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SA GOVERNMENT CONTEMPLATES CHICKEN IMPORT DUTY REBATE

The SA government intends to introduce a temporary rebate on import duties of chicken meat to combat a potential shortfall in the face of a number of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreaks. According to the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, the total loss due to the outbreaks amounted to around 1.4 million chickens by 21 September. A total of 50 HPAI H7 outbreaks and 10 HPAI H5 outbreaks were reported. Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition Ebrahim Patel has now directed trade commission Itac to consider the creation of a rebate on meat and edible offal of fresh, chilled or frozen chicken....

In a statement issued on Tuesday, Patel says the outbreaks led to the culling of around 2.7 million chickens. "The impact of the depletion of locally available poultry will have severe food security implications on the availability and prices of poultry, which is a basic, staple protein in South Africa."

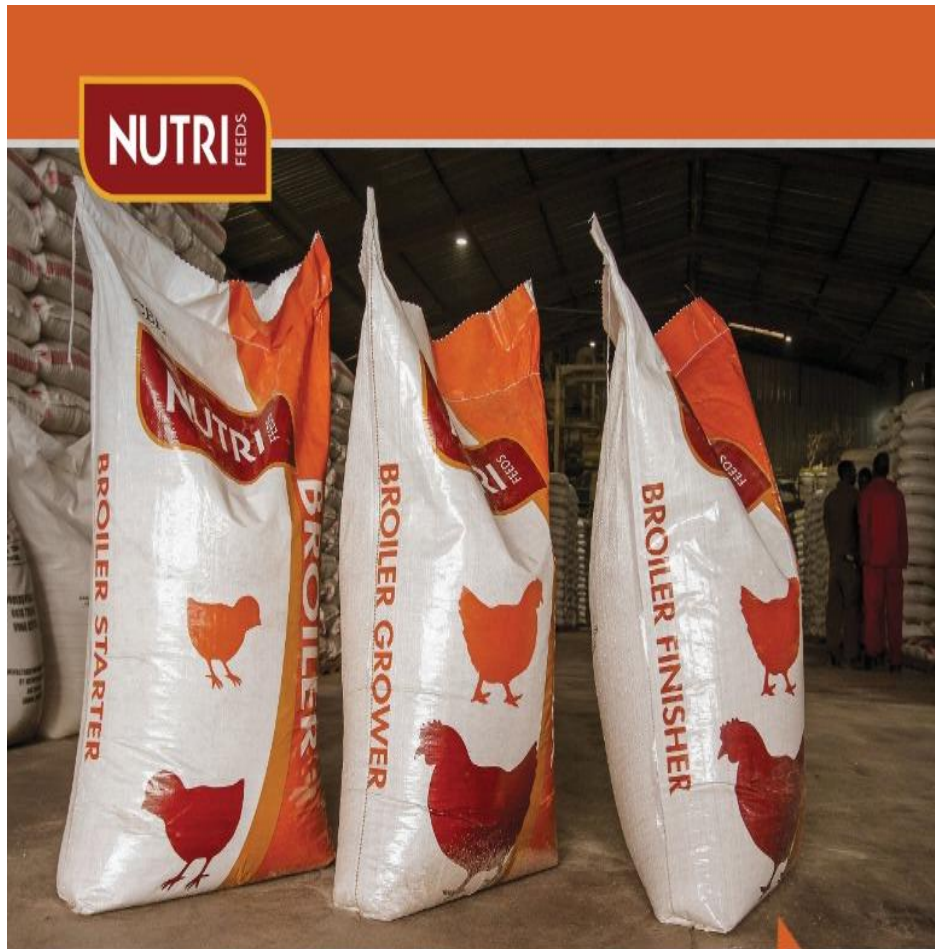
He requested Itac to investigate a rebate on import duties "in an expedited manner". Interested parties have been given two weeks (until 16 October) to submit comments to the commission. Itac must consider whether the temporary rebate should only apply to ordinary customs duties or whether the recently reinstated anti-dumping duties should also be included.

Patel reimposed anti-dumping duties - after suspending the imposition for 12 months - in August. Imports of frozen bone-in chicken portions already carry a most favoured nation (MFN) rate of 62%.

Imports from Brazil, Denmark, Spain, Poland and Ireland now carry additional duties for five years until 2027. They range from less than 3% for some companies in Poland and Ireland to 265% for one company in Brazil.

