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## GVT TO DRAW FROM R3.5 BN FOR BIRD FLUE RELIEF

As the Avian flu outbreak continues to impact farmers across the country, Deputy President Paul Mashatile said government will use some of a R3.5 billion agricultural scheme to provide them with much-needed support. South Africa is currently battling an outbreak of the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) with a number of confirmed cases of the HPAI H7 and HPAI H5 strains. Millions of birds were culled during May and June to curb the spread of the virus.

**Help for farmers:** Answering questions in the National Council of Provinces on Thursday, Mashatile said Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development Thoko Didiza is expected to announce the relief package from a multi-billion rand scheme. "This scheme is about R3.5 billion. So, those farmers affected by influenza, will get support from this scheme. But of course, details are still being discussed by Treasury to ensure exactly what that support will constitute. Among others, recommended that all affected farmers, especially small-scale farmers, will be compensated.

Mashatile said government is also assisting with vaccines. "With respect to vaccination, the department is also assisting that there's registration of vaccines so that process is fast-tracked to ensure that farmers can receive vaccines to ensure that they can deal with this problem."

**Eggs shortage:** Meanwhile, Didiza has granted thousands of permits for the importation of eggs and poultry meat to ensure sufficient stocks are available for the holiday season. The department said on Thursday that it was working with all stakeholders in the poultry industry following the outbreak of bird flu.

the department is doing everything possible to contain the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) plaguing not only South Africa but other parts of the world as well. "Minister Didiza has decided to allow the importation of table and fertilised eggs and poultry meat to ensure sufficient stocks is available on time for the Christmas holiday season," said spokesperson Reggie Ngcobo. He said since 1 September 2023, it has granted 115 permits for fertilised eggs, 48 for egg powder, 2 406 for poultry meat and 24 permits for table eggs. A permit might be for up to 10 000 tons or a shipping container. Source: Govt. to assist farmers hit by deadly Avian flu, Mashatile says (citizen.co.za)



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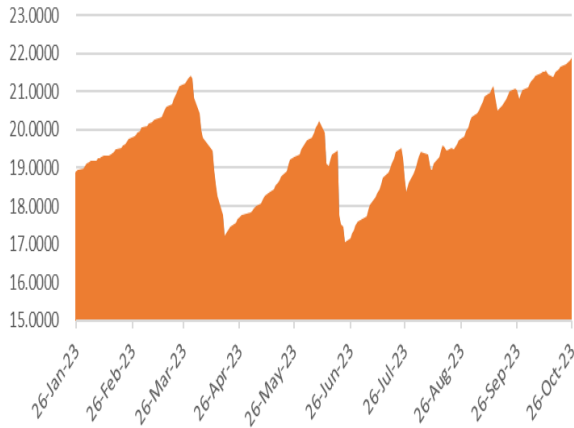
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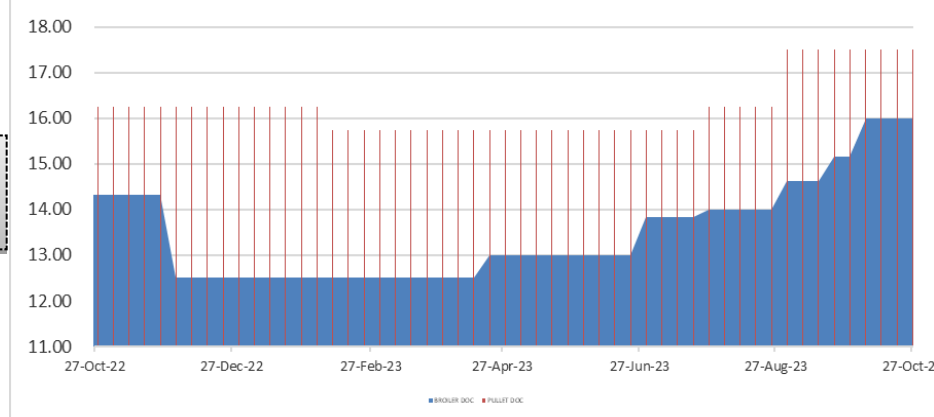
### PRICE FOR POINT OF LAY PRICES STABLE

The prices of broiler day-old chicks remained stable during the 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 December 2023 depending on the volumes and source. Check Figure 2 for the price trend, courtesy of PAZ

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 October are available.

