

# DAIRY DIGITS



## MARCH 2021

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**Table 1** Key market indicators

Item	Period	Value	Percentage change (same period previous year)
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes)	2018 <sup>1</sup>	3 411	+4,8%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes)	2019 <sup>1</sup>	3 433	+0,65%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate	Dec 20 <sup>1</sup>	315	-0,03%
Unprocessed milk purchased ('000 tonnes) estimate	Jan 20 <sup>1</sup> –Dec 20 <sup>1</sup>	3 417*	-0,45%
Dairy imports ('000 tonnes)	2019 <sup>2</sup>	75,6	+17,9%
Dairy imports ('000 tonnes)	Jan 20 <sup>2</sup> –Dec 20 <sup>2</sup>	60,6	-19,8%
Dairy exports ('000 tonnes)	2019 <sup>2</sup>	45,1	-0,4%
Dairy exports ('000 tonnes)	Jan 20 <sup>2</sup> –Dec 20 <sup>2</sup>	46,7	+3,5%
Producer price index of unprocessed milk (base Dec 16 = 100) <sup>3</sup>	Dec 20 <sup>3</sup>	105,4	+10,6%
Farm requisite price index (base 2010 = 100) <sup>4</sup>	Apr 20 <sup>4</sup>	173,6	+1,7%
Producer price index of dairy products (base Dec 16 = 100) <sup>3</sup>	Dec 20 <sup>3</sup>	104,5	+1,6%

Source:

<sup>1</sup> Milk SA returns

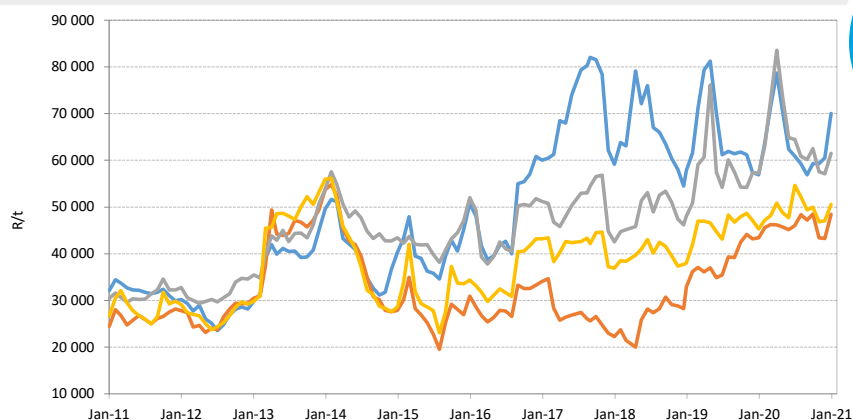
<sup>2</sup> SARS statistics supplied by SAMPRO

<sup>3</sup> Stats SA PPI index

<sup>4</sup> Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) price index of farm requisites

\*Feb 2020 = 29 days

**Figure 1** International dairy product prices (free on board), Jan 2011–Jan 2021

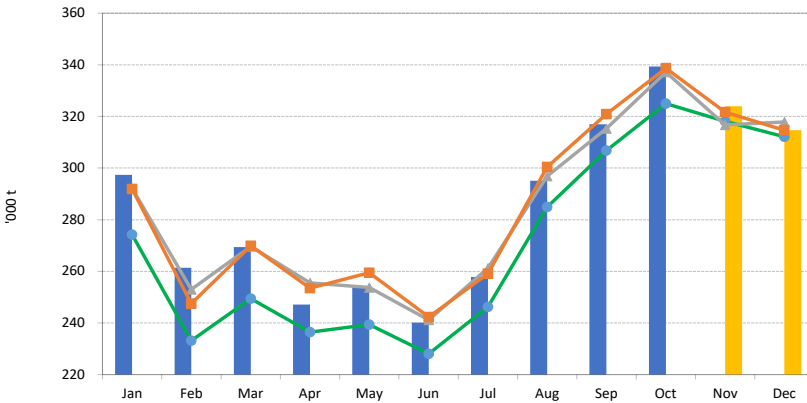


Source: USDA price surveys, exchange rate South African Reserve Bank middle rates, last month – average of daily closing values.

