

PLEASE NOTE:

- This report is based on SARS verified stats. The verified stats will be corrected up to 2 years in arrears on an *ad hoc* basis.
- Declared price = FOB price. The Tariff, VAT, 10% added in order to calculate VAT by law, CIF, clearing and cold store costs at Port of Entry and delivery costs need to be added per tariff line.
- In order to compare import values to local production, the wholesale price needs to be compared. Also note that most local producers quote a list price and will then discount, by varying percentages, from these quoted prices.

MONTHLY IMPORTS SUMMARY:

TOTAL POULTRY

- In September 2018, 56 456 t of poultry meat were imported; 5 295 t less than in the previous month (- 8.6 %). Poultry imports were valued at R715.3 million (FOB); down R42.4 m on August 2018 levels (- 5.6 %). Compared to the same month in the previous year, imports increased by 4 541 t (+ 8.7 %), and in, value terms, increased by 15.9 % or R98.0 million.
- The SA Revenue Service reported that total poultry imports for 2016 amounted to 560 155 t, an increase of 81 708 t or 17.1 %, in comparison with 2015 (478 447 t). Without the reduction in tonnages in December 2016 caused by temporary AI-related trade bans, 2016 imports would have been 20 % higher than in 2015.
- Even with all the on-going AI-outbreaks in Europe, poultry imports in 2017 (556 877 t) were only 0.6 % less than in 2016. It should be noted that imports were 25 % higher than the 5-year average (2012 - 2016). Imports in 2018 YTD are 5.5 % higher than the same period in 2017.
- During September 2018, poultry imports consisted of 96.3 % chicken meat and product, 3.6 % turkey meat and product; and 0.13 % ducks, geese and guinea fowl. In 2017, chicken imports contributed 94.1 % to total poultry imports, turkey imports 5.8 % and ducks, geese or guinea fowl 0.034 %.
- The FOB value of R715.3 m for poultry imports for September 2018 comprises chicken imports at R675.2 m (94.4 %), turkey imports at R37.0 m (5.2 %) and imports of other types of poultry at R3.1 million (0.44 %).
- “Other poultry” refers to ducks, geese and guinea fowl collectively.

BROILER

- Broiler imports for September totalled 54 349 t, a decrease of 7.6 % (- 4 489 t) on a monthly basis but an increase of 5 544 t or 11.4 % when compared to the same month in the previous year. Accumulated broiler imports in 2017 reached 524 259 t (- 0.8 % on 2016 levels). Accumulated broiler imports in 1H 2018 were 1.2 % higher than in the same period in 2017.

- During September 2018, broiler imports to an FOB value of R675.2 m entered the country. This is a 5.6 % decrease on August 2018 levels (- R42.4 m) but a 15.9 % increase on levels recorded in the same month a year ago (+ 98.0 m). The value of broiler imports in 2017 reached R5.92 billion; an increase of 18 % (+ 902 million) over the value of 2016 imports.
- Imports of frozen, mechanically de-boned meat (MDM): In September 2018, a total of 15 236 t were imported at an FOB of R112.7 m; an increase of 2 081 t, or 15.8 %, on a monthly basis but a decrease of 4 709 t, or 23.6 %, on a yearly basis (compared to September 2017). In 2017, imports of MDM were 3.4 % higher than in 2016 (201 795 tonnes).
- Imports of frozen chicken bone-in portions (0207.149*; new codes totalled) decreased by 4 787 t, or 13.7 %, in September 2018 in comparison with the previous month, to total 30 240 t at an FOB of R433.5 m. September's imports increased by 9 981 t (+ 49.3 %) compared to September 2017.
- Of the 229 759 tonnes of bone-in portions imported in 2018 YTD, 73.5 % were leg quarters; 12.1 % drumsticks; 7.9 % wings; 2.6 % thighs; and 4.1 % other bone-in cuts. Only 139 t of bone-in breasts have been imported in 2018 YTD, along with 88 t of frozen chicken, cut in half.
- Accumulated imports of frozen bone-in portions in 2017 (233 046 t) were 2.7 % lower than in 2016. Accumulated imports of frozen bone-in portions in 2018 YTD (229 759 t) are 37.8 % higher than in the first 9 months of 2017.
- Imports of frozen chicken offal (0207.142*; new codes totalled) in September 2018 reached 4 204 tonnes at an FOB value of R42.0 m. This is a decrease of 30.3 % (-1 826 t) on a monthly basis and a decrease of 12.8 % (- 615 t) when compared to imports in September 2017. Accumulated imports of frozen chicken offal in 2017 (49 747 t) were 13.5 % lower than in 2016 (- 6 731 t). In 2018 YTD, accumulated imports of frozen chicken offal (39 143 t) are 25.7 % higher than in the first 9 months of 2017.
- Distribution of broiler imports in terms of the main products imported (% total *chicken* imports):

