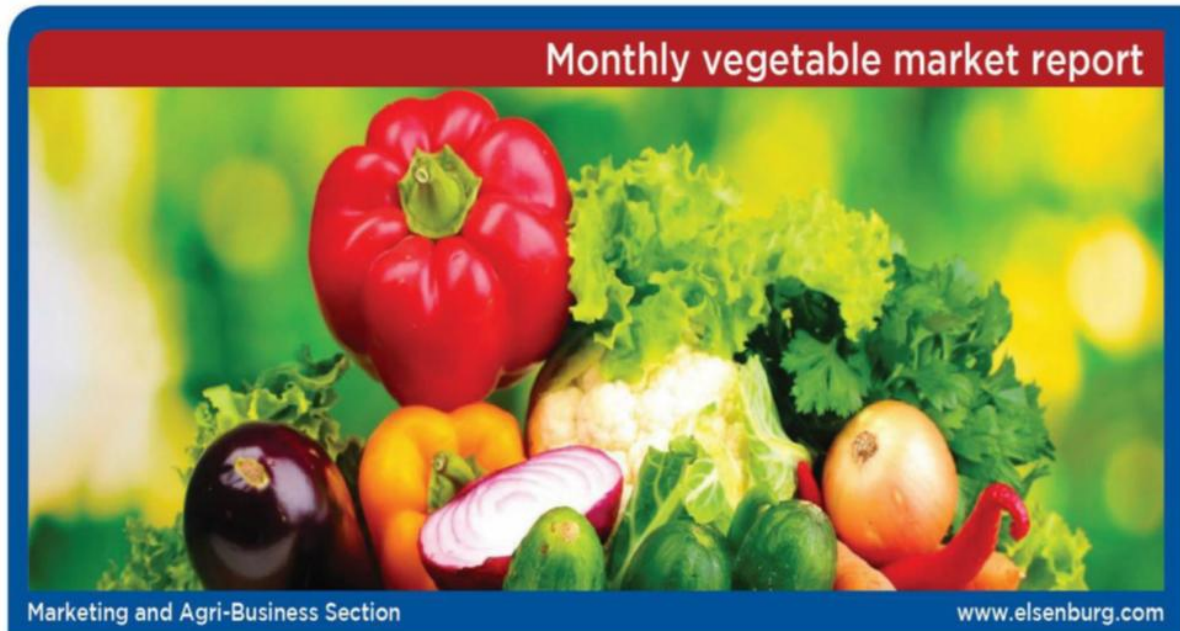


MONTHLY VEGETABLE REPORT



Review period: 01 September 2025 to 01 September 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

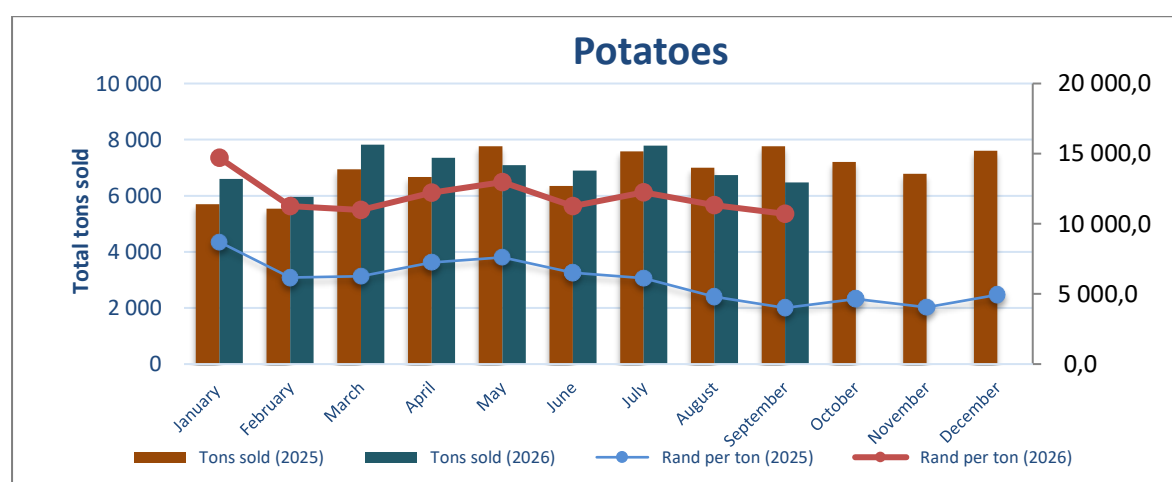
Vegetables are part of important annual crops for the South African agricultural industry. They play a fundamental role in contributing to various agricultural industries who are directly and indirectly involved in the vegetable industry. In return these industries make a significant contribution to 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 September 2026 decreased by 4% from 6737.9 tons August 2026 to 6478.6 tons. This translates to (259.3) ton decrease in the tons of potatoes sold at Cape Town Fresh produce market during the month of September 2026. The average market price per ton of potatoes sold increased by 3% (or R176.5) from R6524.7 in August 2026 to R6701.2 in September 2026. Sales on the Cape Town market traded at 67.2% y/y per ton, higher than in the same period last year. The volume of potatoes sold decreased by 17% y/y compared to the same period last year.

