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SA- NEEDS INSURANCE TO ASSIST THE POULTRY INDUSTRY

Avian flu: SA needs a form of risk insurance to assist poultry sector in event of outbreaks Millions of birds have been culled in South Africa due to avian flu outbreaks. Picture Henk Kruger/Independent Newspapers Millions of birds have been culled in South Africa due to avian flu outbreaks. Picture Henk Kruger/Independent Newspapers South Africa needs to look at a form of risk insurance that can be put in place that could turn and assist the country and poultry sector during outbreaks of avian influenza (bird flu).

This was according to Dr Ziyanda Majokweni-Qwalela, the deputy director for Epidemiology, Biosecurity and Laboratory Services in Gauteng, speaking at the round-table organised by FairPlay Movement about the lessons learned from the deadliest bird flu outbreak in South Africa's history last year. The South African poultry sector is still recovering in the wake of avian flue# outbreaks, which saw millions of poultry birds culled to contain the disease that was financially devastating. Majokweni-Qwalela said that there was an opportunity to help the poultry industry in evolving a comprehensive playbook for bird flu management by learning from experience. On the management of the risk for diseases, Majokweni-Qwalela said she felt there was a shared responsibility.

Farmers in 2023 faced severe headwinds: power crisis, diseases, ports - Agbiz Challenges in agriculture sector weigh on GDP such as diseases, floods, among others "It is one of the areas I need to see with our recommendations that the State together with industry across all different types of poultry farmers having an open discussion that looks at the reality of South Africa as a country and looks at the options that may be available to us." "That would end the endless debate of am I going to get compensated? We just all take the responsibility with whichever model we use to compensate farmers that have experienced or been affected by the disease. We can then compensate from that particular fund," Majokweni-Qwalela said. SOURCE: [Avian flu: SA needs a form of risk insurance to assist poultry sector in event of outbreaks \(iol.co.za\)](#)



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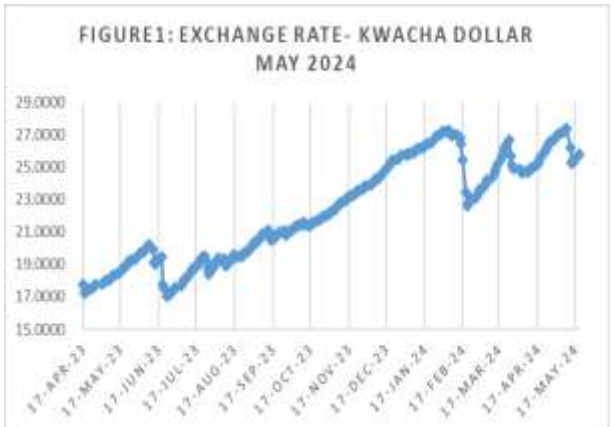
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KWACHA ENDS THE WEEK AT ZMK26.08

The kwacha, plunged to a record low of ZMW27.3 per dollar amid worsening foreign exchange shortages. The currency's troubles have been exacerbated by one of Zambia's worst dry spells in years which has impacted its power generation capacity.

According to a [report](#) by Reuters, the kwacha has depreciated by 5% in 2024 and 17% in the past six months. The performance of the Zambian currency against the U.S. dollar in 2024 starkly contrasts its status as one of the best-performing currencies in 2022



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DOC PULLET PRICE ADJUSTS UPWARD

PRICE FOR POINT OF LAY STABLE

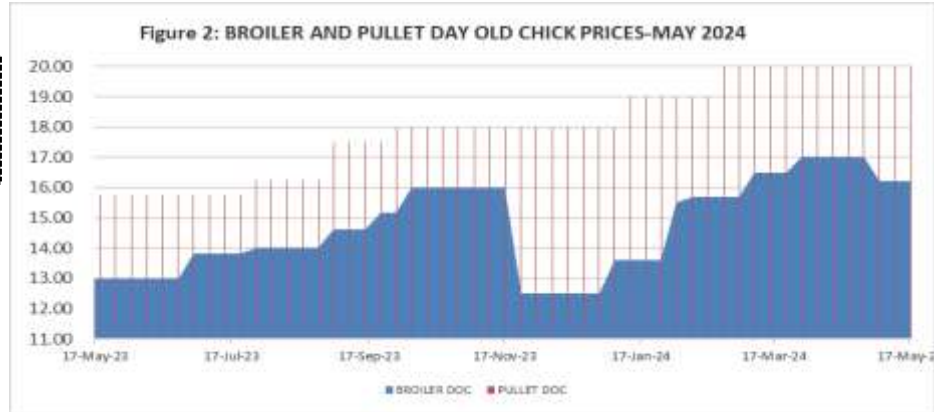
The prices of broiler day-old chicks remained stable during the week. The lowest chick on the market is trading at ZMK14 and the highest is now selling ZMK16.5 per day old chicks, depending on location and supplier. There were some movements on the prices of pullets on the market which are averaging ZMK22.5 per day old pullet (highest ZK25 and lowest zmk20). The price for DoC SASSOL and Kuroilers is trading at ZMK 15 per DOC. The price for the improved free-range such as Black Austropop's, Bushvelds, Kuroilers are selling between ZMK 15 to ZMK35 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 April and May 2024 depending on the volumes and source.

