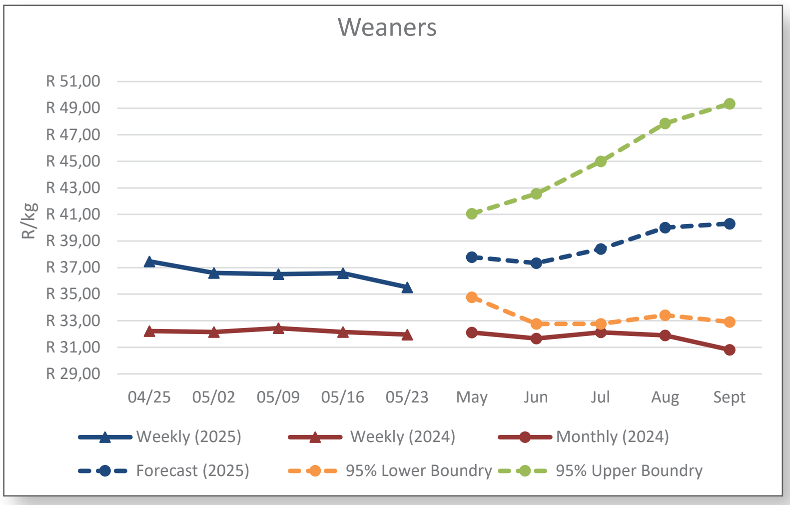
RPO MARKET REPORT

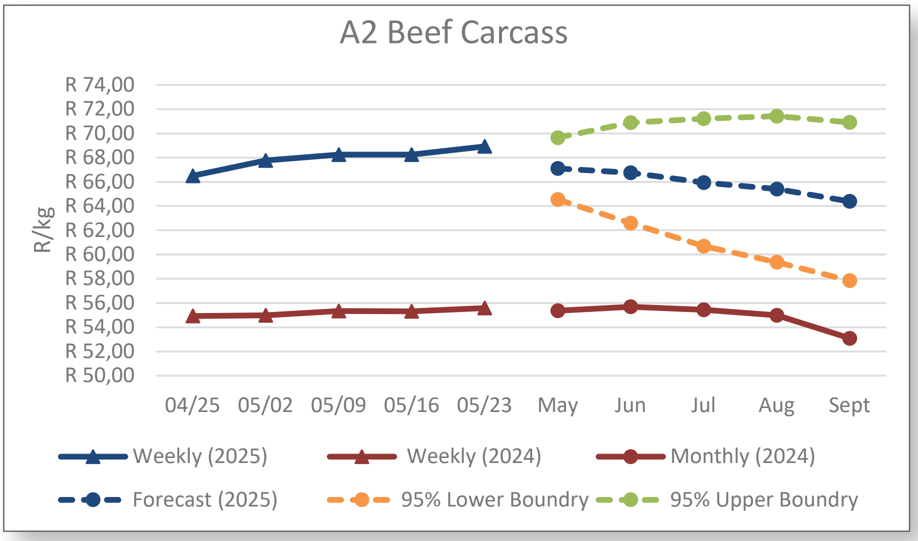
Week 21 of 2025

CLASS	PRICE	WEEK/WEEK	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Weaner (R/kg)	**R35.52**	-2.9%	-5.2%	11.1%
A2 (R/kg)	**R68.92**	1.0%	3.6%	24.0%
B2 (R/kg)	**R55.96**	-1.2%	3.7%	18.3%
C2 (R/kg)	**R53.20**	5.0%	3.2%	22.1%

WEANERS

The price decreased by 2.9% in Week 21 compared to the previous week due to a higher supply of weaners. The price is expected to decrease further through May and June due to the higher supply during weaning. Although the price did not follow the expected forecast curve and moved closer to the lower limit, it was still about 11% higher than the same period a year ago. According to the 95% confidence forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the weaner price in July should be approximately R38/kg, while it should not be lower than R32/kg and not higher than R43/kg.





A2 BEEF CARCASS

The average A2 carcass price increased by 1% in Week 21 compared to the previous week and this can be attributed to a lower supply of carcasses. The week's price is approximately 24% higher than the same period a year ago. Although the A2 carcass price increased again in Week 21, it can be expected that the price may still start to decline during the winter. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in July should be around R66/kg, while the price should not be lower than R60/kg and not higher than R71/kg.

