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Editor's Note



As the season of Easter arrives, it brings with it a message that resonates deeply with the agricultural heart of South Africa: renewal, resilience, and hope. Across our fields and farmlands, these themes are not abstract ideals but lived realities. Every planting season is an act of faith; every harvest, a testament to perseverance.

Easter reminds us that even after the harshest of winters—whether literal or economic—new life is possible. For South African farmers, this truth is particularly poignant. The past year has tested our sector with unpredictable weather patterns, rising input costs, and ongoing challenges in infrastructure and market access. Yet, time and again, our agricultural community has demonstrated remarkable strength.

In this spirit of renewal, Easter offers an opportunity to pause and reflect—not only on the challenges we face, but also on the progress we continue to make. From innovative farming practices and sustainable water use to the growing role of young farmers entering the sector, there are clear signs that agriculture in our country is evolving with purpose.

It is also a time to acknowledge the people behind the produce: the farm workers, families, and communities whose dedication ensures food security for millions. Their work, often unseen, is the backbone of our nation.

As we move forward into the next season, may this Easter inspire a renewed commitment to collaboration, sustainability, and growth. Let us continue to support one another, share knowledge, and invest in the future of South African agriculture.

From all of us at the magazine, we wish you a peaceful Easter and a season filled with promise. May your lands be fertile, your efforts rewarded, and your hope continually renewed.

With gratitude and expectation,

The Editor

The message of Easter

From the earliest records of human history, people have tended flocks, counted what was entrusted to them, and carried the responsibility of care. Scripture reflects the same pattern of life:

"The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams." (Psalm 23:1-2, NLT)

Shepherds watched, protected, and guided what depended on them. Yet even with diligence, loss and brokenness were part of that world. This has not changed:

"Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows." (John 16:33, NLT)

Into that same reality—uncertain, fragile, and often marked by loss—the message of Easter was given. It is not a message of perfection or a life without hardship, but one of restoration according to God's promise:

"He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds." (Psalm 147:3, NLT)

The foundation of Easter is found in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ:

"He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God." (Romans 4:25, NLT)

What appeared finished was not the end:

"Then the angel spoke to the women. 'Don't be afraid!' he said. 'I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen.'" (Matthew 28:5-6, NLT)

This restoration is not temporary, but enduring:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation." (1 Peter 1:3, NLT)

In a world where things fall apart, Scripture declares that restoration remains possible through Christ:

"And this hope will not lead to disappointment." (Romans 5:5, NLT)

This is the message of Easter—unchanged, enduring, and established in God's Word.

Bloem Show – Facts at a Glance

Bloem Show will take place from 23 April to 2 May 2026, promising ten days of unforgettable entertainment, exhibitions, and family fun. The theme for this year's Bloem Show is 'Beach party', bringing colour, energy, and celebration to Central South Africa's biggest event.



Below are some key facts and highlights of Bloem Show 2026:

Bloem Show is the only show in South Africa that **combines agriculture and commercial activities** on such a large scale and proudly celebrates **143 years** in the exhibition industry this year.

- More than 100,000 visitors over 10 days
- 350+ quality exhibitors
- Four large exhibition halls, each with a unique focus area:
 - Protea Hall – Home décor, furniture and Rooms on View
 - Daisy Hall – Clothing, accessories, hair & beauty, and the Gift Shop
 - Tulip Hall – Checkers outdoor area with Motus motor exhibition
 - Lily Hall – Technology, eco-friendly products, DIY, outdoor and robotics
 - Rose Hall – Checkers pets

food and accessories store and a **world record attempt** to donate the most dog food within 24 hours (1–2 May 2026)

Large exhibitions include the South African Police Service, government organisations, agricultural displays, outdoor vehicle exhibitions, and **approximately 60 food stalls** offering a wide variety of cuisine.

Key Attractions

- Rooms on View exhibition showcasing fully furnished living spaces by décor, furniture and latest décor trends.
- Gift Shop located in the frontback of the Lily Hall, offering quality gifts with on
- Santam Media Centre, providing a comfortable workspace for journalists and media
- A funfair with 33 rides – with large and exciting rides and is one of the main attractions at the Bloem Show.

Special Offers & Ticketing

- Early bird savings on FunFair tickets available until 22 April at 17:00
 - R500 discount on funfair tickets: pay R750 instead of R1,250 for 50 tickets
 - R50 discount on unlimited



funfair rides on 28 or 29 April
– R400 per day

- Unlimited funfair rides at R450 per person on 28 or 29 April
- Half-price Day on 28 April
- Tickets available at Computicket outlets, online, and via the Bloem Show website
- Students can joint the Big Sky shuttle on 2 May free of charge. Departing 15h00 and 18h00 from UFS via CUT to Bloem Show. Departure from Bloem Show 22h00 and 23h00.

Entertainment Highlights

Enjoy top-class entertainment with **more than 20 national and local artists** performing over the 10-day event, including:

Elof, Brenden Peyper, Jakkals Vibes, Elandr , Demi Lee Moore, Prime Circle, Marno van der Merwe, Ricus Nel, Snotkop, Xduppy and Justin 99 with local lineup.

Additional highlights include:

- Spinning with Team Siya – 2 May at 19:00 (MTN MoMo Main Arena)
- TLB Operators skills performance – Thursday, 30 April at 18:00 (MTN MoMo Main Arena)
- Daily entertainment in walkways featuring musicians, dancers, Errol the three-legged juggler, mascots Biggy and Poppy, and mime artists
- Bloem Fashion Show with Miss

SA Plus World – Sunday, 26 April at 13:00 (Wimpy Stage)

- Dance Extravaganza by local dance schools – 1 May (Coca-Cola Stage)
- SAPD K9 and attack dog demonstrations – 29 April
- Mascot dance competition for Reach for a Dream – 27 April at 18:00
- Oval Track Racing – 1 May from 18:00
- BLOEM CLASSIC 2026 Bodybuilding Competition – Saturday, 25 April (14:00–22:00)
- Sheep feast with live performances by Belinda and Amy – Monday, 27 April (BKB Complex)

Agriculture, Skills & Community Events

- First-ever Bloem Battleground fitness challenge – 1 & 2 May
- Free circus performances – 30 April, 1 & 2 May (BKB Complex)
- Free State Boerboel Show – Saturday, 25 April 2026
- SA Saddlebred Championship, the world’s largest open-air event of its kind, with nearly 900 horses – 20–25 April
- Second Farrier Interprovincial Championship – 23–25 April, including live forging and horse shoeing demonstrations
- Toyota StockFarm regional young Auctioneers Competition – 27 April

- OVK “Back to Back” spinning and knitting demonstration – 25 April
- Forestry demonstrations including chainsaw skills and tree pruning by national experts
- A daily obstacle challenge with major prizes – free entry (at the Case exhibition opposite side of the main arena)

Exhibitions & Displays

- Dairy production show with 374 entries
- South Africa’s largest Creative Handcraft section with 3,137 entries across 20 categories
- Farm Yard Hall featuring poultry, pigeons, donkeys, horses, pedigree rats, koi fish, bonsai trees, the Mangaung Fire Museum, Knife Makers’ Club and the SA Armour School Museum
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- Excellent mothering instincts