The prices for the Point of Lay remained stable during the course of the week. The average price is now averaging ZMK150, with the lowest being ZMK145 per bird for bulk consignments and the highest being ZMK155 per bird for small volumes depending on the supplier and location. The bookings for March and April 2024 are available.

For beginners who are interested in getting battery cages, cage prices range between ZMK6500 to ZMK7500 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 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 63 per kg same price as obtained last week. The lowest price in some chainstores is still trading at ZMK62.99per kg (promotion) while the highest is trading at ZMK68. per kg. The chicken sizes are ranging between 1.1kg to 2.4kg in different stores.

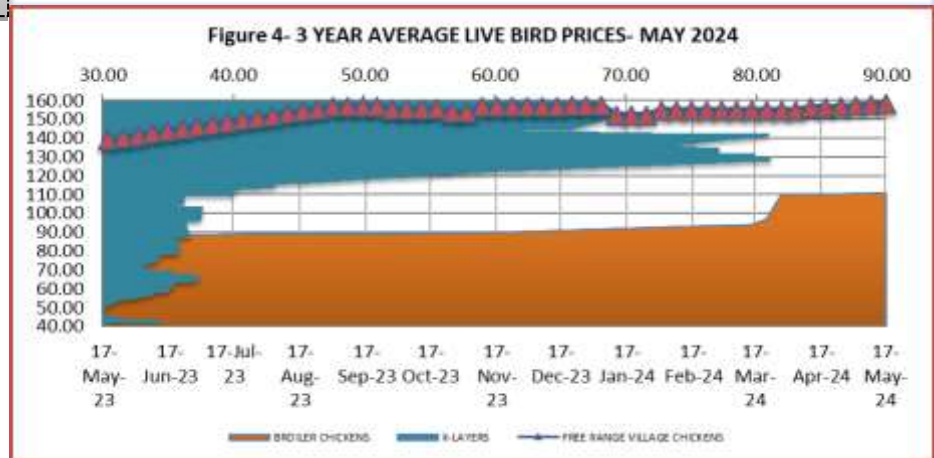


Please note that the prices are obtained from Pick n Pay, Shoprite, Zambeef, Melisa Supermarket, Chopies, and Cheers Stores, Country Choice and Supreme. Different outlets have different pricing models hence the figures displayed is the average price for all the sampled chain stores. It should also be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



LIVE CHICKEN PRICES POSTS SOME MOVEMENTS

The national average prices for the live broiler chickens posted some movements 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 ZMK108 with the lowest price being Lusaka posting ZMK 90.35 per Live Chicken and the highest being ZMK120. The x-layers have also averaged ZMK 62.22 per bird, while the free-range price is averaging ZMK 140. The demand for broiler chicken continues to be on the rise as the market and consumption is now developing. Check figure 4 on the next page, courtesy of PAZ.





NATIONAL EGG PRICE POSTS SOME MOVEMENTS

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 ZMK64.45 to ZMK89.27. Most farm gate prices average ZMK 60 per tray to ZMK 64 per tray depending on the location. The retail prices in some Chain stores averaged between ZMK65.99 to ZMK89.99 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 UPWARD MOVEMENTS

The national average prices for poultry feed posted some upward movements during the course of the week. Broiler starter is trading at ZMK 597 per 50kg bag up from the prices as obtained last week. Broiler Grower averages ZMK586 while Broiler Finisher also averages ZMK570 per 50kg bag. In the same vain there were some upward movements in the price of the Layer feed. The prices ranges from ZMK567 for pullet starter, ZMK430 for pullet grower, ZMK 420 for pullet developer and ZMK454 for layers mash. For those compunding their ownfeed, ingredients prices have also been on the increase during the week especially #3 meal which is trading between ZMK 5.2 to ZMK7 oer kg as portrayed in the graphs from 6 to 9 below, curtesy of PAZ.

