



## Fresh Produce Market Trends

21 June 2019

### Carrots harvested are smaller in size this season

The prices for cabbages, onions and tomatoes increased this week. Potatoes and carrots experienced a price decline. The demand for tomatoes and carrots has been poor. The demand for onions has been quite healthy despite the financial pressure that most consumers are experiencing due to the current unfavourable economic conditions. Carrots are smaller in size this season. Tomatoes are of good quality. Due to the warmer winter conditions, tomatoes haven't experienced any cold damage. As we approach month end, we expect that the prices of cabbages, carrots and onions will slightly increase for the next week or two.

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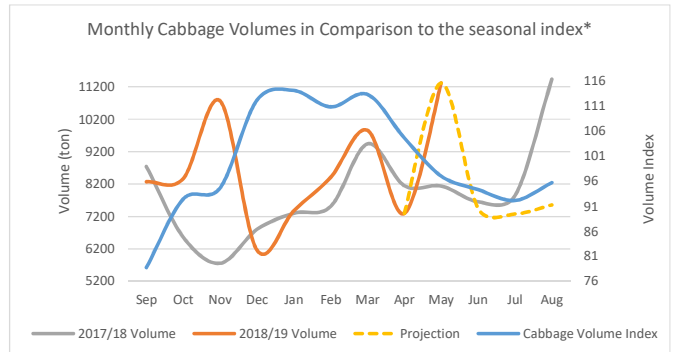
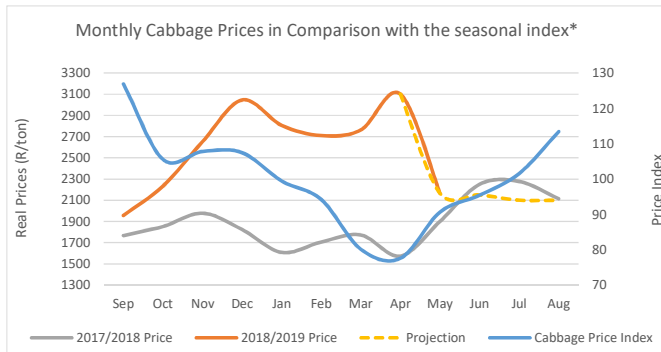
## Cabbage Market Trends

Cabbage volumes declined by 15.6% over the past week. Production declined as a result of crop damage and rotting. This was caused by the hailstorms and heavy rains which were experienced in February/March of this year. We are now beginning to see the effects of those poor weather conditions on volumes sold. Prices increased by 27.5% in response to this reduction in supply. The expectation is that prices will remain at around R2/kg for the next 2- 3 months. Volumes will remain at the current levels of supply until the new season.

### Local Market

Weekly Cabbage Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)	Price (R/ton)	
Week Ending 21 June	2061	R	2,269
w/w	-15.6%		27.5%
m/m	-18.0%		18.3%
y/y	27.8%		-4.5%

### Outlook



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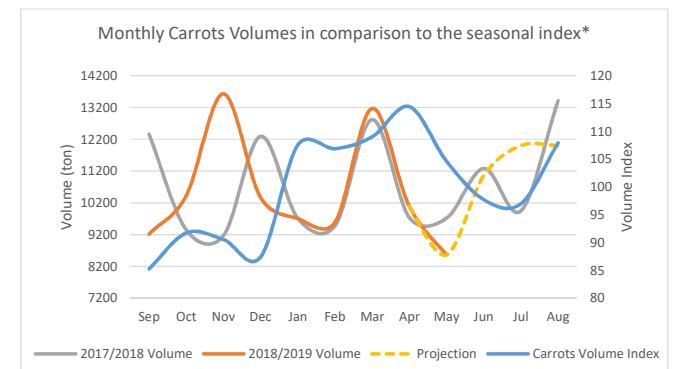
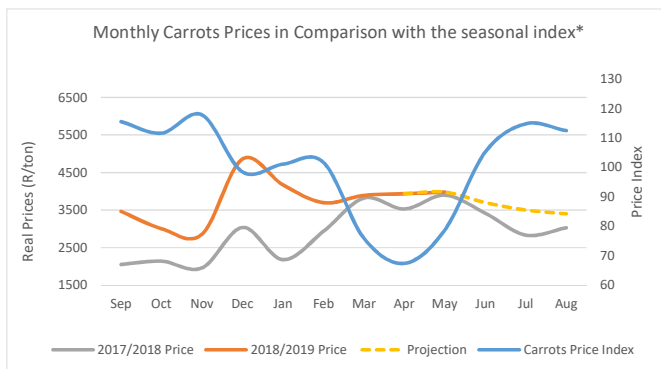
## Carrot Market Trends

