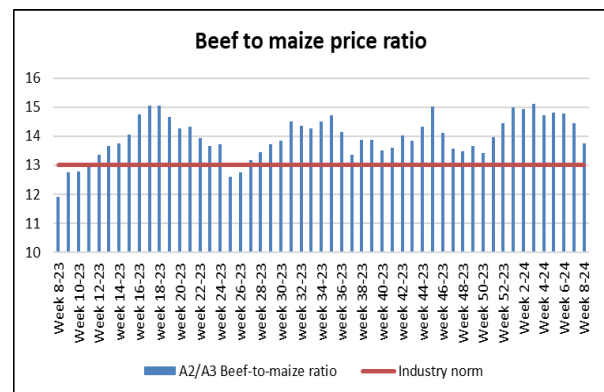
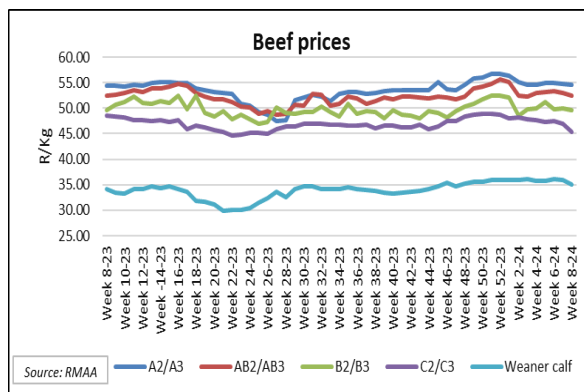




Summary

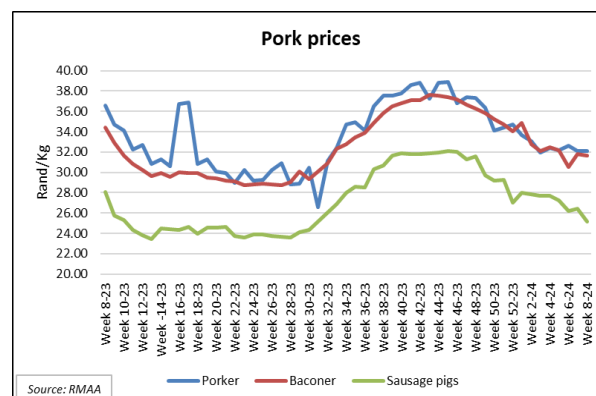
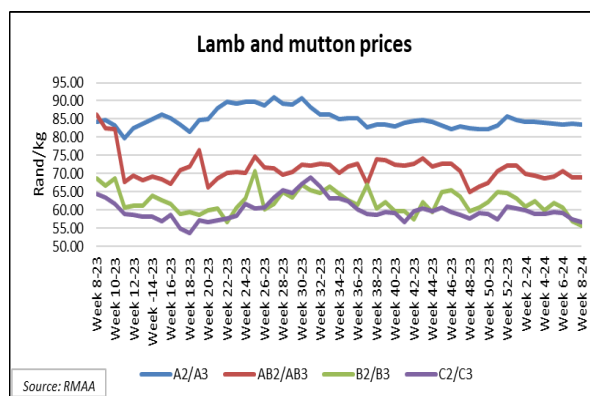
The livestock industry is under pressure due to the moderation of meat prices following the high-demand festive season. The average prices of red meat have been bearish due to subdued consumer demand. The average price of pork, which is the cheapest red meat product has decreased by more than 10% since December 2023. The African Swine Fever (ASF) still poses a threat to the domestic pork industry as there was a new outbreak reported on a small-scale farm in George (Western Cape) around early February 2024. The area has been placed under quarantine to minimise the risk of the spreading of the virus. Apart from the red meat products, the average poultry prices have also been sluggish since December 2023, having decreased by more than 5% to date. This bearish price trend reflects that there is sufficient domestic supply of chicken, despite the negative impact of the bird flu outbreaks that took the industry by storm during the second half of 2023. The chicken industry was assisted by imports of fertile eggs that enabled the industry to maintain a consistent supply of day-old chicks.

