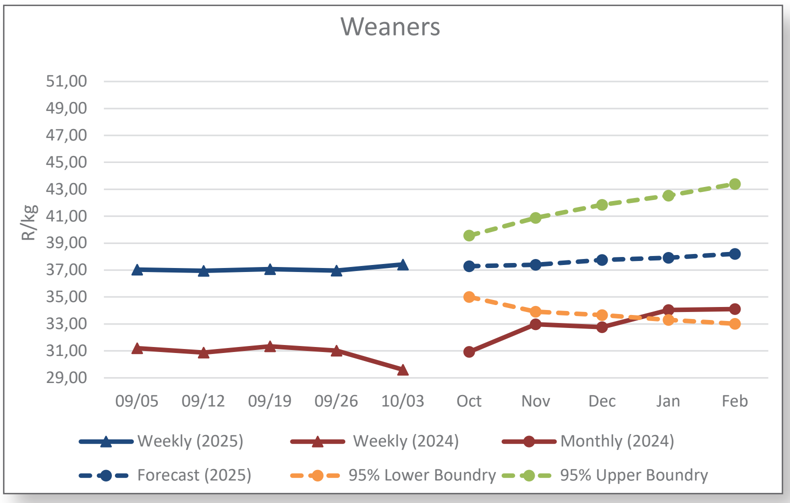
RPO Market Report

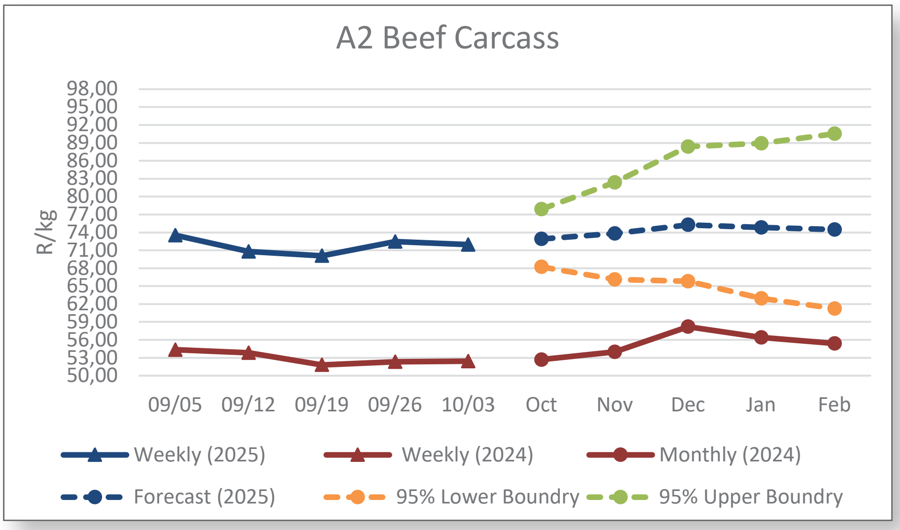
Week 40 of 2025

Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Weaner (R/kg)	R37.42	1.2%	1.0%	26.4%
A2 (R/kg)	R71.97	-0.7%	-2.1%	37.3%
B2 (R/kg)	R62.18	1.6%	2.1%	38.5%
C2 (R/kg)	R61.05	1.4%	2.7%	41.7%

Weaners

The weaner calf price increased by 1.2% in Week 40 compared to the previous week and is currently 26.4% higher than the same period a year ago. The increase in the price can be attributed to a lower supply of weaners due to several areas where feedlots do not currently want to buy, due to the FMD risk. The expectation is that the price can maintain an increasing trend until February. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the weaner calf price in November should be around R37/kg, while the price should not be lower than R34/kg and not higher than R41/kg.





A2 Beef Carcass

The average A2 carcass price decreased by 0.7% in Week 40 compared to the previous week and is currently 37.3% higher than the same period a year ago. The decrease in price can be attributed to the market rebalancing following the news that feedlots had tested positive for FMD again. The expectation remains that the price can maintain an increasing trend from October and then start to decline systematically as the new year approaches. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in November is expected to be around 74/kg, with a range of R66/kg to R82/kg.

