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MONTHLY EGG PRICE REPORT: DECEMBER 2018

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Representation:

The statistics are compiled from data provided by egg producers. The information is collected by SAPA's auditors and handled confidentially; SAPA only receives the aggregated data. This report represents 19.3% of total potential egg production for the month. If you are a producer who reads and uses this report, please send your data to be included. Contact Cynthia at Silverpath Consulting (cynthia@sapoultry.co.za or cynthia@silverpath.co.za) for the input forms.

All prices exclude VAT.

1. SUMMARY OF KEY INDICATORS

Table 1: Sample sales volumes and values

		Total	Graded	Ungraded
Cages	Dozens	10 496 914	8 020 749	2 476 165
	Rands	R161 600 230	R131 394 078	R30 206152

Table 2: Average prices

	Total R/doz	Graded R/doz	Ungraded R/doz
Cages	R15.40	R16.38	R12.20
Free Range/Barn	R23.89	R23.89	n/a

2. EGG PRICE ACROSS ALL SIZES

The monthly movement in the average egg price (all sizes, excluding free range/barn) is shown in Graph 1.

The December 2018 price for cage eggs was R15.40 per dozen.

- Compared to November the egg price increased by 5.8%;
- Compared to December 2017 it decreased by 14.7%.

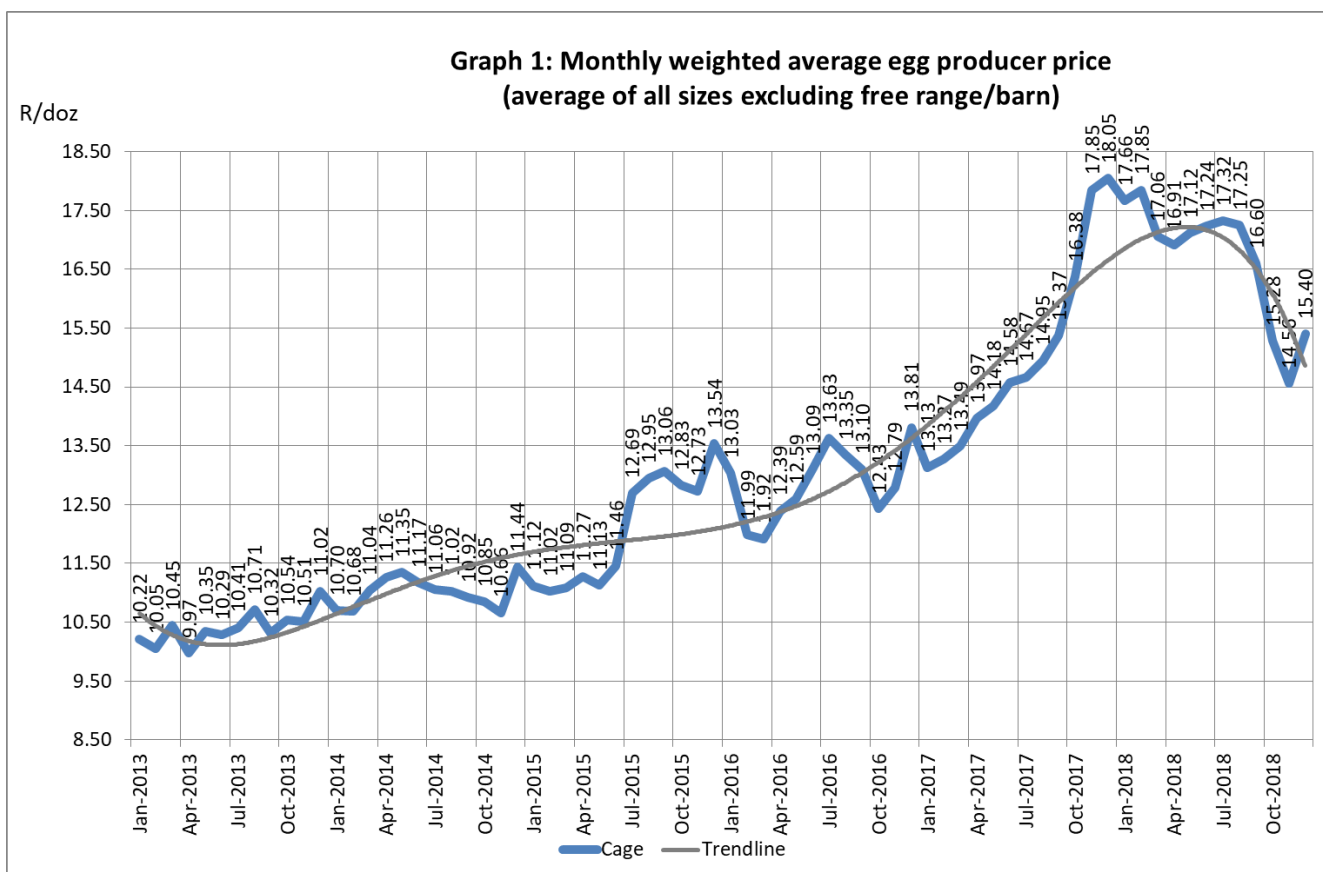


Table 3 shows the average egg prices (excluding free range/barn) since 2013 and the year-on-year percentage change.

Table 3: Egg prices

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
R/doz	10.40	11.01	12.07	12.84	14.99	16.69
% change	9.5	5.9	9.6	6.4	16.7	11.3

3. EGG PRICE FOR GRADED AND UNGRADED EGGS

The movement in the producer price since January 2013, for both graded and ungraded eggs (excluding free range/barn eggs), is depicted in Graph 2.

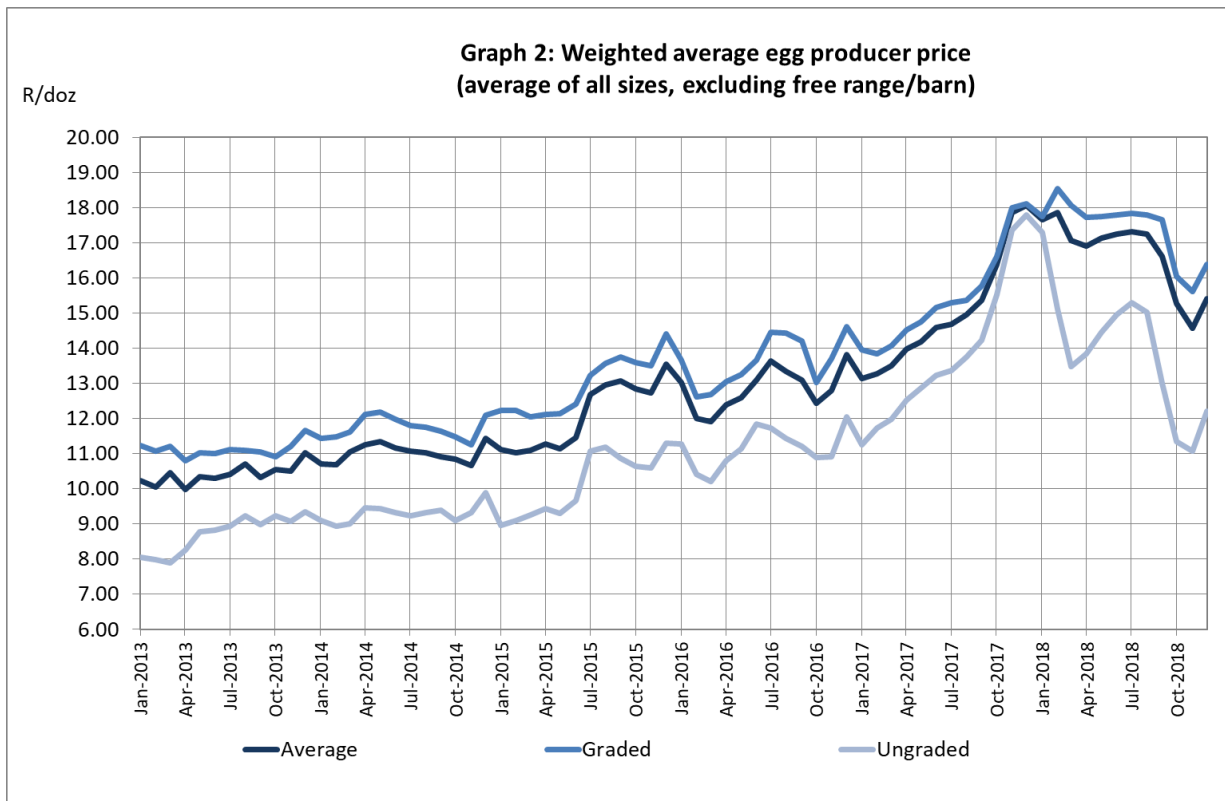
During December 2018, the average egg price for graded eggs was R16.38 per dozen.