Tariff	Jul 2018 %	Aug 2018 %	Sep 2018 %
Mechanically deboned meat 0207.1210	27.4	26.6	26.7
Carcasses 0207.1220	2.9	2.8	2.7
Whole frozen chicken 0207.1290	1.6	1.7	1.6
Frozen (boneless portions) 0207.1410 – 1415	4.7	4.5	4.6
Frozen fowls offal 0207.1421/23/25/29	9.5	9.6	9.3
Poultry (bone-in portions) 0207.1491/93/95 – 99	53.8	54.7	54.8

ANNUAL IMPORTS SUMMARY:

Total imports per poultry type (kg) are given in the table below (source: SARS, verified):

Unit: kg	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Total chicken	368 804 925	457 373 523	528 505 515	524 258 665	419 009 383
Total turkey	24 299 423	20 724 145	31 473 540	32 428 316	19 395 772
Total other	197 878	349 143	175 723	189 635	433 905
Total poultry	393 302 228	478 446 811	560 154 778	556 876 616	438 839 060

Unit: kg	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Total chicken	368 804 925	457 373 523	528 505 515	524 258 665	419 009 383
Total frozen broiler	368 201 525	456 954 268	528 108 226	523 427 640	418 336 469
Total fresh chicken	5 491	48 840	0	28 314	78 242
Total processed	597 909	370 415	397 289	802 711	594 672

Unit: kg	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD	2018 YTD
Total frozen broiler	368 201 525	456 954 268	528 108 226	523 427 640	418 336 469
Total frozen broiler excl. MDM	221 218 214	277 063 358	332 854 759	321 632 534	306 256 579
Total broiler MDM	146 983 311	179 890 910	195 253 467	201 795 106	112 079 890

- Brazil was the main country of origin for South African poultry imports in September 2018, with 58.7 % or 33 143 t of total imports; of which 43.1 % was mechanically deboned chicken meat and 38.7 % frozen bone-in portions. The US exported 10 464 t (18.5 %; of which 84.7 % was frozen bone-in chicken portions). Argentina exported 3 274 t to South Africa in September (5.8 % of total; of which 64.8 % was frozen bone-in chicken portions).
- Poland crashed back into the market with 2 968 tonnes (5.3 %) of the total imports in September; Ireland accounted for 3.8 % (2 120 t), Denmark for 3.3 % (1 866 t); and Canada for 1.4 % (807 t). Thailand was responsible for 1.3 % (751 t); Spain 0.9 % (524 t) and Chile 0.6 % (348 t). Other countries contributed 0.2 % collectively.

Dutch imports averaged 9 643 tonnes/month in the 12 months to November 2016. Since then, the Dutch reported two H5N8 HPAI events to the OIE, totalling nearly 4 000 cases. A trade ban was in place but final reports on both the Dutch outbreaks were submitted to the OIE on 17 May 2017. New cases of HPAI H5N6 were reported on commercial farms and in wild birds in the Netherlands from late 2017; considered resolved 5 April 2018. The Dutch reported H5N6 in a wild mallard duck in Noord-Holland in late August. In September 2018, no poultry products were imported from the Netherlands.

- In the UK, there were twenty reported outbreaks of H5N6 HPAI in water-birds and raptors during 1Q 2018 but no new cases were reported from 28 March and the outbreak was declared resolved on 10 May 2018. In June, the UK reported H5N6 HPAI in a Greylag goose in Northern Ireland. The UK exported 25 tonnes of poultry products to South Africa in May 2018 and 81 tonnes in September.
- The Spanish submitted an HPAI final report to the OIE on 30 May 2017, reclaiming the country's HPAI-free status with effect from 2 June 2017. Spain re-entered the South African market in September 2018, with 524 tonnes of frozen chicken bone-in portions.

- Only 87 *kilogrammes* of poultry imports were recorded from France in September because of HPAI outbreaks considered resolved in October 2017. To 26 May 2017, Germany notified the OIE of 286 outbreaks of H5N8 HPAI in wild birds and commercial poultry. The Germans had closed all their HPAI events with the OIE in 2017/early 2018. However, they have since reported H5N6 in a backyard flock in March 2018, in a white stork in April and in a Eurasian Buzzard in early April. These cases were declared resolved on 1 June 2018 but a new event was opened in August and declared closed on 2 October (wild birds; H5N6). The Germans exported 16.5 tonnes of poultry meat to South Africa in September 2018.
- Imports from the EU contributed 13.4 % (7 575 t) of total poultry imports into South Africa in August (*cf* 63.1 % in November 2016), of which 6 098 t were bone-in chicken portions (80.5 %). EU tonnages were down 6.1 % on a monthly basis but up 70.5 % on a year-on-year basis.
- Total imports of bone-in portions from the EU into South Africa are shown below:

YEAR	Total imports of bone-in portions from the EU (tonnes)	Percentage change
2012	112 928	+ 81 %
2013	117 116	+ 4 %
2014	145 499	+ 24 %
2015	155 924	+ 7 %
2016	194 399	+ 25 %
2017	57 092	- 70.6 %
2018 YTD	35 301	-26.2 % (y/y)

