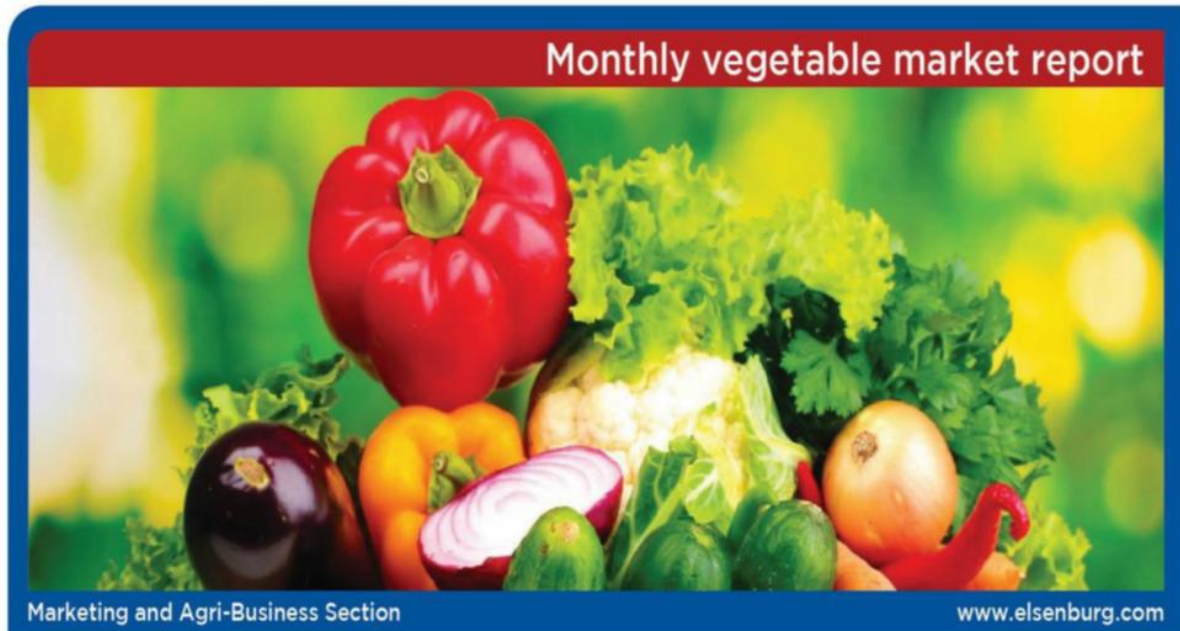


MONTHLY VEGETABLE REPORT



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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

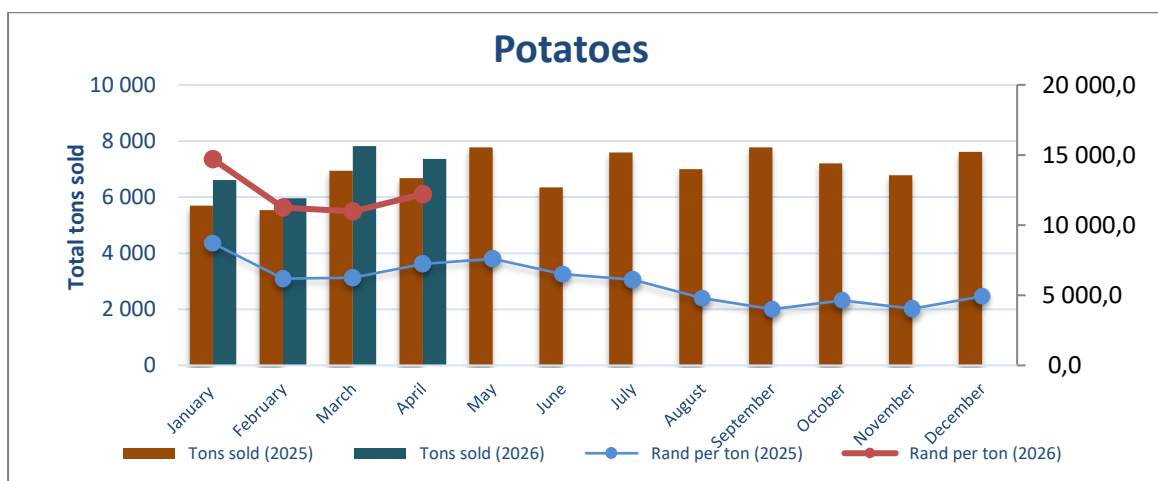
Vegetables are part of important annual crops for the South African agricultural industry. They play a fundamental role in contributing to various agricultural industries who are directly and indirectly involved in the vegetable industry. In return these industries make a significant contribution to 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 April 2026 decreased by 6% from 7815.5 tons in March 2026 to 7356.6 tons. This translates to (458.9) ton decrease in the tons of potatoes sold at Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of April 2026. The average market price per ton of potatoes sold increased by 5% (or R242.7) from R4727.1 in March 2026 to R4969.8 in April 2026. Sales on the Cape Town market traded at 31% y/y per ton, lower than in the same period last year. The volume of potatoes sold increased by 10% y/y compared to the same period last year.

