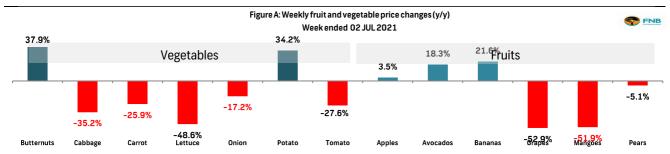


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Weekly update - Fruit and Vegetable Markets

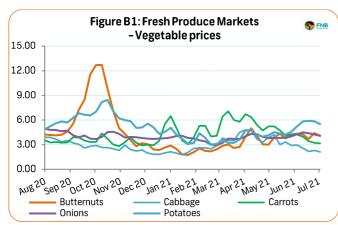
- Latest developments not the international market is Chile has reportedly experienced severe frost conditions that are likely to impact negatively on citrus output. However, it was not widespread as some areas have some form of protection and further that it is still early days and assessments of the damage is yet to be fully conducted.
- On a positive note, Chile's clementine exports for 2021 have been forecast up 7% year-on-year (y/y) at 55,000 tons with good harvest weather aiding operations. The country's overall citrus exports are normally destined for the US which accounts for the bulk of the shipments with a share of 85% followed by the Far East at 9% and Europe at 3%. while smaller quantities go Canada, the Middle East, and Latin America.
- On the domestic market, this week so far saw downward pressure on vegetable commodities with butternuts posting the biggest decrease of 8% week-on-week (w/w) during the first four days of the week at R3.82/kg which is still way below last week's full week average of R4.09/kg. Onions followed closely with a decrease of 6.4% w/w so far at R3.94/kg which is almost 4% below last week's full week average of R4.08/kg. Potatoes, cabbages, and tomatoes have so far dropped by 3.7%, 3.7%, and 1.1% relative to last week.
- However, some vegetable commodities have been a bit firmer on good uptake across markets. Lettuce prices this week (Mon-Thu) so far averaged R7.35/kg, lifting 3% w/w but still 10% lower than the full week average for last week as reflected in Table 1. Carrots prices lifted 1.2% w/w and were 8% higher than last week full week average at R3.41/kg.
- The trend is however different in the fruit market with most commodities posting strong gains so far led by mangoes with weekly gains of 14.8% at R25.15/kg which is almost 19% higher relative to last week's full week average of R21.22/kg. They were followed by grapes, avocados, and bananas with increases of 10.5%, 9.8%, 8.5% respectively w/w R30.24/kg, R17.10/kg, and R8.01/kg. Our analysis of prices relative to last year shows declines across most commodities which is positive for fruit and vegetable inflation outcomes, see figure A.

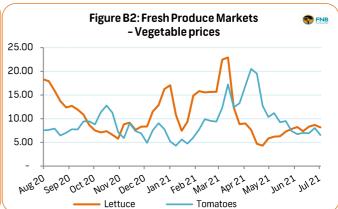


Source: Own calculations from FNB AgriComms

Table 1: Vegetable prices - South Africa's Major Fresh Produce Markets - (Average Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban)							
Week ending	Average Price	Price change	Price change	Total	Volume change	Volume Change	
02JUL2021	(R/Kg)	w/w	y/y	Volume (t)	w/w	y/y	
Butternuts	4.09	-7.3%	37.9%	1653	42.3%	-17.1%	
Cabbage	2.12	-7.9%	-35.2%	1927	8.1%	14.0%	
Carrot	3.16	-2.1%	-25.9%	2 423	8.5%	5.3%	
Lettuce	8.17	-5.8%	-48.6%	269	4.0%	25.9%	
Onion	4.08	-3.8%	-17.2%	7 117	15.1%	-5.9%	
Potato	5.49	-6.0%	34.2%	7 861	22.4%	-50.3%	
Tomato	6.55	-18.4%	-27.6%	4 628	27.9%	17.3%	

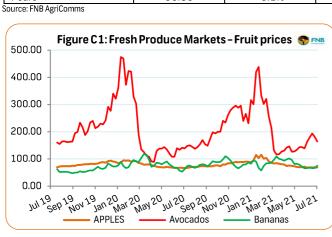
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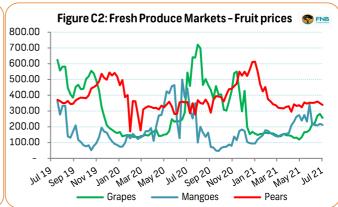




