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US SOYABEAN EXPORTS COULD FALL 20% WITHOUT CHINA DEAL

US soybean exports may drop 20% and the prices paid to farmers will plunge if the United States and China fail to reach a deal in their trade dispute limiting US soybeans from its largest market, Reuters reported, citing agribusiness consultants AgResource on Wednesday.

US soybeans exports could slump to 1.5 billion bushels from an initial estimate of 1.865 billion without a deal, AgResource President Dan Basse told Reuters on the sidelines of the GrainCom conference in Geneva.

At the same time, US soybeans farm gate prices - the average price paid to farmers - may collapse to \$9.10 bushel in 2025/26, compared to \$10.25 a bushel forecast by the US Department of Agriculture, Basse said.

"It's important that any US/China trade deal happen by late summer or the export forecast will become reality pressuring US farm income. The clock is ticking," he said.

The temporary truce in the US-China trade war, announced on Monday, would not help US farmers revive soy sales in China as Chinese duties, even reduced to 10% from 145%, remained too high to make US soybeans competitive.

"The truce helps but Brazil will have an additional 20 million metric tons of soybeans to export on September 1," Basse said.

China has been a critical market for US farmers representing more than half of US soybean exports in the most recent marketing year.

However, American farmers worry the tariff pause will not be enough to help them, as Brazil, the biggest soy supplier to China, has ample supplies from a record harvest, lower prices, and its farmers do not face any Chinese tariffs.

China, the world's largest crop importer, already sources roughly 70% of its soybean imports from Brazi





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Exploring the Potential for Local Poultry

At present, Namibia imports approximately 48,000 tons of yellow maize and 36,000 tons of soybean oilcake annually for use in poultry feed. This heavy reliance on imports not only strains local financial resources but also presents an opportunity for enhancing local agricultural production capabilities.

The Namibia Agricultural Union (NAU) recently highlighted this potential in its latest newsletter. The Poultry Producers' Association convened for its most recent members' meeting at the beginning of this month, coinciding with an informative open day designed to promote the poultry industry and foster community engagement among producers.

The NAU emphasized that the event attracted a substantial turnout, including many new farmers eager to participate in discussions about the future of the industry. During this meeting, new leadership was elected: Louis Kleynhans was re-elected as chairperson, while Erastus Khadikwa took on the role of vice-chairperson. Additionally, Salathiel Mbungu and JP van der Walt were welcomed to the management team, bringing diverse perspectives and experiences to the group's leadership.

A key highlight of the day was a presentation by local veterinarian Dr. Kirsten Voigt, who delivered a comprehensive overview on vital topics such as animal health and biosecurity measures essential for the poultry sector. Her engaging presentation sparked considerable interest, prompting numerous questions and discussions that emphasized the industry's continuous need for innovation and the importance of sharing knowledge among producers.

Furthermore, the NAU reported on an important update shared by the Livestock and Livestock Products Board (LLPB). The board outlined recent changes in regulations and import tariffs that directly impact poultry producers. It was reiterated that, effective immediately, all poultry producers and buyers must register with the LLPB to ensure compliance with updated legislation aimed at improving industry standards and traceability.

The event also highlighted the growing potential within Namibia's poultry industry, not just in terms of poultry and egg production, but also in the agricultural sector, focusing on the domestic production of raw materials required for feed. By investing in local production, Namibia can enhance food security and reduce its dependency on imports.

As the day drew to a close, attendees expressed heartfelt gratitude toward the NAU for its ongoing support and initiatives. There was a palpable sense of optimism regarding the future of the industry, as participants reaffirmed their shared commitment to building a stronger, more sustainable poultry industry moving forward. The collective enthusiasm and vision for ongoing development signal a promising future for Namibia's agricultural landscape.

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The price for day old chicks slightly reduced due to the promotions being conducted by a number Hatcheries.

This has been necessited by the drop in the Demand for Day old chicks following the flash floods experienced The price for day old chicks remained the same during the month of February 2025. The price for day old chicks is below K16 country wide ,wheas the price for day old chicks adjusted to as low as K12 per chick depending on the producer.

WHOLE DRESSED CHICKEN PRICES REGISTER NO PRICE

The prices for the frozen chicken adjusted upwards to between ZMK69 the Maximum price of K74 during the month of April 2025. The average price for the whole frozen chicken traded at about ZMK 63 per kg during the month of April 2025 the same price recorded last month.

The price reported in the news are average price ranges obtained from Pick n Pay, Shoprite, Zambeef, Melisa Supermarket, Chopies, and Cheers Stores, Country Choice and Supreme.