Paul Matthew, CEO of the Association of Meat Importers and Exporters South Africa (Amie), has welcomed the announcement. "The minister is being proactive in the face of the huge bird flu outbreak in SA." Amie will be drafting its comments for Itac's consideration. Matthew says it is still early days to discuss how the rebate could address the anticipated shortage. The South African Poultry Association (Sapa) has expressed dismay with the directive and the potential scrapping of import duties.

"It is our view that the current situation does not justify such a rebate," says Izaak Breitenbach, general manager of Sapa. He says the potential shortage is no more than around 30% if the culling is done, which has not happened yet. The detailed analysis can be found on the following website: [Government contemplates rebate on chicken import duties - Moneyweb](#)



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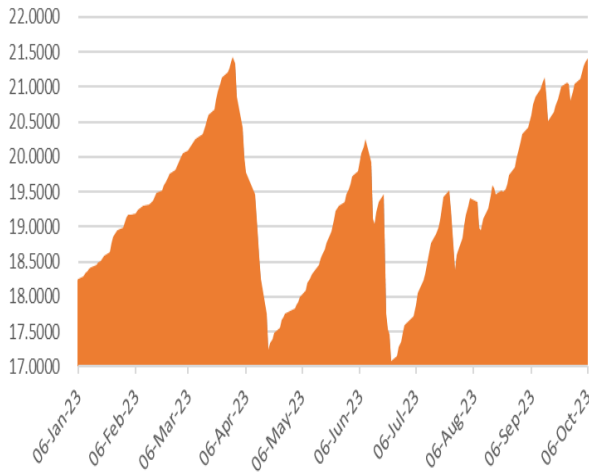
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## DOC BROILER PRICE POST SOME MOVEMENTS

The prices of broiler day-old chicks posted some upward movements. The DoC broiler prices are trading at an average price of ZMK 16 UP FROM zmk 15.17 per day old chick compared with the prices posted week. The lowest chick on the market is trading at ZMK15.5 and the highest is still ZMK16 per day old chicks, depending on location and supplier. There were no movements on the prices of pullets on the market which are averaging ZMK17.5 per day old pullet. The price for DoC SASSOL and Kuroilers is trading at ZMK 13 per DOC. The price for the improved free-range such as Black Austropop's, Bushvelds, Kuroilers are selling between ZMK 15 to ZMK25 depending on the age. The festive season is approaching and number of farmers are preparing to place for the December period. The graph captures the national average price trend for the day-old broiler chicks. For the pullets, most of the bookings are open for September and October 2023 depending on the volumes and source. **Check Figure 2** for the price trend, courtesy of PAZ

## 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 52.21 per kg same price as obtained last week. The lowest price in some chainstores is still trading at ZMK51.99 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