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Table 2: Fruit prices - South Africa's Major Fresh Produce Markets - (Average Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban)								
Week ending 02 JUL 2021	Average Price (R/Kg)	Price change W/W	Price change y/y	Total Volume (t)	Volume change W/W	Volume Change y/y		
Apples	6.89	0.0%	3.5%	2 069	7.6%	-7.8%		
Avocados	16.40	-9.3%	18.3%	305	10.6%	-26.7%		
Bananas	7.55	13.3%	21.6%	2 852	0.8%	-3.4%		
Grapes	25.65	-9.0%	-52.9%	94	-10.6%	101.0%		
Mangoes	21.22	-2.8%	-51.9%	1	-40.4%	102.1%		
Pears	33.89	-3.1%	-5.1%	650	-1.1%	-3.4%		



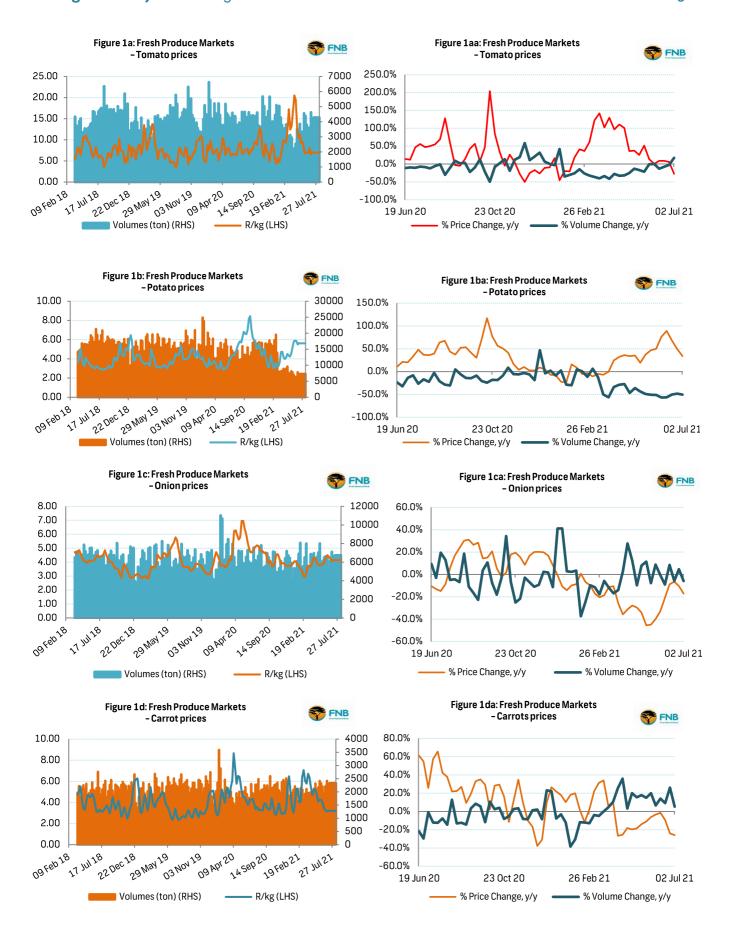


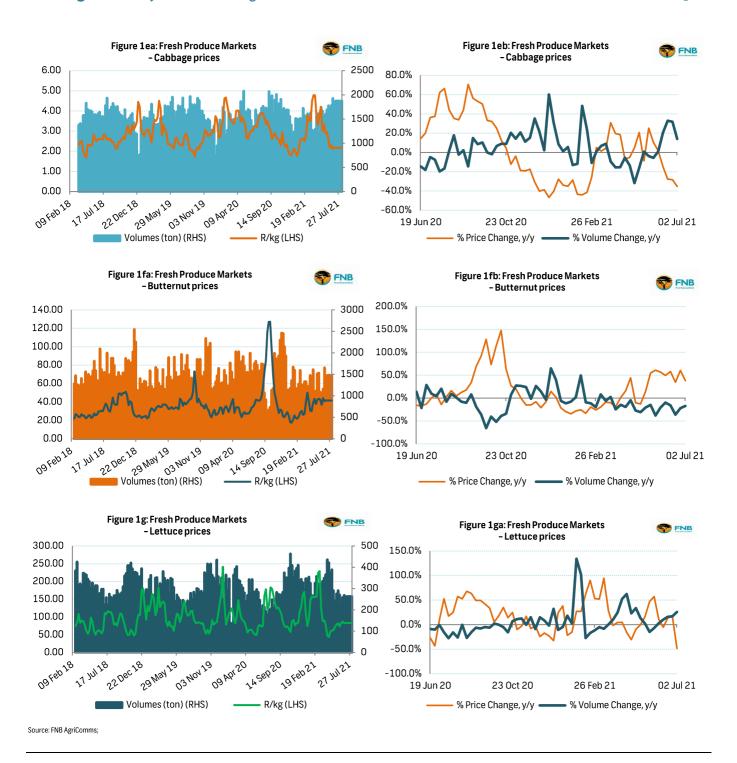
