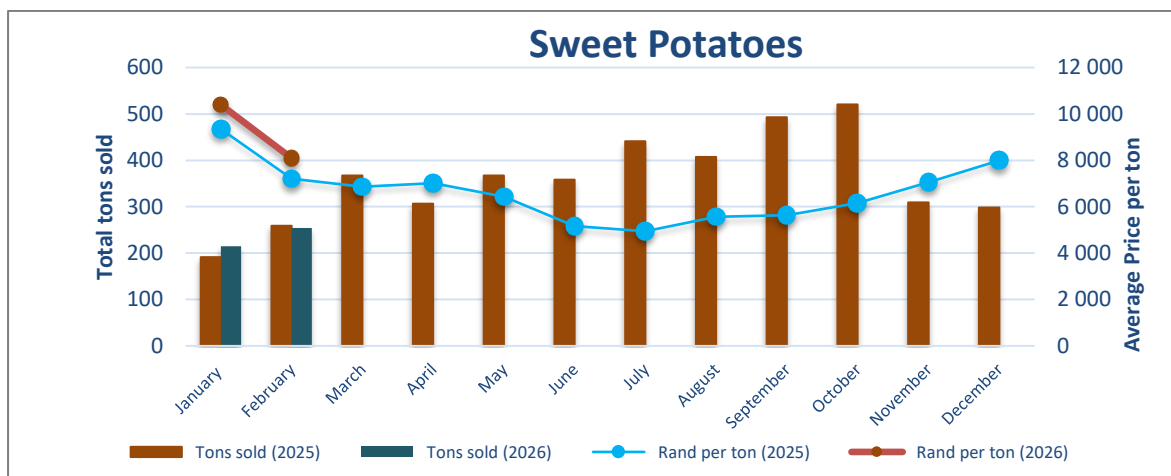
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9. Sweet potato



The total volume of sweet potato sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in February 2026 increased from 214.6 tons in January 2026 to 254.0 tons. This translates to 18.4% month-to-month increase recorded during the month of February 2026. The total volume of sweet potato sold decreased year-on-year by 1.9% from 259.0 tons in February 2025 to 254.0 tons in February 2026. Sweet potato was trading at R8093.1 during February 2026. On an annual basis, the average market price per ton increased by 12.2% from R7210.0 in February 2025 to R8093.1 in February 2026.

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



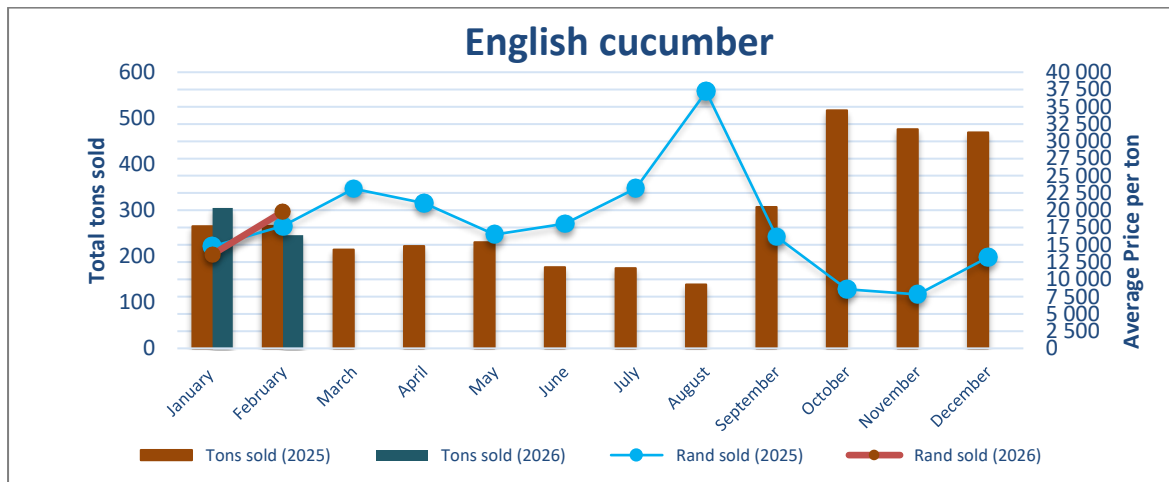
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10. English cucumber



During the period under review (February 2026), the total volume of English cucumber sold amounted to 245.9 tons which is 19.5% or 59.5 tons less than 305.4 tons which was recorded in January 2026. The average market price of English cucumber increased by 45.5% from R13626.6 in January 2026 to R19821.0 in February 2026. On annual basis, the volume of tons of English cucumber decreased by 7.6% (or 20.1 tons) from 266 tons in February 2025 to 245.9 tons in February 2026.