— Butter  
— SMP  
— Cheddar  
— FMP

**Acronyms and abbreviations:** Milk South Africa (Milk SA) • Milk Producers' Organisation (MPO) • South African Milk Processors' Organisation (SAMPRO) • Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) • South African Revenue Service (SARS) • United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) • producer price index (PPI) • consumer price index (CPI) • Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) • full-cream milk powder (FMP) • skimmed milk powder (SMP) • ultra-high temperature (UHT) processed

**Figure 2** Monthly unprocessed milk purchase trends, Jan 2017–Dec 2020

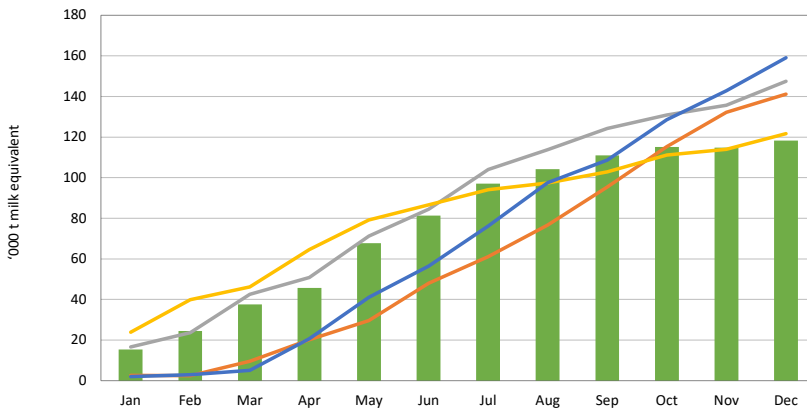


Source: Milk SA statistics.  
 Note: Each year's figures are assessed, reviewed, and finalised by 31 March of the ensuing year.

- 2020
- 2020\*
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019

\* Last two months preliminary: sample survey  
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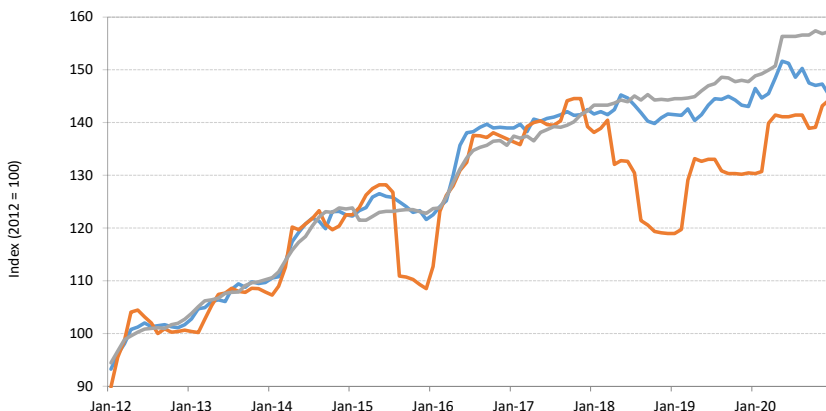
**Figure 3** Monthly cumulative net imports, milk equivalent, Jan 2016–Dec 2020



Source: MPO calculation from SARS data supplied by SAMPRO.

- 2020
- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019

**Figure 4** PPI indices of unprocessed milk and dairy products, and the CPI of milk, cheese, and eggs, Jan 2012–Dec 2020



Source: Stats SA PPI and CPI information, [statssa.gov.za](http://statssa.gov.za).

- Dairy products PPI (fresh milk, UHT, cheddar, yoghurt)
- Unprocessed milk PPI
- Milk, cheese, and eggs CPI

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