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



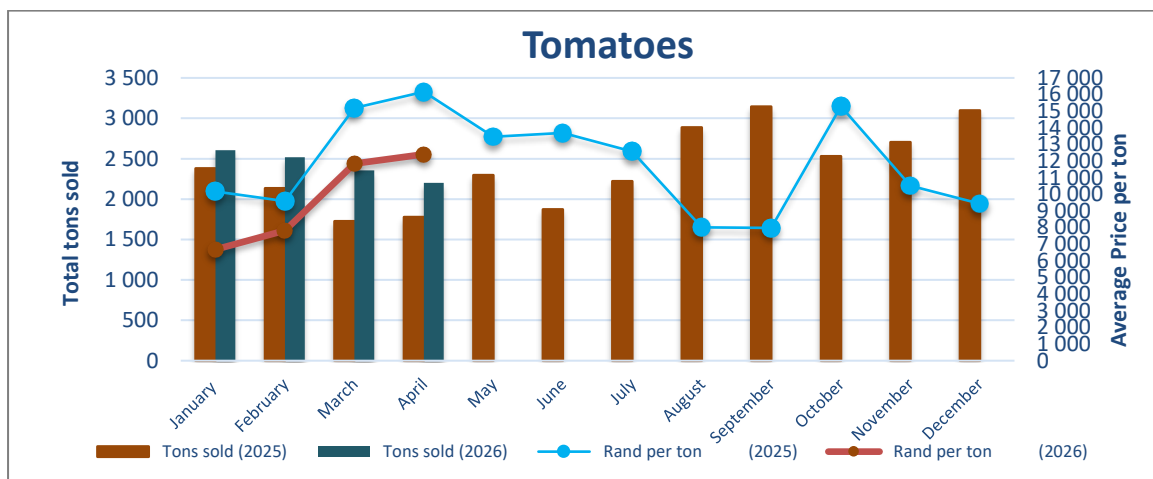
Source: Techno fresh (2026)

2. Tomatoes



The total amount of tomatoes sold during April 2026 was 2200.6 tons, which shows 155.8 (ton) decrease from 2356.4 tons recorded in March 2026. Tomatoes were trading at R12408.7 in April 2026.

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



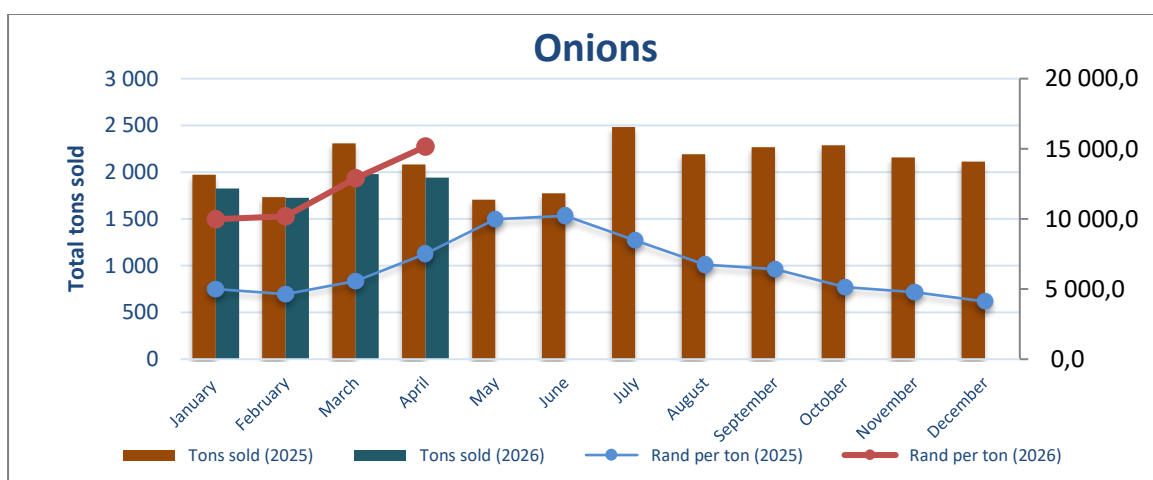
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3. Onions

In April 2026, the volume of onions traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market was 1941.2 tons, which shows 2% decrease from 1980.8 tons recorded in March 2026. The price per ton of onions sold on the market increased by 4.5% from R7326.0 in March 2026 to R7652.2 in April 2026.