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



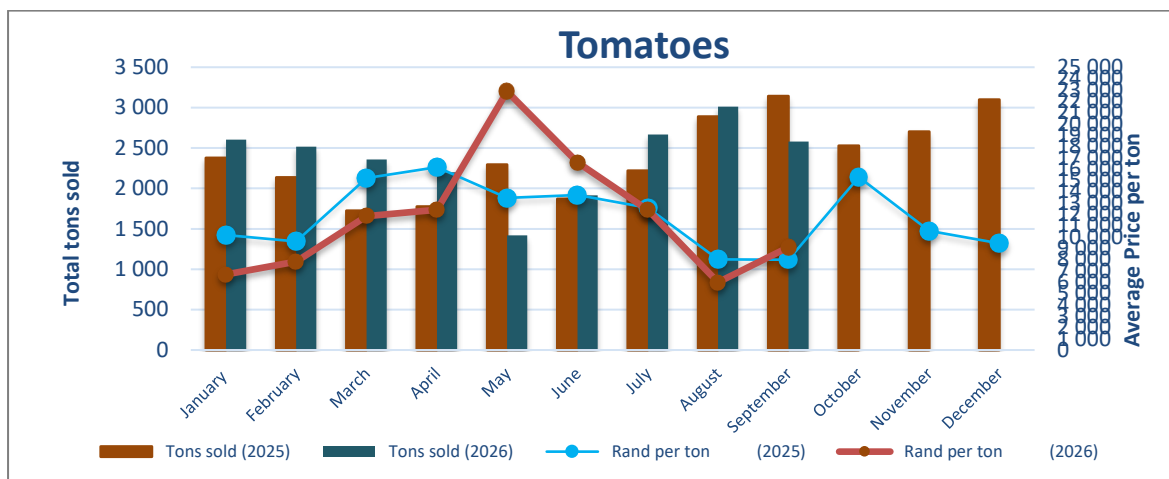
Source: Techno fresh (2026)

2. Tomatoes



The total amount of tomatoes sold during September 2026 was 2578.4 tons, which shows 432.6 (ton) decrease from 3011.0 tons recorded in August 2026. Tomatoes were trading at R9078.5 in September 2026.

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



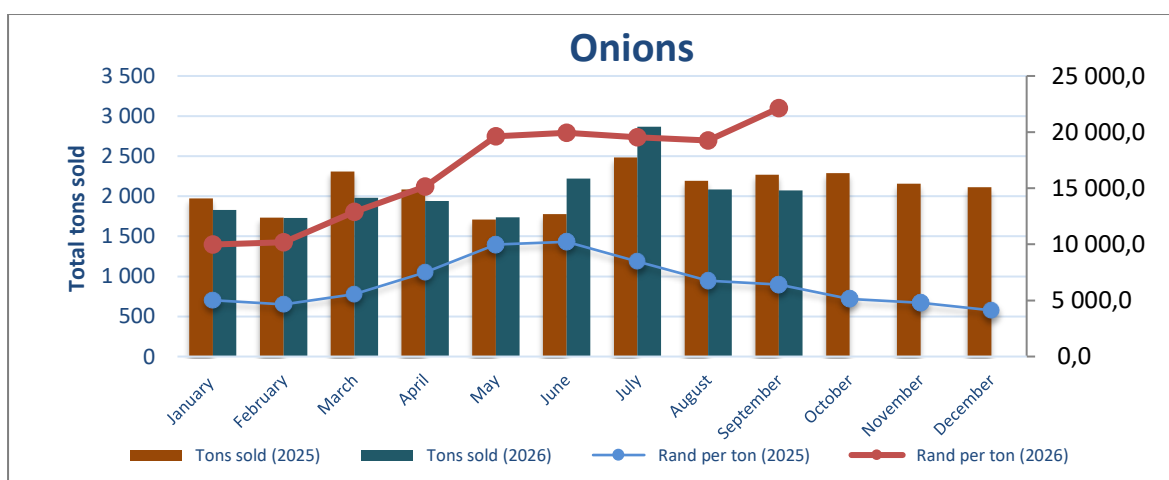
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3. Onions

In September 2026, the volume of onions traded in the Cape Town fresh produce market was 2072.4 tons, which shows 0.7% decrease from 2086.4 tons recorded in August 2026. The price per ton of onions sold on the market increased by 25.8% from R12499.7 in August 2026 to R15718.8 in September 2026.

