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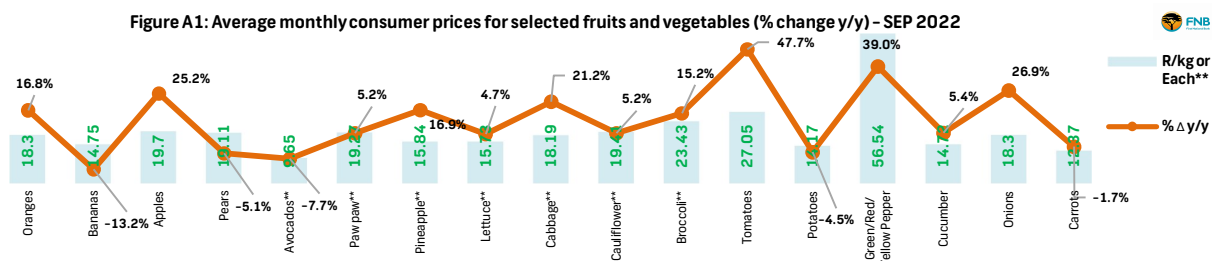
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Weekly update – Fruit and Vegetable Markets

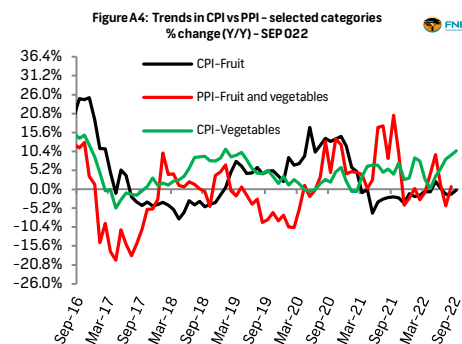
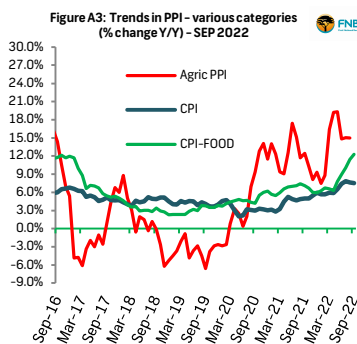
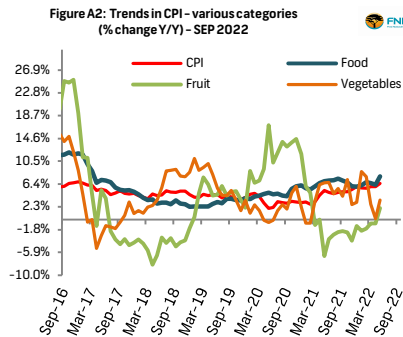
- Latest trends on prices of fresh produce that is traded on domestic markets show downward pressure across most commodities under review. A combination of increased availability and weak midmonth demand underpinned that decline in the vegetable complex. Tomatoes were the biggest losers with the average prices for the first two weeks of OCT 2022 falling by almost 47% month-on-month (m/m) and were sharply down by 33% year-on-year (y/y) at R7.16/kg. This is way below the average tomato price of R9.88/kg for the YTD. The estimated total volume of sales of tomatoes so far for 2022 is down 11% y/y at 166,013 tons valued at R1.57 billion, up 4% y/y.
- Other losers are butternuts, cabbages, and potatoes which fell by -40.7%, 10.1%, and 9.6% respectively m/m so far for OCT 2022 at R6.49/kg, R2.85/kg, and R3.83/kg. Potato and butternut prices are down 59.4% and 16.1% y/y while cabbages are almost 50% higher y/y. The value of sales of potatoes for the YTD reached R2.06 billion which is 22% lower y/y while the corresponding volumes fell by 11% y/y. The average potato prices for the YTD reached R4.14/kg which is 12% lower y/y. Potatoes account for 34% and 27% of the annual gross producer values for vegetable and horticulture respectively in 2021.
- In the fruit complex, the trend was upwards across most commodities with avocados posting the biggest gains of 45% m/m at R19.20/kg but were still down by 23% y/y. They were followed closely by grapes, bananas, and oranges with gains of 37%, 30% and 30% respectively m/m at R67.65/kg, R6.50/kg, and R3.65/kg.
- At consumer level, the latest inflation outcomes showed a further deceleration to 7.5% y/y in SEP 2022 from 7.6% y/y in AUG 2022 according to Statistics South Africa (StatsSA). Food inflation however jumped 12.3% y/y and was 0.6% higher m/m. Within the food CPI subindex, the fruit component steadied m/m and fell by 0.2% y/y while vegetables advanced by 0.9% m/m and accelerated faster for the fifth consecutive month by 10.6% y/y in SEP 2022 relative to 9.3% y/y in AUG 2022 (fig.A2-A4)
- A drilldown into the consumer data shows avocados posting the biggest fall of 27% m/m and 8% y/y in SEP 2022 at R9.65 each. They were followed by bananas with a decrease of 1.3% m/m and 13.2% y/y at R14.75/kg.

