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BRAZILIAN POULTRY EXPORT SOARS

Brazil, the global poultry leader, sees a 28% surge in exports, with South Africa facing decisions on imports as bird flu concerns grow. Izaak Breitenbach emphasises potential bans, while ABPA president Ricardo Santin lauds Brazil's record-breaking chicken export year.

Brazilian poultry exports soar; SA weighs risks amid bird flu threat. SAPA CEO Izaak Breitenbach warns of potential bans on Brazilian poultry imports if bird flu strikes, emphasising the critical role of mechanically deboned meat (MDM) in South Africa's imports and the ongoing debate over heat treatment protocols. Photo Supplied/Food For Mzansi

Brazil, the world's top poultry exporter, is poised to demonstrate increased export volumes in 2023, with statistics up to November of the previous year indicating a 5.6% growth in poultry exports. The primary destination for Brazilian chicken in 2023 was China, followed closely by South Africa, which showed the second-largest increase in poultry imports from Brazil.

According to WattPoultry, over the January to November period, Brazil experienced a 28% year-on-year increase in poultry exports, amounting to over 632 000 metric tonnes. Notable increases in chicken imports were observed in South Africa (309 000mt; +21%) and Mexico (173 000mt; +28%).

By November, Brazil had earned \$9 billion from poultry sales of 4.68 million tonnes, with expectations for the year-end total surpassing 5 million tonnes. However, concerns have arisen regarding the potential impact of bird flu on Brazil's commercial poultry industry and its implications for South African imports. Brazil supplies a staggering 90% of all poultry imports into the country, making the issue of avian influenza a critical consideration for trade between the two nations.

The latest Poultry Bulletin, the official journal of the South African Poultry Association (SAPA), highlights

three potential courses of action in the event of a bird flu outbreak in Brazil. These options include a complete ban on all Brazilian poultry imports, a targeted ban only on affected areas, or allowing imports with specific conditions, such as heat treatment either before or after entry into South Africa. Source: [Brazilian poultry exports soar; SA weighs risks amid bird flu threat - Food For Mzansi](#)



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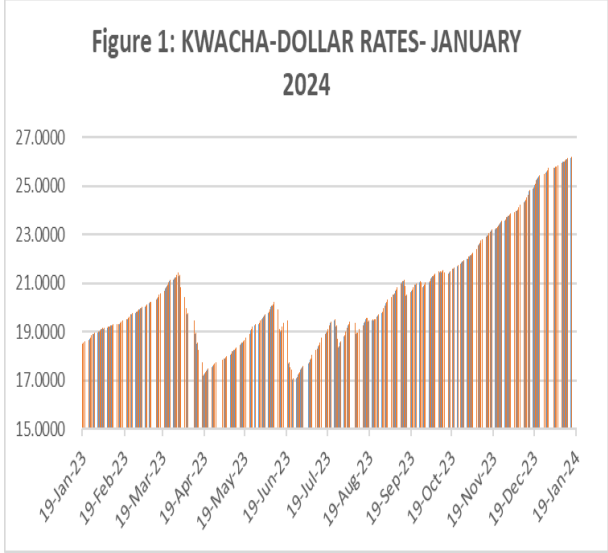
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KWACHA UNDER PRESSURE

Zambia's kwacha fell to a record low against the US dollar The kwacha dropped 0.4% to trade at 26.4250. The southern African nation's currency has depreciated more than 20% against the greenback this year. The central bank moved in to address the depreciating currency by recommending raising the ratio of deposits the commercial banks must be holding. The statutory reserve ratio was raised to 14.3\$ from effective 13th November 2023.



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DOC BROILER PRICE STABLE

PRICE FOR POINT OF LAY PRICES STABLE

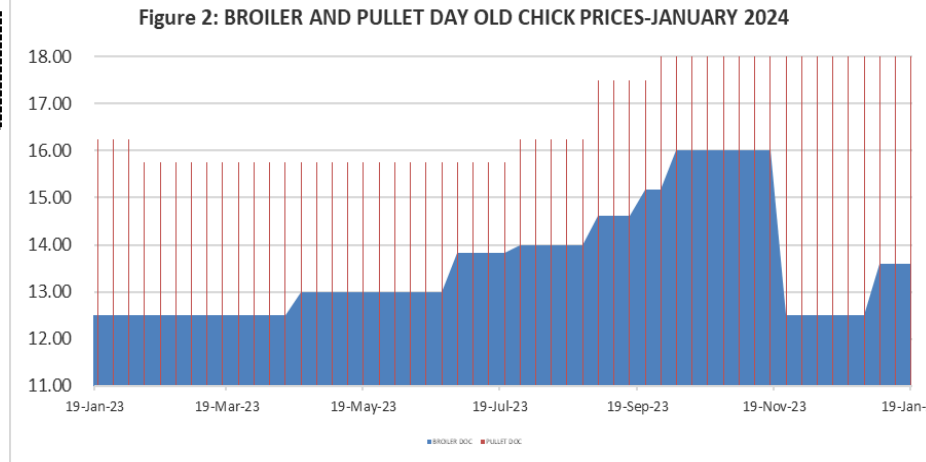
The prices of broiler day-old chicks posted some reduction during the week. The lowest chick on the market is trading at ZMK13 and the highest is still ZMK14.5 per day old chicks, depending on location and supplier. There were no movements on the prices of pullets on the market which are averaging ZMK18 per day old pullet. The price for DoC SASSOL and Kuroilers is trading at ZMK 14 per DOC. The price for the improved free-range such as Black Austropop's, Bushveldts, 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 February 2024 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 November and December are available.

