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SA'S LARGEST POULTRY SOURCE HIT BY FLU OUTBREAK - WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

ALARM bells are sounding for South Africa's chicken supplies, as Brazil - the country's top source of imported chicken - has detected two cases of avian influenza in wild birds, according to Hume International. In response, the government urgently needs to implement proactive measures to avoid a looming crisis, warn experts. Per guidelines from the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH), the incident will not trigger a ban on poultry exports from Brazil unless the virus spreads to commercial flocks. However, the contagious nature of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has led to the worst global outbreak of bird flu on record, which means that South Africa must prepare for the worst, explains managing director of Hume International, Fred Hume.

"If imports from Brazil are banned, there would be an immediate and potentially crippling impact on the local market which would cost thousands of jobs, cause dramatic increases in prices, and result in supply shortages," he emphasises. "It's not only prudent but necessary to consider the dire consequences that would unfold should the outbreak impact chicken imports from Brazil. Local poultry producers simply cannot satisfy local demand, and South Africa is heavily reliant on Brazil to fill the void in supply," he says. The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) notes that Brazil provided as much as 75% of South Africa's imported chicken in 2022. Given the heightened demand for cheaper animal protein, especially among struggling and financially vulnerable households, Brazilian chicken imports thus play an essential role in supplementing local supply chains.

This role has only become more critical as intensified loadshedding has sparked growing poultry shortages, accelerating chicken and meat price inflation. Source: [SA's largest poultry source hit by flu outbreak - what happens next? - KZN Industrial & Business News \(kznindustrialnews.co.za\)](#)

POULTRY FARMERS IN CHADIZA DISTRICT BEMOANS LACK OF LIVESTOCK DISTRIBUTORS

The Poultry Farmers in chadiza district bemoaned the absence of distributors of livestock products such as day old chicks, feed and vaccines. This came to light when the PAZ head office held a meeting with the poultry farmers in Chadiza. During the said meeting, poultry farmers highlighted a number of challenges they are facing in the quest to continue with poultry business.

Currently poultry farmers in Chadiza District are buying their day old chicks, feed and vaccines from Chipata District, about 70 kms away. According to the farmers, the longer distance from chipata coupled with the bad road next work either direct from Chipata or using Mozambique's road is contributing to high mortalities of DoC, expensive landing price for both feed, vaccines and Doc, which is making them uncompetitive. Other issues which came up during the meeting was marketing challenges for the fully grown broilers as well as lack of trainings for the new farmers. It was also highlighted that farmers need finances to invest in transport facilities to enable them felly the inputs from Chipata or katete to address the costs of using public transport which delays develivery of chicks to the district



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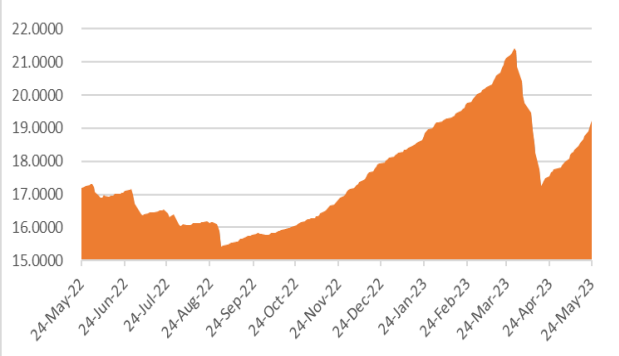
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KWACHA CONTINUE TO WEAKEN AGAINST THE DOLLAR

Zambia's kwacha has continued to weaken against the dollar in the last two weeks as restricted supply of the hard currency on the domestic market. on friday, commercial banks quoted the currency of africa's fourth-largest copper producer at 19.32, up from 19.17 recorded last weeks ago."the local currency is expected to get stronger going into next week as taxes are being paid by the mines," one commercial bank trader said. source: [weekahead-africa-fx-kenyan and zambian currencies seen weakening | nasdaq](#).