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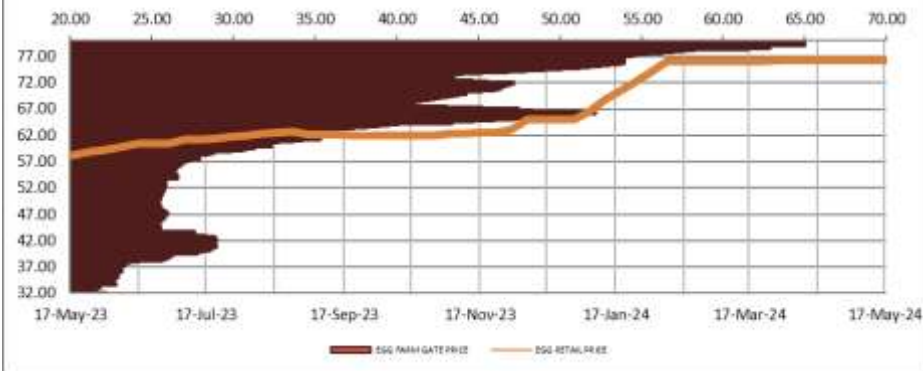


Figure 6: NATIONAL AVERAGE PRICES FOR BROILER FEED- MAY 2024

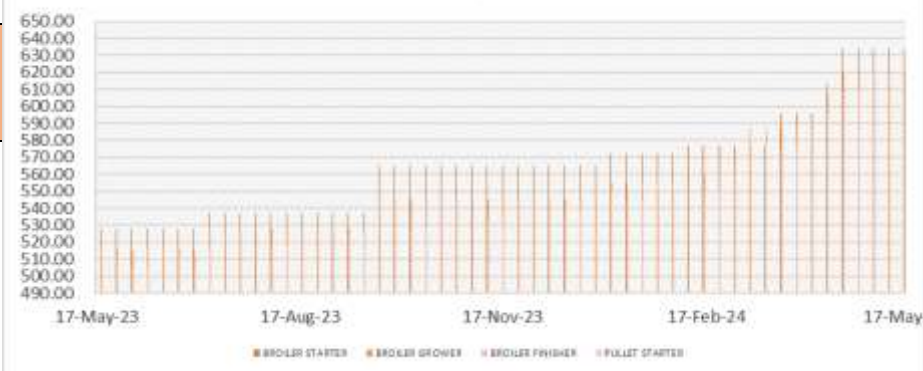


FIGURE7: AVERAGE LAYER FEED- MAY2024

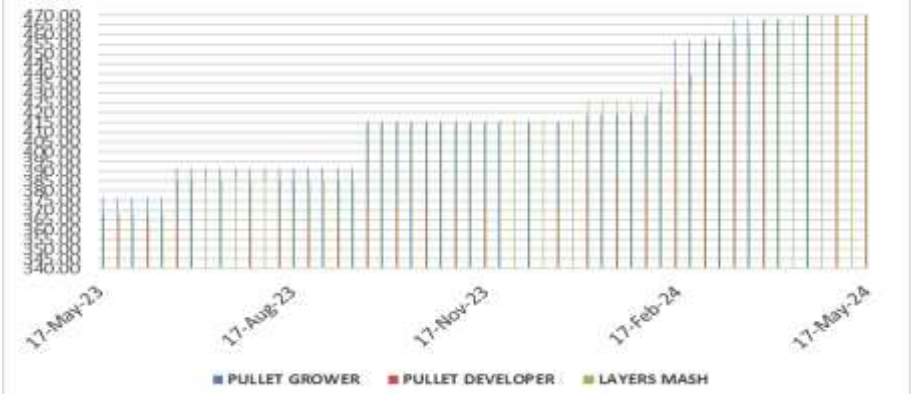
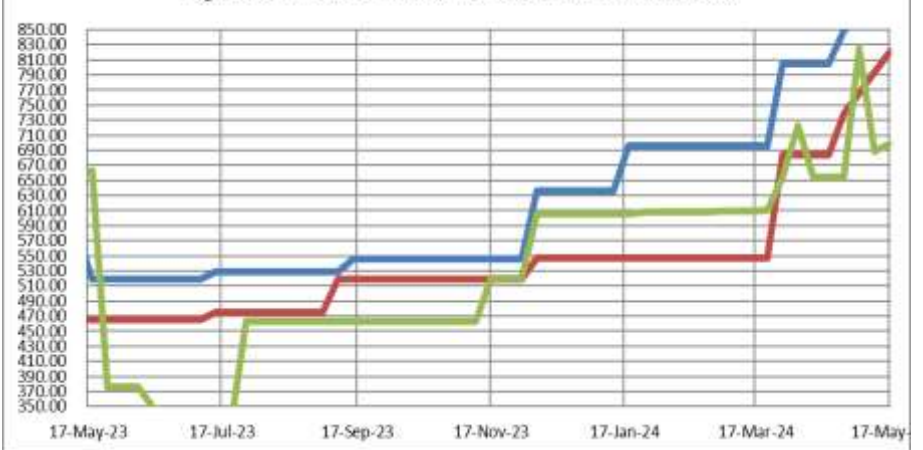