- This is an increase of 4.9% in comparison with November 2018;
- This is a decrease of 9.6% in comparison with December 2017.

In the same month, the average egg price for ungraded eggs was R12.20 per dozen.

- This is an increase of 10.1% in comparison with November 2018;
- This is a decrease of 31.4% in comparison with December 2017.

In the sample surveyed, of the total dozens sold for December 2018, 77% were graded and 23% were ungraded.



4. FEED PRICE

The weighted average feed price includes distribution but excludes medication, additives and VAT. The monthly average feed price for December 2018 was R3 601/tonne (18.3% representation). It increased by 2.0% on a monthly basis and increased by 15.7% on a yearly basis (Graph 3).

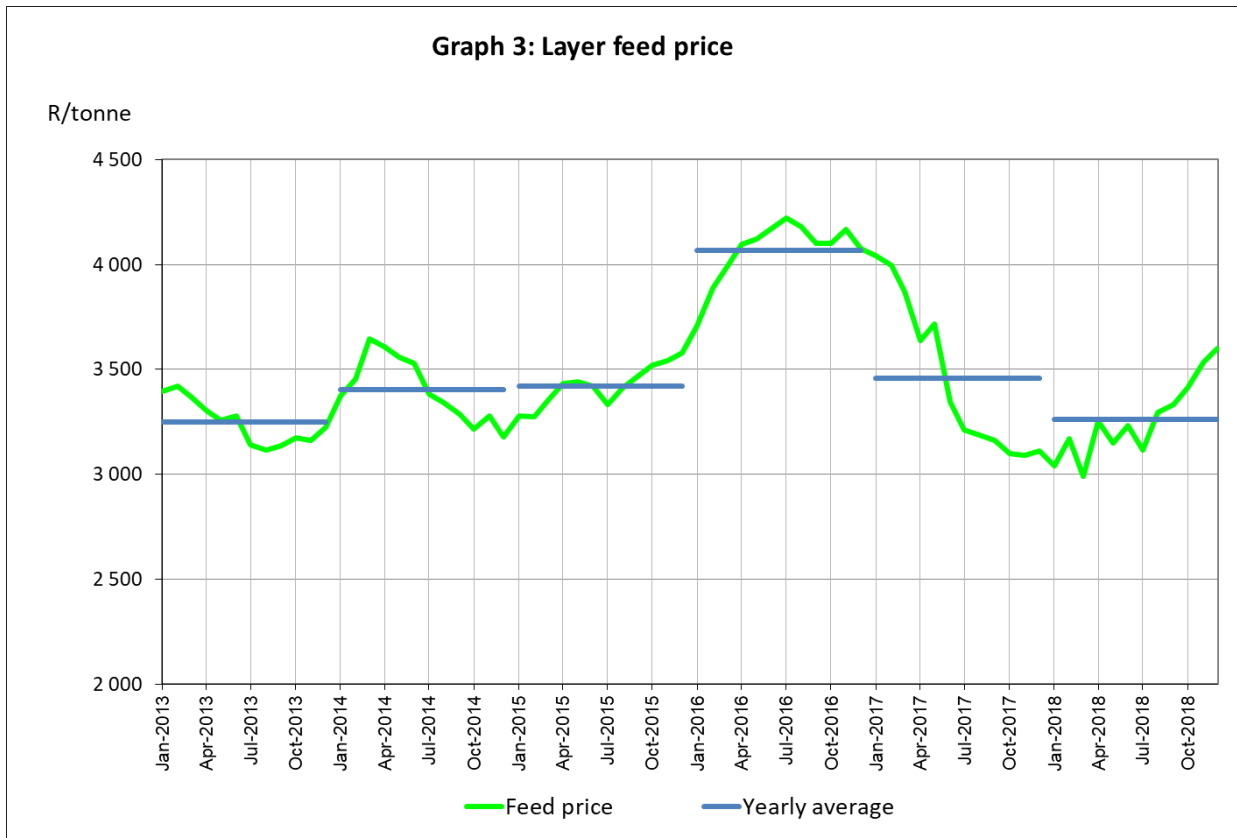


Table 4 shows the average feed prices since 2013 and the year-on-year percentage change.

Table 4: Feed prices

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
R/tonne	3 248	3 405	3 422	4 069	3 457	3 260
% change	+12.0	+4.8	+0.49	+18.9	-15.0	-5.7

5. CULL PRICE AND AGE

The average price per cull hen for the month of December 2018 was R22.26 (15.7% representation), a decrease of 6.3% on a monthly basis and a decrease of 31.4% on a yearly basis (Graph 4). The average cull age at depletion during the month was 69.9 weeks.