- Can browse and survive in dry, low-input systems

Growth & Meat Quality

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Fertility & Breeding

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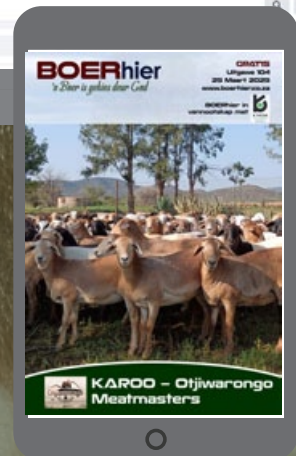
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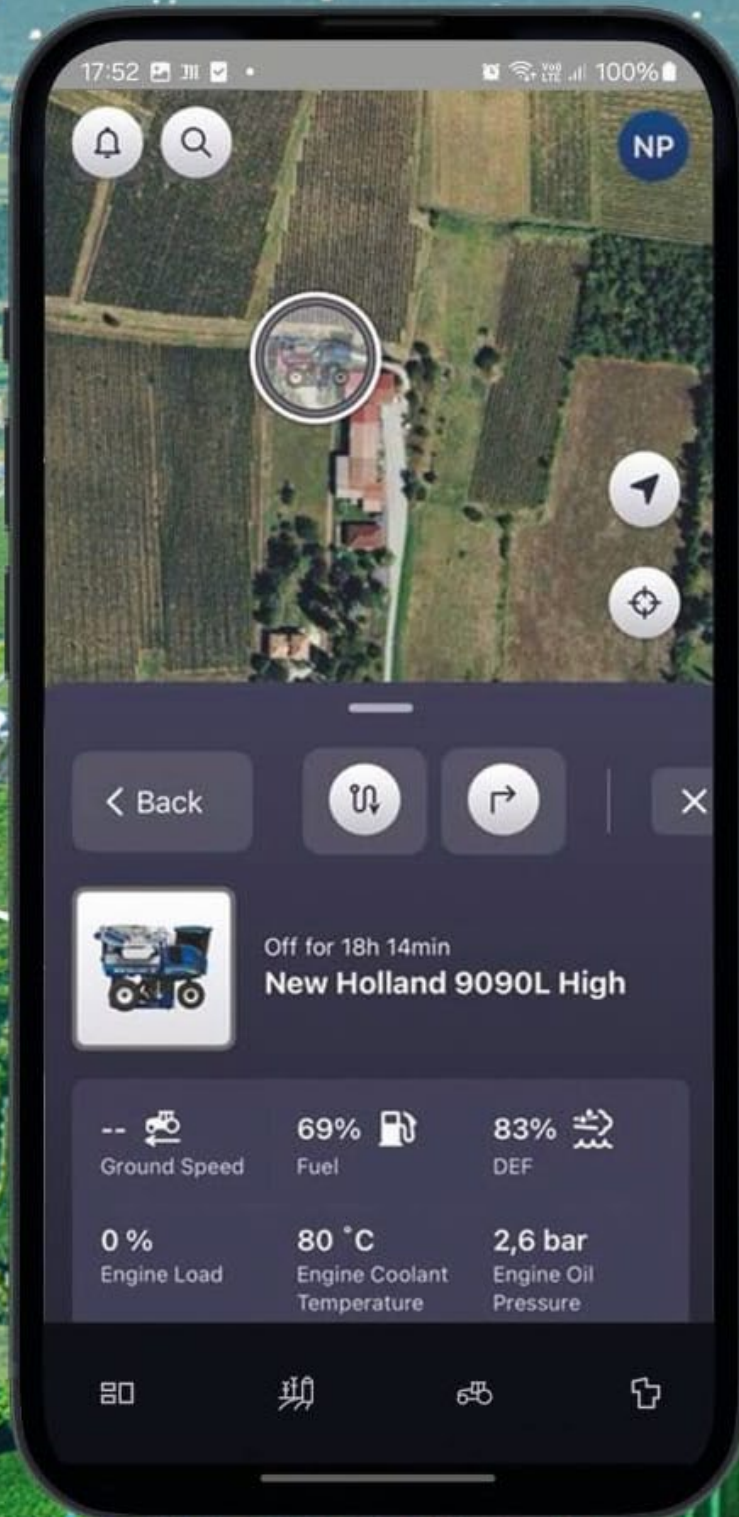
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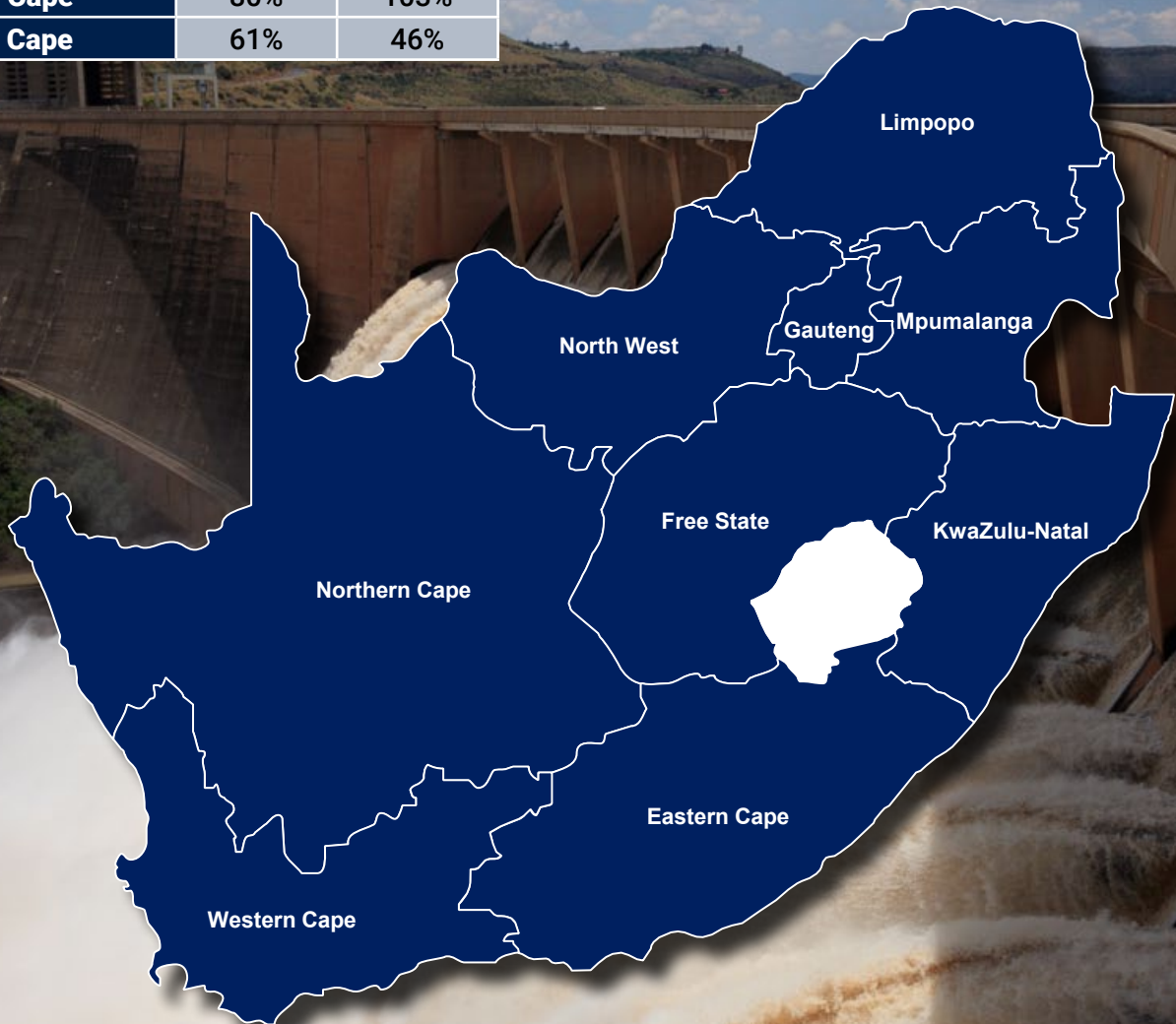
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KwaZulu-Natal	97%	92%
Limpopo	91%	102%
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Logistics and Port Efficiency: Strengthening Transnet for South Africa's Autumn Export Season

South Africa's agricultural sector enters the autumn period with a strong reliance on logistics systems to move high-value export crops such as grains, oilseeds, and late-season horticultural products. Central to this system is Transnet, which operates the country's freight rail network and ports. In recent years, inefficiencies in logistics have posed a significant constraint on export competitiveness, but ongoing reforms and performance improvements are beginning to reshape the outlook.

