

# DAIRY DIGITS

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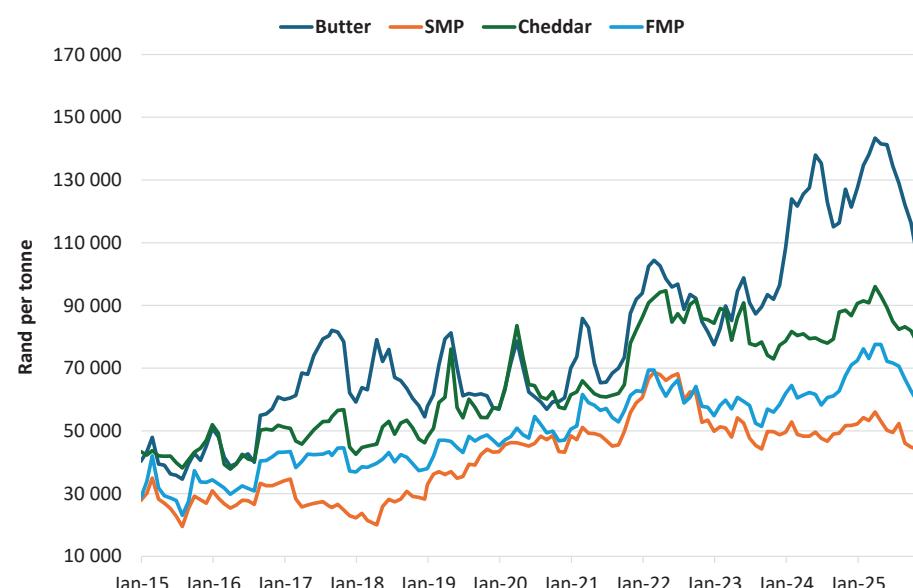
TABLE 1: Key market indicators.

ITEM	PERIOD	VALUE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (same period previous year)
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) <sup>1</sup>	2023	3 339	-0,32%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) <sup>1</sup>	2024	3 458	+3,56%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate <sup>1</sup>	Oct 2025	358	+1,55%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate <sup>1</sup>	Jan - Oct 2025	2 831	+1,10%
Dairy imports ('000 tonnes) <sup>2</sup>	2024	33,9	-30,1%
Dairy imports ('000 tonnes) <sup>2</sup>	Jan - Sep 2025	23,1	-12,8%
Dairy exports ('000 tonnes) <sup>2</sup>	2024	53,5	-4,63%
Dairy exports ('000 tonnes) <sup>2</sup>	Jan - Sep 2025	49,5	+31,3%
Dairy exports inclusive of sales to other SACU countries ('000 tonnes) <sup>5</sup>	Jan - Sep 2025	150,0	+11,4%
Producer price index of unprocessed milk (base Dec '23 = 100) <sup>3</sup>	Oct 2025	97,9	-0,2%
Producer price index of dairy products (base Dec 23 = 100) <sup>3</sup>	Oct 2025	104,6	+1,2%
All farming requisites combined price index (base 2015 = 100) <sup>4</sup>	Jan 2025	143,1	-2,9%

**SOURCES:** <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 price index of farm requisites | <sup>5</sup> SARS statistics supplied by Agri Inspec

FIGURE 1: International dairy product prices (free on board), January 2015 to November 2025.



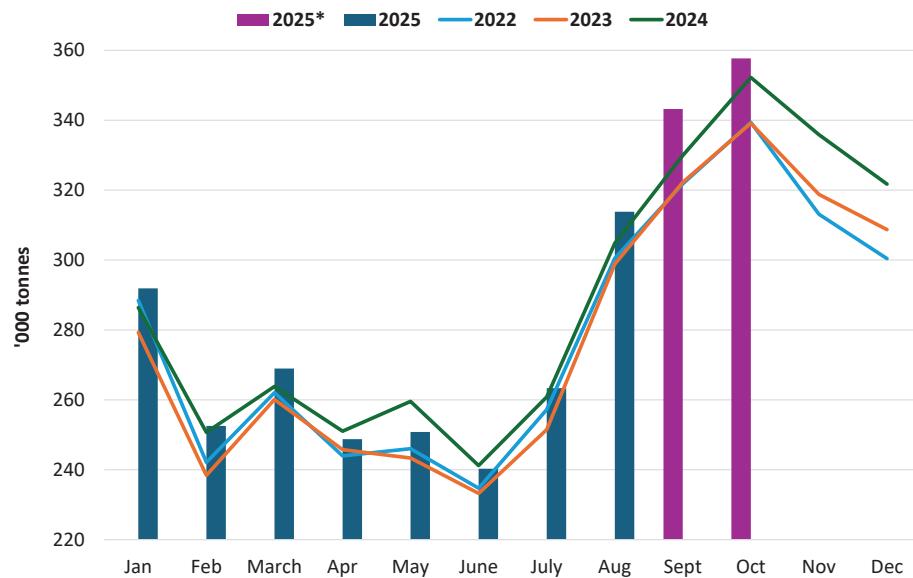
**Source:** USDA price surveys,  
exchange rate South African Reserve  
Bank middle rates, last month –  
average costing of daily closing values.

