



**REPORT ON THE HISTORICAL AND FUTURE SAFEX
PRICES OF YELLOW MAIZE AND SOYBEANS
AS ON 13 MARCH 2023**

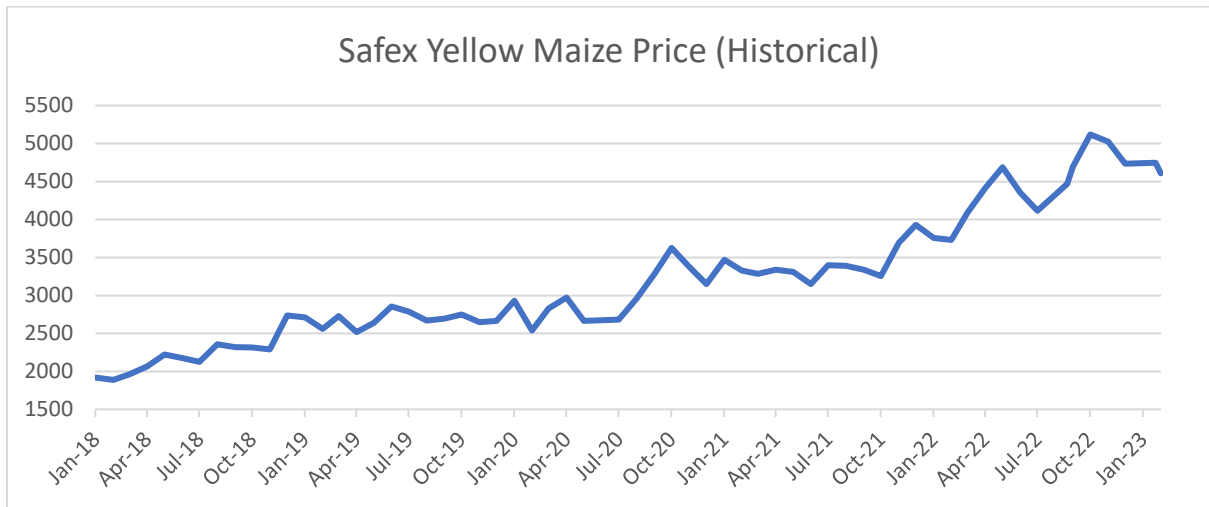
(Prepared by the Office of SAMPRO)

Background

1. During the Industrial Information Work Group meeting of Milk SA, dated 25 January 2022, it was decided that the Office of SAMPRO should submit a monthly report on the historical as well as future Safex price of yellow maize and soybeans.

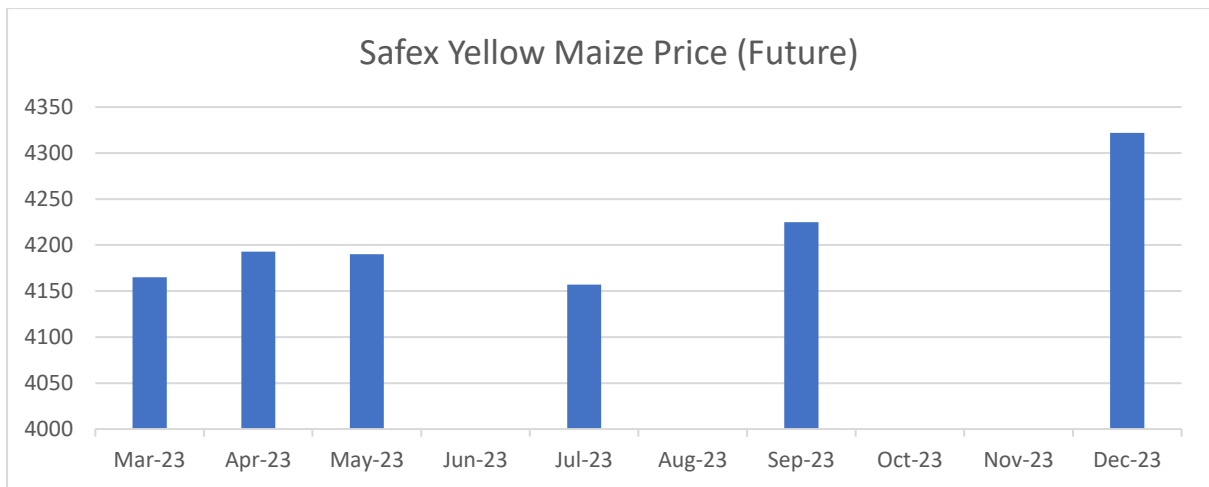
2. The historical and future price movements of yellow maize and soybeans are portrayed within the following four graphs:
 - **Historical Safex** price information with respect to Yellow Maize for the period January 2018 to February 2023 (see Graph 1);
 - **Future Safex** price information with respect to Yellow Maize for the period March 2023 to December 2023 as recorded on 13 March 2023 (see Graph 2);
 - **Historical Safex** price information with respect to Soybeans for the period January 2018 to February 2023 (see Graph 3); and
 - **Future Safex** price information with respect to Soybeans for the period March 2023 to December 2023 as recorded on 13 March 2023 (see Graph4).