The demand for carrots is still low. Prices declined by 10.1% week-on-week and currently trade at R2.20/kg. Producers decrease their plantings during winter. Carrots stop growing at low soil temperatures. Producers in the warmer production areas, such as Kimberley, will start planting soon. It is expected that the warmer production areas will yield better quality crops in the next production season. The price of carrots is expected to increase to R3.50/kg over the next two weeks. Further price increases after the next two weeks are not expected.

### Local Market

Weekly Carrot Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)	Price (R/ton)	
Week Ending 21 June	2699	R	2,203
w/w	-3.7%		-10.1%
m/m	-4.7%		-35.5%
y/y	20.9%		-26.9%

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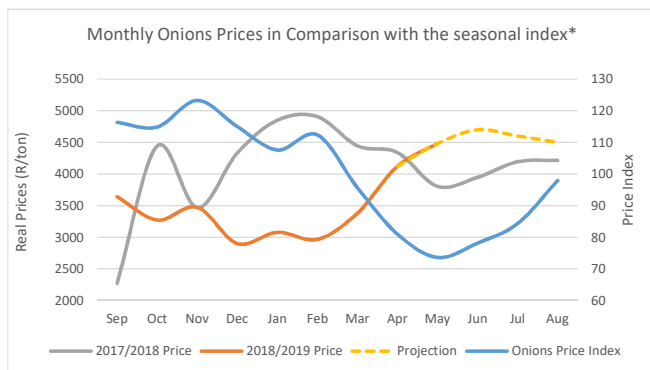
## Onion Market Trends

The volume of onions sold at the main municipal markets declined week-on-week by 12.2%. Compared to the previous week, market activity improved. The demand for onions, as a base in soups, increased. We expect that the supply of onions will increase within the next two weeks. As a result, the price of onions will decline from R5.20/kg to R4.70/kg.

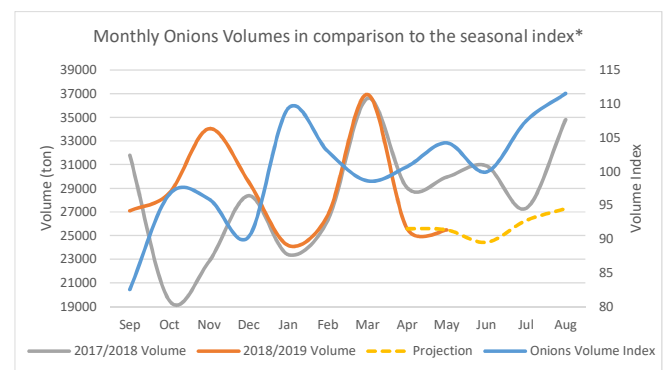
### Local Market

Weekly Onion Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)		Price (R/ton)
<b>Week Ending 21 June</b>	5595	R	5,281
<b>w/w</b>	-12.2%		4.5%
<b>m/m</b>	-23.6%		18.5%
<b>y/y</b>	-5.2%		25.1%

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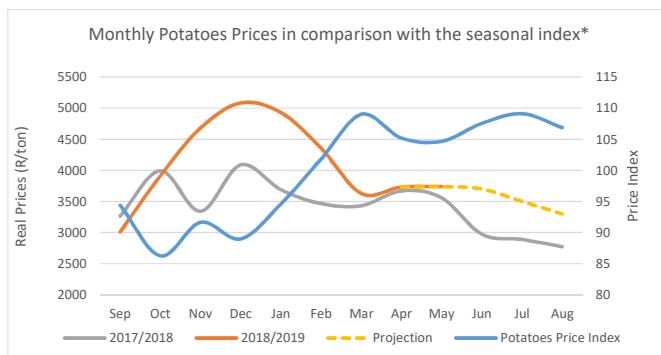
## Potato Market Trends