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



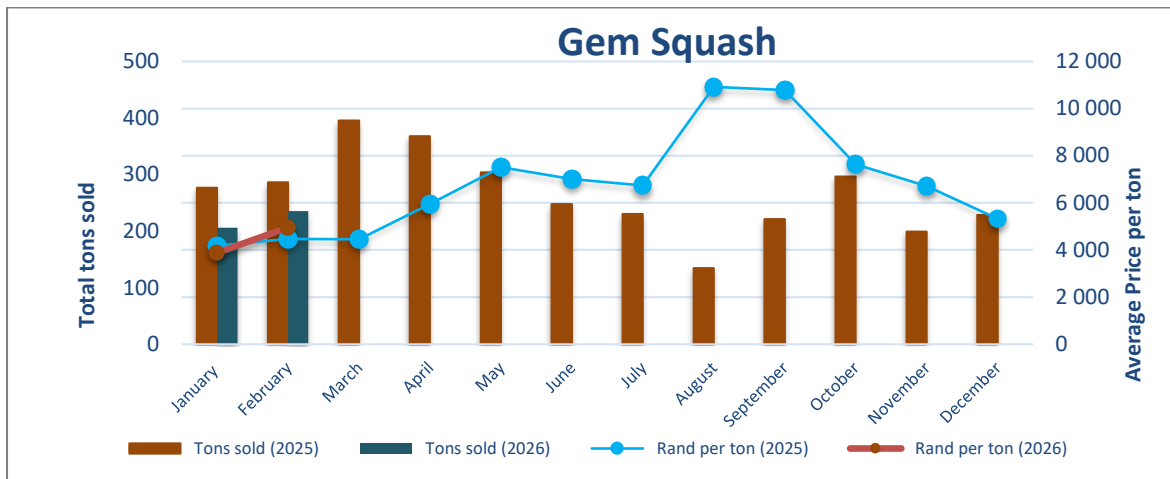
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11. Gem squash



Figure 11 below shows the total volume of gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in February 2026. The volume of gem squash sold during February 2026 increased by 14.1% from 206.2 tons in January 2026 to 235.2 tons. The price per ton of gem squash also increased by 27.5% from R3883.7 in January 2026 to R4952.3 in February 2026. On an annual basis, gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market decreased by 18% during the period under review. As a result, the volume of gem squash sold decreased from 286.6 tons in February 2025 to 235.2 tons in February 2026. The average market price of gem squash increased by 10.9% or R485.5 per ton from R4466.8 in February 2025 to R4952.3 in February 2026.

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



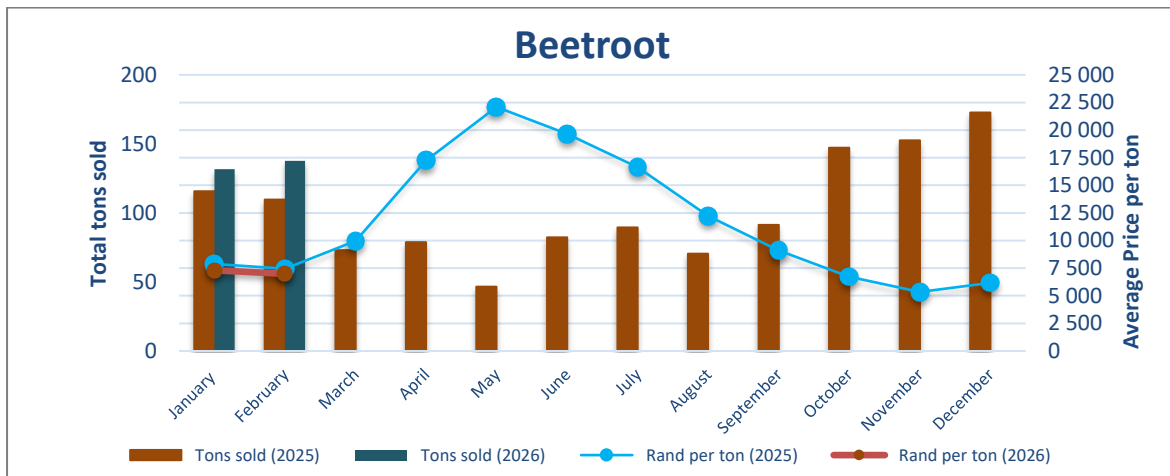
Source: Techno fresh (2026)

12. Beetroot



A total amount of 137.6 tons of beetroot was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during February 2026. This presents 4.5% or 5.9 tons increase from the previous month (January 2026) record of 131.7 tons. The average market price decreased by 4.3% or R316.4 from R7307.7 in January 2026 to R6991.3 in February 2026. On year on year, beetroot was trading at R7441.6 in February 2025 compared to R6991.3 in February 2026. These results indicate a decrease of 6.1% in price per ton of beetroot between February 2025 and February 2026.