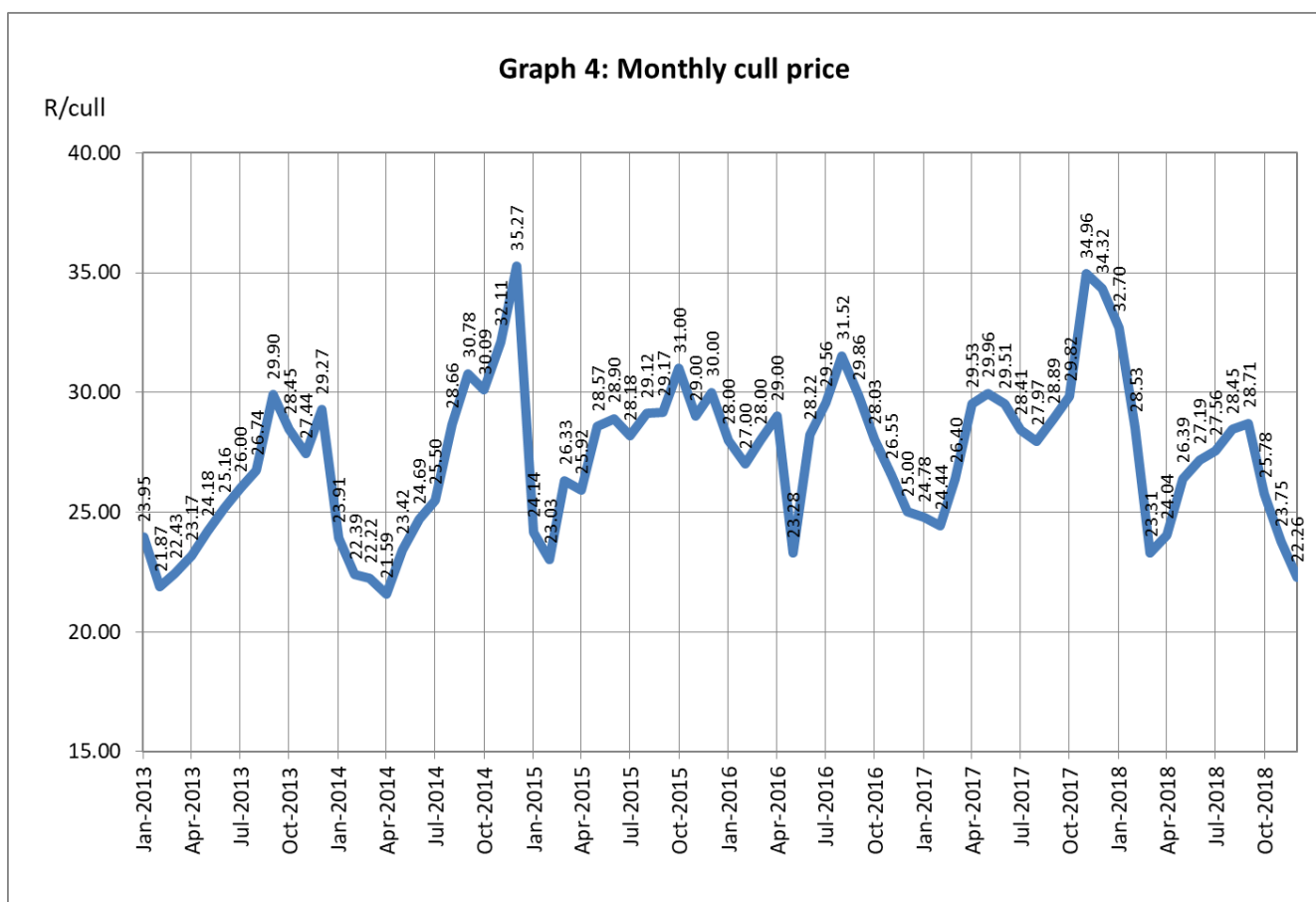


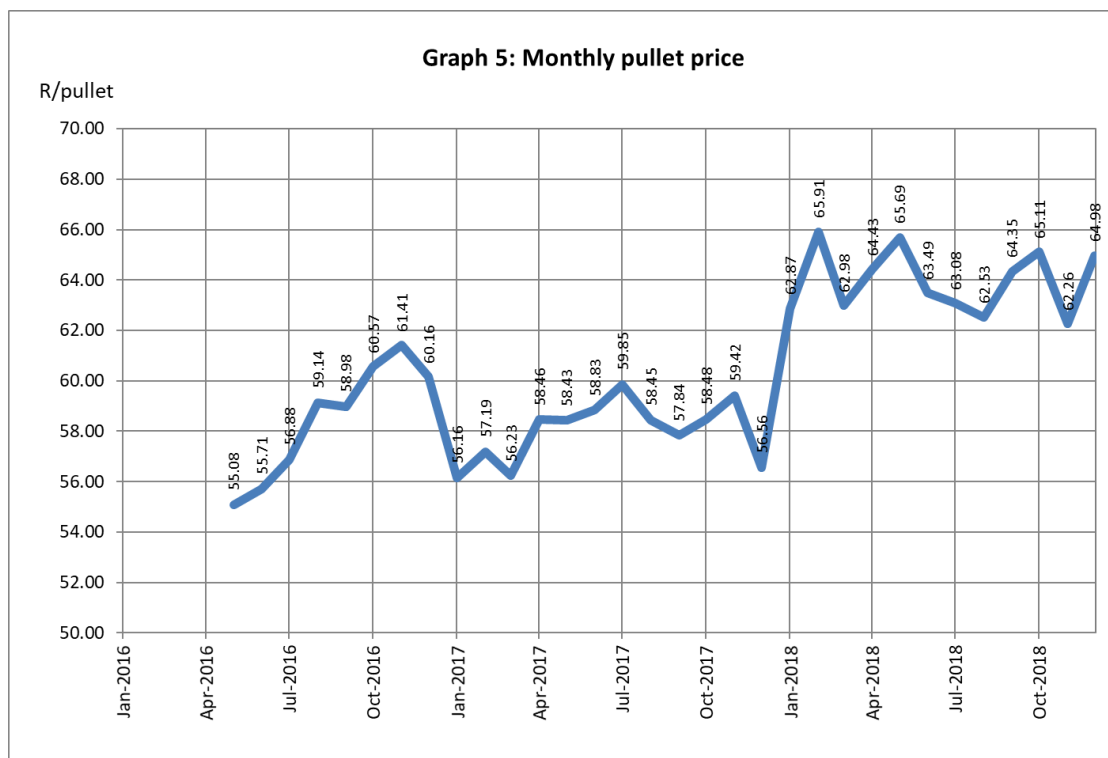
Table 5 shows the average cull prices since 2013 and the year-on-year percentage change, as well as the average cull age.