Figure1: EXCHANGE RATE- DOLLAR KWACHA-MAY 2023



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DOC BROILER PRICE STABLE

The prices of broiler day-old chicks remained stable during the course of the week. The DoC broiler prices are trading at an average price of ZMK 13.25 per day old chick same as the prices posted week. The lowest chick on the market is trading at ZMK12 and the highest is still ZMK14.5 per day old chicks, depending on location and supplier. There were no movements on the prices of pullets on the market which are averaging ZMK16 per day old pullet. The price for DoC SASSOL and Kuroilers is trading at ZMK10 per DOC. The price for the improved free-range such as Black Austrorop's, Bushvelds, Kuroilers are selling between ZMK 15 to ZMK25 depending on the age. The graph captures the national average price trend for the day-old broiler chicks. For the pullets, most of the bookings are open for June and July 2023 depending on the volumes and source. Check Figure 2 for the price trend, courtesy of PAZ

PRICE FOR POINT OF LAY PRICES ADJUSTS UPWARDS

The prices for the Point of Lay remained stable during the course of the week. The average price is still averaging ZMK135, with the lowest being ZMK130 per bird for bulk consignments and the highest being ZMK140 per bird for small volumes depending on the supplier and location. The bookings for June 2023 and July are available.

For beginners who are interested in getting battery cages, cage prices range between ZMK6500 to ZMK8,200 depending on the capacity and also the sources of the cages. The second-hand refurbished cage price range between ZMK4800 to ZMK 5,500 depending on the quality, capacity, age and source. Quails' cages, Rabbit Cages as well as first hand layers cages are all available on the market with different prices depending on the source and location.

WHOLE DRESSED CHICKEN PRICES REMAINS STABLE

The prices for the frozen chicken remained stable during the course of the week. The average price for the whole frozen chicken in Lusaka traded at about ZMK 51.21 per kg same price as obtained last week. The lowest price in some chainstores is still trading at ZMK49.99 per kg due to promotions being undertaken while the highest is trading at ZMK58.71 per kg. The chicken sizes are ranging between 1.1kg to 1.8kg in different stores.

Please note that the prices are obtained from Pick n Pay, Shoprite, Zambeef, Melisa Supermarket, Chopies, and Cheers Stores. Different outlets have different pricing models hence the figures displayed is the average price for all the sampled chain stores. It should also be noted that these are Lusaka prices only. For the price trend, check figure3 courtesy of PAZ

LIVE CHICKEN PRICES ADJUSTS UPWARDS

The national average prices for the live broiler chickens registered some upward movement in the open markets during the course of the week. However, there were no movements on prices for the x-layers as well as the free-range chickens. The national live broiler bird prices averaged ZMK89.18 with the lowest price being Lusaka posting ZMK 78.35 per Live Chicken and the highest being ZMK100. The x-layers have also averaged ZMK59.37 per bird, while the free-range price is averaging ZMK 130. The demand for broiler chicken is now on a steady increase as the market and consumption is now developing. Check figure 4 on the next page, courtesy of PAZ