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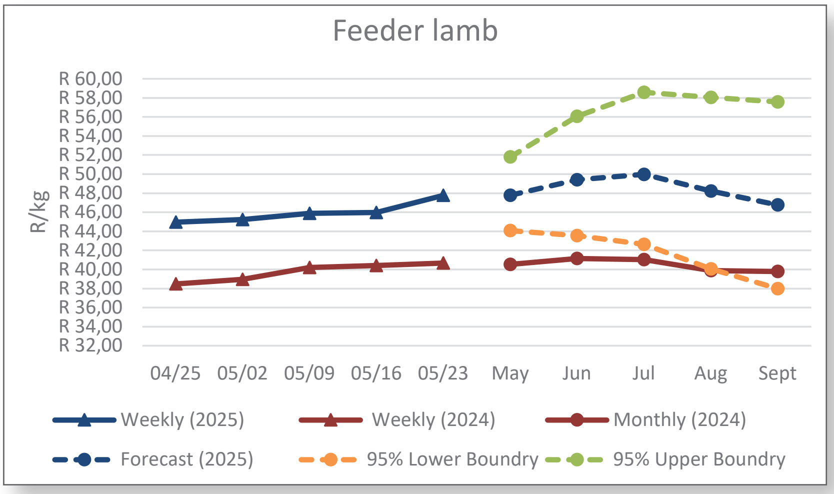
RED MEAT PRODUCERS' RPO ORGANISATION

RPO MARKET REPORT

Week 21 of 2025

CLASS	PRICE	WEEK/WEEK	MONTH/MONTH	YEAR/YEAR
Feeder lamb (R/kg)	**R47.77**	3.9%	6.3%	17.5%
A2 (R/kg)	**R103.28**	1.5%	1.4%	21.7%
B2 (R/kg)	**R73.31**	-3.5%	7.6%	23.8%
C2 (R/kg)	**R69.36**	3.2%	5.8%	21.6%

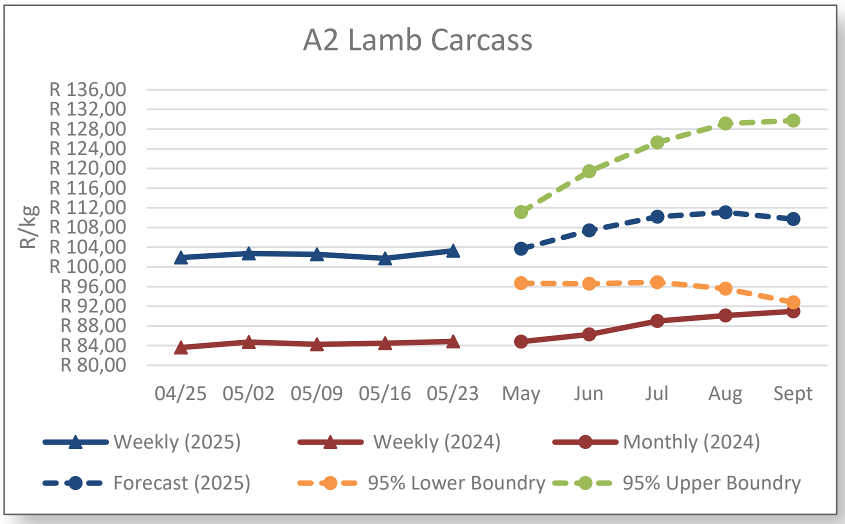
FEEDER LAMB



The feeder lamb price increased by 3.9% for Week 21 compared to the previous week and is approximately 17.5% higher than the same period a year ago. The price increase can be attributed to a lower supply on the market which causes the higher price. It can therefore be expected that the price may continue to increase sharply until July and then start to decline systematically in August. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the store lamb price in July should be around R50/kg and not lower than R43/kg and not higher than R59/kg. With the sharp increase in the price this week, the R50/kg mark could very well be reached in July as prices should increase over the next two months.

A2 LAMB CARCASS

The lamb carcass price increased by 1.5% for Week 21 compared to the previous week and is approximately 21.7% higher than the same period a year ago. The price increase is mainly due to the lower supply in the market, and therefore, it can be expected that the A2 carcass price may increase from June to August as the supply decreases. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in July should be approximately R110/kg, while the price should not be lower than R97/kg and not higher than R125/kg. With the increasing trend that the price should follow, it can be expected that the predicted price of R110/kg for July can very well be achieved.



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