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



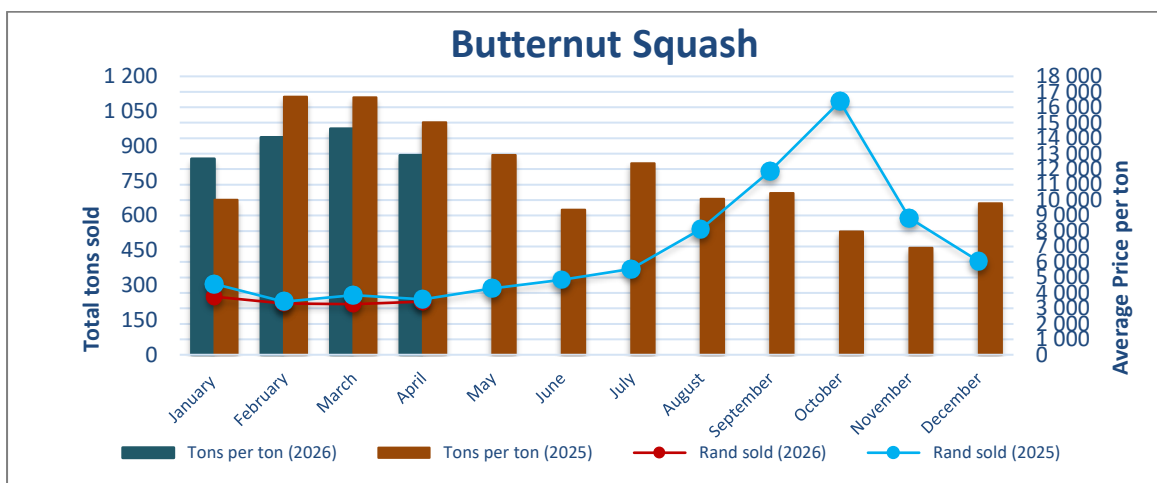
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4. Butternut Squash



Figure 4 below represents the volume of butternut squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during the month of April 2026. The volume of butternut squash sold decreased by 11.7% from 973.8 tons in March 2026 to 860.3 in April 2026. The price per ton of butternut increased by 5.2% from R3270.3 in March 2026 to R3439.1 in April 2026. On a year-to-year basis the quantity of butternut squash sold during April 2025, and April 2026 decreased by 14.2%. The price of butternut sold during the same period (2025/26) also decreased by 4.1% from R3586.7 per ton in April 2025 to R3439.1 per ton in April 2026.

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



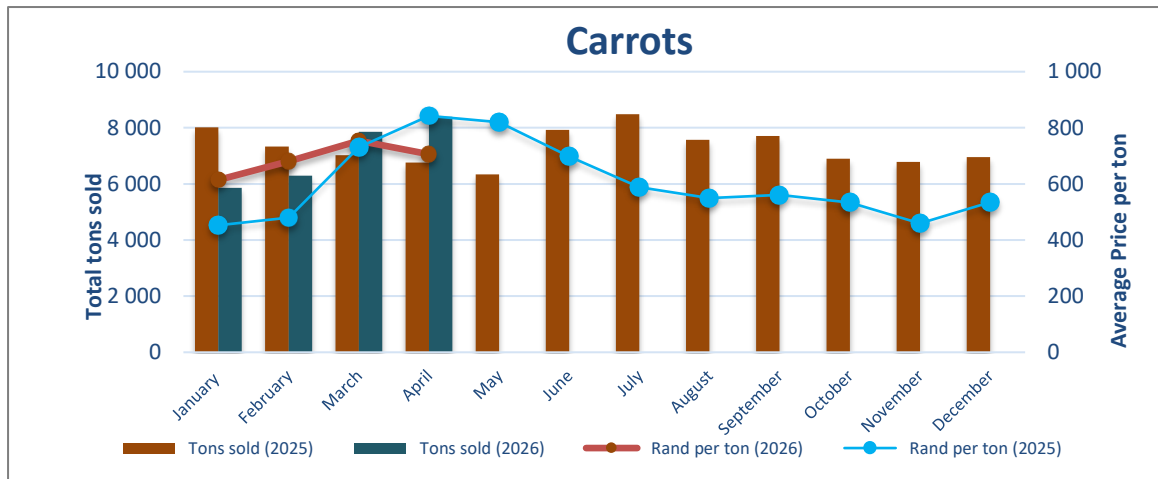
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5. Carrots



