

RPO Market Report

Week 48 of 2025

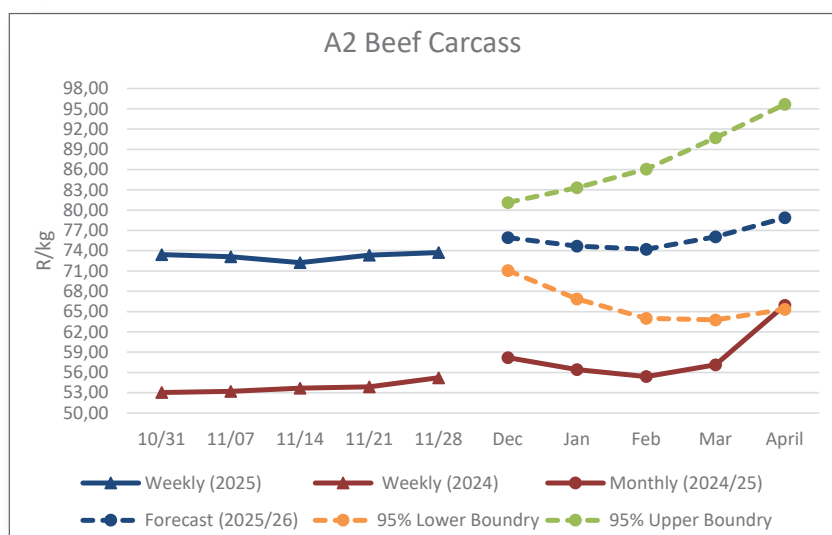
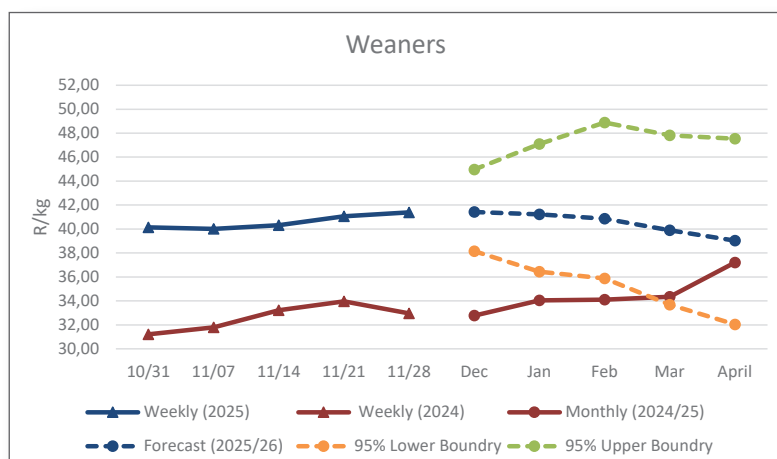
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Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Weaner (R/kg)	R41.39	0.8%	3.1%	25.6%
A2 (R/kg)	R73.73	0.5%	0.4%	33.5%
B2 (R/kg)	R65.93	-1.1%	0.7%	34.7%
C2 (R/kg)	R63.92	-1.4%	1.1%	32.4%

Weaners

The weaner price increased by 0.8% in Week 48 compared to the previous week and is approximately 25.6% higher than the same period last year. The increase in the price can be attributed to a continuously lower supply of weaners in the market. The expectation is that the weaner price can slightly increase into January and then systematically start to decrease in March as the weaning season starts. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the weaner price in January is expected to be approximately R41/kg, with a range of R36/kg to R47/kg.



A2 Beef Carcass

The average A2 carcass price increased by 0.5% in Week 48 compared to the previous week and is approximately 33.5% higher than the same period a year ago. The increase in the price can be attributed to a stronger demand in the market. It is expected that the price will systematically decrease as the new year approaches and then increase in March. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 carcass price in January is expected to be approximately R75/kg, with a range of R67/kg to R83/kg.



