

**Fresh Produce Market Trends** 

**22 November 2019** 

# The demand for tomatoes improved this week whilst other vegetables' demand remains low

This week, the cabbage, carrot, onion and tomato prices all decreased week on week whilst the potato price marginally increased. Demand remains low on most vegetables reported. Tomatoes had an increase of 13.3% in the volumes sold this week compared to the previous. The cabbage, carrot, onion and potato volumes sold all decreased week on week. Rains received this week hindered harvesting progress of some crops and negatively affected the quality of some crops.

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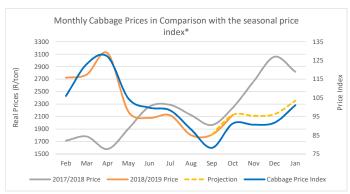
### Cabbage Market Trends

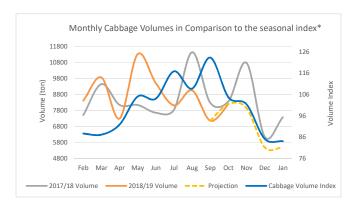
The volumes of cabbages sold this week decreased marginally by 0.1% week on week. The price decreased by 6.9% week on week. The quality of the cabbages has deteriorated week on week due to the rains and hail in some areas. With the festive season approaching, we expect the price to remain around current levels until mid-December. Prices are expected to increase substantially from there as heavy rains are predicted in the latter part of December which will impact supply.

#### **Local Market**

Weekly Cabbage Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)	Price (R/ton)	
Week Ending 22 November	1568	R	2,595
w/w	-0.1%		-6.9%
m/m	-13.5%		17.4%
y/y	-28.5%		4.7%

#### Outlook





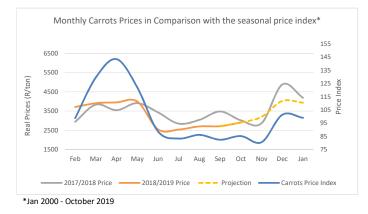
### **Carrot Market Trends**

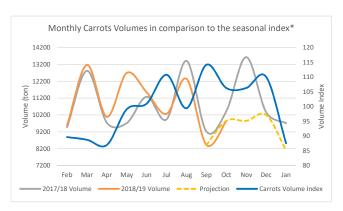
For this week, the carrot price and volumes sold decreased marginally by 0.8% and 0.6% week on week respectively. Demand remains low while supply was impacted by the rain this week as farmers were not able to harvest. The price is expected to increase over the coming 2 months due to an expected increase in demand.

#### **Local Market**

Weekly Carrot Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)	Price (R/ton)	
Week Ending 22 November	2168	R	2,731
w/w	-0.6%		-0.8%
m/m	-5.8%		9.8%
y/y	-20.7%		3.2%

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### **Onion Market Trends**

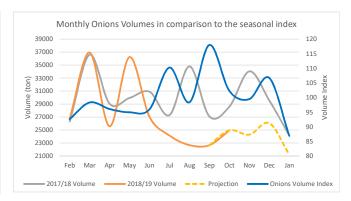
The onion price decreased by 5.1% week on week. This is due to the increased supply at the moment whilst demand remains low. The volumes sold marginally decreased by 0.1% week on week. The new season onion stock is of good quality. Our expectation over the next 2 to 3 months is for price to increase however remain below R4/kg. This is due to reduced supply during the festive season, as the frequency of the trucks making deliveries reduces as more people go on

#### Local Market

Weekly Onion Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)	Price (R/ton)	
Week Ending 22 November	5167	R	3,285
w/w	-0.1%		-5.1%
m/m	-12.8%		-14.7%
y/y	-20.8%		-3.3%

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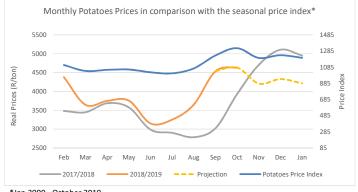
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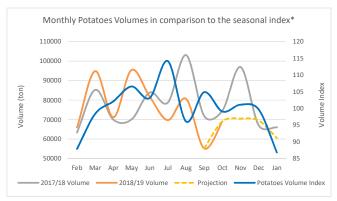
The potato price increased by this week by 1.6% compared to the previous week. This week had a lot of rain, which impacted the supply of potatoes and we expect a further increase in the price next week should the rain persist. Demand is still low this week. We expect the potato price to remain close to the current level over the month of December with expected shortages in supply, however due to the shelf life of potatoes being long, this will counteract the upward impact of the supply shortage on price.

### **Local Market**

Weekly Potato Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)	Price (R/ton)	
Week Ending 22 November	14872	R	4,398
w/w	-2.4%		1.6%
m/m	-8.2%		8.9%
y/y	-25.4%		1.6%

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# **Tomato Market Trends**

The volumes sold this week increased by 13.3% week on week as demand improved. The price however decreased by 16.7% due to increased supply. A kilogram of tomatoes this week trades at R6.30 and this price is 9.2% higher than the price a month ago. We expect the tomato price to remain low over the next 2 to 3 months due to mixed weather conditions of heat and heavy rains in the latter part of December.

#### **Local Market**

Weekly Tomato Volumes and Prices			
	Volume (ton)	Price (R/ton)	
Week Ending 22 November	4370	R	6,349
w/w	13.3%		-16.7%
m/m	-1.9%		9.2%
y/y	-23.7%		-6.2%

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