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



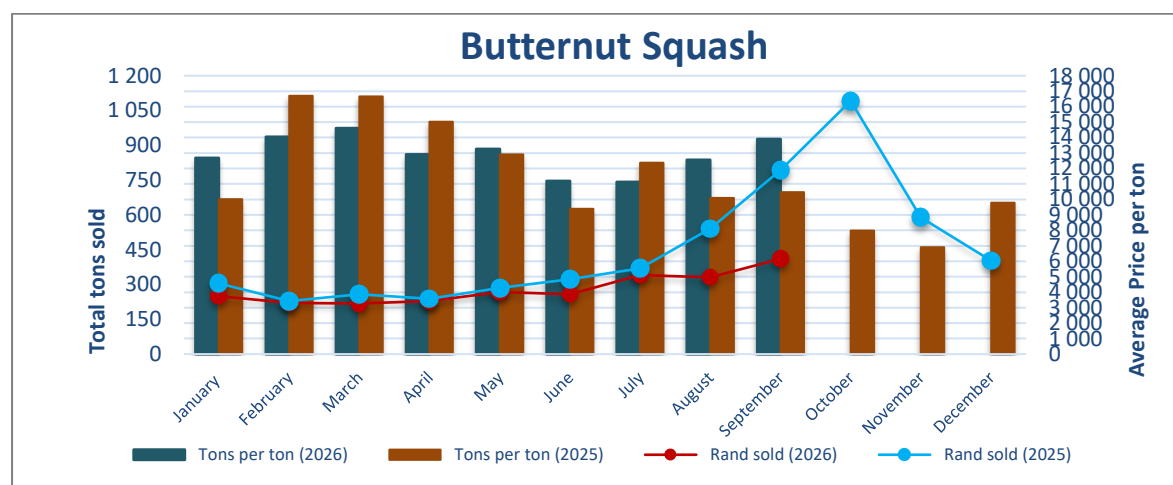
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4. Butternut Squash



Figure 4 below represents the volume of butternut squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during the month of September 2026. The volume of butternut squash sold increased by 10.6% from 837.8 tons in August 2026 to 927.0 tons in September 2026. The price per ton of butternut increased by 24% from R4965.8 in August 2026 to R6158.0 in September 2026. On a year-to-year basis the quantity of butternut squash sold during September 2025, and September 2026 increased by 32.9%. The price of butternut sold during the same period (2025/26) decreased by 48.2% from R11893.2 per ton in September 2025 to R6158.0 per ton in September 2026.

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



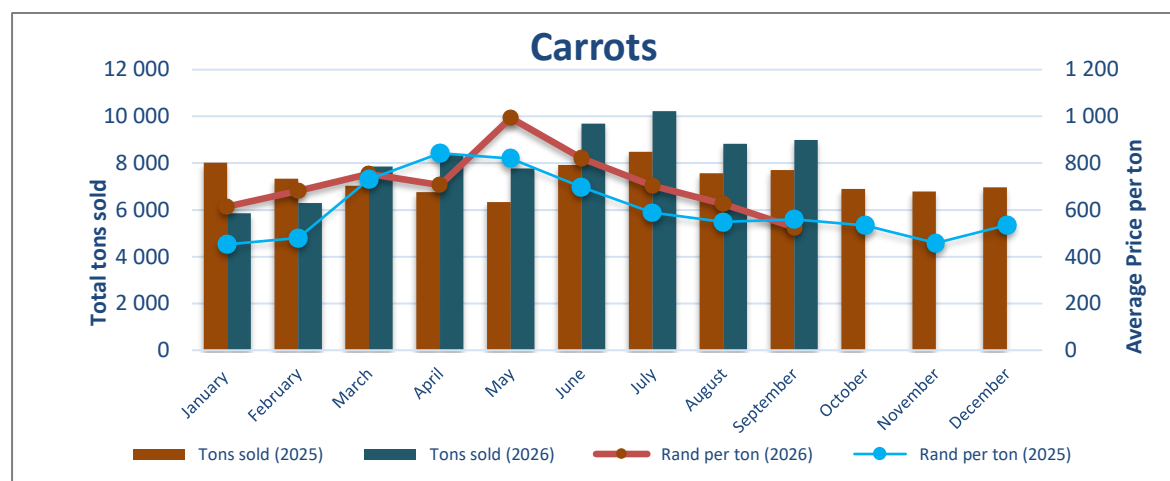
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5. Carrots



As indicated by Figure 5 below shows the total volume of carrots traded at Cape Town fresh produce market during September 2026. The volume of carrots traded in September 2026, increased month-month by 1.8% from 882.9 tons in August 2026 to 899.0 tons. When comparing year-on-year, the amount of carrots traded during this period increased by 16.7% from 770.4 tons in September 2025 to 899.0 tons in September 2026. In September 2026 carrots was trading at R5254.70 per ton, which indicates 16.1% decrease in price per ton of carrots between August 2026 and September 2026. The average market price per ton of carrots also decreased by 6.2% y/y from R5603.60 in September 2025 to R5254.70 in September 2026.