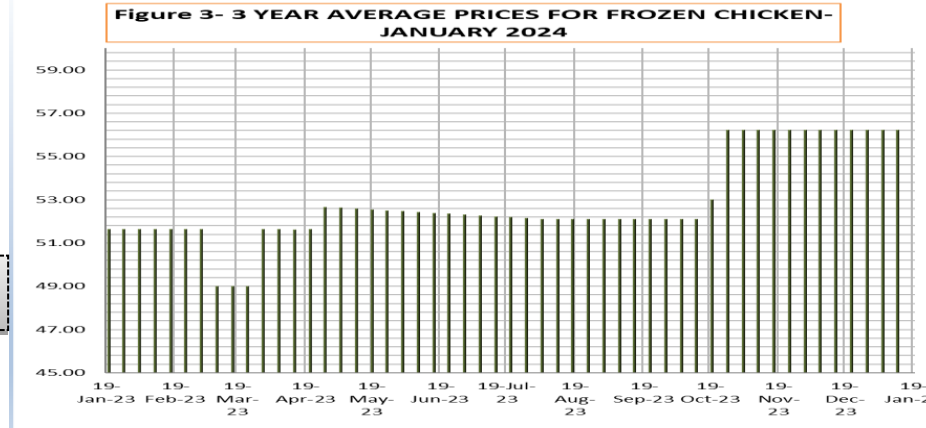
For beginners who are interested in getting battery cages, cage prices range between ZMK7900to ZMK8,200 depending on the capacity and also the sources of the cages. The second-hand refurbished cage price range between ZMK5000 to ZMK 5,500 depending on the quality, capacity, age and source. Quails' cages, 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 REMAINED 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 56.67 per kg same price as obtained last week. The lowest price in some chainstores is still trading at ZMK52per kg (promotion)while the highest is trading at ZMK65. per kg. The chicken sizes are ranging between 1.1kg to 2.4kg in different stores.

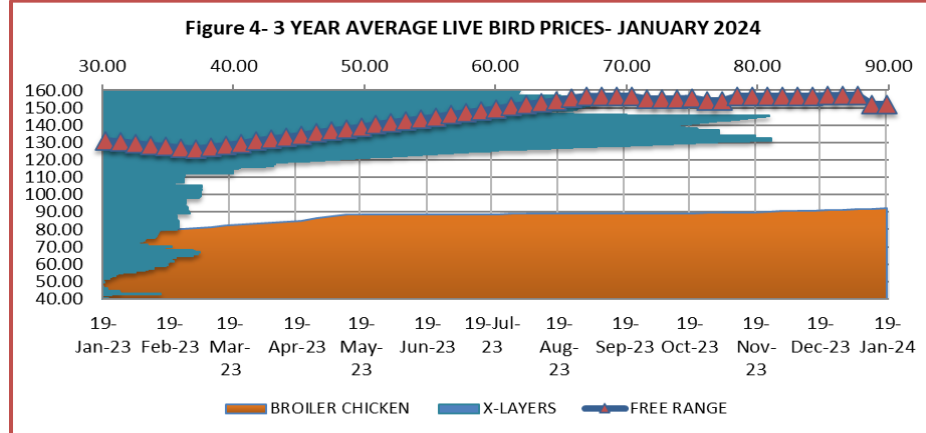


Please note that the prices are obtained from Pick n Pay, Shoprite, Zambeef, Melisa Supermarket, Chopies, and Cheers Stores. Different outlets have different pricing models hence the figures displayed is the average price for all the sampled chain stores. It should also be noted that these are Lusaka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



LIVE CHICKEN PRICES 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 ZMK90.45 with the lowest price being Lusaka posting ZMK 70. 55 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.





