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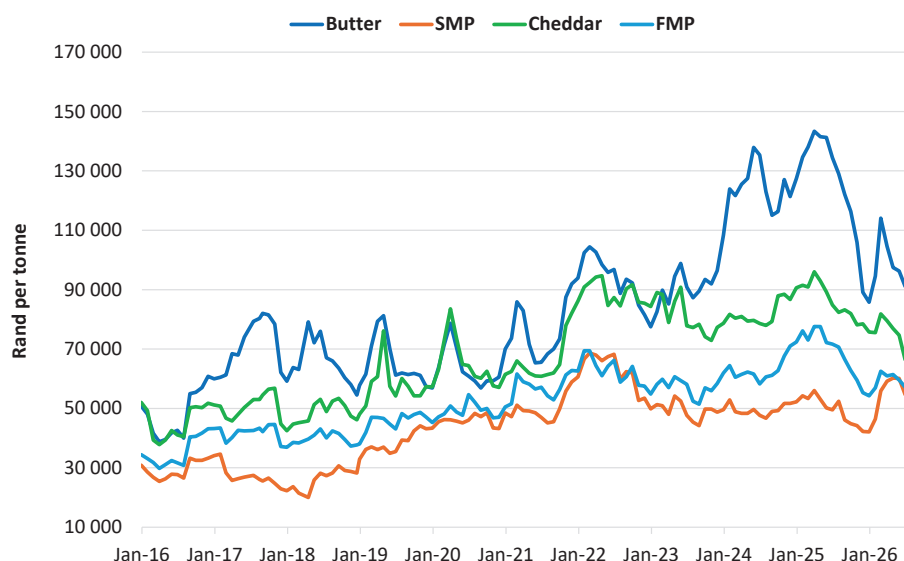
TABLE 1: Key market indicators.

| ITEM                                                                                | PERIOD          | VALUE | PERCENTAGE CHANGE<br>(same period previous year) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) <sup>1</sup>                               | 2024            | 3 458 | +3,56%                                           |
| Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate <sup>1</sup>                      | 2025            | 3 484 | +0,75%                                           |
| Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate <sup>1</sup>                      | July 2026       | 275   | +4,13%                                           |
| Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate <sup>1</sup>                      | Jan - July 2026 | 1 839 | +1,07%                                           |
| Dairy imports ('000 tonnes) <sup>2</sup>                                            | 2025            | 30,8  | -9,1%                                            |
| Dairy imports ('000 tonnes) <sup>2</sup>                                            | Jan - June 2026 | 24,1  | +89,8%                                           |
| Dairy exports ('000 tonnes) <sup>2</sup>                                            | 2025            | 69,1  | -29,2%                                           |
| Dairy exports ('000 tonnes) <sup>2</sup>                                            | Jan - June 2026 | 35,2  | +13,9%                                           |
| Dairy exports inclusive of sales to other SACU countries ('000 tonnes) <sup>5</sup> | Jan - June 2026 | 95,9  | -1,03%                                           |
| Producer price index of unprocessed milk (base Dec '23 = 100) <sup>3</sup>          | July 2026       | 106,8 | +3,69%                                           |
| Producer price index of dairy products (base Dec 23 = 100) <sup>3</sup>             | July 2026       | 108,9 | +3,90%                                           |
| All farming requisites combined price index (base 2015 = 100) <sup>4</sup>          | Oct 2025        | 143,8 | +0,63%                                           |

**SOURCES:** <sup>1</sup> Milk SA returns | <sup>2</sup> SARS statistics supplied by SAMPRO | <sup>3</sup> Stats SA PPI Index

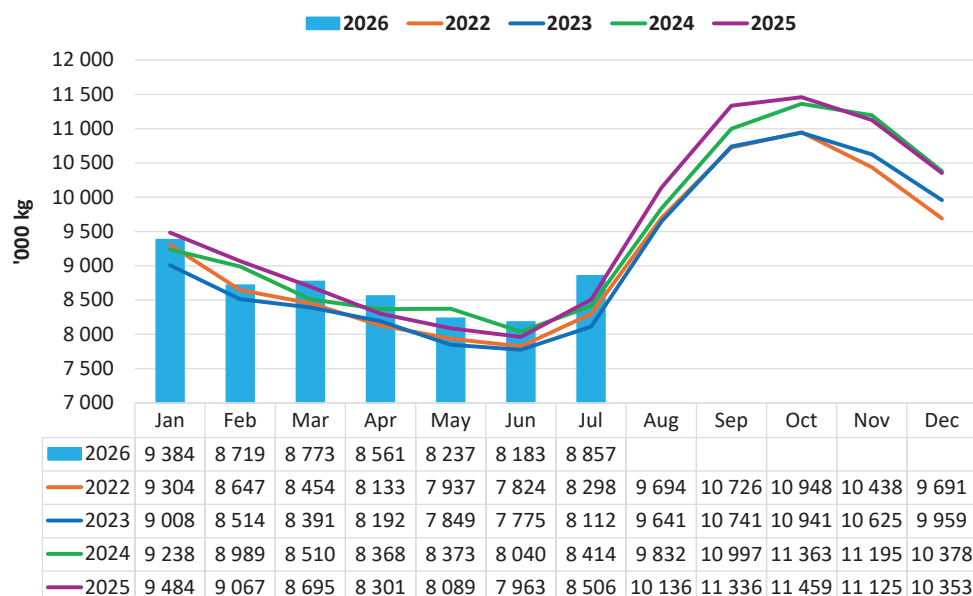
<sup>4</sup> Department of Agriculture price index of farm requisites | <sup>5</sup> SARS statistics supplied by Agri Inspect

