

RPO Market Report

Week 02 of 2026

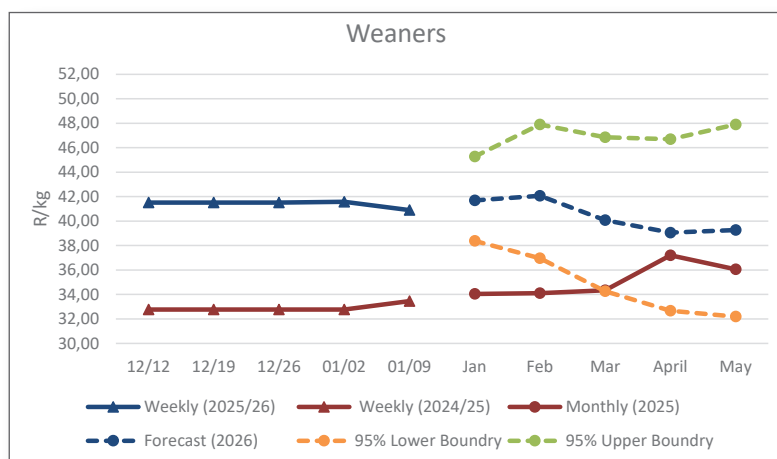
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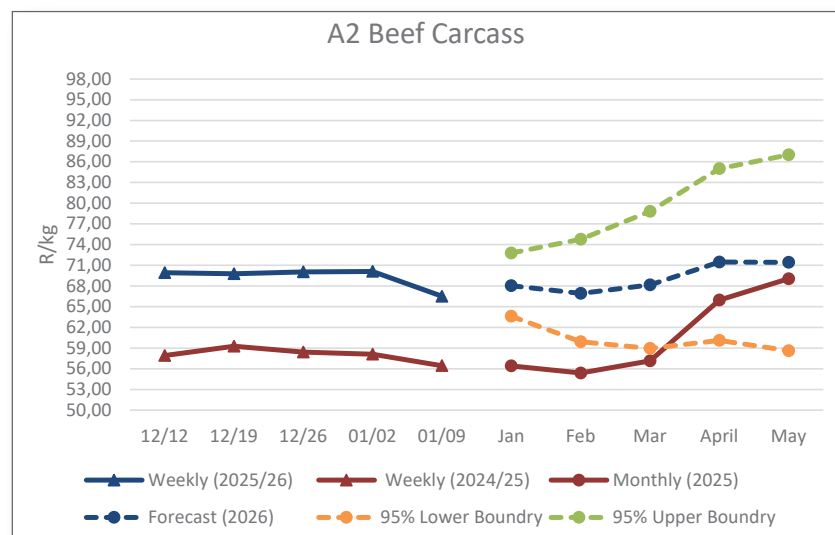
Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Weaner (R/kg)	R40.90	-1.6%	-1.5%	22.2%
A2 (R/kg)	R66.51	-5.1%	-4.9%	17.9%
B2 (R/kg)	R63.14	-2.6%	-0.1%	29.5%
C2 (R/kg)	R61.05	-1.1%	-2.8%	28.6%

Weaners

The weaner price decreased by 1.6% in Week 2 compared to the previous week and is approximately 22.2% higher than the same period a year ago. The decrease in price can be attributed to lower demand for weaners in the market. The expectation is that the weaner price will increase slightly until February and then systematically decrease in March as the weaning season begins. According to a 95% confidence forecast based on the past 17 years of historical data, the weaner price in February should be approximately R42/kg, with a range of R37/kg to R48/kg.



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The average A2 carcass price decreased by 5.1% in Week 2 compared to the previous week and is approximately 17.9% higher than the same period a year ago. The sharp decrease in price can be attributed to higher supply and lower demand for carcasses in the market. It is expected that the price will decrease from January to February and then systematically increase from March onwards.

According to a 95% confidence forecast based on the past 17 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in February should be approximately R67/kg, with a range of R60/kg to R75/kg.



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*Sources: Carcass prices obtained from the Red Meat Abattoir Association (RMAA) and weaner prices from Agri Market Trends (AMT).

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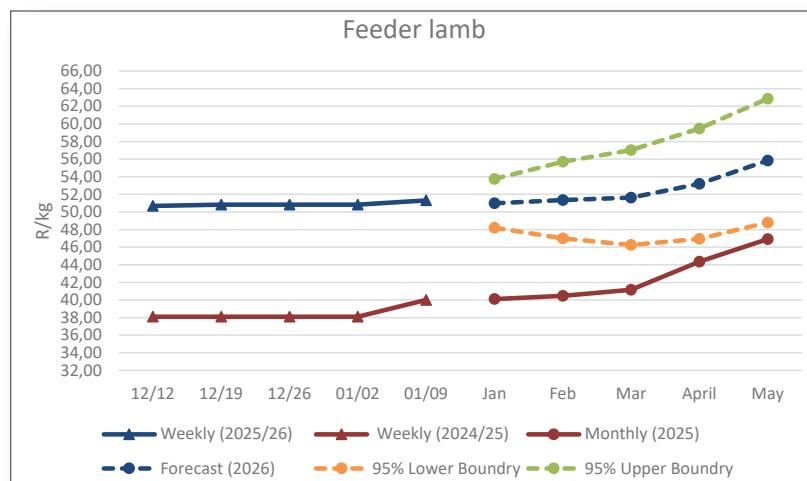
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Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Feeder lamb (R/kg)	R51.31	0.9%	1.2%	28.2%
A2 (R/kg)	R114.40	-1.5%	3.2%	18.3%
B2 (R/kg)	R83.27	-3.3%	-1.7%	23.9%
C2 (R/kg)	R83.45	-2.3%	-0.9%	26.1%

Feeder lamb



The store lamb price increased by 0.9% in Week 2 and is approximately 28.2% higher than the same period a year ago. The price increase can be attributed to a lower supply of lambs in the market. The expectation is that the price will follow an upward trend from February onwards as the supply of store lambs decline. According to a 95% confidence forecast based on the past 17 years of historical data, the store lamb price in February should be approximately R51/kg, with a range of R47/kg to R56/kg.

A2 Lamb Carcass

The lamb carcass price decreased by 1.5% in Week 2 and is approximately 18.3% higher than the same period a year ago. The decrease in price can be attributed to lower demand for lamb carcasses in the market. The expectation is that the price will trade sideways into February, then start to decline slightly from March onwards. According to a 95% confidence forecast based on the past 17 years of historical data, the A2 lamb carcass price in February should be approximately R110/kg, with a range of R99/kg to R123/kg.