Figure 2: BROILER AND PULLET DAY OLD CHICK PRICES- MAY 2023

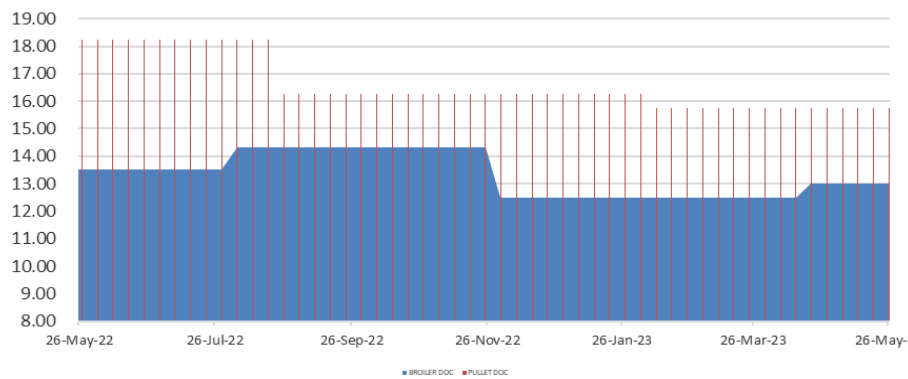


Figure 3: AVERAGE PRICES FOR FROZEN CHICKEN MAY 2023

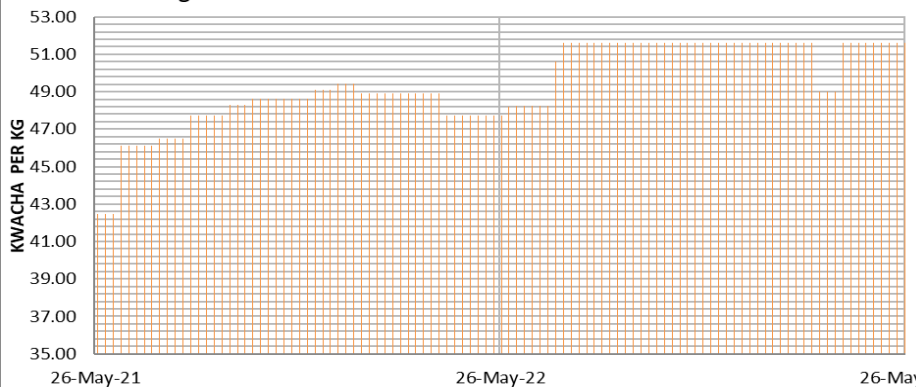
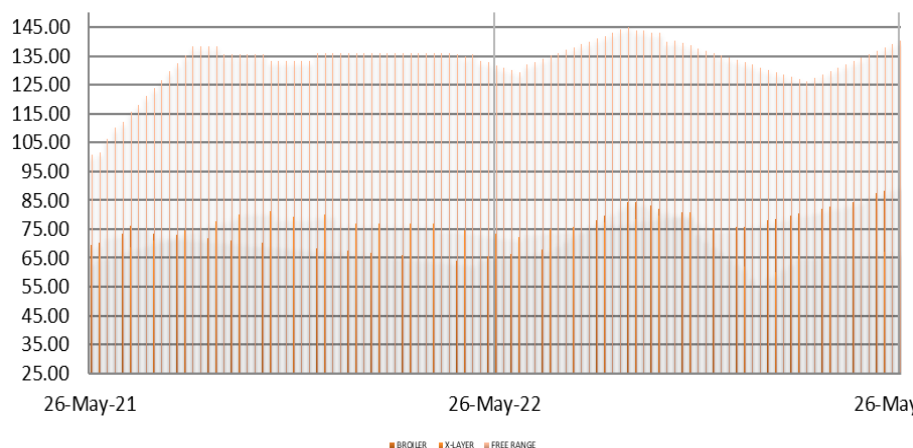


Figure 4: NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICES FOR LIVE CHICKENS - MAY 2023

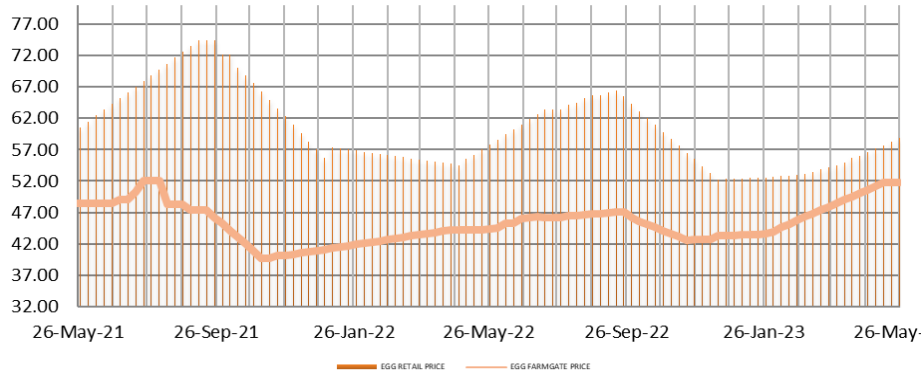




NATIONAL EGG PRICE POST SOME MOVEMENTS

The egg prices in the domestic market continued posting some minimal upward movements during the course of the week. The retail prices in open markets are ranging between ZMK55.23 to ZMK60. Most farm gate prices average ZMK 47 tray to ZMK 50 per tray. Further, retail prices in some Chain stores did not register any movement with the prices averaged between ZMK60.99 to ZMK75.99 per tray of 30 eggs depending on the supplier, packaging and chain stores. Most of the traders in the open market are now selling an egg between ZMK 1.5 to ZMK 2 in some markets. For the price, trend refer to figure 5, courtesy of PAZ

