



Dairy DIGITS

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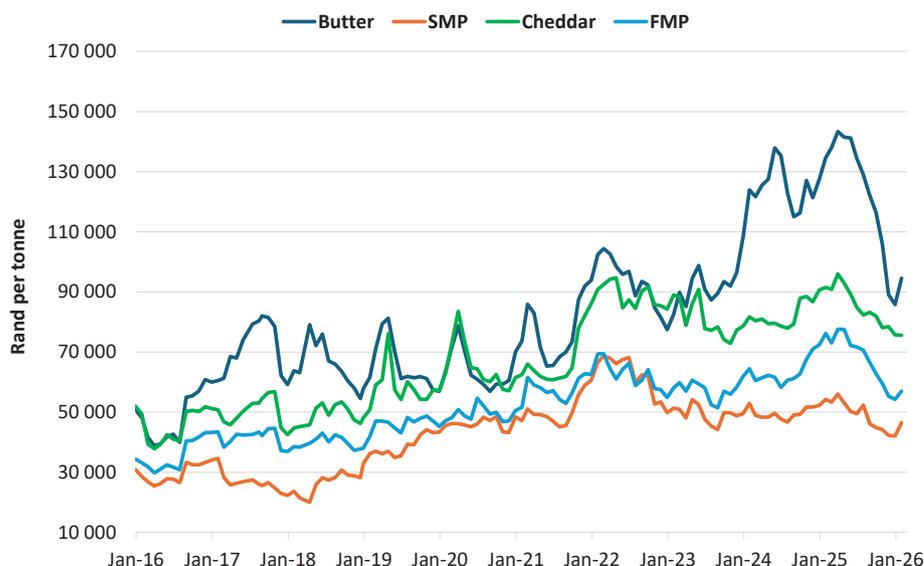
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TABLE 1: Key market indicators.

ITEM	PERIOD	VALUE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE (same period previous year)
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) ¹	2024	3 358	+3,56%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate ¹	2025	3 480	+0,63%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate ¹	Jan 2026	291	-0,16%
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Dairy imports ('000 tonnes) ²	2024	33,9	-30,1%
Dairy imports ('000 tonnes) ²	Jan - Dec 2025	30,8	-9,1%
Dairy exports ('000 tonnes) ²	2024	53,5	-4,63%
Dairy exports ('000 tonnes) ²	Jan - Dec 2025	69,1	+29,2%
Dairy exports inclusive of sales to other SACU countries ('000 tonnes) ⁵	Jan - Dec 2025	208,5	+8,7%
Producer price index of unprocessed milk (base Dec '23 = 100) ³	Dec 2025	98,0	+3,2%
Producer price index of dairy products (base Dec 23 = 100) ³	Jan 2026	103,2	-1,3%
All farming requisites combined price index (base 2015 = 100) ⁴	April 2025	132,9	-1,78%

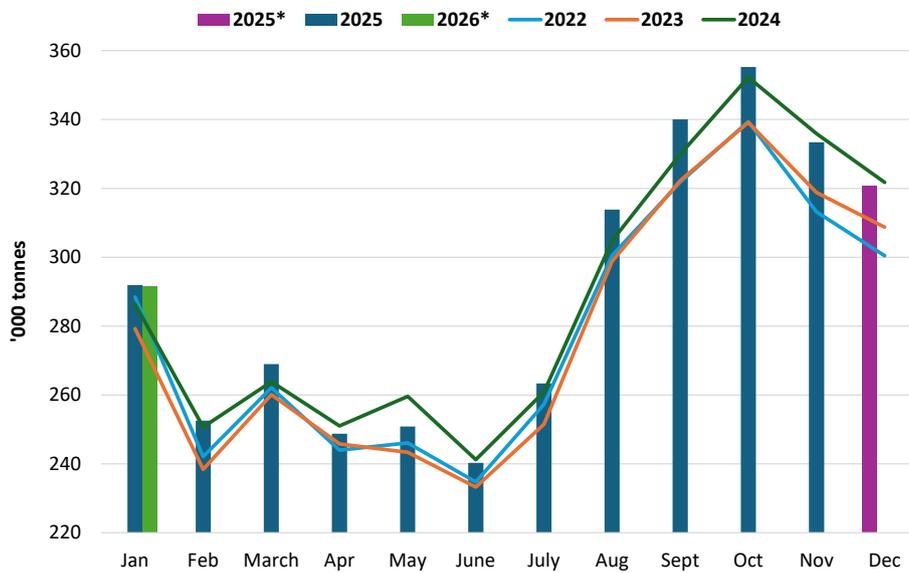
SOURCES: ¹ Milk SA returns | ² SARS statistics supplied by SAMPRO | ³ Stats SA PPI Index
⁴ Department of Agriculture price index of farm requisites | ⁵ SARS statistics supplied by Agri Inspecc

FIGURE 1: International dairy product prices (free on board), January 2016 to February 2026.



