

# RPO Market Report

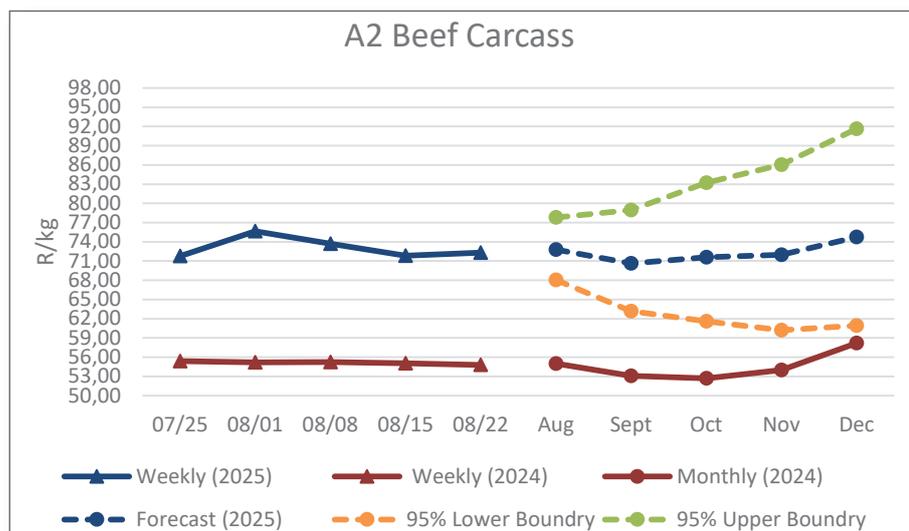
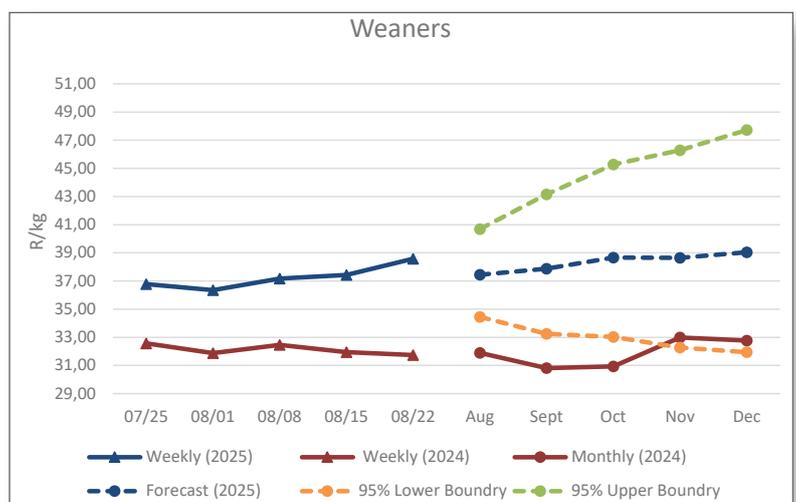
Week 34 of 2025



Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Weaner (R/kg)	<b>R38.58</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>21.6%</b>
A2 (R/kg)	<b>R72.32</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>32.0%</b>
B2 (R/kg)	<b>R59.10</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>28.0%</b>
C2 (R/kg)	<b>R57.59</b>	<b>-4.1%</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>38.3%</b>

## Weaners

The price increased sharply in Week 34 by 3.1% compared to the previous week and is currently 21.6% higher than the same period a year ago. The sharp increase in the price can be attributed to a continued lower supply of weaners currently in the market. The expectation remains that the price may continue a possible upward trend in September and reach a peak in October. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the weaner price in October should be around R39/kg, while the price should not be lower than R33/kg and not higher than R45/kg.



## A2 Beef Carcass

The average A2 carcass price moved relatively sideways in Week 34 and increased by only 0.7% compared to the previous week. The price is currently 32% higher than the same period a year ago. The market now seems to be finding equilibrium again after the supply of carcasses increased with Karan Beef started slaughtering again. The expectation is that the September price will be lower than the August price, while October should show a surge in price again. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in October should be around 72/kg, while the price should not be lower than R62/kg and not higher than R83/kg.