South Africa is a major global agricultural exporter, with exports reaching approximately \$13.7 billion (R251 billion) in 2024, driven by products such as citrus, grapes, maize, and apples . Efficient logistics are therefore not optional—they are foundational to maintaining export volumes, meeting international market windows, and sustaining farm profitability. During autumn, when harvesting and export activity intensifies in several subsectors, pressure on ports and rail systems increases significantly.

Historically, Transnet's underperformance has had severe economic consequences. Studies estimate that inefficiencies in rail and port operations have cost the South African economy up to R1 billion per day, while broader logistics failures have reduced export volumes and increased transport costs . Agricultural producers, particularly grain and fruit exporters, have been directly affected through delays, missed shipping slots, and higher reliance on road transport.

However, recent data indicates a gradual recovery in logistics performance. Transnet reported a 4.4% increase in rail volumes to



81.4 million tons for the six months ending September 2025, alongside improved throughput and reduced financial losses . This improvement is significant because rail remains the backbone of South Africa's bulk freight system, particularly for moving agricultural commodities from inland production regions to export terminals.

Port operations have also shown measurable gains. According to logistics updates, vessel waiting times at major South African ports have decreased by approximately 75%, while container handling efficiency has improved . These improvements are critical during peak export periods, as reduced congestion enables faster turnaround times and more reliable shipping schedules.

Evidence of improved port efficiency is also reflected in export volumes. For example, Transnet Port Terminals reported a 19% year-on-year increase in citrus volumes handled during the 2025 export season, supported by better equipment availability and coordination with exporters . This demonstrates the direct relationship between logistics performance and agricultural export success.

Despite these gains, structural challenges persist. South Africa's ports have previously ranked among the worst globally in terms of efficiency, prompting government intervention through initiatives such as the National Logistics Crisis Committee . Ongoing issues include ageing

infrastructure, equipment shortages, and congestion at key terminals such as Durban . These constraints can still disrupt export flows, particularly during adverse weather conditions or peak seasonal demand.

To address these challenges, Transnet has embarked on a series of reforms and investment programmes. A major component of this strategy is increased private sector participation. Partnerships with international terminal operators and equipment suppliers are being implemented to modernise infrastructure, introduce advanced technologies, and improve operational efficiency. For instance, new equipment acquisitions and long-term maintenance agreements aim to reduce downtime and increase handling capacity.

In addition, South Africa has opened parts of its freight rail network to private operators, allowing greater competition and capacity utilisation. This reform is expected to improve reliability and reduce bottlenecks across key agricultural corridors. Investment

plans exceeding R100 billion in rail and port infrastructure further underscore the scale of the turnaround effort .

Encouragingly, broader logistics indicators are beginning to reflect these reforms. South African ports handled approximately 4.47 million containers in 2025, a 3.2% increase year-on-year, signalling a gradual recovery in trade throughput . Similarly, export growth across agriculture—up 10% in the first three quarters of 2025—suggests that improved logistics are supporting sector expansion .

For the autumn harvest period, the implications are clear. Continued improvements in Transnet's performance will be critical to ensuring that crops reach international markets efficiently and competitively. Even incremental gains in turnaround times, rail capacity, and scheduling reliability can have a disproportionate impact on export outcomes, particularly for perishable goods.

In conclusion, while South Africa's logistics system remains a work in progress, there is tangible momentum toward improved



efficiency. The combination of operational improvements, infrastructure investment, and private sector collaboration is gradually restoring confidence in Transnet's ability to support export-driven industries. For farmers and agribusinesses navigating the autumn season, these developments offer cautious optimism that logistics bottlenecks—long a limiting factor—are beginning to ease, enabling more reliable access to global markets.

Source: FARMhere article



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- Teelprogram: keuse van bulle, kunsmatige inseminasie (KI), natuurlike dekking en genetiese verbetering vir optimale produksie
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Leg Wool Series – Article 1

Why This Conversation Keeps Getting Confused

Leg wool has become one of the most talked-about traits in sheep right now.

Different products.

Different routines.

Different systems people swear by.

And depending on who you ask, you'll hear:

- "It's all genetics."
- "You can grow it."
- "Use melatonin."
- "Wrap them every day."

The problem is...

- Everyone is seeing something real
- But not everyone is explaining why it's happening

And that's where the confusion starts.

A Quick Note Before We Start

This conversation tends to get pulled in a lot of different directions

- what's working, what's popular, what people are seeing in the moment.

That's not what we're doing here.

This is a science-based look at the underlying biology.

Not to dismiss anything people are doing...

- but to understand what those things are actually changing – and what they're not.

Because without that foundation, it's very easy to confuse results with causes.

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Leg Wool: What Actually Controls It

UNDERSTANDING THE SYSTEM HELPS END THE CONFUSION.



The Core Issue

We're mixing together things that don't operate at the same level.

Some things affect:

- What the animal is

Other things affect:

- How the animal expresses what it is

And if you don't separate those two...

everything starts to look like it's doing the same job.

A Simple Way to Think About It

Before we get into tools, products,

or routines...

we need to understand the system.

Because wool growth doesn't happen in one layer – it happens in stacked layers:

1. Structure (What the animal is)

- Hair follicles in the skin
- Where they are located
- How many there are

This is set before the animal is ever born.

2. Biology (Growth Signals)

- Hormones (like melatonin)
- Seasonal signals (day length)

This determines when and how strongly wool is growing.

3. Support (Nutrition & Health)

- Energy / Protein
- Mineral balance
- Overall condition

This affects fiber growth rate, strength, and quality.

4. Presentation (What You See)

- Wrapping
- Washing
- Blowing
- Daily handling

This changes how wool looks, not what it fundamentally is.

Why This Matters

Because when all of these get lumped together...

it creates a very believable illusion:

- ☒ That you can create a trait

...when you're actually just enhancing its expression

And once that line gets blurred, it becomes really easy to:

- Chase tools instead of selecting animals
- Get inconsistent results

- Think something is working... without understanding why

Where Most People Go Wrong (And Why It's Understandable)

If you take an animal that already has some leg wool...

and you:

- Improve its nutrition
- Change its growth cycle
- Protect and present the fiber well

You can make it look dramatically different.

That's real.

But the conclusion people draw from that is often:

- "This created leg wool."

When what actually happened is:

- The animal finally expressed what it already had.

The Goal

This isn't about proving anyone wrong.

It's about giving you a way to look at this that actually holds up over time.

Because good livestock programs aren't built on:

- One product
- One trick
- One routine

They're built on understanding what can change...

and what can't.

Where This Series Is Going

Instead of arguing about individual practices...

we're going to break this down step by step:

- What wool actually is – and why follicles matter
- How growth cycles work
- What melatonin is really doing
- What management practices actually change
- And how to build something that's consistent over time

Because once you understand the system... you don't have to guess anymore.

Final Thought

If we stay anchored to the biology, these conversations get a lot simpler.

Good livestock management isn't about always having the right answer –

it's about learning how to think when the answer isn't obvious yet.