FIGURE 1: International dairy product prices (free on board), January 2016 to July 2026.

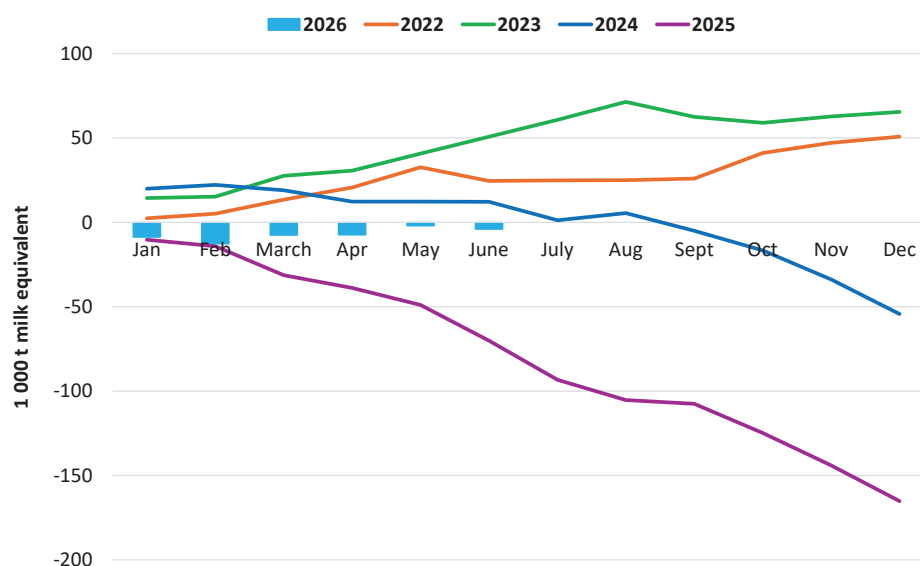


**Source:** USDA price surveys, exchange rate South African Reserve Bank middle rates, last month – average costing of daily closing values.

**FIGURE 2: South African unprocessed milk, daily average, per-month purchases, January 2022 to July 2026.**

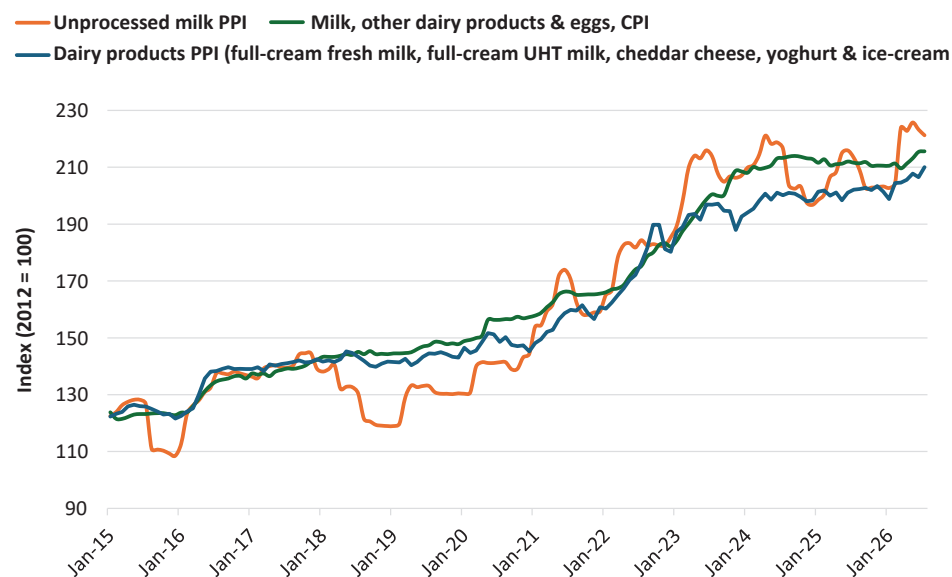


**FIGURE 3: Monthly cumulative net imports, milk equivalent, January 2022 to June 2026.**



**Source:** MPO calculation from SARS data supplied by SAMPRO.

**FIGURE 4: PPI indices of unprocessed milk and dairy products, and the CPI of milk, cheese, and eggs, January 2015 to July 2026.**



**Source:** Stats SA PPI and CPI information ([www.statssa.gov.za](http://www.statssa.gov.za))