Graph 1: Historical Safex Price – Yellow Maize (January 2018 to February 2023) ¹⁾



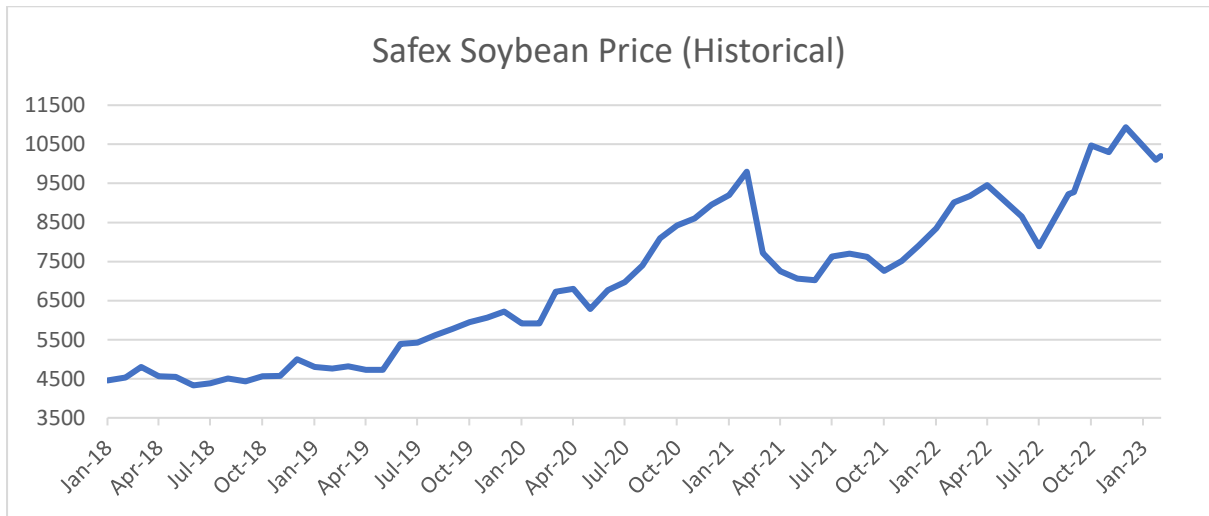
1) Source: Grain SA (13 March 2023)

Graph 2: Future Safex Price – Yellow Maize (March 2023 to December 2023) ²⁾
as recorded on 13 March 2023