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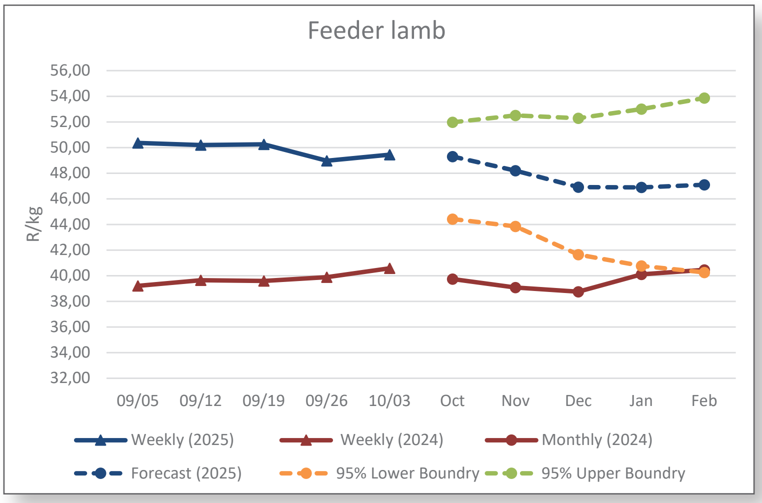
Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Feeder lamb (R/kg)	R49.44	1.0%	-1.8%	21.8%
A2 (R/kg)	R108.99	-0.4%	-1.5%	19.8%
B2 (R/kg)	R86.65	-0.6%	-0.1%	33.6%
C2 (R/kg)	R83.30	-0.5%	-0.9%	33.2%

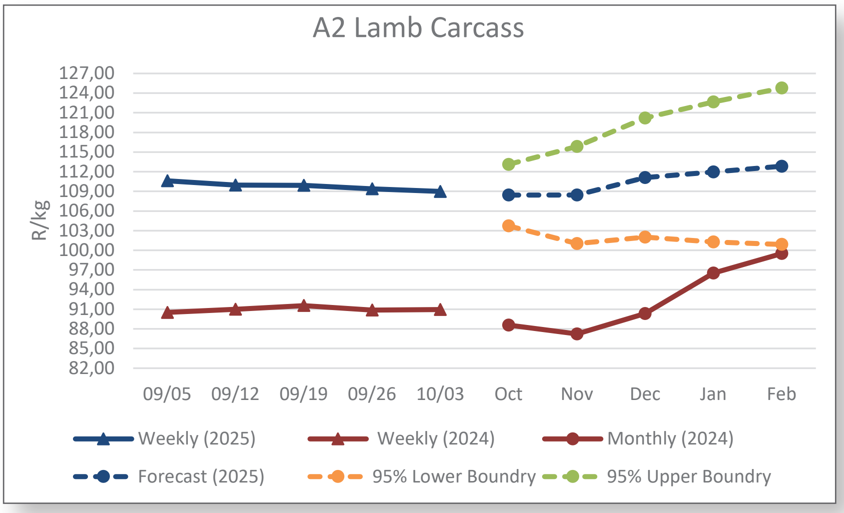


Feeder lamb

The store lamb price increased by 1% in Week 40 compared to the previous week and is approximately 21.8% higher than the same period last year. The increase in the price can be attributed to a lower supply of lambs. The expectation remains that the price may decrease until December and then remain stable for the first two months of the new year. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the store lamb price in November is expected to be between R44/kg and R53/kg, with a 95% certainty.

A2 Lamb Carcass

The lamb carcass price decreased slightly in Week 40 compared to the previous week and is approximately 19.8% higher than the same period in the previous year. The slight decrease in price can be attributed to the continued higher supply of lamb carcasses currently in the market. The expectation is that the price may continue to decrease in October and November and then start to increase systematically in December. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in November is expected to be approximately R108/kg, with a range of R101/kg to R116/kg.



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