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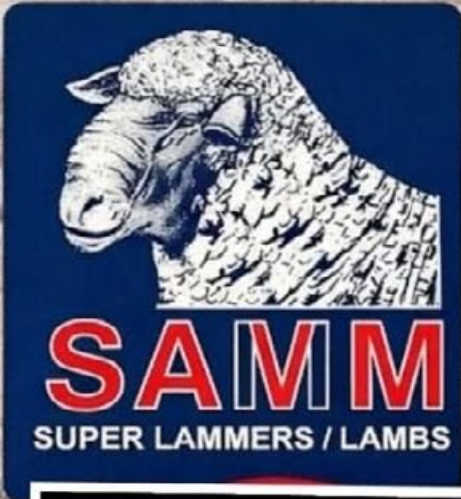
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Winter Crop Planting Preparation in South Africa's Western Cape

As South Africa transitions into the winter production cycle, April and May mark a critical operational window for grain farmers, particularly in the Western Cape. This region remains the country's primary winter rainfall zone and accounts for more than half—often over two-thirds—of national winter crop production, including wheat, barley, canola, and oats.

Preparation for planting is not a single activity but a coordinated process involving soil readiness, input procurement, and strategic decision-making based on weather forecasts and market signals. According to Agbiz, farmers typically begin land preparation toward the end of April, aligning with the onset of the winter cropping season.

Timing and Planting Windows

Planting schedules are tightly linked to climatic conditions. In the Western Cape's winter rainfall system, wheat is generally planted between mid-April and mid-June, with May regarded as the optimal dryland planting period. Early planting is critical to ensure adequate establishment before temperatures drop further and



to maximise the use of seasonal rainfall.

The broader winter cropping programme includes barley, canola, and oats, which are planted within similar windows, although varietal differences and regional microclimates influence exact timing. These crops form part of integrated crop rotation systems, especially in the Southern Cape, where barley, wheat, and canola are often cultivated together to improve soil health and long-term productivity.

Scale and Crop Mix

Planting intentions for the 2025–26 season reflect continued confidence in the winter grain sector. The Crop Estimates Committee reported total intended plantings of approximately 827,970 hectares across major winter crops, including wheat, barley, canola, and oats—representing a slight increase from the previous season.

Wheat remains the dominant crop, with intended plantings of over 500,000 hectares, while canola continues to expand due to strong demand for oil and oilcake. Canola plantings have grown significantly over time, from around 17,000 hectares in the late 1990s to over 160,000 hectares in recent seasons.

Barley, primarily used for malting, and oats, which are important for both human consumption and animal feed, complete the winter crop mix. However, barley plantings have shown some decline in recent seasons due to market and rotational shifts.

Weather: The Primary Risk Factor

Weather remains the single most influential variable in winter crop preparation. The Western Cape's grain production is largely dryland-based, meaning yields depend heavily on seasonal rainfall.

Recent outlooks from the South African Weather Service have

raised concerns about below-normal rainfall during the early and mid-winter period in the south-western parts of the country. This uncertainty places added pressure on farmers to carefully time planting and manage soil moisture effectively.

Rainfall variability has a direct impact on yield potential. In some recent seasons, parts of the Southern Cape recorded less than 100 mm of rainfall between April and October, significantly constraining production. Conversely, well-timed rains during planting and early growth stages can support favourable crop establishment and yield outcomes.

Input Costs and Economic Considerations

Input costs are another key factor shaping planting decisions. While some input prices—particularly fertilisers and agrochemicals—have moderated compared to previous years, South Africa remains a net importer of these inputs. This exposes farmers to exchange

rate volatility and global price fluctuations.

Fertiliser application, lime usage, and crop protection programmes must be carefully calibrated to balance cost efficiency with yield potential. These costs vary significantly depending on soil conditions, crop type, and production system.

Despite these pressures, the winter grain sector contributes substantially to the regional economy. The estimated value of wheat, barley, canola, and oats production in the Western Cape alone is at least R8 billion, underscoring the importance of effective planting preparation.

Agronomic Practices and Soil Management

Modern winter crop production increasingly relies on conservation agriculture practices. These include minimum tillage, crop residue retention, and improved soil structure management, all aimed at enhancing moisture retention and reducing the impact of erratic

rainfall.

Correct seeding rates, cultivar selection, and planting depth are also critical technical considerations. For example, Grain SA recommends wheat seeding densities of 80–140 kg/ha depending on planting date and conditions to ensure optimal plant population and yield potential.

Outlook

Overall, winter crop planting preparation in the Western Cape is characterised by a combination of cautious optimism and operational precision. While planting intentions remain stable or slightly increased, the success of the season will depend largely on rainfall patterns, cost management, and timely execution of agronomic practices.

As the planting window opens, farmers are not only preparing their lands but also making calculated decisions that will shape both regional food security and the national grain supply in the coming year.

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10 Most Profitable Crops for Small-Scale Farmers in South Africa

South Africa's small-scale farmers, who form the backbone of rural livelihoods and contribute significantly to food security, face unique opportunities and challenges in 2026. With over 23,000 small-scale sugarcane growers alone and thousands more in vegetables and horticulture, the sector supports nearly one million jobs. High-value crops offer strong returns amid rising export demand, domestic market growth, and government support through the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD). However, water scarcity, input costs, and market volatility demand careful crop selection. Unlike staple grains with tight margins, high-demand vegetables, berries, and tree crops can deliver superior profitability on limited land when paired with efficient practices and mechanisation.

Here are ten of the most profitable options for small-scale operations, drawn from recent industry analyses and farmer experiences.



1. Macadamia Nuts

Mature orchards yield net profits of R80,000–R150,000 per hectare from year 7–8 onward, driven by strong global demand, particularly from China. Suitable in Limpopo, Mpumalanga, and parts of KwaZulu-Natal, they require initial investment (R150,000–R250,000/ha for planting and irrigation) but offer long-term stability with lower annual inputs than field crops. Small-scale farmers can start on 1–5 ha plots with proper water security.

2. Blueberries

These deliver very high returns with production starting in year 2–3. They suit Western Cape and Limpopo growers with reliable water and cold storage. High capital for irrigation and management is offset by premium export prices and early cash flow, making them ideal for diversified small farms.

3. Avocados

Bearing from year 3–4 in Limpopo, Mpumalanga, and KwaZulu-Natal, avocados benefit from robust local and export markets. They provide solid profitability for smallholders who secure water and focus on quality for international standards.

4. Tomatoes

A consistent high-demand staple, tomatoes offer quick returns (60–90 days) and versatility for fresh sales, processing, or informal markets. Strong year-round demand in urban centres supports reliable income for small plots, though disease management is key.

5. Onions

As a kitchen essential with excellent storage life, onions provide steady demand and reduce market pressure. They suit small-scale rotation systems and deliver



good margins when grown for local hawkers and supermarkets.

6. Potatoes

One of South Africa's most profitable vegetables due to multiple uses (fresh, chips, seed), potatoes generate solid returns on small farms. High domestic consumption and storage potential make them a staple income source, especially in cooler regions.

7. Carrots (including baby carrots)

Fast-growing with long shelf life and health appeal, carrots (particularly baby varieties) are popular among beginners and fetch premium prices. They thrive on small plots and sell quickly to fresh produce markets.

8. Lettuce and Leafy Greens (spinach, kale)

Lettuce alone accounts for around 40,000 tons annual demand. Quick turnaround (30–45 days)

and multiple harvests make leafy greens highly profitable for small urban or peri-urban farms supplying restaurants and informal traders.

9. Mushrooms (button, oyster, or gourmet varieties)

Requiring minimal land, mushrooms deliver profit margins of 70%–120% in controlled environments. They suit backyard or tunnel setups and tap into growing health-conscious urban demand.

10. Cabbage

Fast-growing (70 days) with strong local demand for traditional meals and processing, cabbage offers reliable profits and complements other vegetables in small-farm rotations. It performs well for beginners with basic irrigation.