Table 5: Cull hen prices

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
R/hen	25.71	26.72	27.78	27.84	29.08	26.56
% change	+8.5	+3.9	+4.0	+0.2	+4.5	-8.7
Age (weeks)	73.4	75.2	74.8	71.8	72.8	75.3

6. POINT-OF-LAY PULLET PRICES

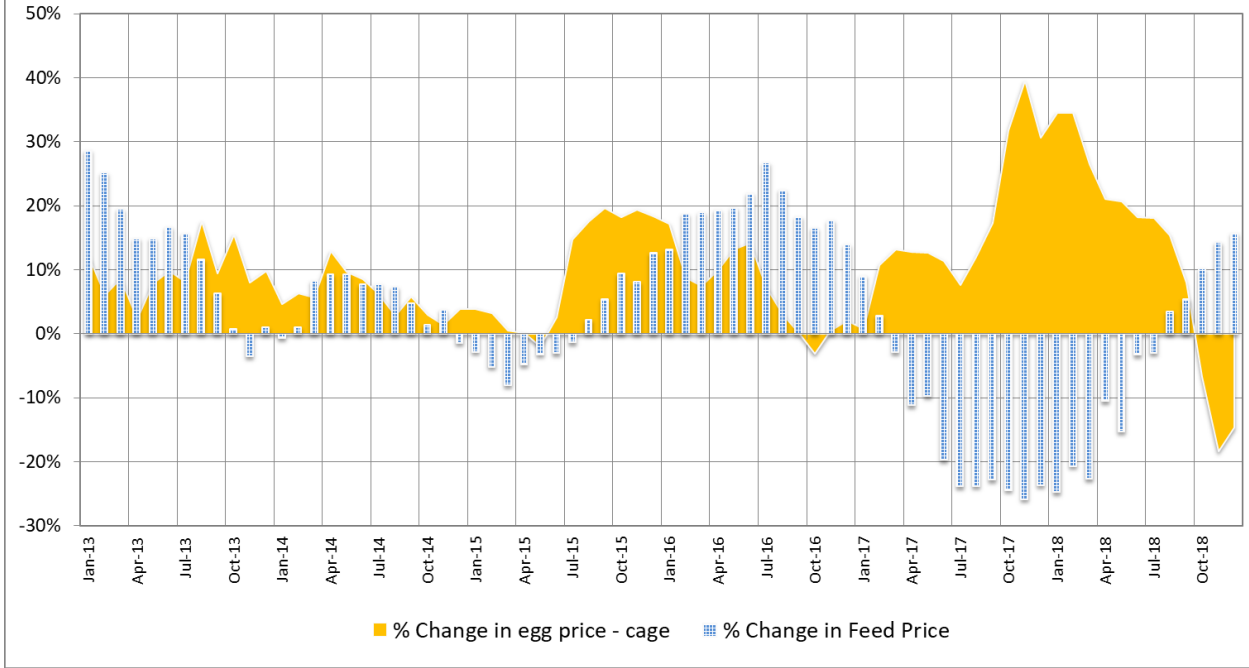
The average price per point-of-lay pullet for the month of December 2018 was R64.98 (9.4% representation), a 4.4% monthly increase and a 14.9% annual increase.



7. CHANGE IN EGG AND FEED PRICES

Year-on-year % changes in egg price and feed price are shown in Graph 6. The year 2016 was a difficult one for egg producers when feed prices escalated at a higher rate than egg prices, putting margins under severe pressure. The situation was more positive in 2017, with the effect of the AI outbreak apparent in the second half of the year. At the start of 2018 egg prices remained buoyant owing to a continued shortage of eggs, however the second part of the year is less positive, especially in the last quarter with increasing feed prices and decreasing egg prices.

Graph 6: Year on year percentage change in egg price and feed price



Definition of egg price:

Egg producer price, excluding rejects and pulp, after rebates, ad spend, "price offs" and settlement discounts; including packaging.

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