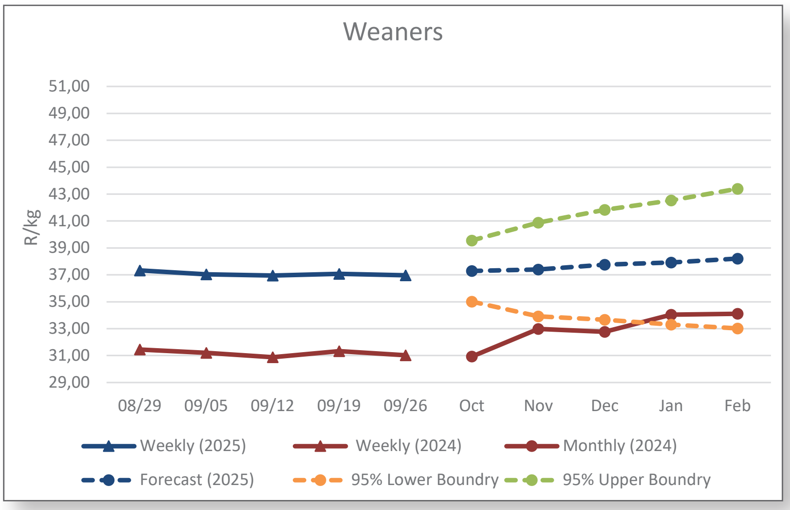
RPO Market Report

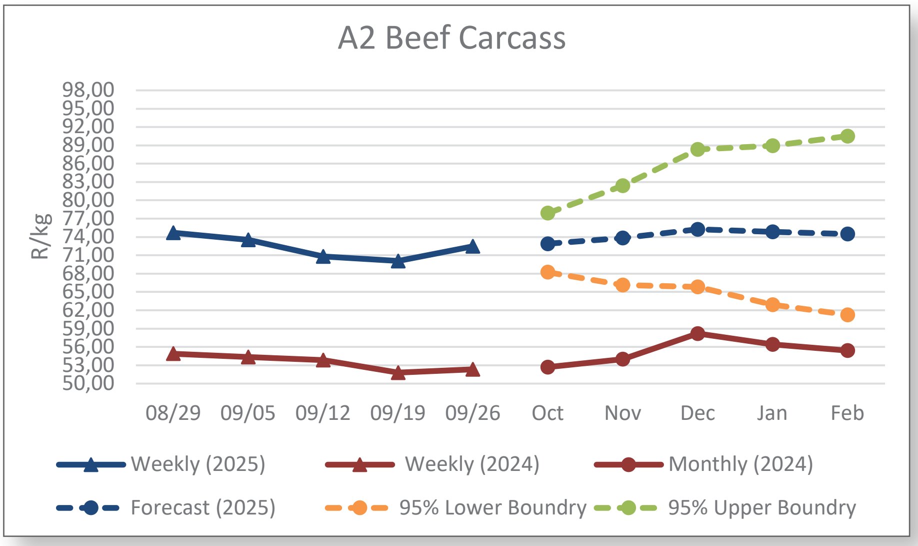
Week 39 of 2025

Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Weaner (R/kg)	R36.97	-0.3%	-1.0%	19.1%
A2 (R/kg)	R72.46	3.4%	-3.0%	38.4%
B2 (R/kg)	R61.22	0.3%	1.5%	39.6%
C2 (R/kg)	R60.19	0.5%	0.4%	40.3%

Weaners

The price fell slightly in Week 39 compared to the previous week and is currently 19.1% higher than it was at the same period a year ago. The slight drop in price can be attributed to the higher supply of weaners currently in the market. The expectation is that the price will resume an upward trend until the end of February. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the weaner price in November is expected to be around R37/kg, with a range of R34/kg to R41/kg.