Successful small-scale farming requires more than crop choice. Agripreneur Cynthia Sekgobela, farming 2.5 ha organically in Gauteng, emphasises starting

small (even in bags), market research to avoid oversupply, professional presentation, and compliance for funding access. She scaled to 400 kg weekly sales using tools like tillers for efficiency. Diversification, water harvesting, and mechanisation (tractors for land prep, planting, and transport) boost yields by 15–25%, mirroring trends seen globally.

DALRRD's 2025 agricultural trends report highlights horticulture's 30.3% contribution to gross value, underscoring export potential in nuts, berries, and vegetables. Challenges like climate variability persist, but patient financing and extension services can help smallholders transition to profitability.

By focusing on these crops—balancing quick-turnover vegetables with high-value perennials—South Africa's small-scale farmers can build resilient businesses. With smart planning and support, they not only secure household income but strengthen national food security and exports in a competitive 2026 landscape.

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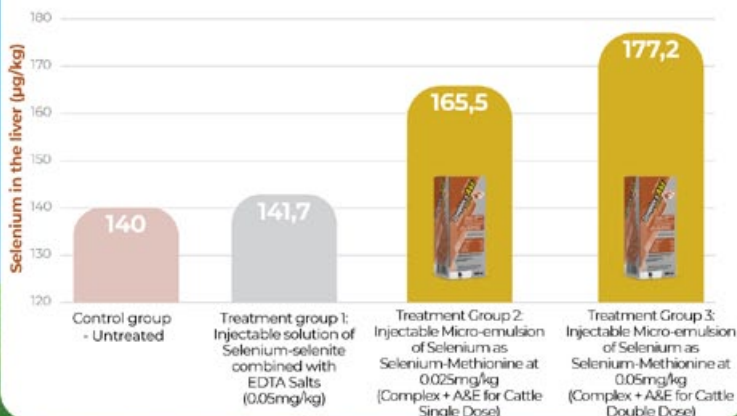
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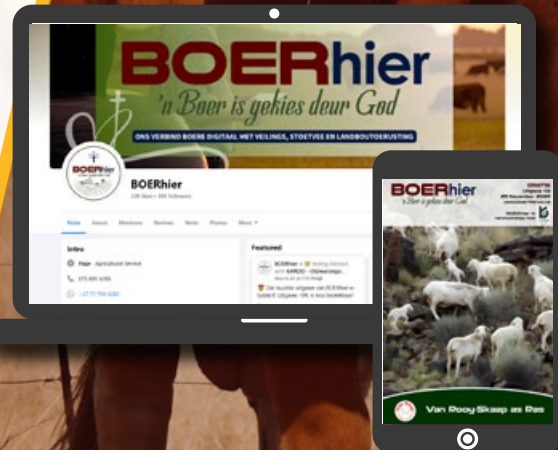
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Black Copper Marans: The Distinctive Dark Egg Layer

The Black Copper Marans is one of the most recognisable and sought-after heritage poultry breeds in the world, primarily due to its unusually dark brown eggs and striking appearance. Originating in France, this breed has gained global popularity among small-scale farmers, backyard poultry keepers, and niche egg producers.



Origin and Development

The Marans breed was developed in the town of Marans, located in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region of western France, during the early 20th century. The breed emerged from crossbreeding local French chickens with imported birds, including Asian and English stock, to improve both productivity and hardiness. The Black Copper variety—known for its distinctive colouring—became one of the most iconic strains within the breed. The Marans was officially recognised in France in the 1930s, with breed standards later formalised by organisations such as the Marans-

Club de France and the Société Centrale d'Aviculture de France.

Appearance and Physical Characteristics

Black Copper Marans are visually striking birds. They exhibit predominantly black plumage with iridescent green sheen, complemented by rich copper or golden feathers around the neck (hackles), particularly prominent in roosters. The breed is classified as a large, dual-purpose chicken, with mature roosters typically weighing between 3.5–4.0 kg and hens between 2.5–3.2 kg. They have a solid, well-muscled body,

making them suitable for both egg production and meat yield. Feathered legs—another defining trait—are present but should be moderate according to breed standards.

Egg Production and Quality

The defining feature of the Black Copper Marans is its eggs. The breed is renowned for producing some of the darkest brown eggs of any chicken, often described as “chocolate-coloured.” This dark pigmentation is due to a protoporphyrin coating applied to the eggshell during the final stages of egg formation. According to

the Marans Club de France, egg colour is a critical selection trait, with a grading scale used to assess intensity.

Hens typically lay between 150 and 200 eggs per year, which is moderate compared to high-production commercial layers. However, the premium quality and unique appearance of the eggs often allow producers to command higher market prices, particularly in niche and artisanal markets.

Temperament and Adaptability

Black Copper Marans are generally known for their calm and docile temperament. This makes them well-suited to mixed flocks and backyard environments. They are considered hardy birds, capable of adapting to a range of climatic

conditions, including cooler and wetter environments similar to their region of origin. Their resilience and relatively low management demands contribute to their popularity among smallholder farmers.

Production Role and Economic Value

As a dual-purpose breed, Black Copper Marans provide both meat and eggs. While not as fast-growing as commercial broilers, they produce flavourful meat, often preferred in traditional or free-range systems. Their primary economic value, however, lies in their eggs. The distinctive dark shell colour offers strong differentiation in local and specialty markets, supporting premium pricing strategies.

Conclusion

The Black Copper Marans stands out as a breed that combines aesthetic appeal, functional productivity, and market differentiation. While its egg production may not match that of industrial hybrids, its unique egg colour, adaptability, and dual-purpose qualities make it a valuable addition to diversified poultry operations.

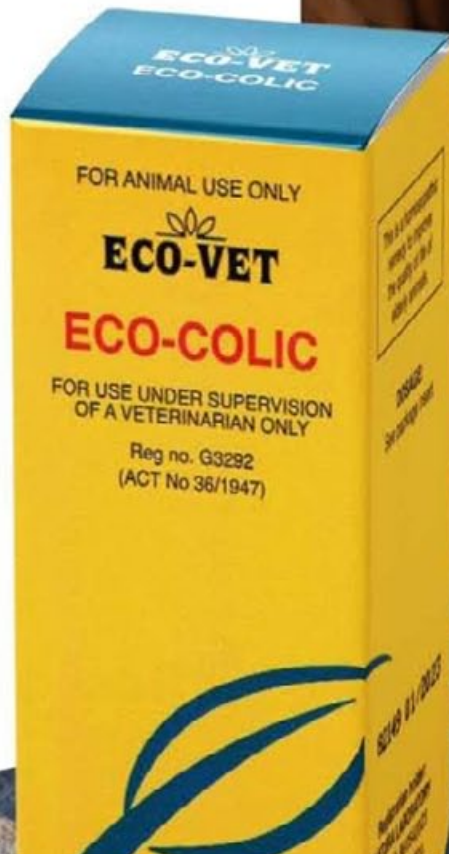
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The Boplaas Farm business

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South Africa's Pig Industry in Autumn: Pressures, Recovery, and Seasonal Realities

South Africa's pig industry remains a relatively small but strategically important component of the agricultural sector, contributing roughly 2.1%–2.2% to agricultural GDP and supplying a vital source of affordable animal protein. As the country moves into autumn, the industry enters a transitional period shaped by seasonal feed dynamics, disease risks, and shifting market demand.

Industry Overview and Structure

South Africa produces approximately 200 000 to 250 000 tonnes of pork annually, with a national herd of around 1.5 million pigs. The sector includes roughly 400 commercial producers alongside a large number of smallholder farmers, with production concentrated in provinces such as Gauteng, Western Cape, Limpopo, and North West.

Production systems are largely intensive, with commercial units typically housing between 600 and 5 000 sows, reflecting a trend toward consolidation and economies of scale. Feed



accounts for up to 75% of production costs, making profitability highly sensitive to grain prices.