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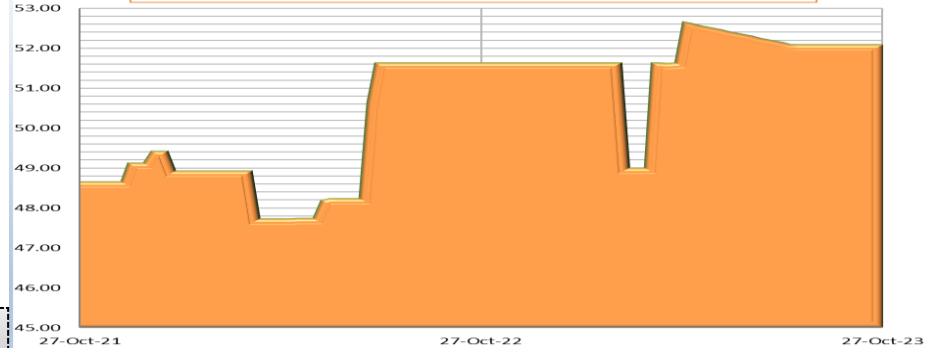
Figure 2: BROILER AND PULLET DAY OLD CHICK PRICES- OCTOBER 2023



### WHOLE DRESSED CHICKEN PRICES POSTED SOME MOVEMENTS

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 ZMK52per kg 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

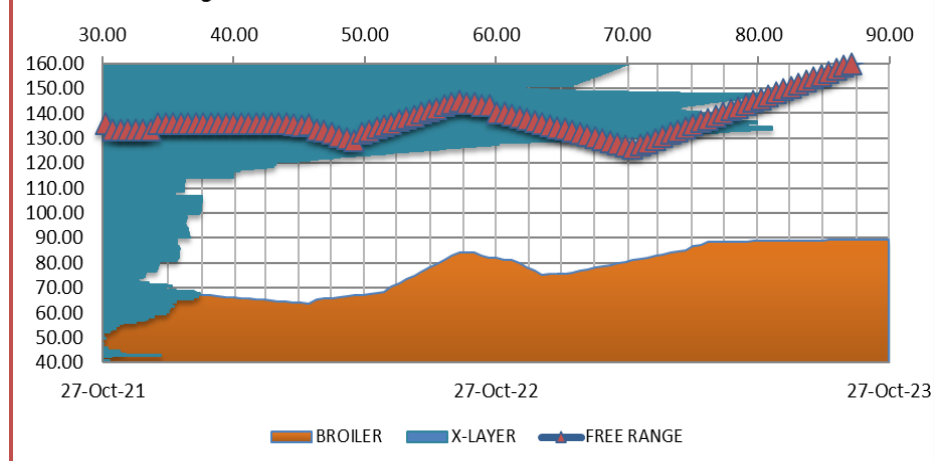
Figure 3- 3 YEAR AVERAGE PRICES FOR FROZEN CHICKEN- OCTOBER 2023



### LIVE CHICKEN PRICES STABLE

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.

Figure 4- 3 YEAR AVERAGE LIVE BIRD PRICES- OCTOBER 2023







### NATIONAL EGG PRICE REMAINED STICKY

The egg prices in the domestic market remained unchanged 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 52 per tray depending on the location. Further, retail prices in some Chain stores did not register any movement with the prices averaged between ZMK60.99 to ZMK74.99 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 no 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.

