

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 January 2019, 35 174 t of poultry meat were imported; 2 565 t less than in the previous month (- 6.8 %). Poultry imports were valued at R385.4 million (FOB); down R38.0 m on December 2018 levels (- 9.0 %). Compared to the same month in the previous year, imports decreased by 12 068 t (- 25.5 %), and in, value terms, decreased by 27.5 % or R145.8 million.
- The SA Revenue Service reported that total poultry imports for 2017 amounted to 556 877 t, an increase of 3 278 t or 0.6 %, in comparison with 2016 (560 155 t). Even with all the AI-related trade bans against EU nations, poultry imports in 2018 (566 210 t) were 1.7 % higher than in 2017 (+ 9 333 t). It should be noted that imports were 19 % higher than the 5-year average (2013 – 2017).
- During January 2019, poultry imports consisted of 93.4 % chicken meat and product, 6.5 % turkey meat and product; and 0.13 % ducks, geese and guinea fowl. In 2018 as a whole, chicken imports contributed 95.3 % to total poultry imports, turkey imports 4.7 % and ducks, geese or guinea fowl 0.11 %.
- The FOB value of R385.4 m for poultry imports for January 2019 comprises chicken imports at R342.0 m (88.7 %), turkey imports at R41.2 m (10.7 %) and imports of other types of poultry at R2.24 million (0.6 %).
- “Other poultry” refers to ducks, geese and guinea fowl collectively.

BROILER

- Broiler imports for January totalled 32 839 t, a decrease of 8.5 % (- 3 045 t) on a monthly basis and a decrease of 12 321 t or 27.3 % when compared to the same month in the previous year. Accumulated broiler imports in 2017 reached 524 259 t (- 0.8 % on 2016 levels). Broiler imports in 2018 (539 297 t) were 2.9 % higher than in 2017.
- During January 2019, broiler imports to an FOB value of R342.0 m entered the country. This is a 11.7 % decrease on December 2018 levels (- R45.5 m) and a 30.4 % decrease on levels recorded in the same month a year ago (- 149 m). The value of broiler imports in

2018 reached R6.03 billion; an increase of 1.9 % (+ 109.6 million) over the value of 2017 imports (R5.92 billion).

- Imports of frozen, mechanically de-boned meat (MDM): In January 2019, 14 836 t was imported at an FOB of R122.6 m; an increase of 619 t, or 4.4 %, on a monthly basis and an increase of 1 618 t, or 12.2 %, on a yearly basis (compared to January 2018). In 2018, imports of MDM (154 507 tonnes) were 23.4 % lower than in 2017 (- 47 288 t).
- Imports of frozen chicken bone-in portions (0207.149*; six codes totalled) dropped by 4 140 t, or 25.4 %, in January 2019 in comparison with the previous month, to total 12 176 t at an FOB of R152.0 m. January's imports decreased by 13 325 t (- 52.3 %) compared to January 2018.
- Of the 12 176 tonnes of bone-in portions imported in January 2019, 62.3 % were leg quarters; 11.4 % drumsticks; 7.7 % wings; 2.4 % thighs; and 5.5 % "other" bone-in cuts. No bone-in breasts or frozen chicken, cut in half, have been imported in 2019 so far.
- Of the 287 071 tonnes of bone-in portions imported in 2018, 74.6 % were leg quarters; 11.4 % drumsticks; 7.7 % wings; 2.4 % thighs; and 3.8 % other bone-in cuts. Only 139 t of bone-in breasts were imported in 2018, along with 113 t of frozen chicken, cut in half.
- Accumulated imports of frozen bone-in portions in 2018 (287 071 t) were 23.2 % higher than in 2017 (+ 54 025 t).
- Imports of frozen chicken offal (0207.142*; four codes totalled) in January 2018 were recorded at 3 676 t, at an FOB value of R27.6 m. This is an increase of 34.5 % (+ 942 t) on a monthly basis and an increase of 12.0 % (+ 395 t) when compared to imports in January 2018. Accumulated imports of frozen chicken offal in 2018 (49 571 t) were 15.2 % higher than in 2017 (+ 6 555 t).
- Distribution of broiler imports in terms of the main products imported (% total *chicken* imports):