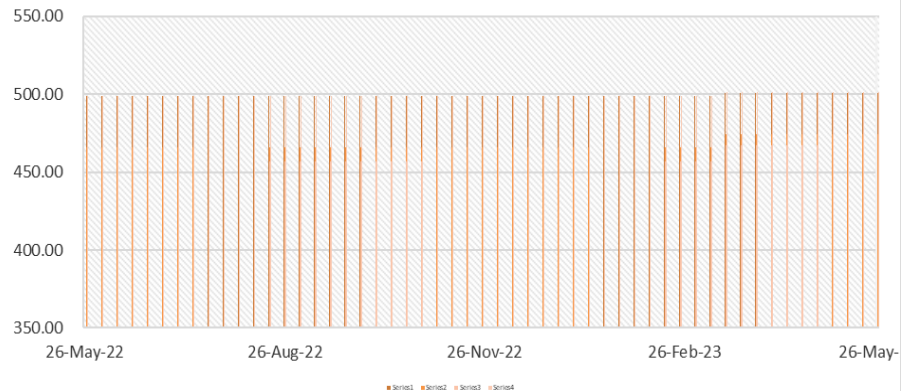
Figure 5: NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICES FOR EGGS -MAY 2023



FEED PRICES STABLE

The national average prices for poultry feed posted stayed stable during the course of the week. Broiler starter is still trading at ZMK 525. 09 per 50kg bag up compared with the prices obtaining last week. Broiler Grower averages ZMK493 while Broiler Finisher also averages ZMK482.16 per 50kg bag. In the same vein there were some minimal upward price movements registered on the Layer feed. The prices ranges from ZMK440 for pullet starter, ZMK368 for pullet grower, ZMK 350for pullet developer and ZMK370 for layers mash. For those compounding their ownfeed, ingredients prices have have also been stable during the week as portrayed in the graphs from 6 to 9 below, courtesy of PAZ

Figure 6: NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICES FOR BROILER FEED- MAY 2023



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FIGURE7: AVERAGE LAYER FEED- MAY 2023