As indicated by Figure 5 below shows the total volume of carrots traded at Cape Town fresh produce market during April 2026. The volume of carrots traded in April 2026, increased month-month by 6.9% from 785.4 tons in March 2026 to 839.2 tons. When comparing year-on-year, the amount of carrots traded during this period also increased by 24.1% from 676.1 tons in April 2025 to 839.2 tons in April 2026. In April 2026 carrots was trading at R7062.6 per ton, which indicates 6.3% decrease in price per ton of carrots between March 2026 and April 2026. The average market price per ton of carrots decreased by 16.2% y/y from R8424.7 in April 2025 to R7062.6 in April 2026.

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



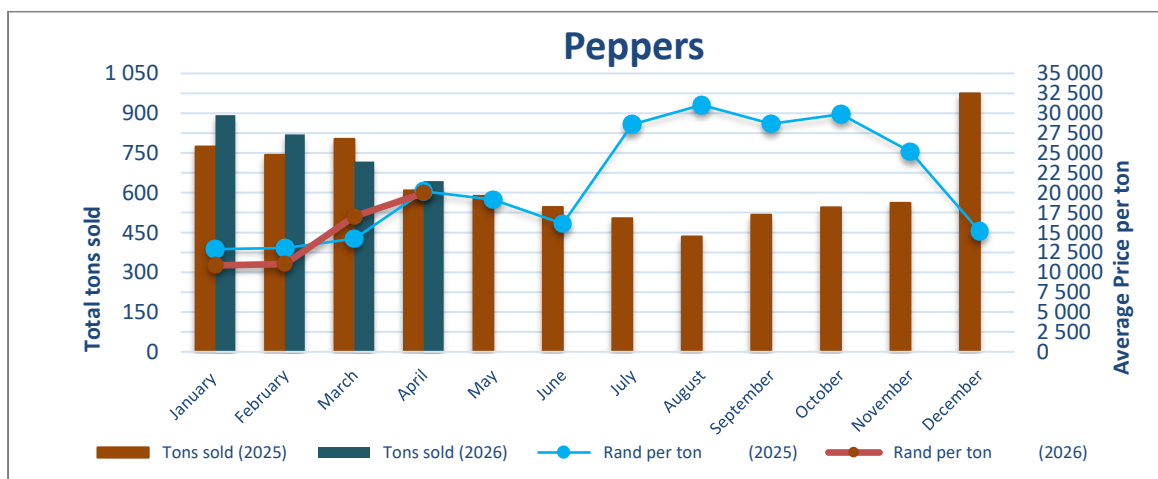
Source: Techno fresh (2026)

6. Peppers



As illustrated in figure 6 below, the total volume of peppers sold during April 2026 decreased by 10.4% from 718.1 tons in March 2026 to 643.7 tons. The average market price of peppers increased by 17.3% from R17019.8 in March 2026 to R19972.1 in April 2026. On an annual basis, the total volume of peppers sold during the period under review registered a year-on-year increase of 34.4 tons from 609.3 tons in April 2025 to 643.7 tons in April 2026. The average market price per ton on the other hand decreased by 1% from R20177.7 in April 2025 to R19972.1 in April 2026.

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



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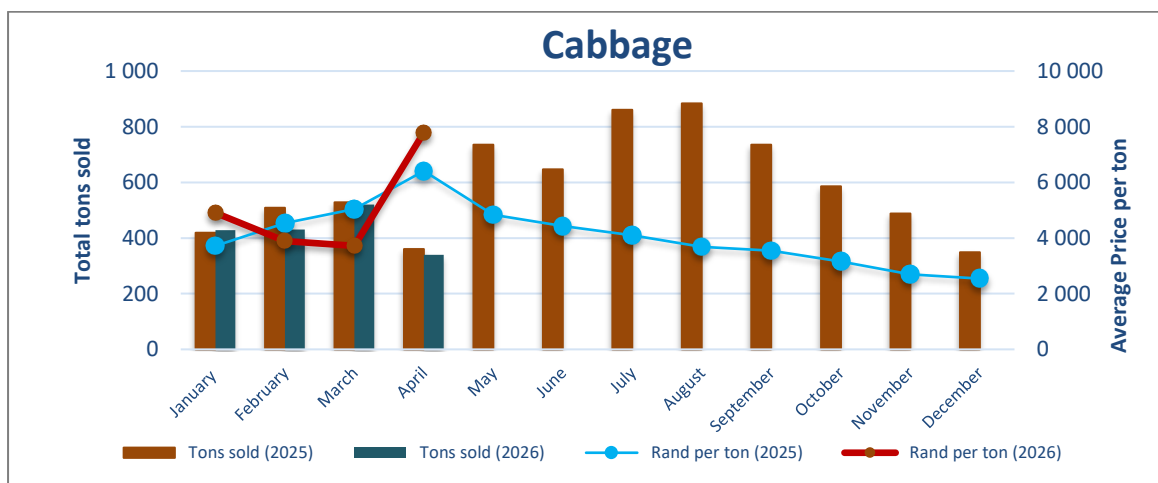
7. Cabbages