Figure 8: AVERAGE PRICES FOR SOYAMEAL MAY 2024



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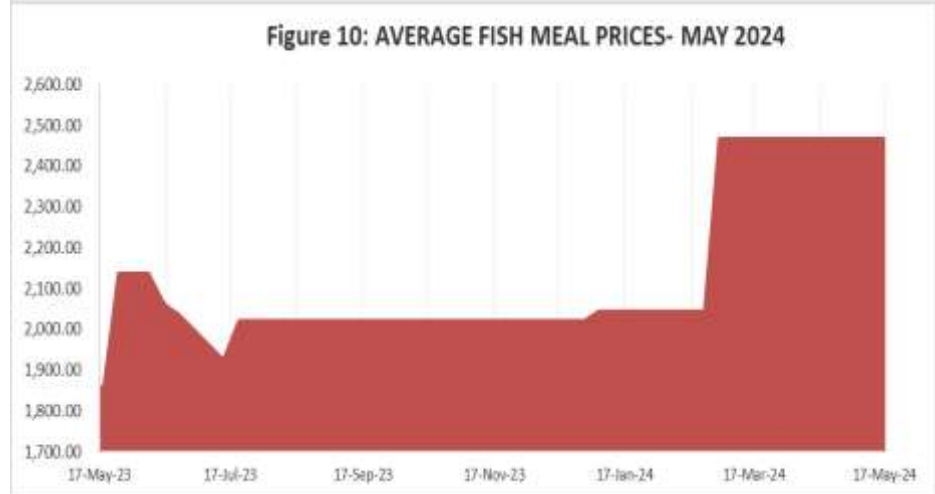
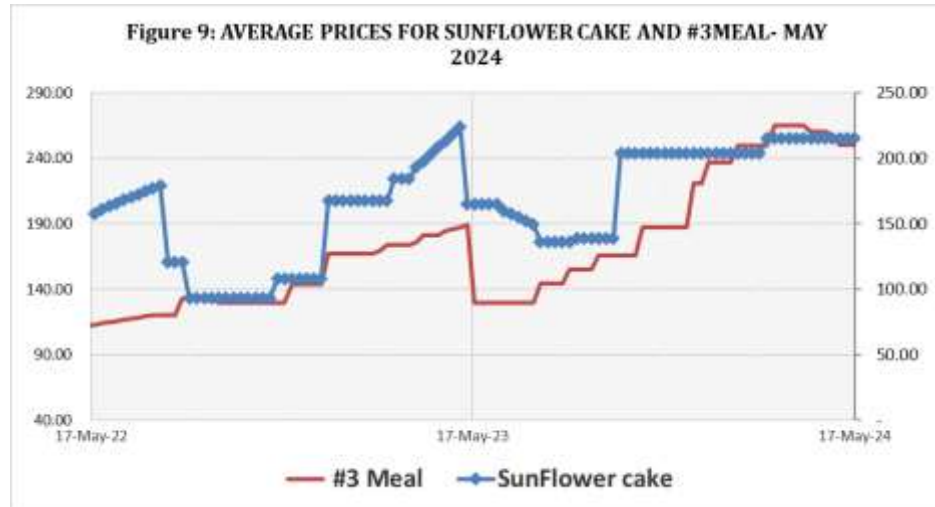
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