NATIONAL EGG PRICE ADJUSTS UPWARDS

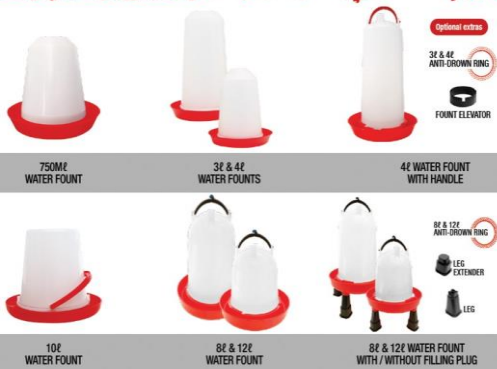
The egg prices in the domestic and export market continued to adjust upwards. The adjustments observed in the market are mainly attributed to the weaker kwacha, which is pushing the prices of inputs upwards and also making the Zambian eggs much cheaper in the export markets. The retail prices in open markets are ranging between ZMK60 to ZMK75.27. Most farm gate prices average ZMK 55 per tray to ZMK 58 per tray depending on the location. Further, retail prices in some Chain stores also register any movement with the prices averaged between ZMK74.99 to ZMK79.99 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 ZMK2.5 to ZMK 3 in some markets. For the price, trend refer to figure 5, courtesy of PAZ.

FEED PRICES POSTS SOME ADJUSTMENT DURING THE WEEK

The national average prices for poultry feed posted some upward movements during the course of the week. Broiler starter is still trading at ZMK 569 per 50kg bag up compared with the prices obtained in december 2023. Broiler Grower averages ZMK555 while Broiler Finisher also averages ZMK535 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 ZMK434 for layers mash. For those compunding their ownfeed, ingredients prices 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- JANUARY 2024

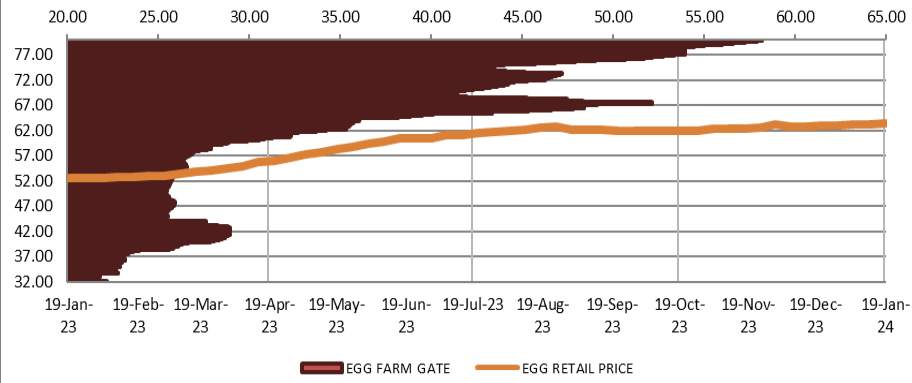


Figure 6: NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICES FOR BROILER FEED- JANUARY 2024