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



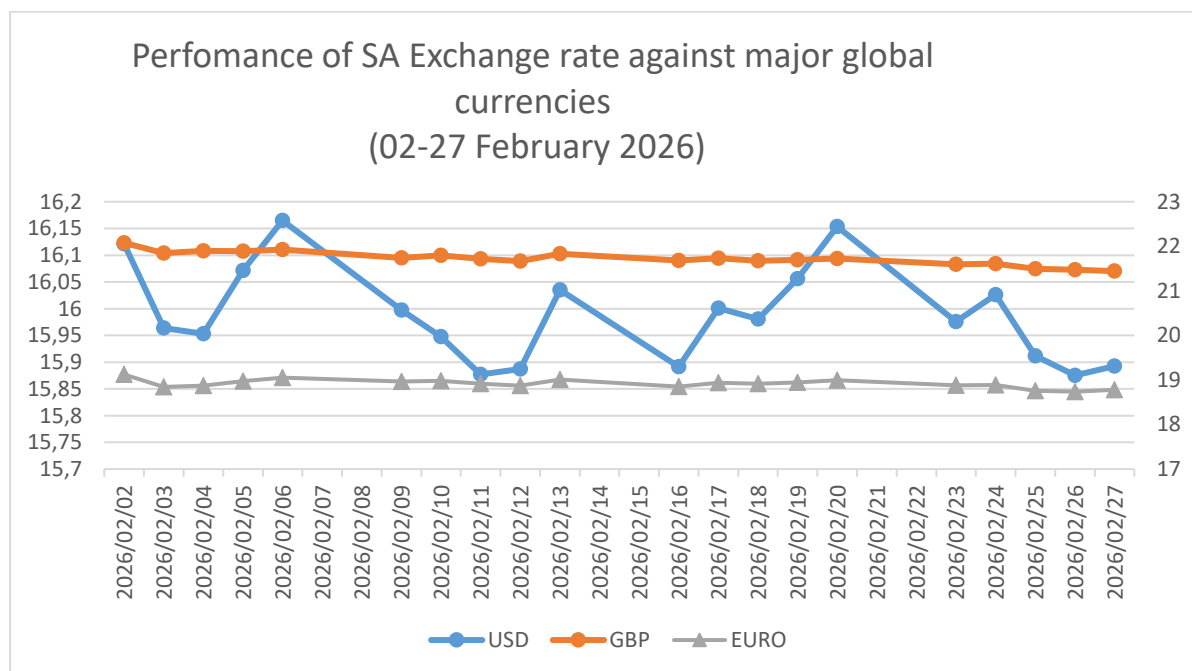
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Table 1: Trend analysis of niche vegetables traded on the Cape Town Fresh Produce market.

Product Name highest to the lowest volumes in February 2026	Average tons February 2026 (Ton)	% change in average tons January 2026 (m/m)	Average Price February 2026 (Rand/ton)	% change in average price February 2026 (m/m)
Lettuce	128,0	-12,0%	16 625,7	5,2%
Baby marrow	83,6	3,3%	14 409,2	-18,9%
Sweetcorn	69,5	9,0%	20 207,5	21,3%
Cauliflower	69,2	8,5%	16 388,2	-1,6%
Green beans	65,0	-19,7%	21 765,9	22,4%
Brinjals	61,9	10,9%	9 583,9	-10,0%
Broccoli	31,0	22,9%	31 647,7	-5,6%
Spring onion	19,1	-30,5%	31 968,6	74,5%
Spinach	12,8	-37,1%	17 060,9	36,2%
Leeks	11,4	79,2%	7 226,7	-6,4%
Radish	3,4	87,8%	26 244,1	7,7%
Hubbard squash	1,4	-42,1%	2 681,4	-44,9%
Patty pans	1,0	-12,1%	28 710,1	-42,1%
Marrows	0,3	-87,0%	5 090,9	12,1%
Mushrooms	0	0%	0	0%

Source: Techno fresh (2026)

Exchange Rates



Source: South African Reserve Bank (2026)

During the reporting period 02-27 February 2026, looking at month-to-month average of the South African Rand, it can be noted that it strengthened against the US Dollar, Great British Pound and the Euro. During this period the US Dollar was trading at R15.98 in February 2026 compared to R16.28 in January 2026. Great British Pound was trading at R21.72 in February 2026 compared to R22.01 in January 2026, while the Euro was trading at R18.91 in February 2025 compared to R19.10 in January 2026.

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	65,00	cents per litre decrease in the retail price.	1928,00
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	50,00	cents per litre decrease in the retail price.	1708,530
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	53,00	cents per litre decrease the retail price.	1108,598
LPGAS (maximum retail price)	31,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price.	3149,00

The Department of Energy has announced fuel price adjustments with effect from 04 February 2026. The price of Petrol 95 ULP & LRP decreased by 65 cents, the price of diesel (0.05% sulphur) decreased by 50 cents, price of paraffin decreased by 53 cents. Lastly, LPGAS's maximum retail price increased by 31 cents during the reporting period.

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