

# DAIRY DIGITS



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**Table 1** Key market indicators

Item	Period	Value	Percentage change (same period previous year)
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes)	2021 <sup>1</sup>	3 403	-0,71%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate	2022 <sup>1</sup>	3 350	-1,56%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate	Feb 23 <sup>1</sup>	247	+1,90%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate	Jan 23 <sup>2</sup> -Feb 23 <sup>1</sup>	529	-0,34%
Dairy imports ('000 tonnes)	2022 <sup>2</sup>	52,9	-30,0%
Dairy imports ('000 tonnes)	Jan 23 <sup>2</sup> -Feb 23 <sup>2</sup>	7,5	-16,6%
Dairy exports ('000 tonnes)	2022 <sup>2</sup>	51,9	+1,9%
Dairy exports ('000 tonnes)	Jan 23 <sup>2</sup> -Feb 23 <sup>2</sup>	8,2	+10,8%
Dairy exports inclusive of sales to other SACU countries ('000 tonnes) <sup>5</sup>	Jan 23 <sup>2</sup> -Feb 23 <sup>2</sup>	29,1	-1,4%
Producer price index of unprocessed milk (base Dec 20 = 100) <sup>3</sup>	Feb 23 <sup>3</sup>	137,2	+18,8%
Farm requisite price index (base 2015 = 100) <sup>4</sup>	Apr 22 <sup>4</sup>	146,7	+14,3%
Producer price index of dairy products (base Dec 20 = 100) <sup>3</sup>	Feb 23 <sup>3</sup>	130,0	+16,4%

Source:

<sup>1</sup> Milk SA returns

<sup>2</sup> SARS statistics supplied by SAMPRO

<sup>3</sup> Stats SA PPI index

<sup>4</sup> Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) price index of farm requisites

<sup>5</sup> SARS statistics supplied by Agri Inspec

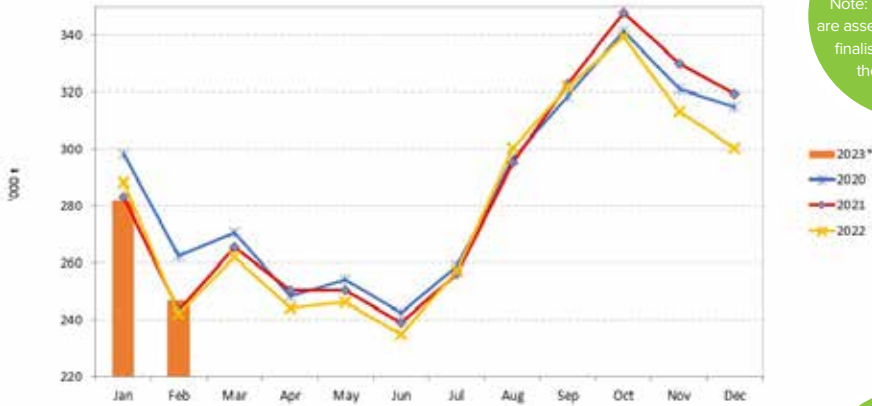
**Figure 1** International dairy product prices (free on board), Jan 2013–March 2023



Source: USDA price surveys, exchange rate South African Reserve Bank middle rates, last month – average of daily closing values.

**Acronyms and abbreviations:** Milk South Africa (Milk SA) • Milk Producers' Organisation (MPO) • South African Milk Processors' Organisation (SAMPRO) • Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) • South African Revenue Service (SARS) • United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) • producer price index (PPI) • consumer price index (CPI) • Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) • full-cream milk powder (FMP) • skimmed milk powder (SMP) • ultra-high temperature (UHT) processed

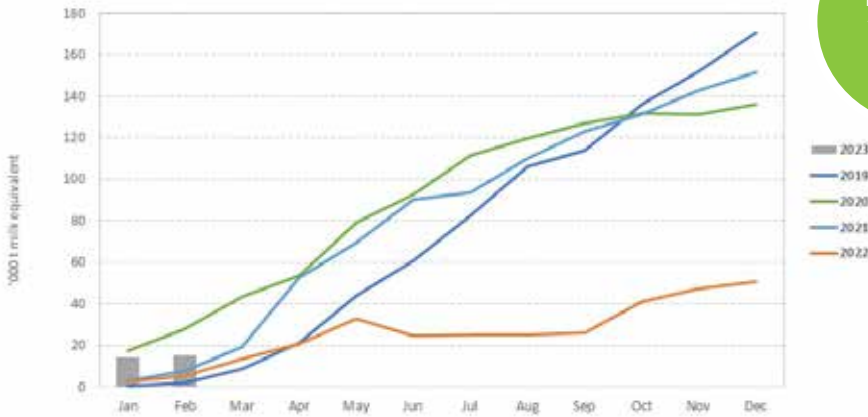
**Figure 2** Monthly unprocessed milk purchase trends, Jan 2020–Feb 2023



Source: Milk SA statistics.  
 Note: Each year's figures are assessed, reviewed, and finalised by 31 March of the ensuing year.

\* Last two months preliminary; sample survey  
 \* Feb 2020 = 29 days

**Figure 3** Monthly cumulative net imports, milk equivalent, Jan 2020–Feb 2023



Source: MPO calculation from SARS data supplied by SAMPRO.

**Figure 4** PPI indices of unprocessed milk and dairy products, and the CPI of milk, cheese, and eggs, Jan 2013–Feb 2023



Source: Stats SA PPI and CPI information, [statssa.gov.za](http://statssa.gov.za).

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