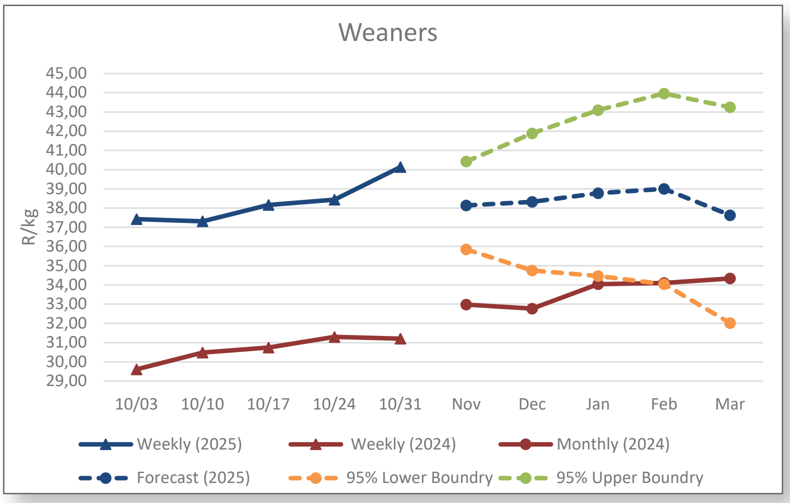
RPO Market Report

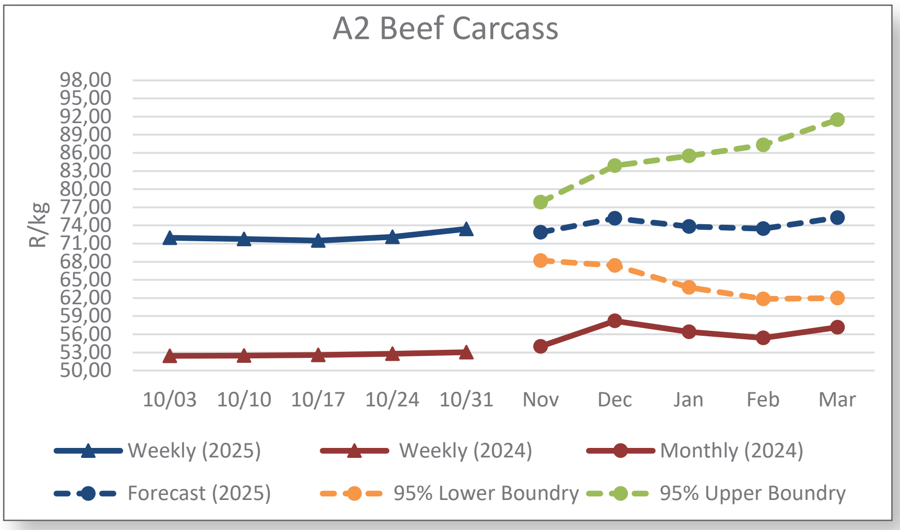
Week 44 of 2025

Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Weaner (R/kg)	R40.13	4.4%	7.2%	28.6%
A2 (R/kg)	R73.42	1.8%	2.0%	38.4%
B2 (R/kg)	R65.49	0.3%	5.3%	43.1%
C2 (R/kg)	R63.20	0.0%	3.5%	38.2%

Weaners

The price increased sharply in Week 44 by 4.4% compared to the previous week and is currently 28.6% higher than it was at the same period a year ago. The sharp increase in the price can be attributed to the continued lower supply of weaners currently in the market, which is exacerbated by the effect of FMD and the availability of calves from FMD-free areas. The expectation remains that the price can maintain an increasing trend until February and may start to decline systematically from the end of February. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the weaner price in December is expected to be around R38/kg, with a range of R35/kg to R42/kg. However, it currently seems that the price is moving closer to the upper margin.