Despite its efficiency, pork remains a smaller contributor to South Africa's meat consumption compared to poultry and beef, though it plays a key role as a relatively affordable protein option for consumers.

Autumn Feed Dynamics and Cost Pressures

Autumn is a critical period for pig producers because it coincides with the aftermath of the summer grain season. In years of poor rainfall, such as the 2024 drought, maize yields fell by around 20% and soybean yields by 35%, significantly increasing feed prices.

These higher feed costs typically carry into autumn, placing pressure on producers' margins. Since pigs rely heavily on grain-based diets, any disruption in crop production

directly affects profitability. As a result, autumn often becomes a period of financial tightening, with producers adjusting feed strategies, reducing herd expansion, or delaying investments.

However, in seasons following good rainfall, improved grain supply can stabilise or reduce feed costs, offering some relief. In 2025, improved agricultural conditions contributed to broader sector recovery, although livestock subsectors still faced challenges.

Disease Risks and Biosecurity in Cooler Months

Autumn also marks a period of heightened disease vigilance. Cooler temperatures and increased animal housing can elevate the risk of disease transmission, particularly in intensive systems.

South Africa's pig industry is currently under pressure from outbreaks of African swine fever



Opportunities and Outlook

Despite current pressures, the outlook for the pig industry remains cautiously optimistic. Rising consumer demand, improving prices, and ongoing investment in efficient production systems are supporting gradual recovery.

There is also growing interest in niche markets, including free-range and organic pork, as well as opportunities to expand local consumption. Additionally, improved genetics, technology adoption, and better feed efficiency continue to enhance productivity across commercial operations.

However, long-term sustainability will depend on managing key risks—particularly feed cost volatility, disease control, and climate variability. Strengthening biosecurity, improving local feed production resilience, and supporting smallholder integration into formal markets will be critical priorities.

Conclusion

As autumn settles across South Africa, the pig industry finds itself navigating a complex landscape. Seasonal feed costs, disease threats, and market adjustments define this period, yet the sector continues to demonstrate resilience.

With strong fundamentals and growing demand for affordable protein, South Africa's pig industry remains positioned for recovery—provided it can effectively manage the risks that autumn so often brings.

Source: FARMhere article

(ASF) and foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). As of late 2025, confirmed cases of both diseases were reported across multiple provinces, including Gauteng, Free State, North West, and KwaZulu-Natal.

ASF is especially concerning due to its high mortality rate and the need for culling infected herds. Recent outbreaks have resulted in significant losses, including the culling of breeding stock and reduced production capacity.

During autumn, producers typically intensify biosecurity measures—restricting farm access, improving sanitation, and monitoring animal health closely—to prevent outbreaks that could devastate operations.

Market Trends and Seasonal Demand

From a market perspective, autumn is a stabilisation phase between the high-demand festive season

and the slower winter months. Pork demand in South Africa has shown gradual growth in recent years, driven by consumers seeking more affordable protein alternatives.

At the same time, supply constraints caused by disease outbreaks and earlier production challenges have contributed to rising pork prices. Between mid-2025 and early 2026, carcass prices increased significantly as supply tightened.

Trade dynamics also play a role. South Africa imports approximately 25 000 tonnes of pork annually, mainly from Europe and the Americas, while exporting smaller volumes to neighbouring countries such as Mozambique and Namibia.

Autumn therefore often sees a balancing act between domestic supply recovery and import competition, with processors and retailers adjusting procurement strategies accordingly.

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Avian Flu Vaccination in South Africa: Progress, Policy Constraints, and Emerging Risks



South Africa's poultry industry is navigating a complex and evolving challenge as it attempts to implement vaccination against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), commonly known as bird flu. While the country has made significant policy shifts since 2025, practical implementation barriers and regulatory constraints are creating what many industry stakeholders describe as a looming crisis.

A Sector Still Recovering

The urgency of vaccination is rooted in the devastating 2023 avian influenza outbreak, during which South Africa lost roughly a third of its national chicken flock. This event had severe implications for food security, egg supply, and poultry prices. Although the sector showed signs of recovery in 2024, the risk of recurrence remains high, particularly during winter months when outbreaks are more common.

New outbreaks in 2025, including confirmed H5N1 cases in Mpumalanga and North West, reinforced the persistent threat, with further culling of birds required to contain spread.

Policy Shift Toward Vaccination

In response, the South African government initiated a major policy shift in 2025 by approving the country's first-ever poultry vaccination programme. The Department of Agriculture announced a controlled, science-based rollout aimed at reducing the risk of future outbreaks.

Three vaccines targeting HPAI H5 strains were registered for use under national legislation, and initial

permits were granted to selected producers to begin vaccination on a limited scale.

This marked a departure from previous reliance on biosecurity measures and culling, aligning South Africa with international disease management practices where vaccination is increasingly used as a preventative tool.

The Core Problem: Regulation vs Implementation

Despite policy approval, implementation has been slow and uneven. Avian influenza remains classified as a "controlled disease," meaning vaccination programmes are tightly regulated by the state, and farmers cannot vaccinate independently.

Industry bodies, including the South African Poultry Association (SAPA), argue that the regulatory framework is overly complex, expensive, and impractical. Requirements include strict surveillance, biosecurity audits, and detailed reporting systems before vaccination can be approved.

As of early 2026, reports indicate that only a limited number of farms have received approval, with some

describing the rollout as effectively stalled.

Availability of Vaccines, but Limited Access

A critical point of tension is that vaccine supply itself is not the primary constraint. According to industry stakeholders, at least three registered vaccines are already available within South Africa, and there is sufficient capacity to begin widespread vaccination immediately.

However, producers are unable to proceed due to regulatory bottlenecks rather than supply shortages. This disconnect between availability and access is central to the current “vaccine issue.”

Economic and Food Security Implications

The implications of delayed vaccination extend beyond farm-level losses. Poultry is South Africa’s most affordable and widely consumed protein source, making the sector critical to national food security.

Industry warnings suggest that without an effective vaccination rollout, South Africa could face:

- Renewed large-scale culling of poultry
- Increased chicken and egg prices
- Supply shortages

- Greater reliance on imports
- Some advocacy groups have already warned that bird flu could become the country’s next major food security crisis if not proactively managed.

Operational and Trade Concerns

Vaccination also introduces technical and trade-related complexities. Experts highlight that vaccinated birds may complicate disease surveillance, as it becomes harder to distinguish between infected and vaccinated animals without advanced testing systems.

There are also concerns about export markets. Some countries impose restrictions on poultry imports from nations that vaccinate against avian influenza, which could affect South Africa’s trade competitiveness.

Early Adoption and Pilot Programmes

Despite these challenges, limited progress has been made. Large producers such as Astral Foods have begun pilot vaccination programmes on selected breeder farms following regulatory approval.

These pilot projects are intended to test protocols, monitoring systems, and vaccine efficacy under South African conditions before wider rollout. However, their scale

remains insufficient to provide industry-wide protection.

The Way Forward

Experts increasingly agree that vaccination will play a critical role in managing avian influenza in South Africa. Biosecurity alone has proven insufficient to prevent outbreaks, especially given global spread patterns of H5N1.

The central issue is no longer whether to vaccinate, but how to implement vaccination efficiently without compromising surveillance, trade, or public health.

Conclusion

South Africa’s avian flu vaccine challenge is not a matter of scientific uncertainty or supply shortages, but rather one of regulatory execution. While the country has taken a significant step by approving vaccination, delays in implementation are leaving the poultry sector exposed to renewed outbreaks.

Unless regulatory frameworks are streamlined and support mechanisms—such as funding and practical guidelines—are improved, the gap between policy and practice may continue to widen. In a sector as vital as poultry, this gap carries significant risks not only for farmers, but for national food security as a whole.