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



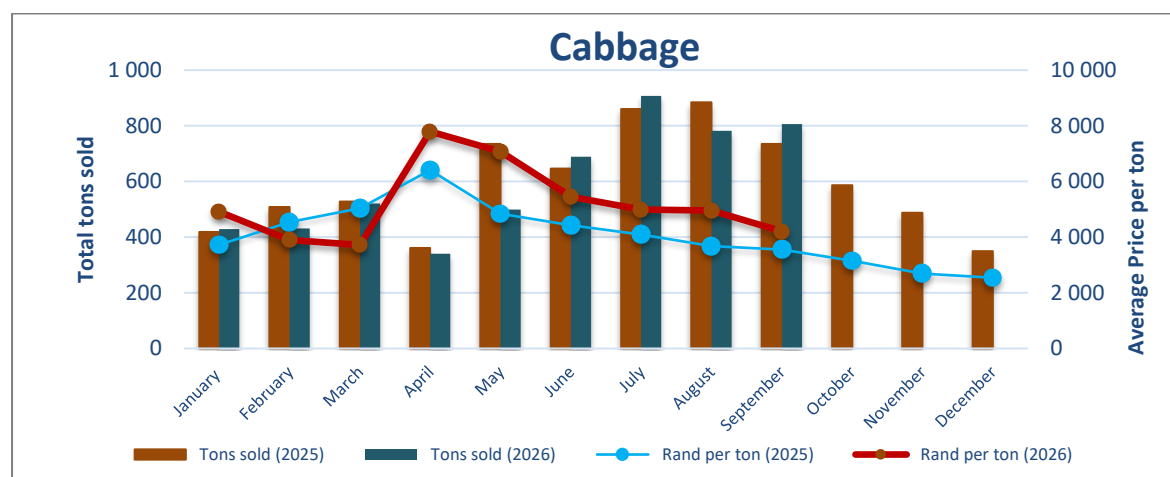
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6. Cabbages



The total volume of cabbage sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market during September 2026 recorded a month-to-month increase of 3% or 23.3 tons. The total volume of cabbage sold increased from 782.4 tons in August 2026 to 805.6 tons in September 2026. The average market price per ton of cabbage decreased by 14.9% from R4952.0 tons in August 2026 to R4213.8 in September 2026. On an annual basis, the total volume of cabbage sold increased from 735.2 tons obtained in September 2025 to 805.6 tons in September 2026. This represents a year-on-year increase of 9.6%, that is 70.4 tons more than the amount registered during the same period last year.

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



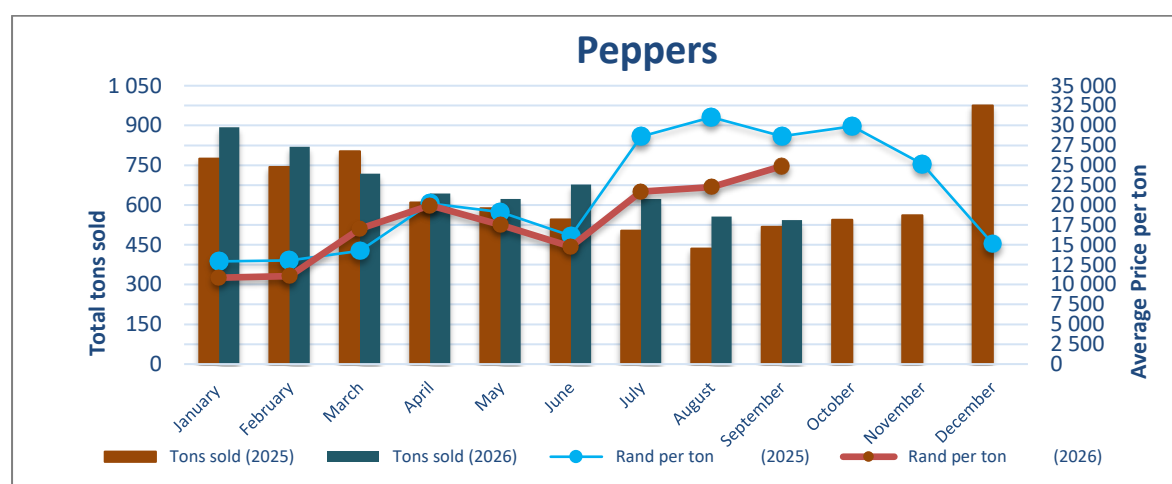
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7. Peppers