- Poultry imports according to main countries of origin for 2015 to 2018 YTD are tabulated below

Country	Imports (tonnes)			
	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
Brazil	241 180	233 787	337 476	272 451
Netherlands	61 995	110 344	112	170
United Kingdom	15 985	45 647	1 366	206
Spain	27 090	39 620	11 138	258
United States	331	26 573	87 059	73 837
Belgium	35 613	24 256	23 451	23
Argentina	27 718	18 713	32 816	28 328
Ireland	13 336	15 556	24 746	21 437
Hungary	10 547	13 174	0	0
Denmark	9 508	9 779	16 884	22 388
Canada	131	8 884	14 431	5 342
Germany	554	6 073	134	168
Poland	-	4 773	72	3 292
Thailand	7 616	2 078	4 019	6 254
Chile	408	360	1 770	3 427
Australia	264	254	984	268
France	24 895	105	4	3
Uruguay	182	0	25	359
Switzerland	72	0	0	73
Swaziland	35	0	24	258

Poultry imports according to tariff are tabled below:

Species	Tariff description	Code	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018 YTD
			Unit: tonnes					
CHICKEN	Chicken: Whole fresh or chilled broiler	02071100	0.012	5.491	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHICKEN	Chicken: Whole frozen broiler	02071200	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen mechanically deboned broiler meat	02071210	142 259	146 983	179 891	195 253	201 795	112 080
CHICKEN	Carcasses (excluding necks and offal) with all cuts (e.g. thighs, wings, legs and breasts) removed	0207.1220	13 906	18 055	22 440	21 416	14 247	11 428
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen whole birds	02071290	4 052	2 602	4 321	9 597	9 504	6 594
CHICKEN	Chicken: Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled broilers	02071300	50.8	0.0	48.8	0.0	28.0	78.2
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen broiler boneless portions	02071410	14 474	9 986	15 811	12 506	21 820	19 333
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen broiler offal	02071420	34 803	33 489	41 102	49 747	43 016	39 143
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen broiler bone-in portions	02071490	144 773	157 086	192 390	239 589	233 046	229 759
TURKEY	Whole fresh turkey	02072400	0.0	0.0	24.6	52.1	0.0	0.0
TURKEY	Whole frozen turkey	02072500	1 142.3	983.8	871.3	524.0	629.0	168.6
TURKEY	Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled turkey	0207.2600	0.0	0.0	270.0	26.5	18.6	0.0
TURKEY	Frozen turkey portions and MDM	02072700	34 069	23 316	19 558	30 820	31 579	19 227
OTHER	Whole fresh or chilled ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073200	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUCKS, GEESE, GUINEA FOWL	Frozen portions of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073300	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	Fresh or chilled fatty livers of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073400	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	Fresh or chilled - other ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073500	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	Whole frozen ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073600	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUCKS	Ducks not cut in pieces; fresh or chilled	0207.4100	43.5	0.35	0	0	0.84	49.0
DUCKS	Ducks not cut in pieces; frozen	0207.4200	99.9	48.0	82.2	90.0	70.6	278.7
DUCKS	Ducks fatty livers, fresh or chilled	0207.4300	0.08	0.013	0.0	0.0	0.007	0
DUCKS	Ducks other, fresh or chilled	0207.4400	2.2	0.03	1.43	0.0	0	0
DUCKS	Ducks other, frozen	0207.4500	118.7	134.7	173.1	79.6	113.9	49.7
GEESE	Whole frozen geese	0207.5200	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	28.8
GEESE	Geese fatty livers, fresh or chilled	0207.5300	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GEESE	Geese other, fresh or chilled	0207.5400	0.7	0.03	0.35	0.0	0.0	0.0
GEESE	Geese other, frozen	0207.5500	0.0	0.0	80.1	0.0	0.0	23.9
GEESE	Sausages: Pate de foie gras / goose liver paste	16010010	2.3	9.7	0.5	0.01	0.0	0.01
GEESE	Other: Pate de foie gras / goose liver paste	16022010	2.6	3.7	6.0	1.12	2.23	1.15
TURKEY	Of turkeys	16023100	22.8	0.06	0.08	50.9	201.6	0.0
CHICKEN	Chicken: Other prepared or preserved broiler meat, offal or blood pastes	16023210	0	0.03	0.17	0.02	0	2.01
CHICKEN	Frozen, flavoured, herbed or marinated broiler	16023290	560.5	597.9	370.4	397.3	802.7	592.7
OTHER	Pastes of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	16023910	0.03	0.31	0.17	0.03	0.03	0.27
OTHER	Other, not incl pastes of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	16023990	4.6	2.1	5.4	5.02	1.98	2.40
	TOTAL POULTRY IMPORTS		390 387	393 303	478 447	560 155	556 877	438 839