The beef industry



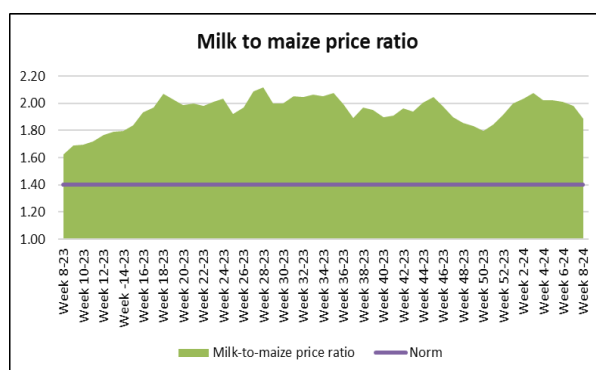
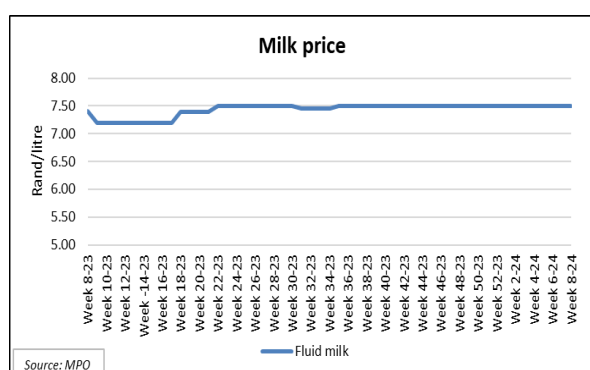
- **Beef prices** were bearish week-on-week (w/w).
- The average prices of class A2/A3 and AB2/AB3 decreased w/w by 0.2% and 1.3% to R54.64/kg and R52.36/kg, respectively.
- The average prices of class B2/B3 and C2/C3 also decreased w/w by 0.6% and 3.5% to R49.66/kg and R45.36/kg, respectively.
- On average, beef prices were 1.6% lower year-on-year (y/y) due to subdued demand.
- The average **weaner price** decreased w/w by 2.7% to R35.02/kg due to weaker demand for weaners on the market.
- In the past week, the average **beef-to-maize price ratio** decreased by 4.9% to 13.7, as the average yellow maize price increased by 4.9% w/w.

The mutton and pork industries



- **Mutton and lamb prices** were bearish w/w.
- The average prices of class A2/A3 and AB2/AB3 decreased w/w by 0.4% and 0.1% to R83.47/kg and R68.96/kg, respectively.
- The average prices of class B2/B3 and C2/C3 also decreased w/w by 2.3% and 1.3% to R55.71/kg and R56.61/kg, respectively.
- The average mutton and lamb prices were 13% lower y/y due to subdued demand.
- The **pork prices** were largely bearish w/w.
- The average price of porkers increased marginally by 0.1% w/w to R32.12/kg.
- The average prices of baconers and sausage decreased w/w by 0.5% and 4.6% to R31.62/kg and R25.18/kg, respectively.
- On average, pork prices were 10.2% lower y/y.

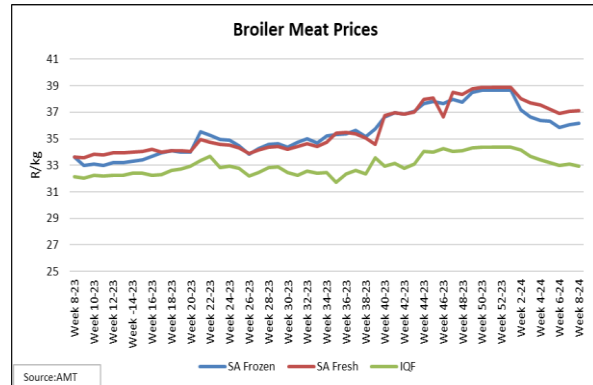
The dairy industry



- The latest average **milk producer price** set by dairy processors is estimated at R7.50/l.
- In the past week, the average **milk-to-maize price ratio** dropped by 4.65% w/w to 1.8.
- The decrease in the milk-to-maize price ratio was due to the 4.9% w/w increase in the average yellow maize price.
- The average milk-to-maize price ratio is still above its long-term average of 1.4, a level which should continue to support the intensive dairy production industry.

The broiler industry

- **Broiler prices** traded mixed w/w.
- Average prices of **South African frozen** and **fresh chicken** increased w/w by 0.3% and 0.2% to R36.16/kg and R37.14/kg, respectively.
- The average price of **IQF** decreased by 0.5% w/w to R32.94/kg.
- Average chicken prices were up by 7.8% y/y.
- Overall, chicken prices are bearish due to subdued demand after the festive season.



The wool industry

| Indicator | SA prices (R/kg) | | Change |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------|--------|
| | Previous | Current | |
| Clean non-RWS certified wool | 150,02 | 154,08 | ↑ 2,7% |
| Clean RWS certified wool | 168,95 | 173,69 | ↑ 2,8% |

- The latest **wool auction** took place on 28 February 2024, with 7 077 bales of wool on offer.
- There was good competition for the merino wools on offer, however, only 37% of the merino wools on offer were certified as sustainable.
- The market held up well on the back of a weak local currency against major currencies.
- Approximately 93% of the wool that was on offer was sold during the auction.
- The **non-RWS** (Responsible Wool Standard) increased by 2.7% to R154.08/kg, while the **RWS** increased by 2.8 to R173.69/kg, compared to the previous auction.
- The next wool auction of 2024 is expected to take place on 06 March 2024.

Mohair industry

- The first **mohair sale** of the 2024 summer season took place on 13 February 2023, with 108 796kg of mohair on offer, which was reported in our previous report.
- The second mohair sale of the 2024 season is expected to take place on the 05 March 2024.

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