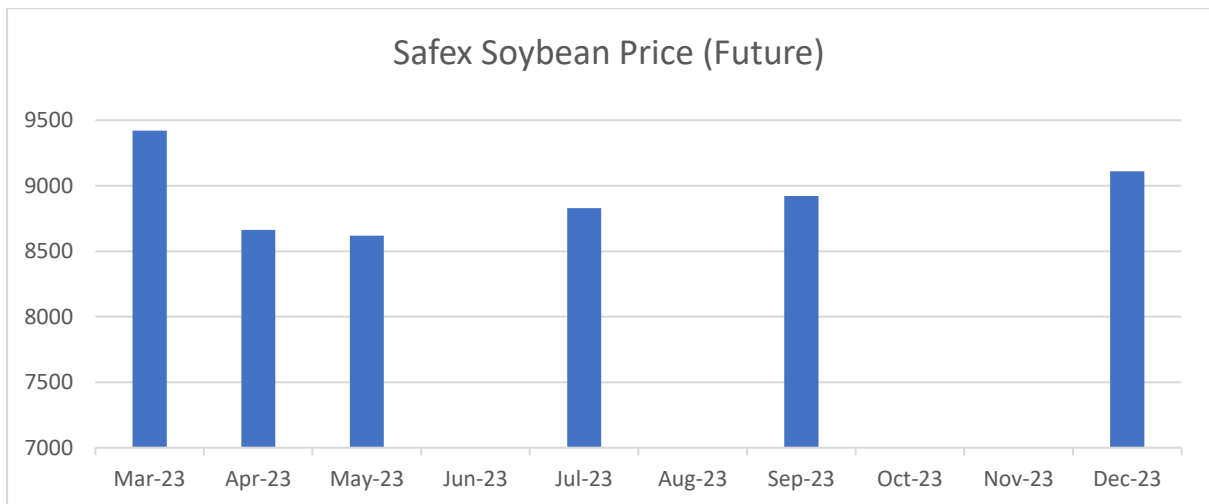
2) Source: Grain SA (13 March 2023)

Graph3: Historical Safex Price – Soybean (January 2018 to February 23) ³⁾



3) Source: Grain SA (13 March 2023)

Graph 4: Future Safex Price – Soybean (March 2023 to December 2023) ⁴⁾
as recorded on 13 March 2023



4) Source: Grain SA (13 March 2023)

3. The Crop Estimates Committee (CEC)⁵⁾ has published their revised plant intentions for summer crops for 2023 (production season 2022/2023) on 28 February 2023 as well as the first production forecast for summer crops for 2023 (production season 2022/2023) on 28 February 2023. The following two tables contain information in respect of maize and soybeans of the areas planted in each of the past 4 years and the estimates for the current year, the crop sizes that have been realised in each of the past four years, as well as the first production forecasts for the current year.

Table 1

Total area planted with maize and soybeans since the 2018/2019-production season

Crop	Area planted (Ha) (for each production season)					
	2018/2019 (A)	2019/2020 (B)	2020/2021 (C)	2021/2022 (D)	2022/2023 (28/02/2023) (E)	Change % (D)/E
White maize	1 298 400	1 616 300	1 691 900	1 575 000	1 520 500	-3,5%
Yellow maize	1 002 100	994 500	1 063 500	1 048 000	1 062 000	+1,3%
Total maize	2 300 500	2 610 800	2 755 400	2 623 000	2 582 500	-1,5%
Soybeans	730 500	705 000	827 100	925 300	1 148 300	+24,1%
Non-Commercial Maize						
Maize	296 000	297 460	362 900	378 000	N/A*	
Maize: Commercial and Non-Commercial						
Total Maize RSA	2 596 500	2 908 260	3 118 300	3 001 800	N/A*	

* Available at the end of April 2023

5) *The members of the CEC are as follows:*

3 members who are officials of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development

9 members who are officials of the Provincial Departments of Agriculture

3 members who are officials of the Agricultural Research Council (one each from the Institute for Soil, Climate and Water; the Small Grain Institute and the Institute for Grain Crops)

1 member who is an official of Stats SA

1 member who is an official of the Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy

Note: Organisations involved in grain trading (buying and selling of grain) do not serve on the Committee

Table 2**Total production of maize and soybeans since the 2018/2019-production season**

Crop	Production (Tons) (for each production season)					
	2018/2019 (A)	2019/2020 (B)	2020/2021 (C)	2021/2022 (9/2/2023) (D)	2022/2023 (1 st estimate) (E)	Change % (D)/E
Commercial						
White maize	5 545 000	8 547 500	8 600 000	7 850 000	8 187 150	+4,3%
Yellow maize	5 730 000	6 752 500	7 715 000	7 620 000	7 427 900	-2,5%
Total maize	11 275 000	15 300 000	16 315 000	15 470 000	15 615 050	+0.9%
Soybeans	1 170 345	1 245 500	1 897 000	2 230 000	2 651 680	+18.9%
Non-Commercial Maize						
Maize	549 180	543 545	636 440	667 000	N/A*	
Maize: Commercial and Non-Commercial						
Total Maize RSA	11 824 180	15 843 545	16 951 440	16 137 000	N/A*	

* Available at the end of April 2023

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