As illustrated in figure 7 below, the total volume of peppers sold during September 2026 decreased by 2.4% from 555.9 tons in August 2026 to 542.9 tons. The average market price of peppers increased by 11.9% from R22237.90 in August 2026 to R24880.80 in September 2026. On an annual basis, the total volume of peppers sold during the period under review registered a year-on-year increase of 25.7 tons from 517.2 tons in September 2025 to 542.9 tons in September 2026. The average market price per ton on the other hand decreased by 13.2% from R28664.5 in September 2025 to R24880.8 in September 2026.

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



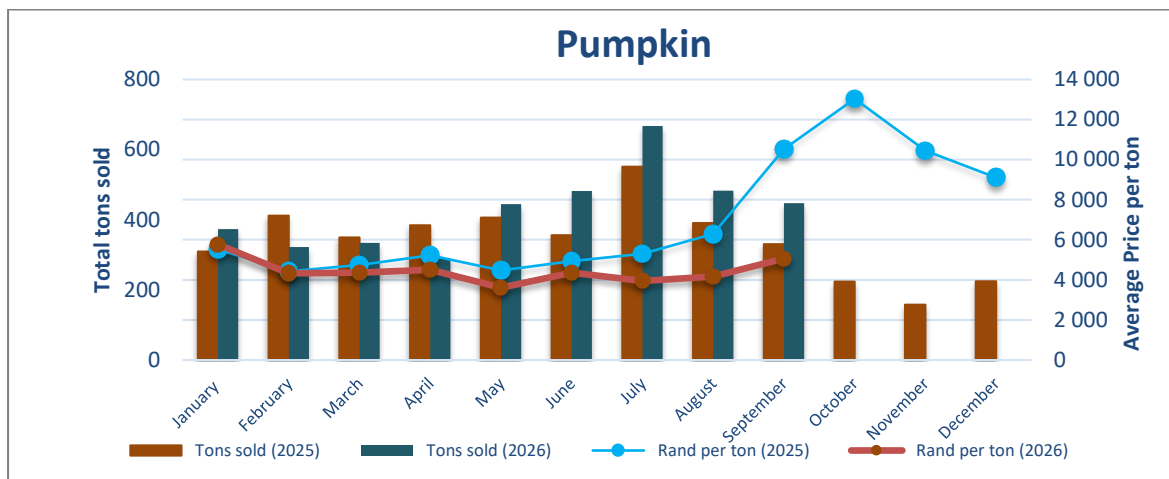
Source: Techno fresh (2026)

8. Pumpkin



A total of 447.4 tons of pumpkin was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during September 2026. This presents 7.3% or 35.4-ton decrease from the previous month (August) record of 482.7 tons. The average market price increased by 21.2% or R887.10 from R4175.10 in August 2026 to R5062.10 in September 2026. On year and year basis pumpkin was trading at R10526.20 per ton in September 2025 compared to R5062.10 in September 2026. These results indicate a decrease of R5464.10 in price per ton of pumpkin between September 2025 and September 2026.

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



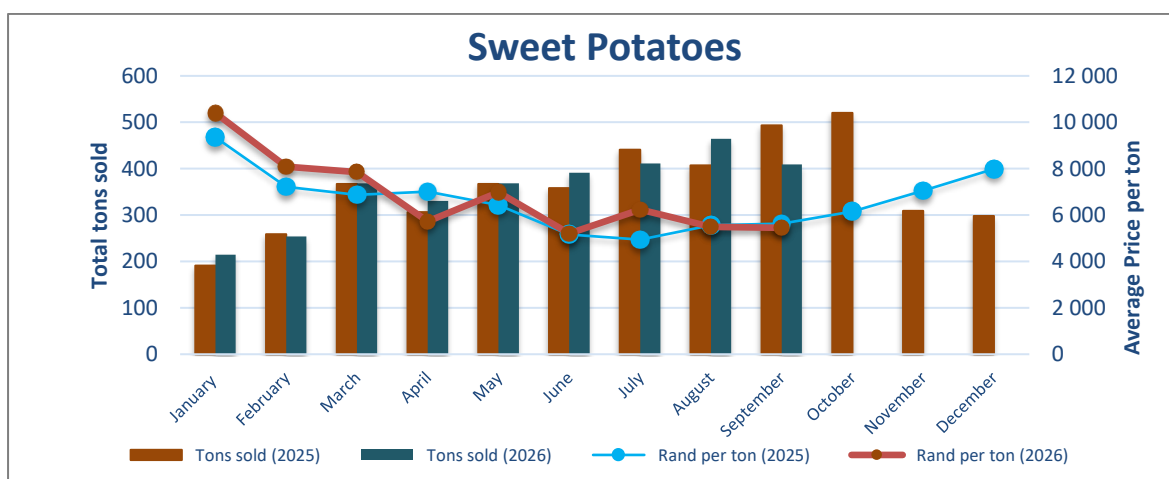
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9. Sweet potato



