



South African Milk Processors' Organisation
The voluntary organisation of milk processors for the promotion of the development of the secondary dairy industry to the benefit of the dairy industry, the consumer and the South African society.

TRENDS IN RESPECT OF THE PRODUCER PRICE INDICES OF RAW MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS UP TO **MARCH 2026**

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Introduction

1. Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) published producer price indices for, amongst other, raw milk which measures on a monthly basis, the change of the prices for raw milk received by raw milk producers, and dairy products which measures the change of the prices received by producers of processed milk and manufacturers of other dairy products for a specific basket of dairy products consisting of full cream fresh milk, full cream UHT milk, yoghurt and cheddar cheese. The contribution of each of the products to the producer price index of dairy products is respectively 22.2 percent, 29.0 percent, 25.0 percent and 23.8 percent. Dairy products like maas, cheese other than cheddar, butter and milk powder, are not included in the relevant basket of dairy products.
2. Stats SA reviewed the producer price indices and from January 2013:

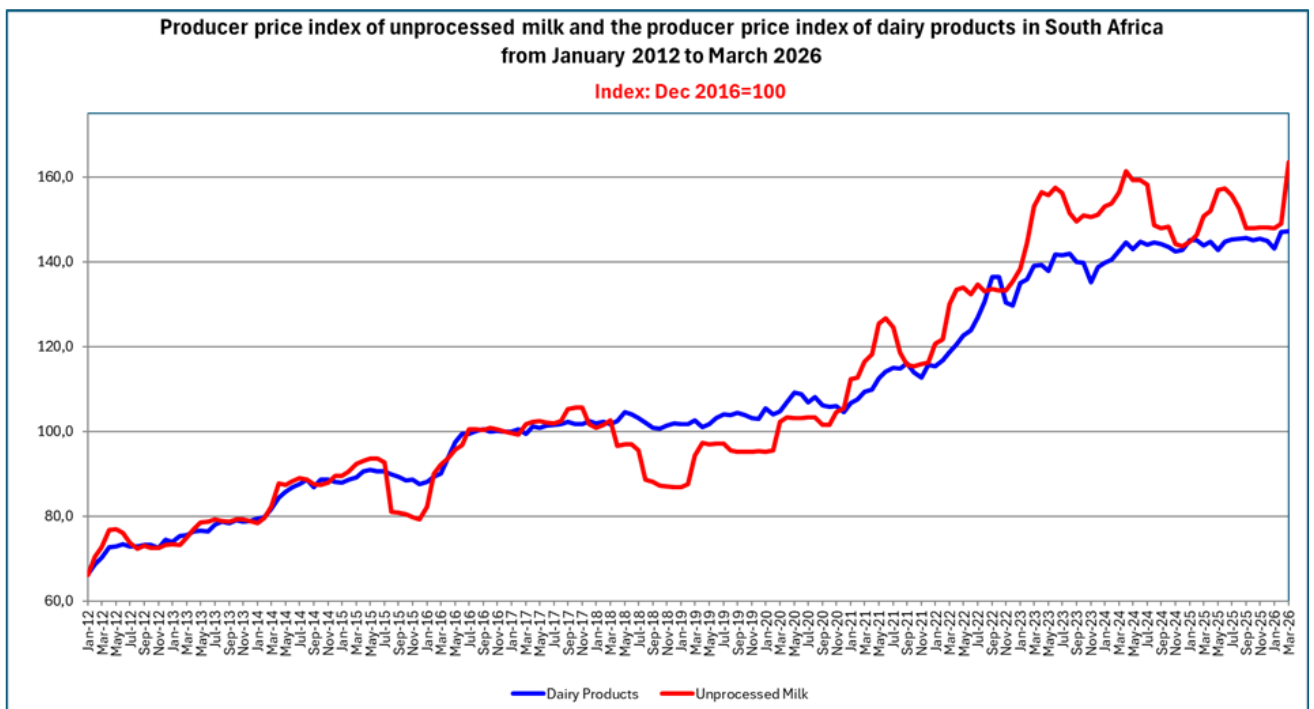


- a) Stats SA does not publish a separate index for raw milk as they replaced it with a combined index for raw milk and eggs;
- b) The base year of the producer price indices changed from 2000 to 2012, 2012 to 2016 and from January 2024, the change in the index is as reflected in the price index with December 2023, as base year, as published by Stats SA; and
- c) The different categories of products in respect of which producer price indices are published, decreased.

3. After discussions with Stats SA, Stats SA approved the request from the Office of SAMPRO to provide a separate producer price index for raw milk to SAMPRO and the information is reflected in this report.