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

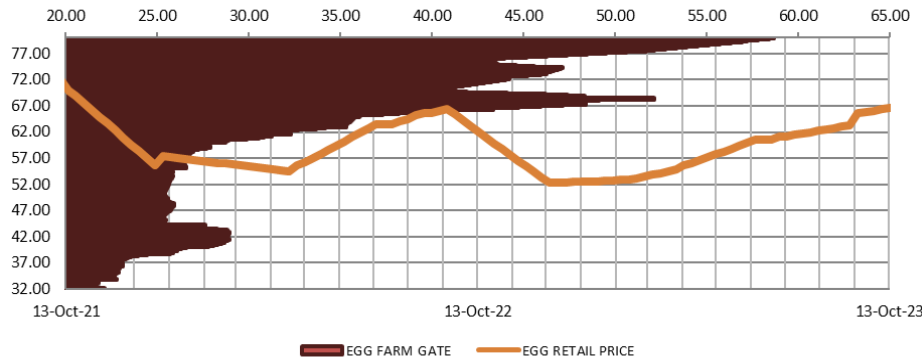


Figure 6: NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICES FOR BROILER FEED- OCTOBER 2023

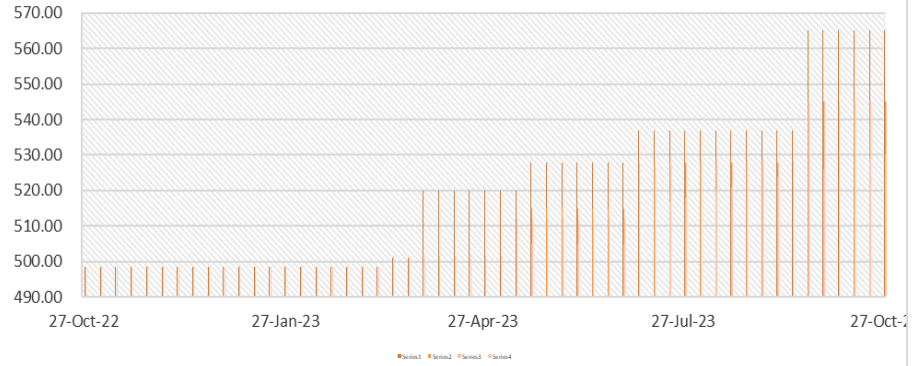


FIGURE7: AVERAGE LAYER FEED- OCTOBER 2023

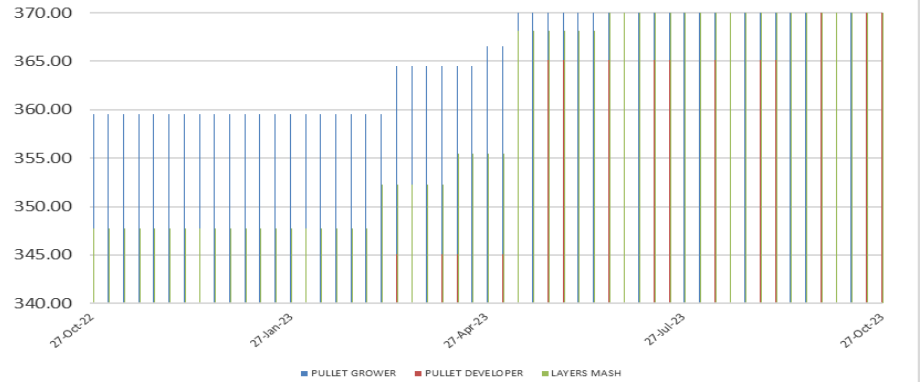
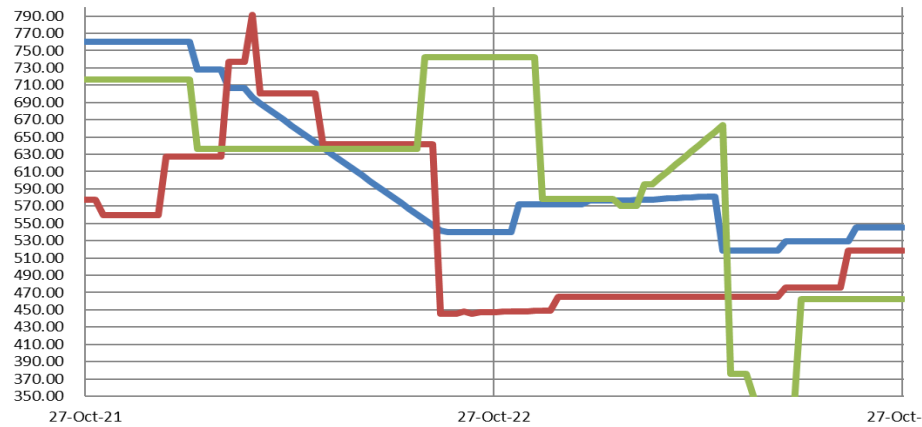