The total volume of sweet potato sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in September 2026 decreased from 464.2 tons in August 2026 to 408.9 tons. This translates to 11.9% month-to-month decrease recorded during the month of September 2026. The total volume of sweet potato sold also decreased year-on-year by 17.1% from 493.1 tons in September 2025 to 408.9 tons in September 2026. Sweet potato was trading at R5448.50 during September 2026. On an annual basis, the average market price per ton decreased by 3.3% from R5632.20 in September 2025 to R5448.50 in September 2026.

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



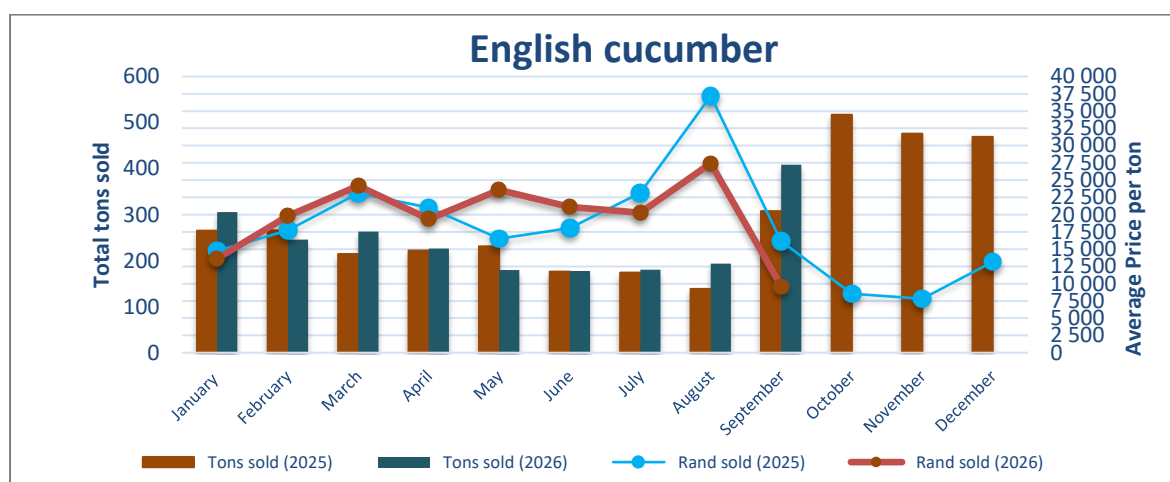
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10. English cucumber



During the period under review (September 2026), the total volume of English cucumber sold amounted to 408.3 tons which is 110.6% or 214.4 tons more than 193.9 tons which was recorded in August 2026. The average market price of English cucumber decreased by 64.9% from R27431.4 in August 2026 to R9633.40 in September 2026. On annual basis, the volume of tons of English cucumber increased by 32.8% (or 100.8 tons) from 307.5 tons in September 2025 to 408.3 tons in September 2026.

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



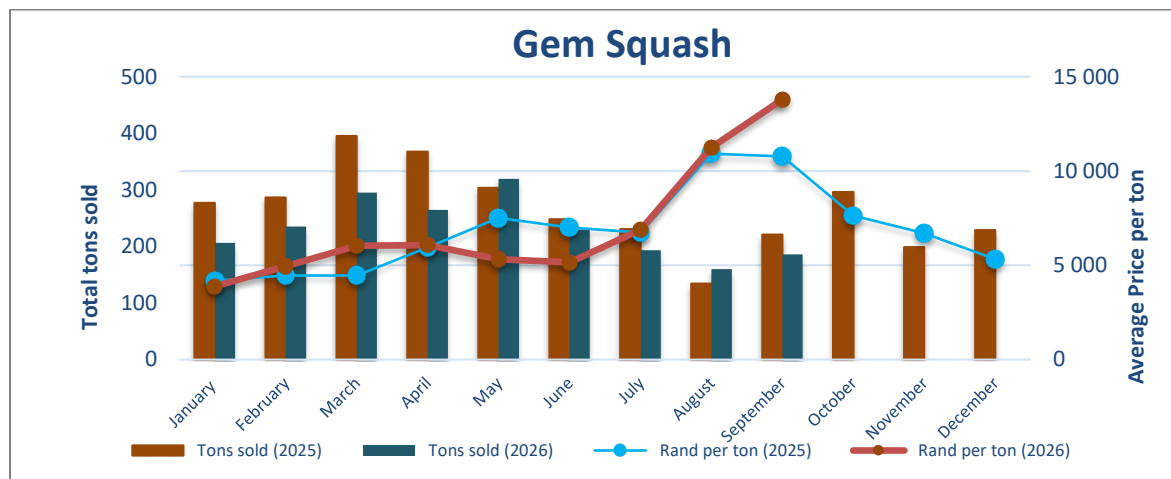
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11. Gem squash