4. In the monthly analyses of Stats SA, the emphasis is on the change in the producer price indices from the previous month and on the change in the last 12 months. These changes are important market signals, but, if it is viewed in isolation, it can be misleading because these changes should be assessed in light of:
- The movement of the producer price indices in the period before the last 12 months; and
 - The movement of the producer price indices of other products.

Graph 1 ¹⁾



- 1) Graph prepared by the Office of SAMPRO based on the producer price indices with the base year 2016, as published by Statistics South Africa.
- From January 2021 the change in the 2016 index is adjusted based on the change in the price index with December 2020 as the base year, and
 - From January 2024 the change in the 2016 index is adjusted based on the change in the price index with December 2023 as the base year

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Tables reflecting the changes of the producer price indices of raw milk, other primary agricultural products, dairy products and other manufactured food products in specific periods

Table 1 ²⁾

Change in the producer price indices of agricultural products from February to March 2026

(Index December 2016 = 100)

Product	Index in February 2026	Index in March 2026	Percentage Change
Milk (unprocessed)	149.0	163.5	9.7
Other animal products	151.5	160.0	5.7
Live animals	181.5	182.3	0.5
Cereal and other crops	110.1	109.9	-0.2
Fruit and Vegetables	107.4	103.0	-4.1

Table 2 ³⁾

Change in the producer price indices of agricultural products from March 2025 to March 2026 (12-month period)

(Index December 2016 = 100)

Product	Index in March 2025	Index in March 2026	Percentage Change
Other animal products	123.6	160.0	29.5
Live animals	156.9	182.3	16.2
Milk (unprocessed)	150.7	163.5	8.5
Fruit and Vegetables	111.3	103.0	-7.5
Cereal and other crops	147.2	109.9	-25.4

Table 3 ⁴⁾

Change in the producer price indices of agricultural products from January 2012 to March 2026 (170-month period)

(Index December 2016 = 100)

Product	Index in January 2012	Index in March 2026	Percentage Change
Milk (unprocessed)	66.2	163.5	147.0
Other animal products	66.2	160.0	141.7
Live animals	83.6	182.3	118.1
Cereal and other crops	63.4	109.9	73.3
Fruit and Vegetables	75.4	103.0	36.6

2), 3) and 4) Tables prepared by the Office of SAMPRO based on information of Statistics South Africa with 2012 as the base year. From January 2017 the change in the 2012 index is adjusted based on the change in the price index with December 2016 as base. .

Table 4 ⁵⁾**Increase in the producer price indices of manufactured food products from February to March 2026****(Index December 2016 = 100)**

Product	Index in February 2026	Index in March 2026	Percentage change
Sugar	106.1	110.0	3.6
Oils and fats	171.0	176.9	3.4
Bakery products	155.1	156.3	0.7
Other food products	156.8	157.6	0.5
Dairy products	147.0	147.1	0.1
Meat and meat products	163.4	162.9	-0.3
Fruits and vegetable products	156.7	155.7	-0.6
Starches, starch products and animal feed	149.2	146.9	-1.5
Grain mill products	144.5	141.6	-2.0

Table 5 ⁶⁾**Increase in the producer price indices of manufactured food products from March 2025 to March 2026 (12-month period)****(Index December 2016 = 100)**

Product	Index in March 2025	Index in March 2026	Percentage Change
Meat and meat products	150.4	162.9	8.3
Bakery products	149.9	156.3	4.3
Other food products	151.7	157.6	3.9
Dairy products	143.8	147.1	2.3
Fruits and vegetable products	155.6	155.7	0.1
Oils and fats	177.6	176.9	-0.4
Sugar	121.5	110.0	-9.5
Grain mill products	158.3	141.6	-10.5
Starches, starch products and animal feed	170.3	146.9	-13.7

Table 6 ⁷⁾**Increase in the producer price indices of manufactured food products from January 2012 to March 2026 (170-month period)****(Index December 2016 = 100)**

Product	Index in January 2012	Index in March 2026	Percentage Change
Oils and fats	69.0	176.9	156.4
Bakery products	66.9	156.3	133.6
Meat and meat products	71.9	162.9	126.6
Starches, starch products and animal feed	65.9	146.9	122.9
Dairy products	66.3	147.1	121.9
Fruits and vegetable products	71.7	155.7	117.2
Other food products	75.1	157.6	109.9
Grain mill products	71.5	141.6	98.0
Sugar	70.4	110.0	56.3

5), 6) and 7) Tables prepared by the Office of SAMPRO based on information of Statistics South Africa with 2012 as the base year. From January 2017 the change in the 2012 index is adjusted based on the change in the price index with December 2016 as base and from January 2021, the change in the 2012 index is adjusted in the price index with December 2020 as base.