The total volume of cabbage sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during April 2026 recorded a month-to-month decrease of 34.7% or 180.5 tons. The total volume of cabbage sold decreased from 520.5 tons in March 2026 to 340.0 tons.

The average market price per ton of cabbage increased by a remarkable 109.6% from R3718.9 in March 2026 to R7794.1 in April 2026. On an annual basis, the total volume of cabbage sold decreased from 360.5 tons obtained in April 2025 to 340.0 tons in April 2026. This represents a year-on-year decrease of 5.7%, that is 20.5 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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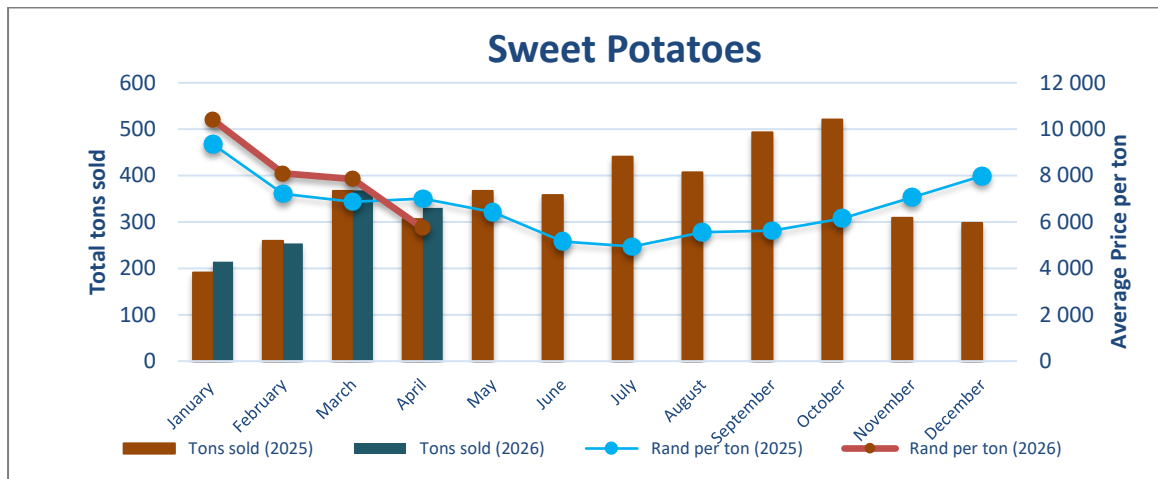
8. Sweet potato



The total volume of sweet potato sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in April 2026 decreased from 368.5 tons in March 2026 to 330.5 tons. This translates to 10.3% month-to-month decrease recorded during the month of April 2026. The total volume of sweet potato sold increased year-on-year by 7.9% from 306.4 tons in April 2025 to 330.5 tons in April 2026. Sweet potato was trading at R5731.5 during April 2026. On an annual basis, the average market price per ton decreased by 18.3% from R7013.7 in April 2025 to R5731.5 in April 2026.

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Figure 8: Sweet potato sales on the Cape Town Fresh Produce Market.



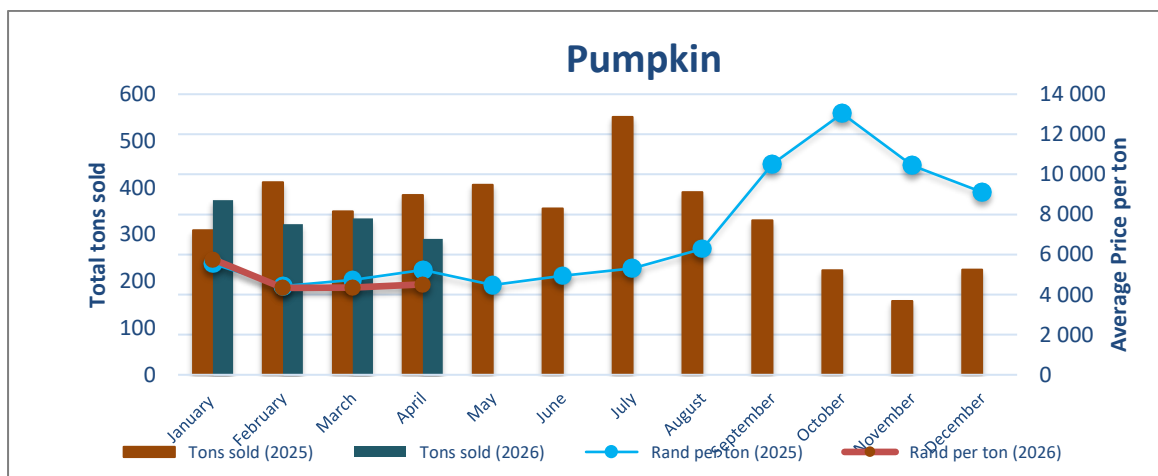
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9. Pumpkin