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Vegetable trends on 5 Major Fresh Produce Markets in SA (Figures 1a to 1e)

(Average 5 major markets - Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban)

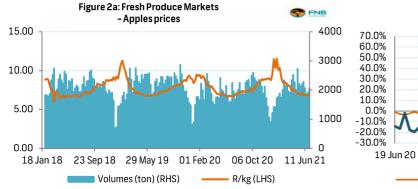
*Note: The last six data points are preliminary for all vegetable prices and quantity graphs.

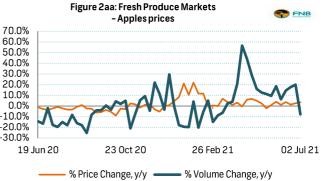


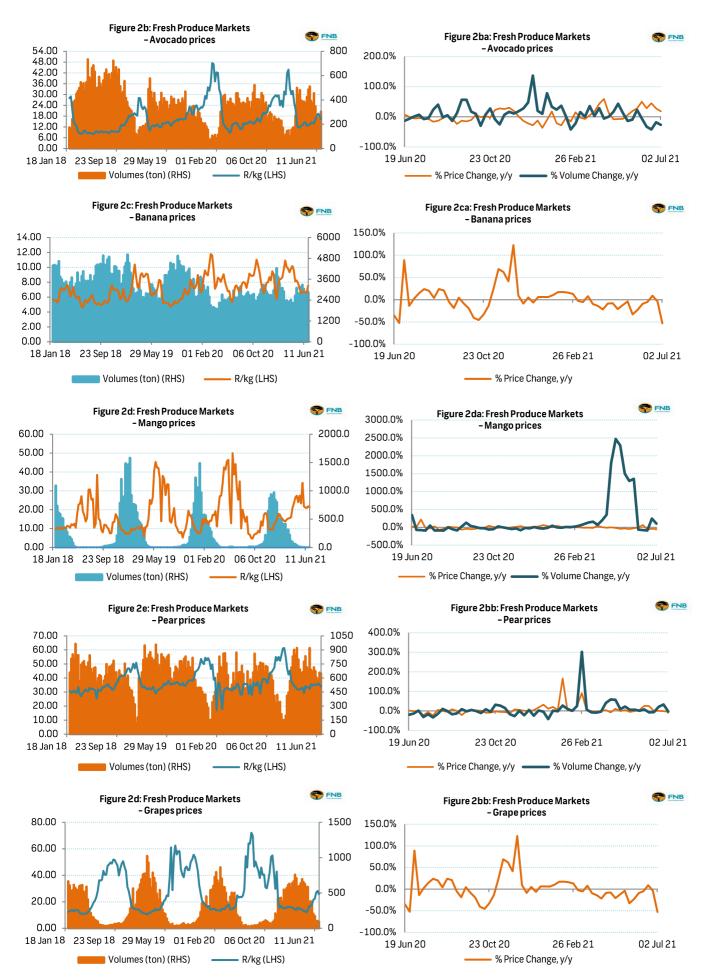


Fruit trends on Major Fresh Produce Markets in SA (figures 2a to 2f)

(Average 5 major markets - Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban)







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