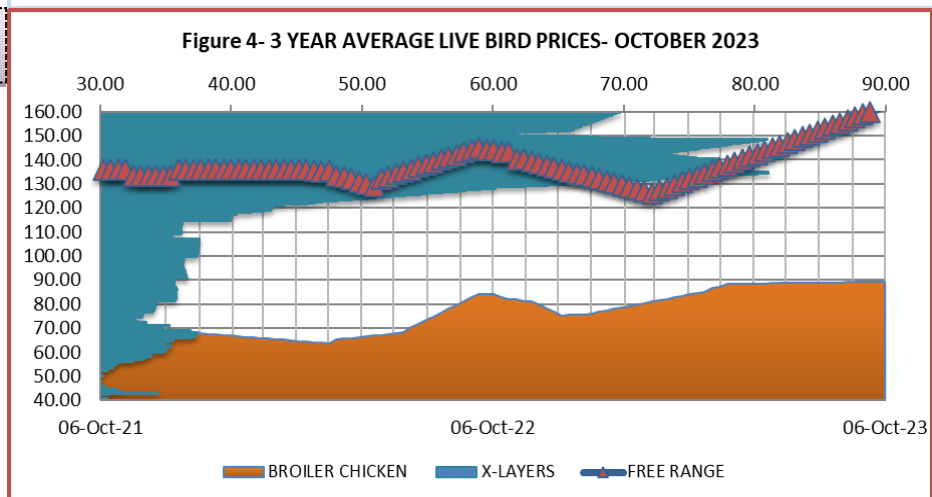
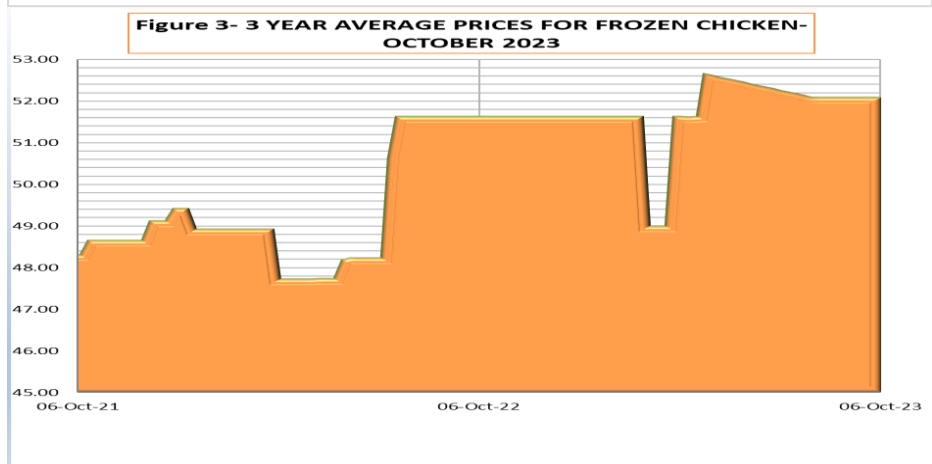
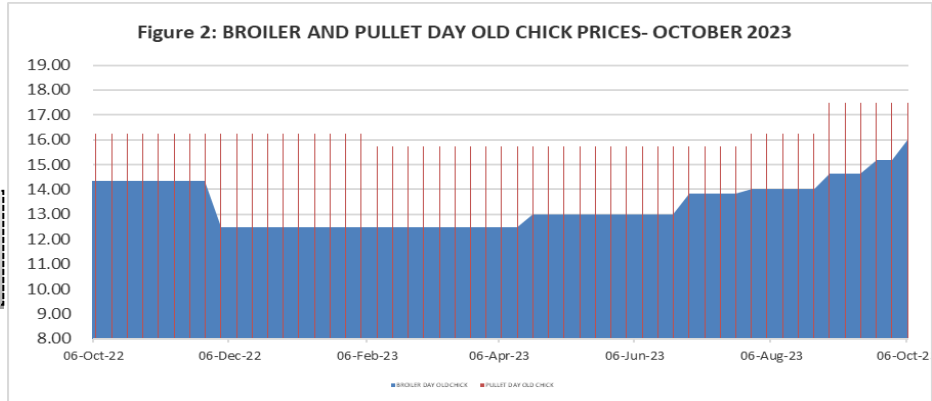
## LIVE CHICKEN PRICES ADJUSTS UPWARDS

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 ZMK90.12 with the lowest price being Lusaka posting ZMK 80.35 per Live Chicken and the highest being ZMK110. The x-layers have also averaged ZMK 58.13 per bird, while the free-range price is averaging ZMK 140. 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.

## PRICE FOR POINT OF LAY PRICES ADJUSTS UPWARDS

The prices for the Point of Lay adjusted upwards 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 ZMK145 per bird for small volumes depending on the supplier and location. The bookings for September and October 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.







### 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 ZMK55.33 to ZMK60.27. Most farm gate prices average ZMK 48 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.

### FEED PRICES STABLE

The national average prices for poultry feed posted some upward movements during the course of the week. Broiler starter is still trading at ZMK 567per 50kg bag up compared with the prices obtaining last week. Broiler Grower averages ZMK545 while Broiler Finisher also averages ZMK525 per 50kg bag. In the same vain there were some minimal upward price movements registered on the Layer feed. The prices ranges from ZMK528 for pullet starter, ZMK392 for pullet grower, ZMK 375 for pullet developer and ZMK414 for layers mash. For those compunding their ownfeed, ingredients prices have have also been stable during the week as portrayed in the graphs from 6 to 9 below, curtesy of PAZ.