A total of 290.7 tons of pumpkin was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during April 2026. This presents a 13%- or 43.4-ton decrease from the previous month (March) record of 334.1 tons. The average market price increased by 3.5% or R152.7 from R4356.50 in March 2026 to R4509.2 in April 2026. On year and year basis, pumpkins were trading at R5227.0 per ton in April 2025 compared to R4509.2 in April 2026. These results indicate a decrease of R717.8 in price per ton of pumpkin between April 2025 and April 2026.

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



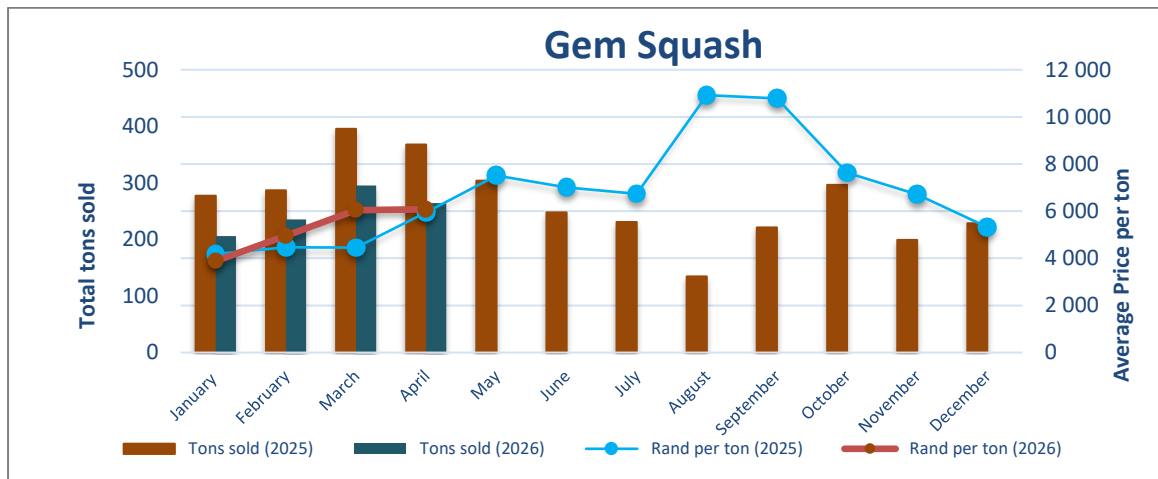
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10. Gem squash



Figure 10 below shows the total volume of gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in April 2026. The volume of gem squash sold during April 2026 decreased by 10.5% from 295.4 tons in March 2026 to 264.4 tons. The price per ton of gem squash increased by 0.7% from R6038.10 in March 2026 to R6078.0 in April 2026. On an annual basis, gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market decreased by 28.1% during the period under review. As a result, the volume of gem squash sold decreased from 367.8 tons in April 2025 to 264.4 tons in April 2026. The average market price of gem squash increased by 2.1% or R126.0 per ton from R5952.0 in April 2025 to R6078.0 in April 2026.