Tariff	Nov 2018 %	Dec 2018 %	Jan 2019 %
Mechanically deboned meat 0207.1210	27.9	39.6	45.2
Carcasses 0207.1220	2.5	0.6	1.1
Whole frozen chicken 0207.1290	1.8	2.8	2.4
Frozen (boneless portions) 0207.1410 – 1415	4.5	3.6	3.0
Frozen fowls offal 0207.1421/23/25/29	9.3	7.6	11.2
Poultry (bone-in portions) 0207.1491/93/95 – 99	53.8	45.5	37.1

- Brazil was the main country of origin for South African poultry imports in January 2019, with 54.6 % or 19 219 t of total imports; of which 66.0 % was mechanically deboned chicken meat and 15.5 % frozen bone-in portions. Poland exported 4 410 t to South Africa in January (12.5 % of total; of which 70.9 % was frozen bone-in chicken portions). The US exported 4 098 t (11.7 %; of which 71.3 % was frozen bone-in chicken portions).
- Ireland, Denmark and Spain accounted for 5.0 % (1 751 t), 4.0 % (1 390 t) and 2.8 % (978 t) of January imports, respectively. Argentina exported 1 275 t (3.6 %) in January. Thailand and

Canada were responsible for 2.5 % (892 t) and 2.2 % (776 t), respectively. Chile exported 269 tonnes (0.8 %). Collectively, other countries contributed 0.3 %.

- Dutch imports averaged 9 643 tonnes/month in the 12 months to November 2016. The Dutch have been excluded from the South African poultry market ever since because of a string of HPAI-related trade bans. In December 2018, 128 t of mechanically deboned chicken arrived from the Netherlands, which seemed to signal their return to the market. However, no Dutch imports were received in January 2019.
- In the UK, all HPAI events are considered resolved. In January 2019, 76 tonnes of frozen chicken offal (feet) were imported from the UK.
- Only 387 *kilogrammes* of poultry imports were recorded from France in January because of HPAI outbreaks considered resolved as far back as October 2017. Germany struggled with outbreaks of HPAI through 2017 and 2018. All events have been declared resolved with the OIE. The Germans exported 13 tonnes of poultry meat to South Africa in January 2018; down from 29.8 t in November and 16.6 t in December 2018.
- Imports from the EU contributed 24.5 % (8 645 t) of total poultry imports into South Africa in January (*cf* 63.1 % in November 2016), of which 5 767 t were bone-in chicken portions (66.7 %). EU tonnages were up 7.1 % on a monthly basis and up 67.1% on a year-on-year basis.

ANNUAL IMPORTS SUMMARY:

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

Unit: kg	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Total chicken	457 373 523	528 505 515	524 258 665	539 297 343	32 838 929
Total turkey	20 724 145	31 473 540	32 428 316	26 300 980	2 290 260
Total other	349 143	175 723	189 635	611 775	44 788
Total poultry	478 446 811	560 154 778	556 876 616	566 210 098	35 173 977

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Unit: kg	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Total chicken	457 373 523	528 505 515	524 258 665	539 297 343	32 838 929
Total frozen broiler	456 954 268	528 108 226	523 427 640	538 434 470	32 825 531
Total fresh chicken	48 840	0	28 314	85 114	15
Total processed	370 415	397 289	802 711	777 759	13 428

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Unit: kg	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Total frozen broiler	456 954 268	528 108 226	523 427 640	538 434 470	32 825 531
Total frozen broiler excl. MDM	277 063 358	332 854 759	321 632 534	383 297 253	17 989 139
Total broiler MDM	179 890 910	195 253 467	201 795 106	154 507 217	14 836 392

- Poultry imports according to tariff are tabled below:

Species	Tariff description	Code	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
			Unit: tonnes					
CHICKEN	Chicken: Whole fresh or chilled broiler	02071100	5.491	0	0	0	0	0
CHICKEN	Chicken: Whole frozen broiler	02071200	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen mechanically deboned broiler meat	02071210	146 983	179 891	195 253	201 795	154 507	14 836
CHICKEN	Carcasses (excluding necks and offal) with all cuts (e.g. thighs, wings, legs and breasts) removed	0207.1220	18 055	22 440	21 416	14 247	13 009	370
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen whole birds	02071290	2 602	4 321	9 597	9 504	10 252	795
CHICKEN	Chicken: Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled broilers	02071300	0	48.8	0	28.0	85.1	0.2
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen broiler boneless portions	02071410	9 986	15 811	12 506	21 820	24 025	971
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen broiler offal	02071420	33 489	41 102	49 747	43 016	49 571	3 676
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen broiler bone-in portions	02071490	157 086	192 390	239 589	233 046	287 071	12 176
TURKEY	Whole fresh turkey	02072400	0	24.6	52.1	0	0	0
TURKEY	Whole frozen turkey	02072500	983.8	871.3	524.0	629.0	766.3	0
TURKEY	Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled turkey	0207.2600	0	270.0	26.5	18.6	0	0
TURKEY	Frozen turkey portions and MDM	02072700	23 316	19 558	30 820	31 579	25 535	2 290
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	0.35	0	0	0.84	49.0	0
DUCKS	Ducks not cut in pieces; frozen	0207.4200	48.0	82.2	90.0	70.6	428.7	20.0
DUCKS	Ducks fatty livers, fresh or chilled	0207.4300	0.013	0	0	0.007	0	0
DUCKS	Ducks other, fresh or chilled	0207.4400	0.03	1.43	0	0	0	0
DUCKS	Ducks other, frozen	0207.4500	134.7	173.1	79.6	113.9	76.0	24.4
GEESE	Whole frozen geese	0207.5200	0	0	0	0	28.8	0
GEESE	Geese fatty livers, fresh or chilled	0207.5300	0	0	0	0	0.0	0
GEESE	Geese other, fresh or chilled	0207.5400	0.03	0.35	0	0	0.0	0
GEESE	Geese other, frozen	0207.5500	0.0	80.1	0	0	23.9	0
GEESE	Sausages: Pate de foie gras / goose liver paste	16010010	9.7	0.5	0.01	0	0.01	0
GEESE	Other: Pate de foie gras / goose liver paste	16022010	3.7	6.0	1.12	2.23	2.49	0.21
TURKEY	Of turkeys	16023100	0.06	0.08	50.9	201.6	0	0
CHICKEN	Chicken: Other prepared or preserved broiler meat, offal or blood pastes	16023210	0.03	0.17	0.02	0	2.01	0
CHICKEN	Frozen, flavoured, herbed or marinated broiler	16023290	597.9	370.4	397.3	802.7	775.7	13.2
OTHER	Pastes of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	16023910	0.31	0.17	0.03	0.03	0.42	0
OTHER	Other, not incl pastes of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	16023990	2.1	5.4	5.02	1.98	2.51	0.13
	TOTAL POULTRY IMPORTS		393 303	478 447	560 155	556 877	566 210	35 174

- 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
2013	117 116	+ 4 %
2014	145 499	+ 24 %
2015	155 924	+ 7 %
2016	194 399	+ 25 %
2017	57 092	- 71 %
2018	50 946	- 10.8 %
2019 YTD	5 767	+42.1 % (y/y)

- Poultry imports according to main countries of origin for 2016 to 2019 YTD are tabulated below

Country	Imports (tonnes)			
	2016	2017	2018	2019 YTD
Brazil	233 787	337 476	348 155	19 219
Netherlands	110 344	112	323	0
United Kingdom	45 647	1 366	231	76
Spain	39 620	11 138	4 932	978
United States	26 573	87 059	91 374	4 098
Belgium	24 256	23 451	23	27
Argentina	18 713	32 816	33 278	1 275
Ireland	15 556	24 746	26 328	1 751
Hungary	13 174	0	0	0
Denmark	9 779	16 884	25 672	1 390
Canada	8 884	14 431	7 305	776
Germany	6 073	134	223	13
Poland	4 773	72	13 463	4 410
Thailand	2 078	4 019	9 011	892
Chile	360	1 770	4 362	269
Australia	254	984	553	0
France	105	4	5	0.4
Uruguay	0	25	359	0
Switzerland	0	0	97	0
Swaziland	0	24	482	<0.1