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Figure 5: 3 YEAR AVERAGE ANNUAL EGG PRICES- OCTOBER 2023

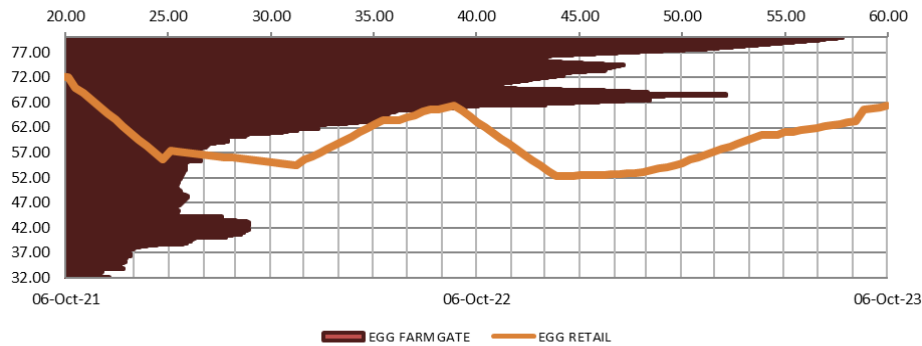


Figure 6: NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICES FOR BROILER FEED- OCTOBER 2023

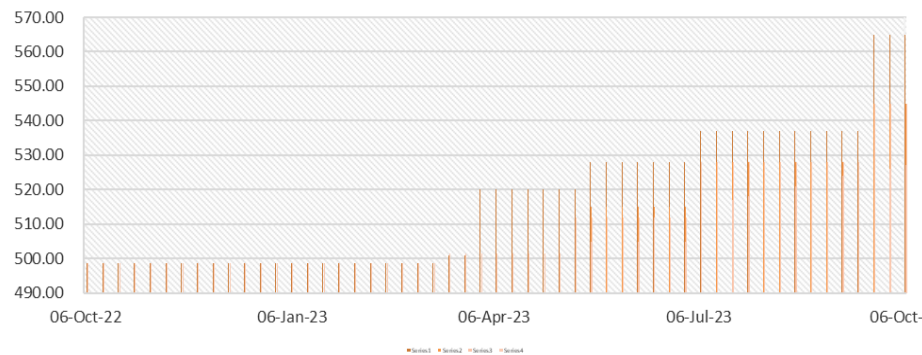


FIGURE7: AVERAGE LAYER FEED- OCTOBER 2023

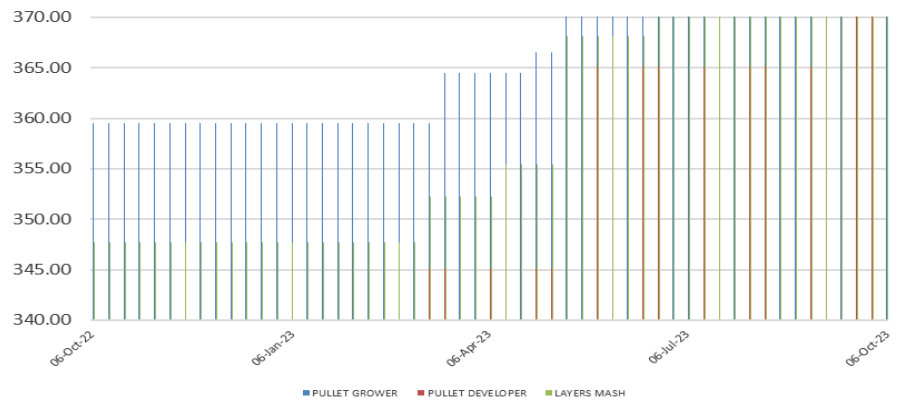
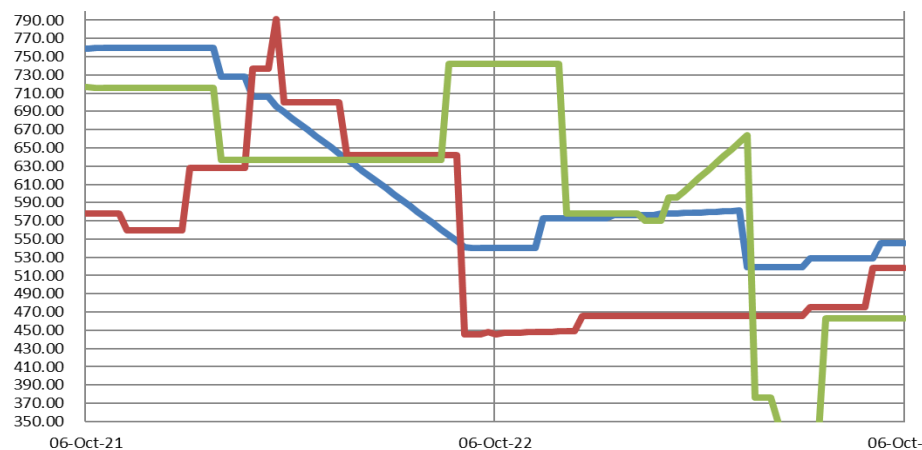