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



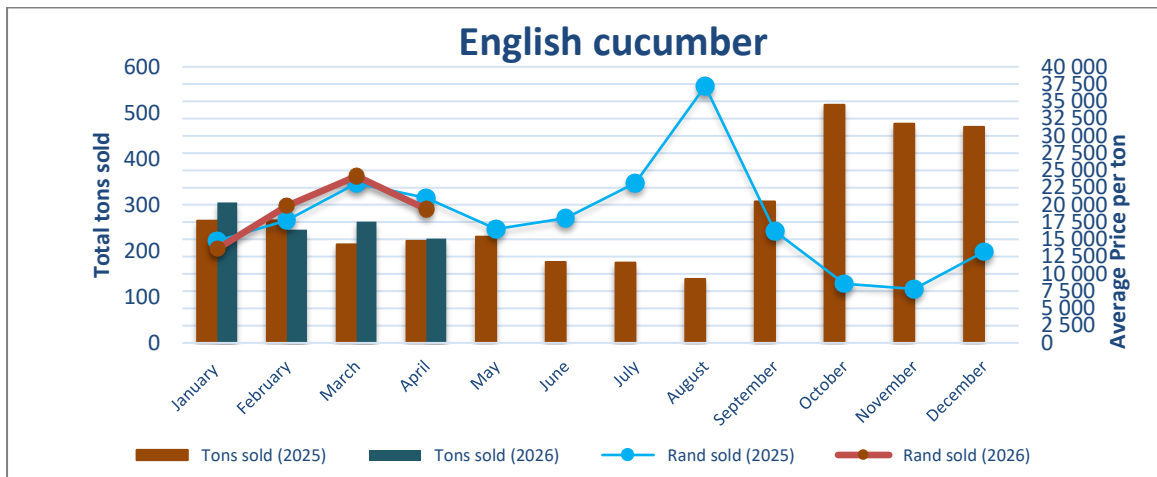
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11. English cucumber



During the period under review (April 2026), the total volume of English cucumber sold amounted to 226.3 tons which is 14% or 36.9 tons less than 263.2 tons which was recorded in March 2026. The average market price of English cucumber decreased by 19.8% from R24152.60 in March 2026 to R19362.3 in April 2026. On annual basis, the volume of tons of English cucumber decreased by 7.9% (or 36.9 tons) from 222 tons in April 2025 to 226.3 tons in April 2026.

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



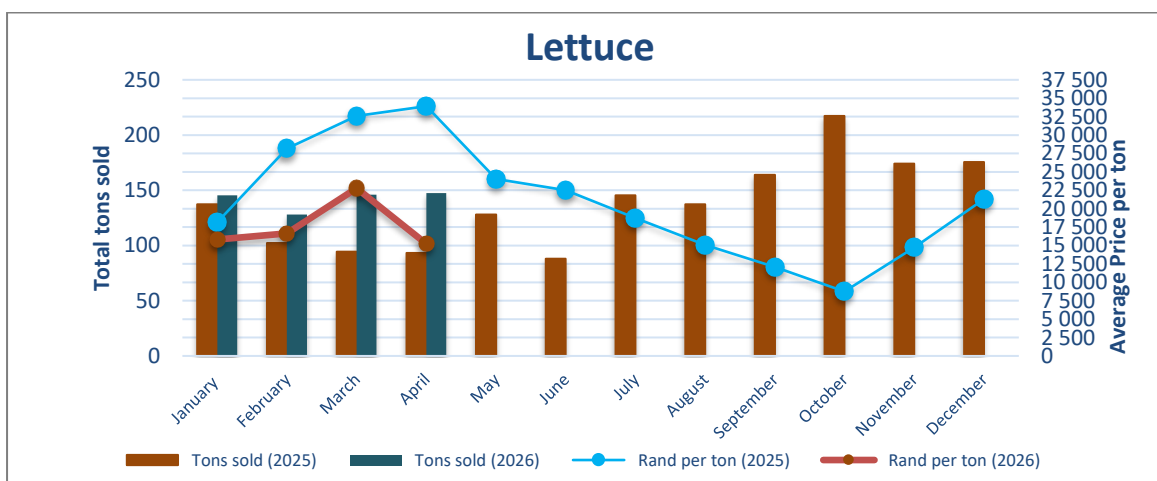
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12. Lettuce



A total amount of 147.6 tons of lettuce was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during April 2026. This presents 1% or 1.5 tons increase from the previous month (March 2026) record of 146.1 tons. The average market price decreased by 33.2% or R7556.1 from R22775.4 in March 2026 to R15219.2 in April 2026. On year on year, lettuce was trading at R33917.1 in April 2025 compared to R15219.2 in April 2026. These results indicate a decrease of 55.1% in price per ton of lettuce between April 2025 and April 2026.