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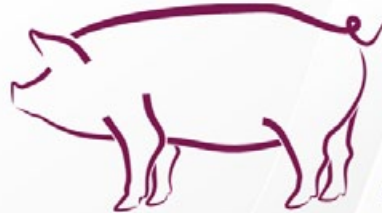
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Slaughter Trends in South Africa (Last 12 Months)

Biosecurity pressure, feed economics and shifting protein demand reshape the red meat industry



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South Africa's abattoir throughput over the past 12 months reflects a mixed livestock cycle: cattle slaughter remains constrained, sheep are under demand pressure, while pigs show the strongest growth momentum.

Key structural drivers:

- Disease pressure (notably Foot-and-Mouth Disease controls)
- Herd rebuilding after earlier drought cycles
- Lower feed costs supporting intensive systems
- Shifting consumer demand toward affordable proteins

Infrastructure snapshot: national slaughter volumes (estimated formal market)

FIGURE 1: Annual Throughput by Species (2024/25)
(Formal abattoirs only – informal goat sector excluded)

CATTLE | ██████████ ±2.8 million
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Sources: Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS), Agricultural Research Council (ARC), Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP), Agri Levy Services

Interpretation

Winter peak (June–August): Feed shortages increase offloading

Spring stabilisation: Herd rebuilding begins

Summer slowdown: Retention for breeding + festive demand distortion

What drove the market over the last 12 months?

1. Disease pressure & biosecurity constraints (negative)

Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreaks remained the most disruptive factor.

Market effect:

- Movement restrictions reduced slaughter flow in affected zones
- Export disruptions weakened price incentives
- Temporary herd quarantines delayed market readiness
- Net effect: Lower cattle throughput and regional volatility

Source: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), Agbiz sector reports

2. Herd rebuilding after drought (short-term negative, long-term positive)

Producers retained breeding stock following earlier drought stress cycles.

Impact chain:

- Fewer animals sent to feedlots
- Reduced immediate slaughter supply
- Stronger long-term production base developing

Structural implication: Suppressed slaughter is partially “delayed supply,” not lost supply

3. Lower feed cost environment (positive for intensive systems)

Improved maize and soybean availability reduced feed input pressure.

Result:

- Feedlots improved margins
- Pig production became more competitive
- Higher finishing weights in some cattle systems

Strongest beneficiary: Pork industry (short production cycles + feed efficiency)

4. Consumer pressure & protein switching (mixed impact)

Inflationary food pressure reshaped meat demand:

- Beef and lamb demand softened at retail level
- Pork demand strengthened as a lower-cost protein alternative

Net shift: Demand substitution rather than total demand growth

5. Export access & trade friction (constrained positive)

Export opportunities improved early in the cycle.

However, animal health restrictions limited full expansion.

Outcome: Partial export recovery, but below potential capacity

6. Informal market distortion (structural blind spot)

Goat slaughter volumes remain significantly underreported in

formal datasets.

- Estimated >3 million goats slaughtered annually in informal channels
- Cultural and rural consumption drives decentralised processing
- Implication: Official slaughter statistics understate total meat output in SA

Source: Farmers Weekly SA industry analysis

Species performance summary

Cattle

- Flat to slightly declining slaughter trend
- Driven by herd rebuilding + FMD disruptions
- Stabilising feed conditions support future recovery

SHEEP

Pressure from high retail pricing

Weak demand elasticity

Stable production but limited growth momentum

Pigs

Best-performing sector

Supported by:

- Lower feed costs
- Strong affordability demand
- Fast biological turnaround cycles

Key industry signals

What is improving

- Feed conversion economics

(pigs & feedlots)

- Production efficiency in intensive systems
- Medium-term herd recovery base building

What is under pressure

- Biosecurity and disease control systems
- Sheep consumption affordability
- Export consistency due to health restrictions

INDUSTRY CONCLUSION

South Africa's slaughter statistics over the past 12 months do not reflect a uniform decline, but rather a structural transition phase in livestock cycles.

The dominant theme is clear:

> Biosecurity risk + herd rebuilding are suppressing cattle throughput, while affordability-driven demand is reshaping species preference toward pork.

If disease management stabilises and herd rebuilding completes its cycle, the industry is positioned for a measured recovery in cattle throughput supported by favourable feed economics.

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HORSES DIRECTLY AFTER CHICKENS



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- Blesbok Koper
- Blesbok Saalrug
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- Swartwildebees
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- Konings
Wildebees
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- Tier

SPESES

- Rooibok
- Rooibok Swart
- Rooibok White
Flank
- Koedoe
- Eland
- Zebra
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Biosecurity and Disease Control in South African Agriculture: Strengthening Resilience Amid Seasonal Risks

Biosecurity remains a cornerstone of sustainable agriculture in South Africa, particularly as farmers navigate the challenges associated with seasonal transitions. During autumn, shifting temperatures, increased moisture in certain regions, and animal movement patterns can elevate the risk of disease outbreaks in both livestock and crops. As a result, heightened monitoring, preventative protocols, and coordinated responses across the agricultural value chain are critical to safeguarding productivity and food security.

At its core, biosecurity refers to a set of management practices designed to prevent the introduction and spread of harmful organisms, including bacteria, viruses, fungi, and pests. In South Africa, where agriculture contributes significantly to rural livelihoods and national food systems, effective disease control is essential not only for farm-level success but also for maintaining export standards and market access.

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural



Development (DALRRD) plays a central role in coordinating disease surveillance and response systems. Through its veterinary services and plant health divisions, DALRRD monitors outbreaks, enforces quarantine regulations, and provides guidance to producers. According to DALRRD, early detection and rapid response remain the most effective tools in limiting economic losses associated with disease outbreaks.

In the livestock sector, diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), brucellosis, and African swine fever (ASF) continue to pose significant threats. South Africa has experienced recurring FMD outbreaks in recent years, particularly in provinces like Limpopo and KwaZulu-Natal.

These outbreaks have resulted in movement restrictions, trade limitations, and financial strain for affected farmers. The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) emphasizes that strict movement control, vaccination where applicable, and traceability systems are key to managing such transboundary animal diseases.

On-farm biosecurity practices are therefore non-negotiable. Farmers are encouraged to implement controlled access points, disinfect vehicles and equipment, and maintain accurate livestock records. Isolation of new or returning animals is another critical measure to prevent introducing pathogens into established herds. The Red Meat Producers' Organisation (RPO) South Africa

consistently advises producers to adopt a “closed herd” approach where feasible, minimizing external animal introductions.

In addition to livestock, plant health is equally vital. Autumn marks a transitional period for many crop systems, including the preparation and planting of winter crops such as wheat, barley, and canola. During this time, fungal diseases and soil-borne pathogens can become more prevalent due to cooler and wetter conditions. The Agricultural Research Council (ARC) highlights the importance of crop rotation, resistant cultivars, and seed treatment as effective strategies to reduce disease incidence.

Integrated pest management (IPM) also plays a significant role in plant biosecurity. This approach combines biological, cultural, and chemical methods to manage pests sustainably. Monitoring pest populations and applying interventions only when thresholds are exceeded helps reduce resistance development and environmental impact. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), IPM not only improves crop health but also enhances long-term agricultural resilience.

Another critical dimension of biosecurity is border control and import regulation. South Africa enforces strict phytosanitary and

veterinary import requirements to prevent the introduction of foreign pests and diseases. The National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa (NPPOZA) works alongside customs officials to inspect imported plant materials, ensuring compliance with international standards. Similarly, livestock imports are subject to rigorous health certification and quarantine protocols.

Climate variability further complicates disease dynamics. Changing rainfall patterns and temperature fluctuations can alter the distribution of vectors such as ticks and insects, increasing the risk of disease transmission. The South African Weather Service (SAWS) has noted that climate-linked shifts can influence the prevalence of vector-borne diseases, making ongoing surveillance and adaptive management essential.