Figure 8: AVERAGE PRICES FOR SOYAMEAL OCTOBER 2023





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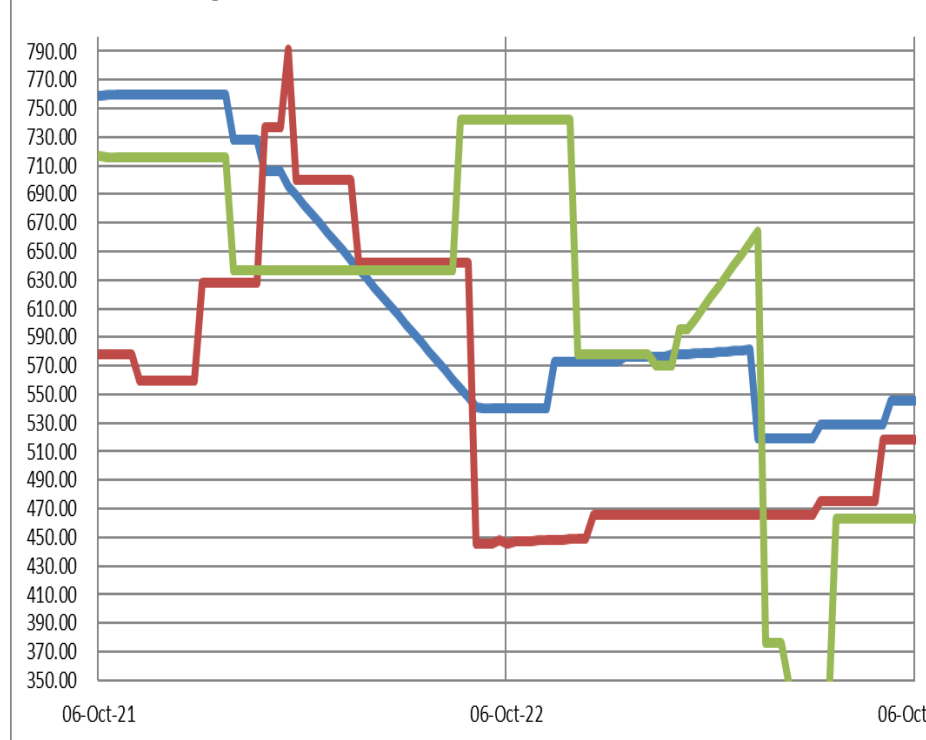
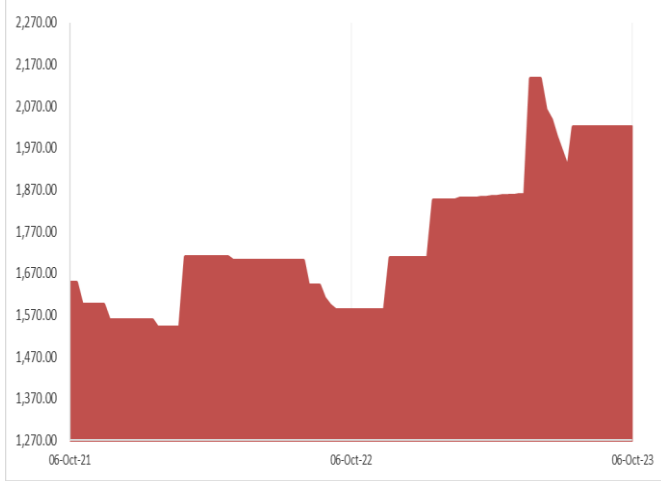






Figure 10: AVERAGE FISH MEAL PRICES-OCTOBER 2023



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