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



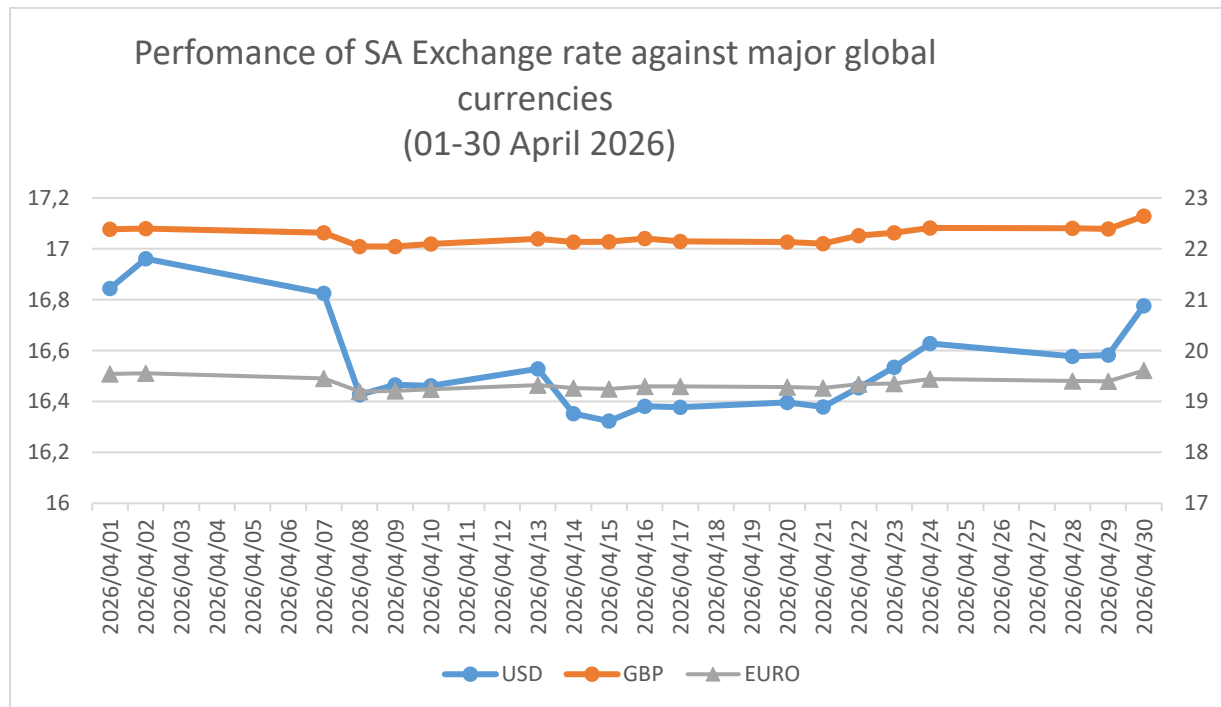
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Table 1: Trend analysis of niche vegetables traded on the Cape Town Fresh Produce market.

Product Name highest to the lowest volumes in April 2026	Average tons April 2026 (Ton)	% change in average tons April 2026 (m/m)	Average Price April 2026 (Rand/ton)	% change in average price April 2026 (m/m)
Beetroot	145,4	7,9%	10 809,4	-6,1%
Cauliflower	106,9	127,0%	10 655,3	-57,3%
Green beans	98,0	26,0%	17 129,3	-23,1%
Baby marrow	92,3	-5,2%	16 842,4	2,5%
Sweetcorn	61,3	12,7%	25 539,9	-3,1%
Brinjals	53,4	-9,9%	16 929,4	21,1%
Broccoli	29,1	38,5%	35 804,7	-32,5%
Spinach	26,8	53,0%	15 438,7	-33,2%
Spring onion	23,4	0,0%	28 737,7	-19,3%
Leeks	14,7	32,0%	8 286,3	22,7%
Hubbard squash	7,1	-41,9%	2 677,2	-19,3%
Radish	2,5	-23,7%	19 915,4	-9,3%
Patty pans	1,2	-42,3%	36 312,2	67,4%
Mushrooms	0,3	75,1%	52 980,8	-40,8%
Marrows	0,1	-95,4%	9600,0	171,8%

Source: Techno fresh (2026)

Exchange Rates



Source: South African Reserve Bank (2026)

During the reporting period 01-30 April 2026, looking at month-to-month average of the South African Rand, it can be noted that it strengthened against the US Dollar and Great British Pound, while it slightly weakened against the Euro. During this period the US Dollar was trading at R16.54 in April 2026 compared to R16.74 in March 2026. Great British Pound was trading at R22.25 in April 2026 compared to R22.32 in March 2026. Lastly the Euro was trading at R19.35 in April 2025 compared to R19.34 in February 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	306,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price.	2249,00
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	737,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price.	2503,630
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	1167,00	cents per litre increase the retail price.	2315,698
LPGAS (maximum retail price)	108,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price.	3279,000

The Department of Energy has announced fuel price adjustments with effect from 04 March 2026. The price of Petrol 95 ULP increased by 306 cents, the price of diesel (0.05% sulphur) increased by 737 cents, price of paraffin increased by 1167 cents. Lastly, LPGAS's maximum retail price increased by 108 cents during the reporting period.

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