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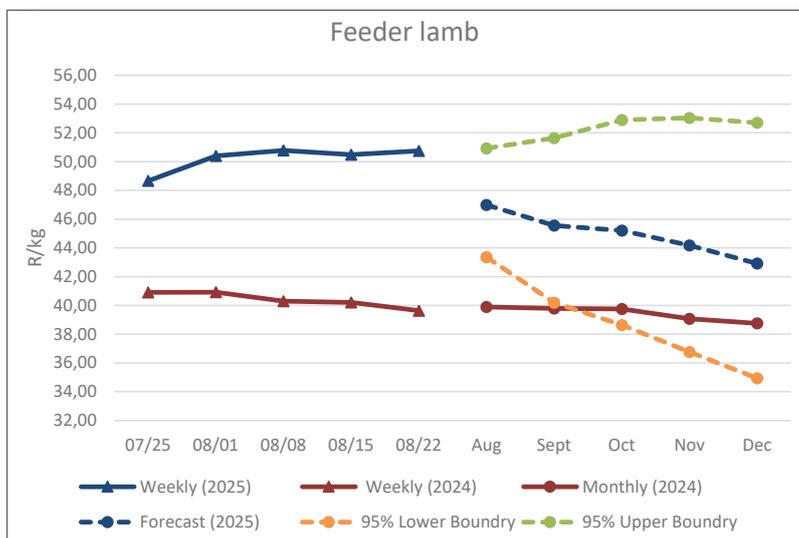
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Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Feeder lamb (R/kg)	R50.74	0.5%	4.3%	28.0%
A2 (R/kg)	R109.07	1.5%	3.6%	21.6%
B2 (R/kg)	R87.63	6.8%	12.8%	31.3%
C2 (R/kg)	R82.85	-0.2%	7.7%	28.8%

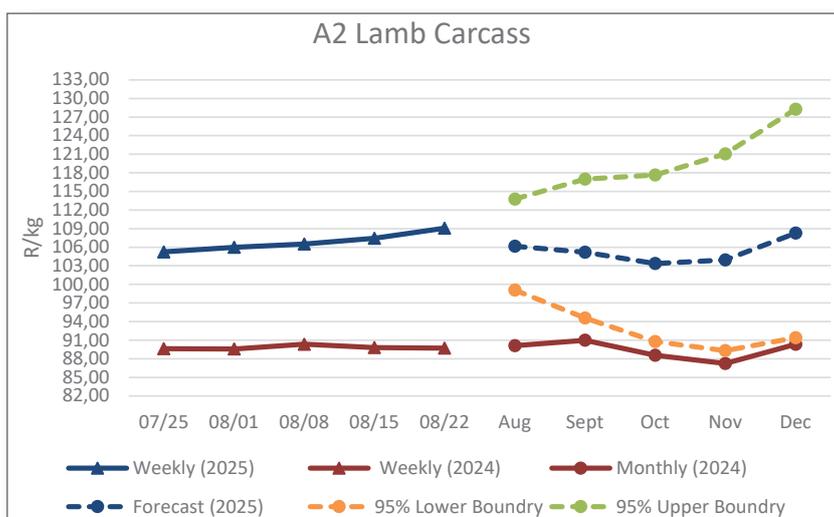
## Feeder lamb

The store lamb price moved sideways in Week 34 and increased by only 0.5% compared to the previous week. The price is approximately 28% higher than the same period a year ago. The increase in the price can be attributed to a lower supply of lambs during the winter. The price is currently trending more towards the upper limit of the forecast due to the higher prices in August, but the expectation is still that the price may systematically decrease until December as the supply of lambs increases. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the store lamb price in October should be around R45/kg and not lower than R39/kg and not higher than R53/kg.



## A2 Lamb Carcass

The lamb carcass price increased by 1.5% in Week 34 compared to the previous week and is approximately 21.6% higher than the same period a year ago. The increase in price can be attributed to higher demand for lamb meat with the arrival of spring. The expectation is that the price may reach a turning point from September and may systematically decline until October as the supply of carcasses increases. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in October should be approximately R103/kg, while the price should not be lower than R91/kg and not higher than R117/kg.



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