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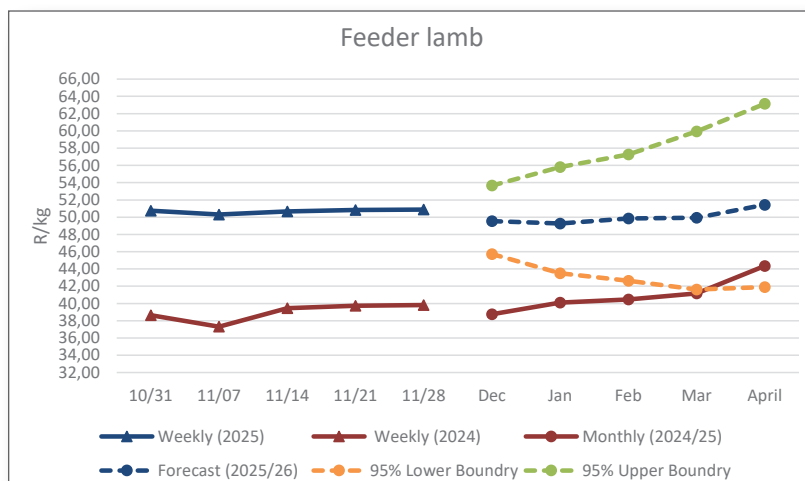
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Class	Price	Week/Week	Month/Month	Year/Year
Feeder lamb (R/kg)	R50.88	0.1%	0.3%	27.8%
A2 (R/kg)	R108.63	-0.5%	-0.6%	25.0%
B2 (R/kg)	R82.72	1.0%	-3.5%	22.7%
C2 (R/kg)	R82.98	0.7%	-1.6%	33.5%

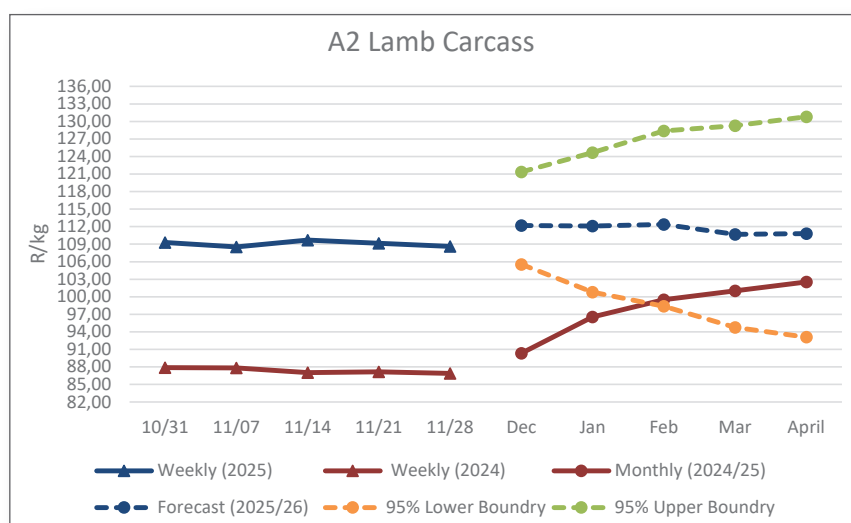
Feeder lamb



The store lamb price remained unchanged in Week 48. The price is approximately 27.8% higher than it was at the same time last year. The expectation is that the price will continue to slightly decrease systematically until January and then follow an increasing trend in February. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the store lamb price in January is expected to be approximately R49/kg, with a range of R44/kg to R56/kg.

A2 Lamb Carcass

The lamb carcass price decreased by 0.5% in Week 48 and is approximately 25% higher than it was at the same period a year ago. The decrease in the price can be attributed to a continuously higher supply of lambs in the market. The expectation is that the price will follow a sideways trend into the new year, with a slight decrease starting in March. According to a 95% certainty forecast, based on the past 16 years of historical data, the A2 lamb carcass price in January is expected to be approximately R112/kg, with a range of R100/kg to R125/kg.



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