It is possible that actual prices could different in other processed chicken suppliers in Lusaka and other prices It should also be noted that these are Lusaka prices only. For the price trend, check figure 3 courtesy of PAZ. **See figure 5**

LIVEBIRD CHICKENS POSTED SOME UPWARD MOVEMENT

The national average prices for the live broiler chickens has dropped from K140 to about K130 price avarage. In some cases es are being sold for as low as K120. Price reduction could be due to the fact that farmers are now slowly resuming production of broilers following the the end of the rainy season.

As for X-layers prices in April 2025 ranged between ZMK78 to ZMK80 for farmgate and wholesale prices respectively. For free range chickens the prices in January ranged between ZMK 150 to ZMK200 per bird depending on the location as well as whether it's a hen or cockrel. **See figure 3**

POINT OF LAY PRICES REGISTERED SOME UPWARD MOVEMENTS

Price for point of lay chickens adjusted upwards from about ZMK 160 average in March 2025 $\,$ to about ZMK K170 in April 2025 . This has been triggered by the demand for the price adjustment of eggs averaging about ZMK70 to ZMK75 Farm gate, wheas retail price is between K78 to ZMK80

For beginners who are interested in getting battery cages, cage prices range between ZMK7200 to ZMK7950 depending on the capacity and also the sources of the cages. Further, there are also brooding cages trading at about zmk 6000 for 200 chicks. The second-hand refurbished cage price range between ZMK5,500 to ZMK6,000 depending on the quality, capacity, age and source. Quails' cages, Rabbit Cages traded at zmk 6,500 for 400 quails and about 40 rabits.



AVEDAGE DDICES FOR LIVE BROILER

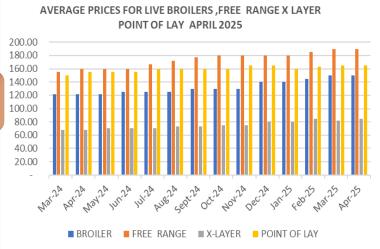


FIGURE 2 AVG PRICES FOR LIVE BIRDS



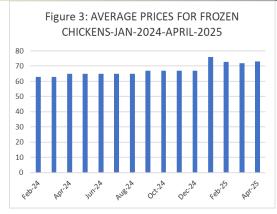


FIGURE 3 AVG PRICES FOR PROCESSED CHICKEN

EGG PRICE DROPS SLIGHTLY **DURING APRIL 2025**

The average egg price for eggs as of April between K70 to ZMK 75 Farm Gate. Retail price for April 2025 was ranging between ZMK 78 lowest to Maximum price of ZMK 80 per tray. Chain stores were selling between K100 and K120 per tray.

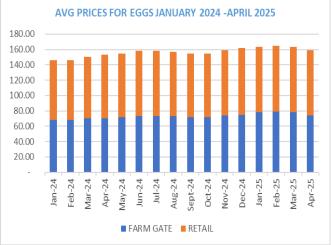


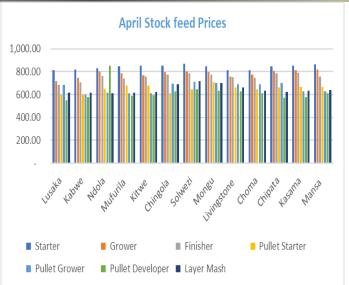
FIGURE 4 AVG PRICES FOR EGGS

BROILER FEED PRICES REGISTERED SOME UPWARD MOVEMENTS

Prices for stock feeds have Adjusted upwards in most places in Zambia.

Broiler feed starter was selling at about ZMK 800 minimum, Maximum price was ZMK 862 in Mansa Broiler grower was selling between ZMK 690 cheapest to the Maximum average price of ZMK820 per 50kg bag in some places.

Layer mash was selling between ZMK615 to ZMK 670 per 50kg in some places



AVG PRICES FOR FEEDS



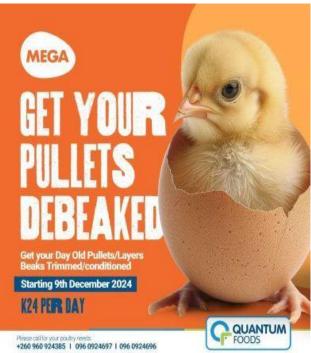
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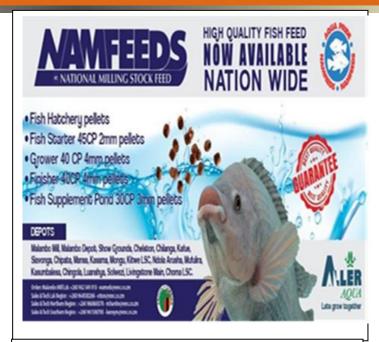
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