Collaboration across sectors is increasingly recognized as vital for effective biosecurity. The “One Health” approach, promoted by organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and FAO, integrates human, animal, and environmental health considerations. In practice, this means improved data sharing between veterinarians, agronomists, public health officials, and farmers to ensure coordinated responses to emerging threats.

Education and training are equally important. Extension services and industry bodies continue to provide farmers with updated information on disease identification, reporting protocols, and preventative measures. Digital tools and mobile platforms are also expanding access to real-time alerts and advisory services, enabling quicker decision-making at farm level.

In conclusion, biosecurity and disease control are fundamental to the stability and growth of South African agriculture. As seasonal conditions shift and global trade continues to expand, the risks associated with disease outbreaks remain ever-present. Through vigilant monitoring, strict on-farm practices, and strong institutional support, the sector can mitigate these risks and maintain both productivity and market confidence.

Sources:

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- Source: FARMhere article

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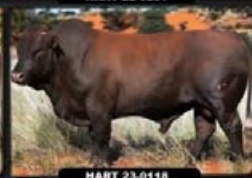
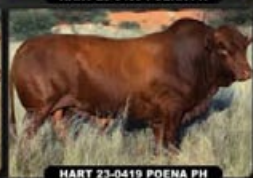
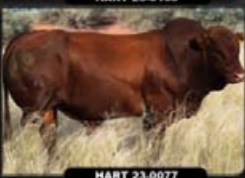
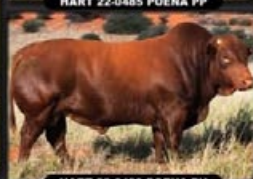
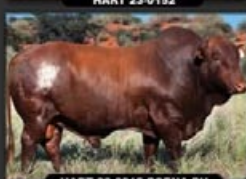
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5	6 Family Day	7 BALTIMORE BEESTEKRAAL WARMBAD	8 NORTHAM ONDERSTEPSPOORT PIETERSBURG	9 POTGIETERSRUS VVO	10 NYLSVLEI WILD, MOOKGOPHONG ALLDAYS ELLISRAS	11
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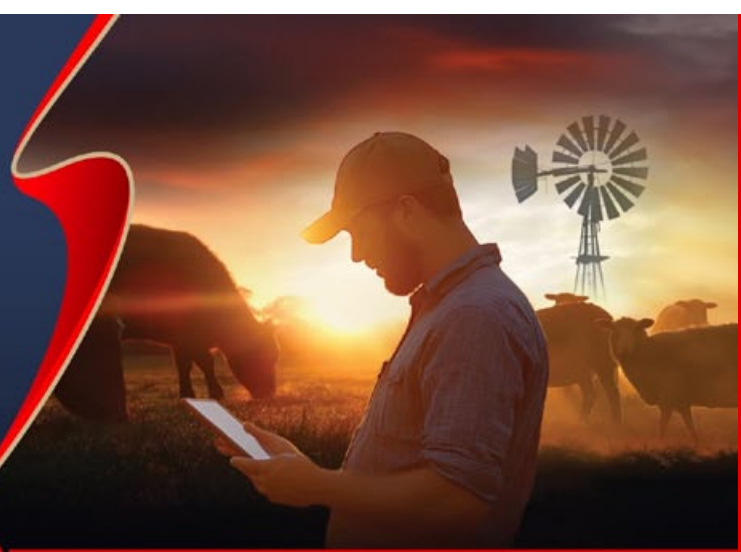


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Silverlake Farm Hotel, Pretoria
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11 AUG SA MUTTON MERINO
Frankfort Golf Club, Frankfort

7 MRT ~~INDIGENOUS VELD GOATS~~
Bloem Showgrounds, Bloemfontein
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12 AUG BRANGUS
Afridome, Parys

14 MRT ~~DORPER~~
Warmbad, Bebank, Bela-Bela
CANCELLED

13 AUG SUSSEX
Bloem Showgrounds, Bloemfontein

17 MRT ~~BONSMARA~~
Stoneheer, Parys
CANCELLED

12-13 AUG MEATMASTER
Bloem Showgrounds, Bloemfontein

16 APR ~~BRANGUS ELITE HEIFER AUCTION~~
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CANCELLED

14 AUG AFRIKANER
Bloemskougronde, Bloemfontein

30 APR ~~CHAROLAIS~~
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14 AUG TULI
Lettie Fouche Skool, Bloemfontein

13 JUN BRAFORD
Afridome, Parys

22 AUG SENEPOL
Be Human, Bloemfontein

18 JUN DRAKENSBERGER
Afridome, Parys

22 AUG SIMBRA
Afridome, Parys

2 JUL BEEFMASTER
Afridome, Parys

18 SEP BEEF SHORTHORN
Bloem Showgrounds, Bloemfontein

11 JUL BORAN
Afridome, Parys

15 OKT BOER GOAT
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16 JUL BRAUNVIEH
Afridome, Parys

4-5 NOV INTERNATIONAL AUCTION
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Truth ✅

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Misperception ❌

FMD outbreaks occur because livestock owners are negligent.

Truth ✅

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Misperception ❌

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Truth ✅

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Most Expensive Ram – R45,000

Lot 7

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Buyers: Moneymaker Meatmasters & Paradys
Meatmasters

Most Expensive Ewe – R45,000

Lot 51B

Seller: Hein Nagel / Nagel Meatmasters

Buyer: Yield Agri



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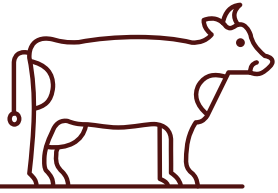
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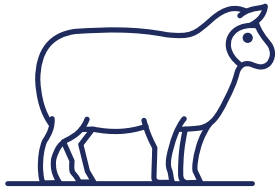
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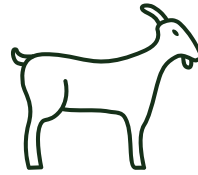
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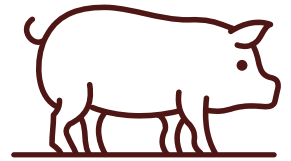
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B2/3 =	R 77.00
C2/3 =	R 72.75
Feeder Lamb =	R 47.65



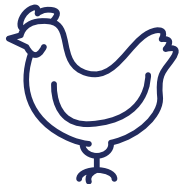
GOATS

Ewes =	R 40.84
Kids <30kg =	R 59.67
Kids 30-40kg =	R 55.84
Kids > 40kg =	R 22.55



PIGS

Porkers =	R 42.46
Baconers =	R 40.38



CHICKEN

Frozen =	R 34.78
Fresh =	R 42.13
IQF =	R 38.50



SAFEX

Maize =	R 3155 /t
Soybeans =	R 6750 /t
Sunflower =	R 8678 /t
Wheat =	R 5682 /t



EXCHANGE RATE

R / \$ =	R 16.33
R / £ =	R 22.00
R / € =	R 19.15

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Heavenly Father,

We bring before You the farmers of South Africa, who rise early and labour faithfully over the land entrusted to them. You have said, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it" (Psalm 24:1, NLT), and so we acknowledge that all provision comes from Your hand.

Grant them strength for each day, wisdom in every decision, and endurance through uncertainty. In seasons of drought, send rain; in times of hardship, provide sustenance. As Your Word says, "You crown the year with a bountiful harvest" (Psalm 65:11, NLT).

Protect their livestock, their crops, and their families. Guard them against loss, danger, and discouragement. Remind them that "those who plant in tears will harvest with shouts of joy" (Psalm 126:5, NLT).

May their work remain fruitful, their hope steadfast, and their trust anchored in You alone.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

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