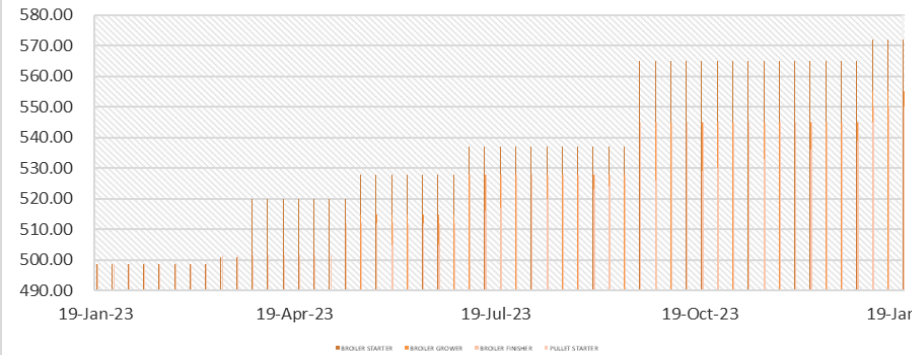


FIGURE7: AVERAGE LAYER FEED- JANUARY 2024

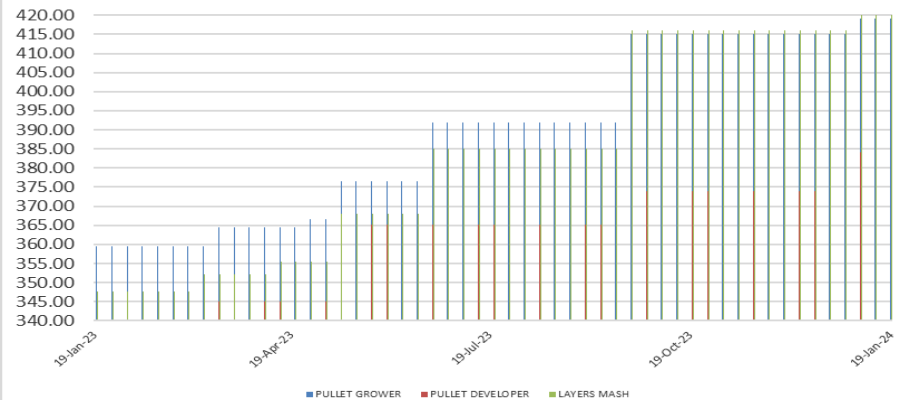
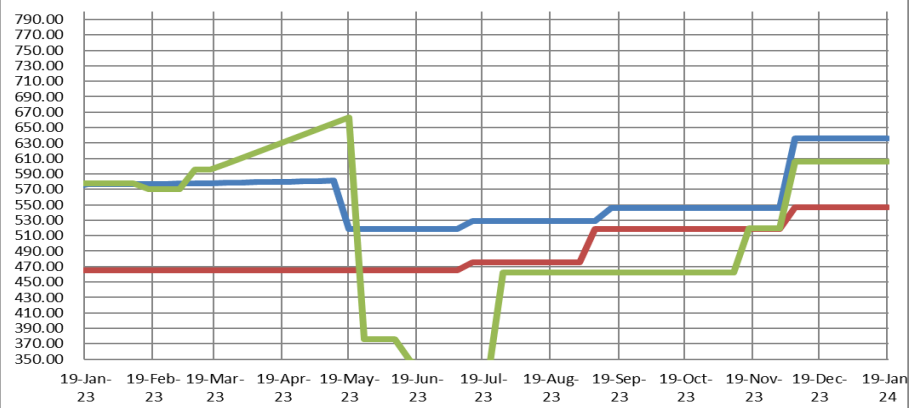


Figure 8: AVERAGE PRICES FOR SOYAMEAL JANUARY 2024





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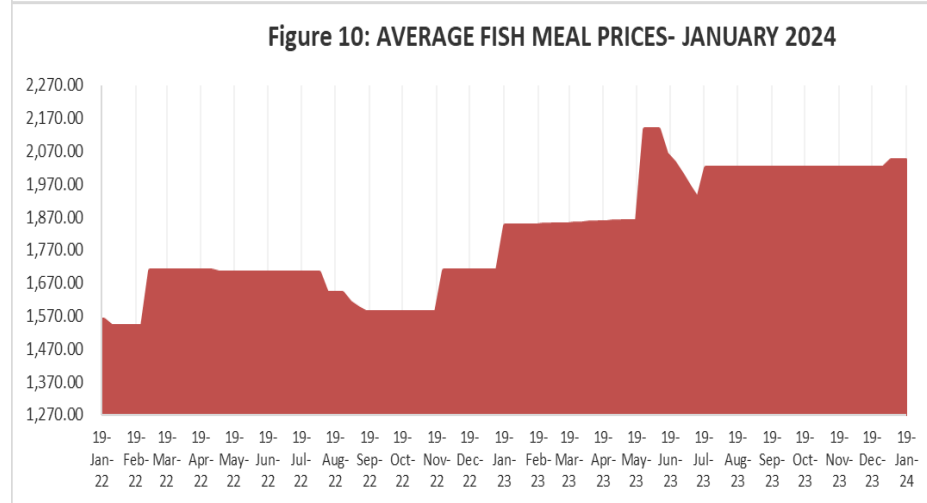
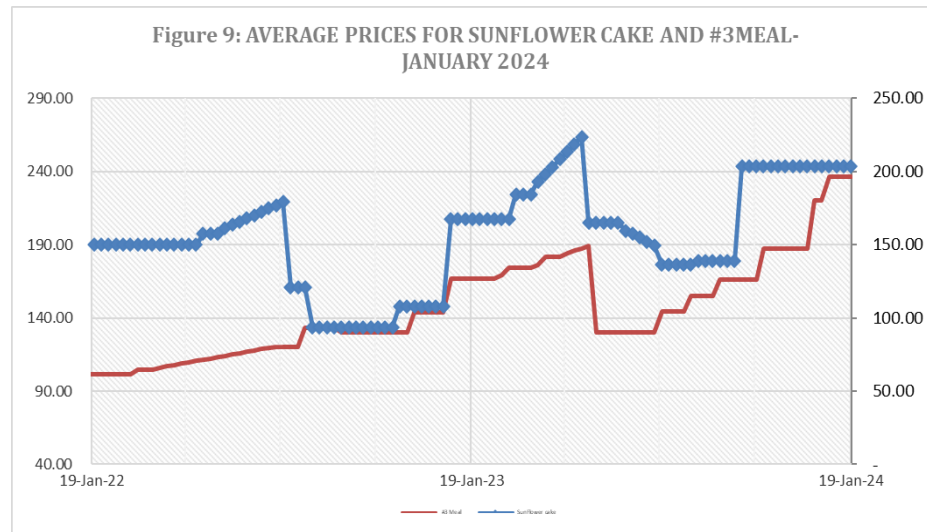
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