Figure 8: AVERAGE PRICES FOR SOYAMEAL OCTOBER 2023



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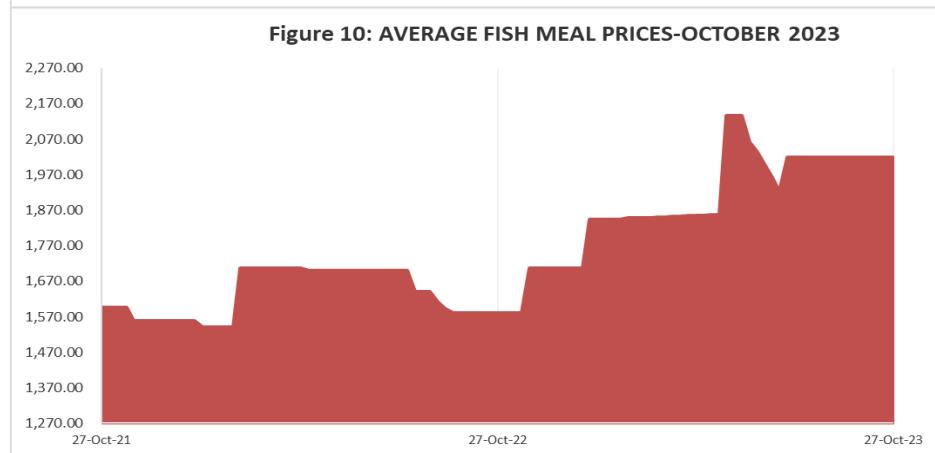
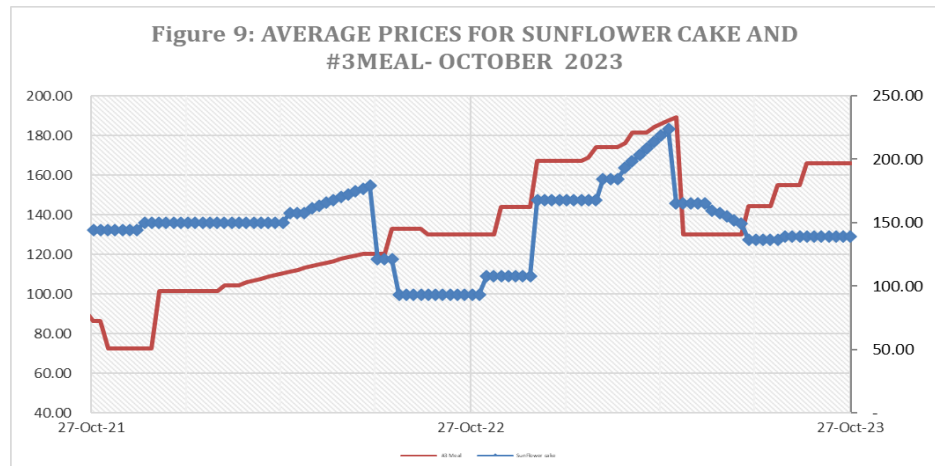
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