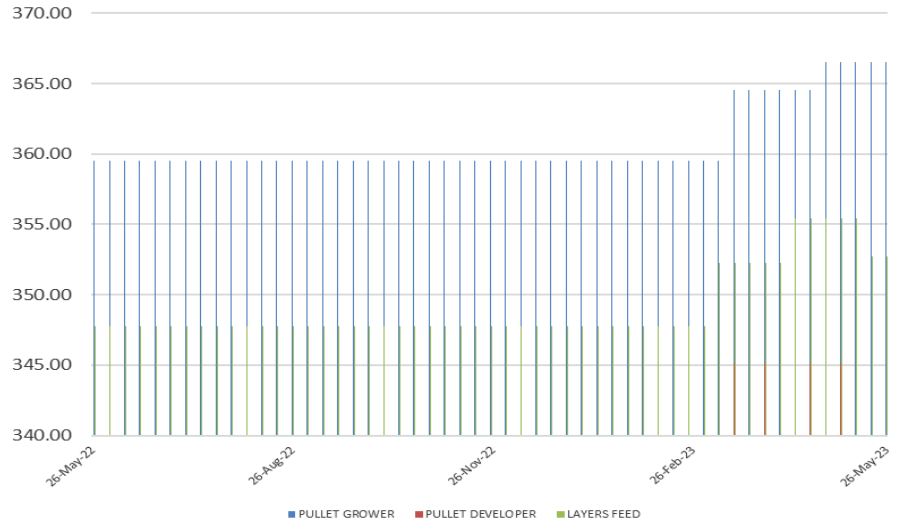


Figure 8: AVERAGE PRICES FOR SOYAMEAL MAY 2023

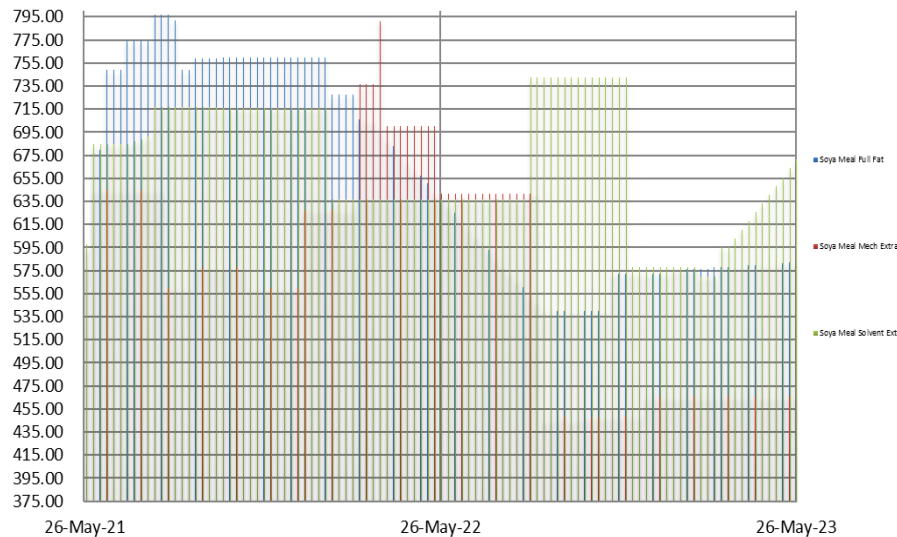
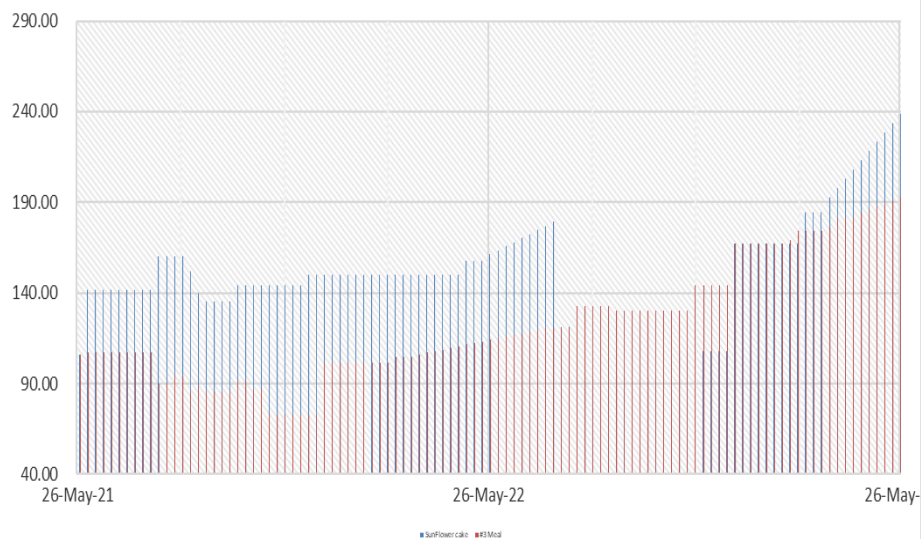


Figure 9: Average Prices for Sunflower Cake and #3Meal- MAY 2023





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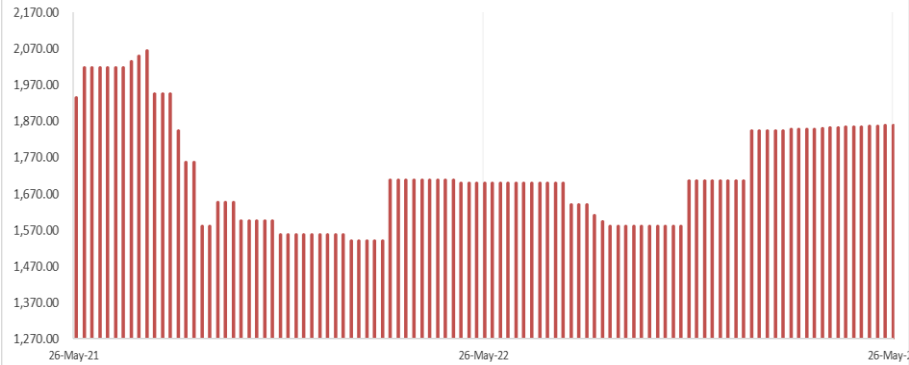


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