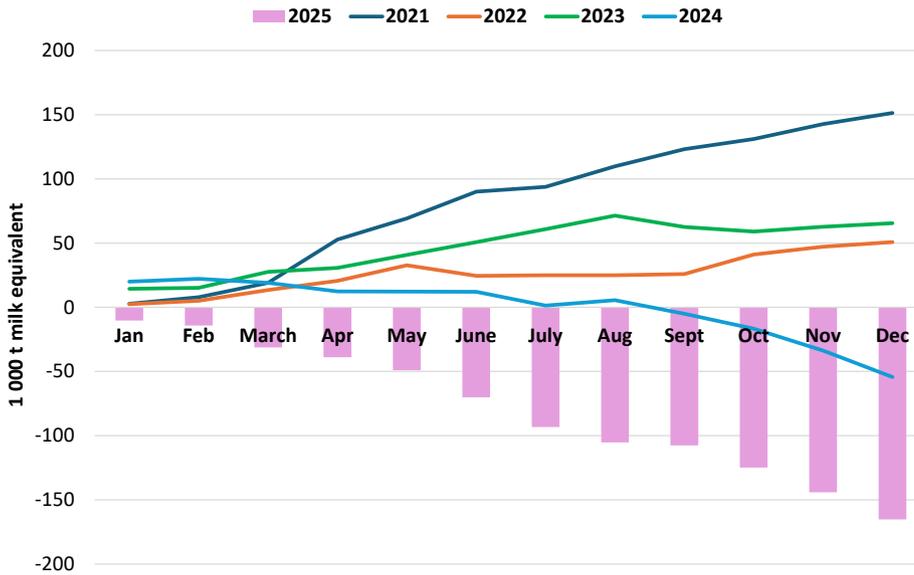
Source: USDA price surveys, exchange rate South African Reserve Bank middle rates, last month - average costing of daily closing values.

FIGURE 2: Monthly unprocessed milk purchase trends, January 2022 to January 2026.



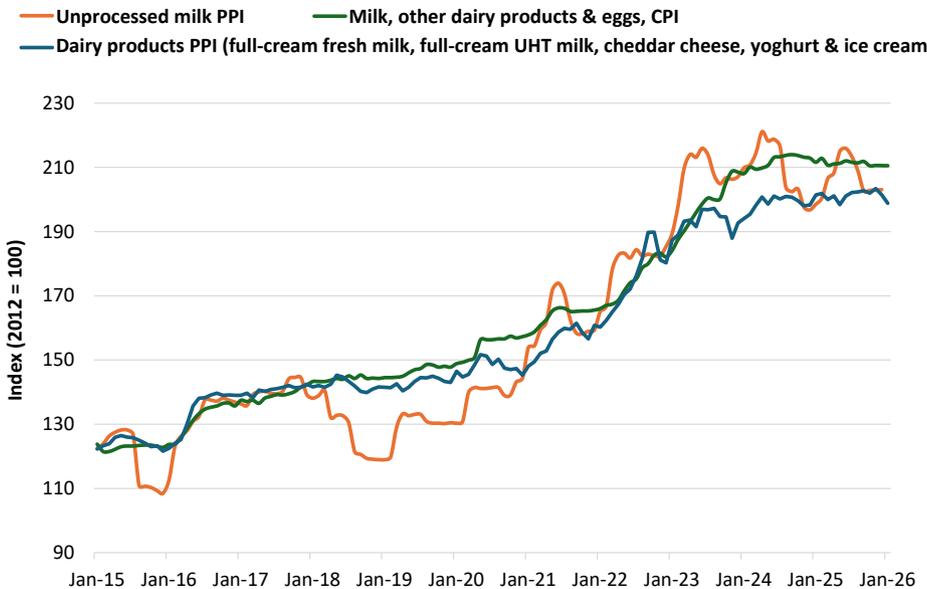
*Last two months' preliminary sample survey. *Feb 2024 = 29 days.
Source: Milk SA statistics. Note that each year's figures are assessed, reviewed, and finalised by 31 March of the ensuing year.

FIGURE 3: Monthly cumulative net imports, milk equivalent, January 2021 to December 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 January 2026.



Source: Stats SA PPI and CPI information (www.statssa.gov.za)