The sales volumes of potatoes declined by 8.3% week-on-week. A significant part of the crop is still in the soil and needs to be harvested. The other potato producing regions such as Limpopo, KZN and the Eastern Cape will start planting closer to the end of winter. We can expect an increase in the supply of potatoes by then. Currently prices trade sideways. We expect that prices will remain within a range of R2.80/kg to R3.20/kg over the next 2-3 months. For the week ending 21 June, prices declined by 4.3% week-on-week and by 1.6% month-on-month.

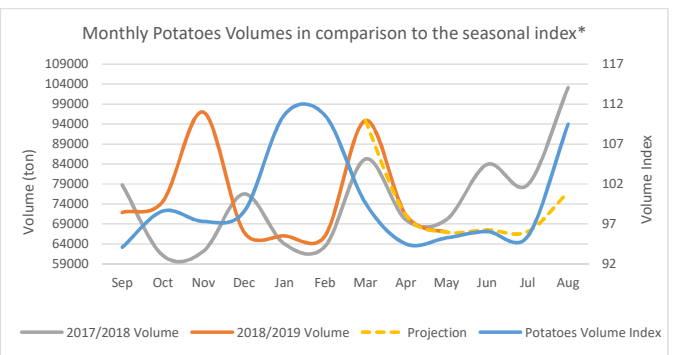
### Local Market

Weekly Potato Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)		Price (R/ton)
<b>Week Ending 21 June</b>	18107	R	3,151
<b>w/w</b>	-8.3%		-4.3%
<b>m/m</b>	-11.2%		-1.6%
<b>y/y</b>	12.8%		4.6%

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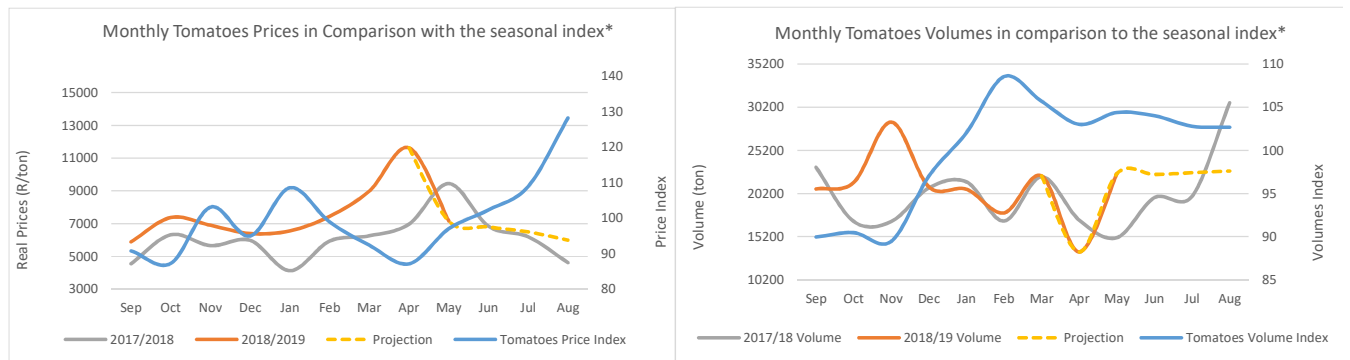
## Tomato Market Trends

The volume of tomatoes sold on the five major municipal markets increased by 15.2% week-on-week. Tomatoes did not suffer cold damage. It has been generally warm this winter. Temperatures only started to drop in the last week. In general, the weather conditions have been favourable. Prices increased by 2.5% week-on-week. Demand has been poor, because consumers buy less due to the current unfavourable economic conditions. As such, prices are expected to decline during the following 2 to 3 months. Prices will however slightly increase during month end.

### Local Market

Weekly Tomato Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)	Price (R/ton)	
<b>Week Ending 21 June</b>	5323	R	5,305
<b>w/w</b>	15.2%		2.5%
<b>m/m</b>	24.7%		-23.6%
<b>y/y</b>	14.9%		-7.3%

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