A2 Beef Carcass

The average A2 carcass price increased sharply in Week 39 by 3.4% compared to the previous week and is currently 38.4% higher than the same period a year ago. The sharp increase in price can be attributed to a lower supply of carcasses currently available on the market. The expectation is that the price can maintain an increasing trend from October to December and then start to decline systematically as the new year dawns. 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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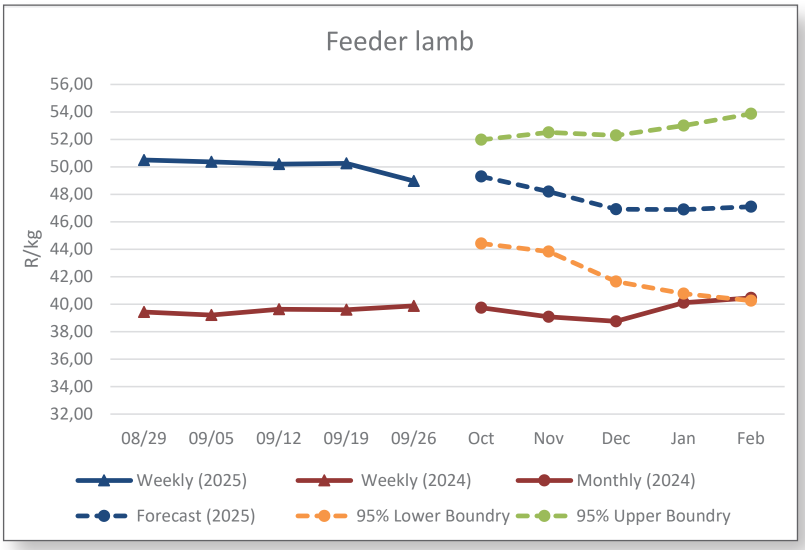
Feeder lamb (R/kg)	R48.97	-2.5%	-3.0%	22.8%
A2 (R/kg)	R109.38	-0.5%	-0.4%	20.4%
B2 (R/kg)	R87.16	1.7%	0.6%	32.0%
C2 (R/kg)	R83.75	1.6%	0.6%	31.4%

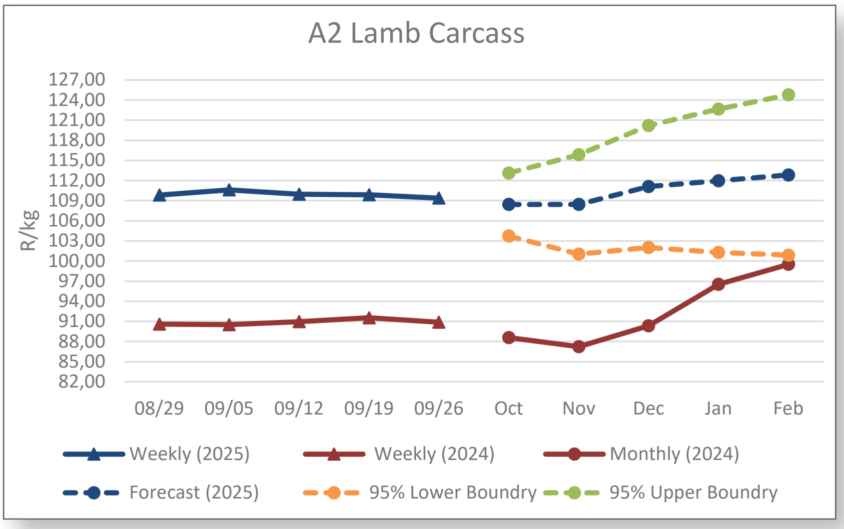
Feeder lamb



The store lamb price decreased by 2.5% in Week 39 compared to the previous week and is approximately 22.8% higher than the same period last year. The decrease in price can be attributed to a continued higher supply of lambs currently in the market. The expectation is 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 around R48/kg, with a range of R44/kg to R53/kg.

A2 Lamb Carcass

The lamb carcass price decreased by 0.5% in Week 39 compared to the previous week and is approximately 20.4% higher than the same period in the previous year. The decrease in price can be attributed to a 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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