**KEY TO ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS:** Milk SA: Milk South Africa • MPO: Milk Producers' Organisation

SAMPRO: South African Milk Processors' Organisation • Stats SA: Statistics South Africa • SARS: South African Revenue Service

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture • PPI: Producer price index • CPI: consumer price index • DALRRD: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development • FMP: Full-cream milk power • SMP: Skimmed milk powder • UHT: Ultra-high temperature

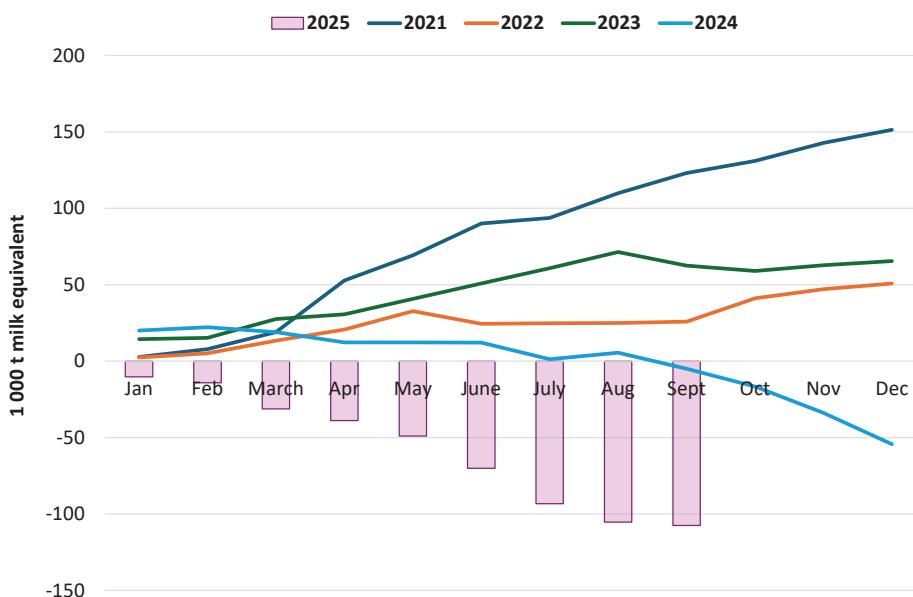
**FIGURE 2: Monthly unprocessed milk purchase trends, January 2022 to October 2025.**



\*Last two months' preliminary sample survey. \*Feb 2024 = 29 days.

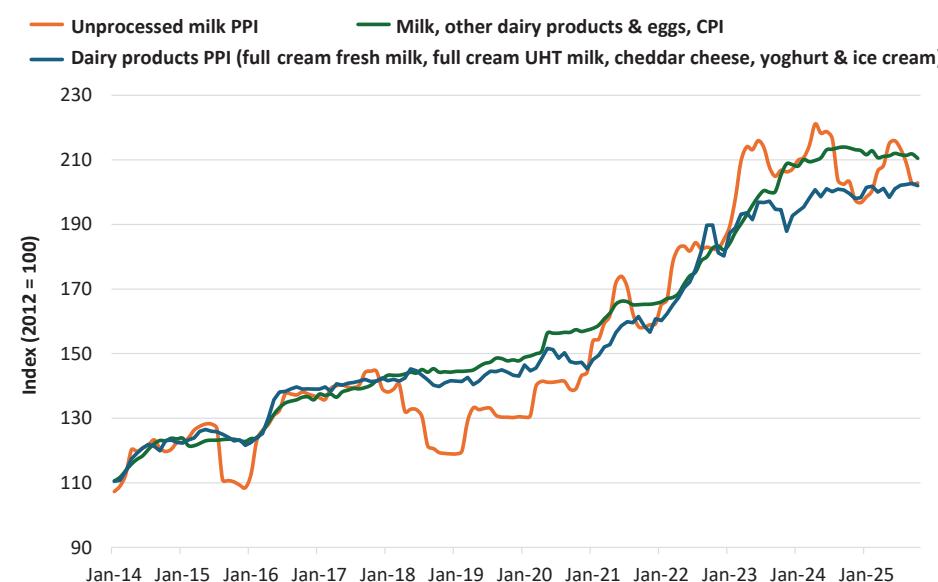
**Source:** Milk SA statistics. Note that each year's figures are assessed, reviewed, and finalised by 31 March of the ensuing year.

**FIGURE 3: Monthly cumulative net imports, milk equivalent, January 2021 to September 2025.**



**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, January 2015 to October 2025.**



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