A2 Beef Carcass

The average A2 carcass price increased by 1.8% in Week 44 compared to the previous week and is currently 38.4% higher than the same period a year ago. The increase in the price can be attributed to a continued higher demand during the summer and a lower supply of carcasses. The expectation remains that the price can maintain an increasing trend until December, 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 December should be around 75/kg, while the price should not be lower than R67/kg and not higher than R84/kg

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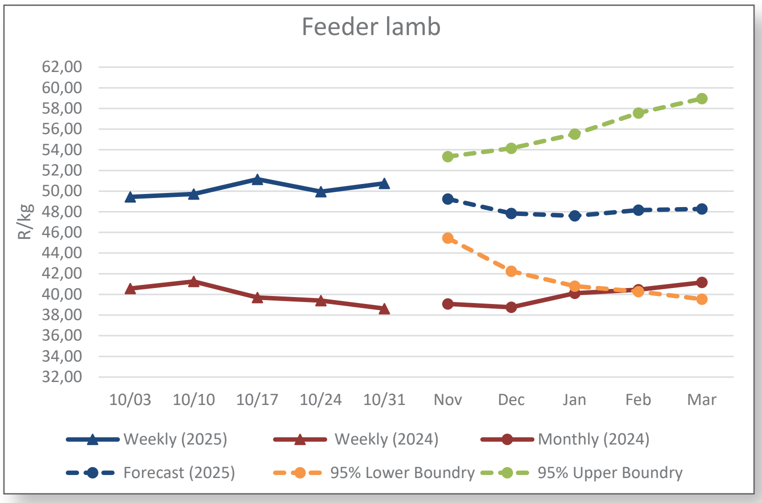
Feeder lamb (R/kg)	R50.74	1.6%	2.6%	31.3%
A2 (R/kg)	R109.28	-0.3%	0.3%	24.4%
B2 (R/kg)	R85.72	0.4%	-1.1%	28.5%
C2 (R/kg)	R84.31	1.0%	1.2%	30.7%

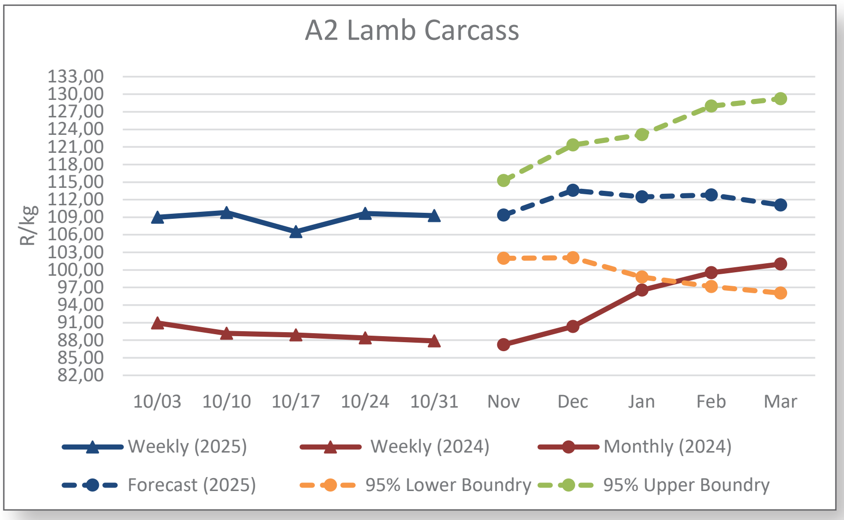


Feeder lamb

The store lamb price increased by 1.6% in Week 44 compared to the previous week and is approximately 31.3% higher than the same period last year. The increase in the price can be attributed to a lower supply of lambs currently in the market. The expectation remains that the price may decrease slightly until January and then remain stable until February. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the store lamb price in December is expected to be between R42/kg and R54/kg, with a 95% certainty.

A2 Lamb Carcass

The lamb carcass price decreased slightly in Week 44 compared to the previous week and is approximately 24.4% higher than the same period in the previous year. The slight decrease in price can be attributed to a higher supply of lamb carcasses. The expectation is that the price may continue a possible upward trend until December and then decrease slightly 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 December is expected to be approximately R114/kg, with a range of R102/kg to R121/kg.



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