Figure 11 below shows the total volume of gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market in September 2026. The volume of gem squash sold during September 2026 increased by 16.3% from 159.9 tons in August 2026 to 186.0 tons. The price per ton of gem squash also increased by 22.6% from R11255.0 in August 2026 to R13798.20 in September 2026. On an annual basis, gem squash sold at the Cape Town fresh produce market decreased by 16% during the period under review. As a result, the volume of squash sold decreased from 221.3 tons in September 2025 to 186.0 tons in September 2026. The average market price of gem squash increased by 28% or R3019.90 per ton from R10778.30 in September 2025 to R13798.20 in September 2026.

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



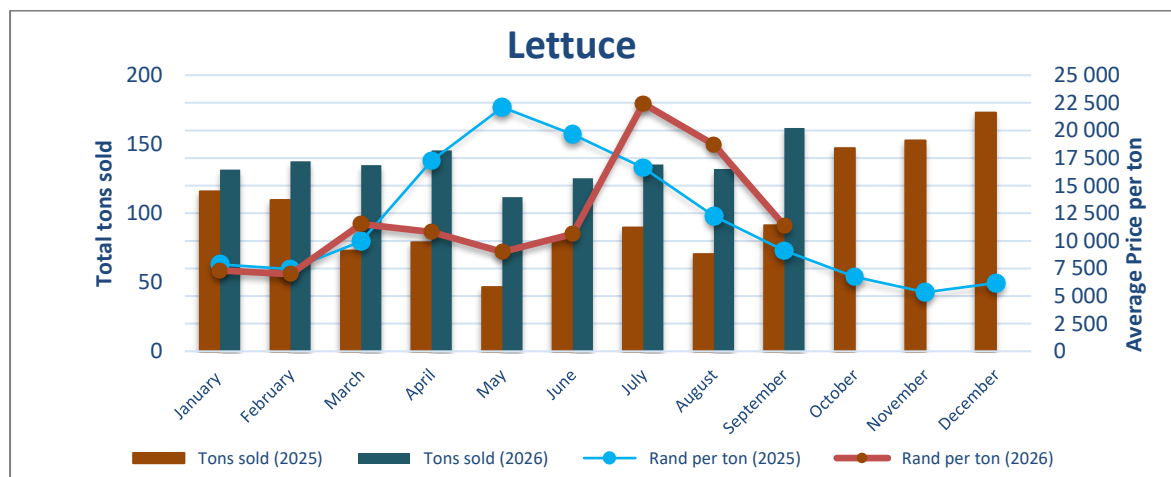
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12. Lettuce



A total of 161.7 tons of lettuce was sold at the Cape Town fresh produce markets during September 2026. This presents 22.5% or 29.7 tons increase from the previous month (August 2026) record of 132.0 tons. The average market price decreased by 39.2% or R7344.80 from R18718.3 in August 2026 to R11373.40 in September 2026. On year on year, lettuce was trading at R9105.80 in September 2025 compared to R11373.40 in September 2026. These results indicate an increase of 24.9% in price per ton of lettuce between September 2025 and September 2026.

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



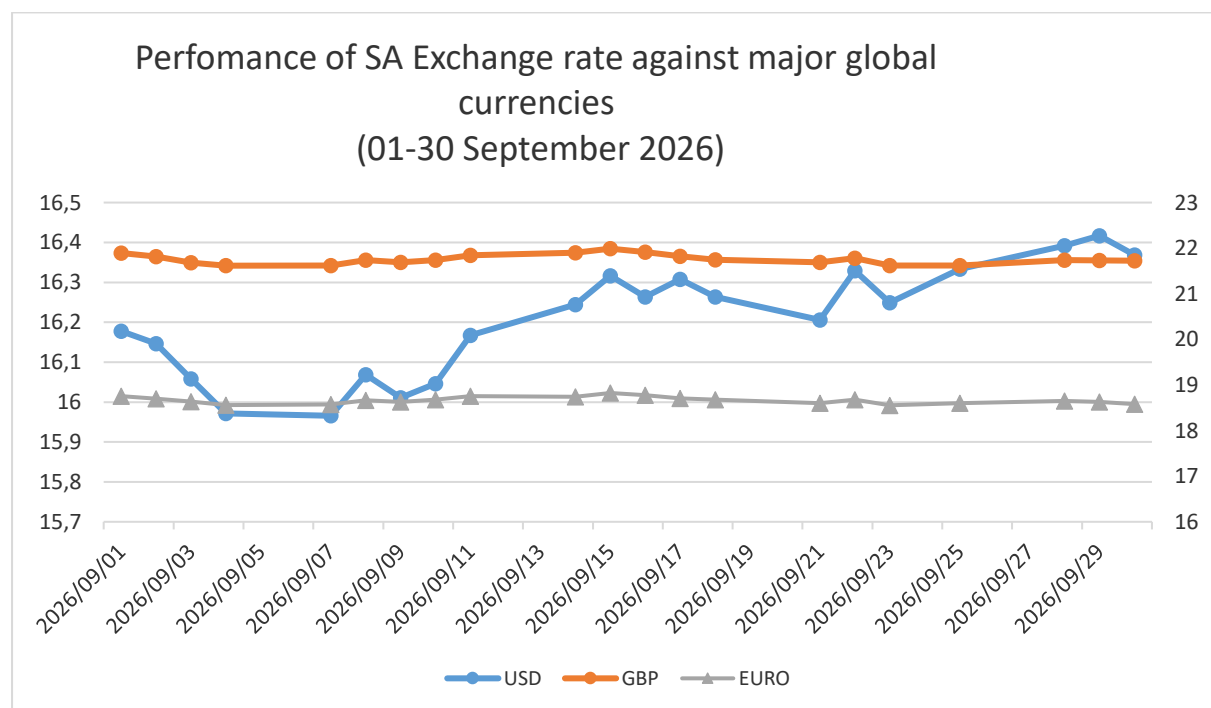
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Table 1: Trend analysis of niche vegetables traded on the Cape Town Fresh Produce market.

Product Name highest to the lowest volumes in September 2026	Average tons September 2026 (Ton)	% change in average tons September 2026 (m/m)	Average Price September 2026 (Rand/ton)	% change in average price September 2026 (m/m)
Cauliflower	117,8	37,7%	12 029,0	-42,9%
Beetroot	112,3	-2,8%	8 453,3	1,5%
Baby marrow	96,8	-23,2%	19 256,0	57,7%
Green beans	81,5	0,4%	29 165,0	10,3%
Sweetcorn	50,6	-7,7%	27 312,8	-17,9%
Spinach	45,5	72,5%	10 430,3	-41,6%
Broccoli	41,2	8,4%	24 712,3	-19,9%
Brinjals	40,1	-12,8%	26 041,7	4,4%
Spring onion	23,3	8,4%	12 835,8	-25,0%
Leeks	15,2	-18,6%	5 380,7	-13,2%
Radish	2,2	-7,6%	19 873,6	7,3%
Patty pans	1,6	-13,1%	20 092,9	-10,1%
Mushrooms	0,06	-37,7%	105 778,5	51,1%
Marrows	0	0%	0	0%
Hubbard squash	0	0%	0	0%

Source: Techno fresh (2026)

Exchange Rates



Source: South African Reserve Bank (2026)

During the reporting period 01-30 September 2026, looking at month-to-month average of the South African Rand, it can be noted that it strengthened against Great British Pound and the Euro, while it weakened against the US Dollar. During this period the Great British Pound was trading at R21.75 in September 2026 compared to R21.91 in August 2026. The Euro was trading at R18.66 in September 2026 compared to R18.75 in August 2026. Lastly, US Dollar was trading at R16.20 in September 2026 compared to R16.18 in August 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	134,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price.	2605,00
Diesel 0.05% Sulphur	293,900	cents per litre increase in the retail price.	2823,910
Illuminating Paraffin (Wholesale)	213,00	cents per litre increase the retail price.	1983,698
LPGAS (maximum retail price)	69,00	cents per litre increase in the retail price.	3414,000

The Department of Energy has announced fuel price adjustments with effect from 02 September 2026. The price of Petrol 95 ULP increased by 134 cents, the price of diesel (0.05% sulphur) increased by 293 cents, price of paraffin increased by 213 cents. Lastly, LPGAS's maximum retail price increased by 69 cents during the reporting period.

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