Figure A1: Average monthly consumer prices for selected fruits and vegetables (% change y/y) – SEP 2022



Source: StatsSA.

- In the vegetable complex, tomato prices increased by 5% m/m and 48% y/y at R27.05/kg while potatoes advanced marginally by 0.9% m/m but still down by almost 5% y/y at R14.17/kg (figure A1).



Source: StatsSA.

Figure B1: Changes in average monthly vegetable prices on South Africa's major Fresh Produce Markets (% Δ m/m, y/y) Avg for 2 weeks of OCT 2022

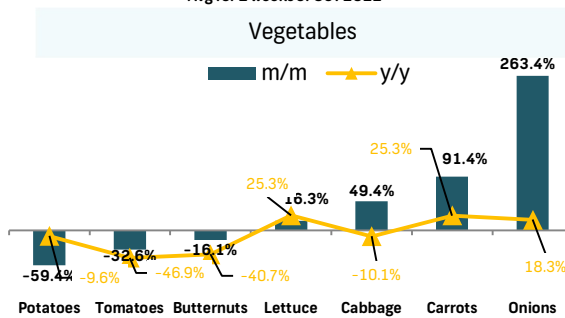
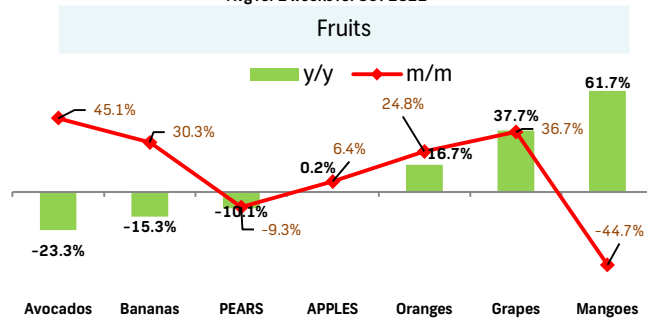


Figure B2: Changes in average monthly fruit prices on South Africa's major Fresh Produce Markets (% Δ m/m, y/y) Avg for 2 weeks of OCT 2022

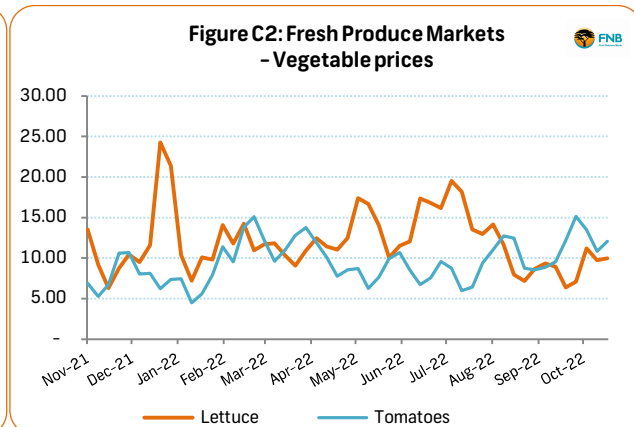
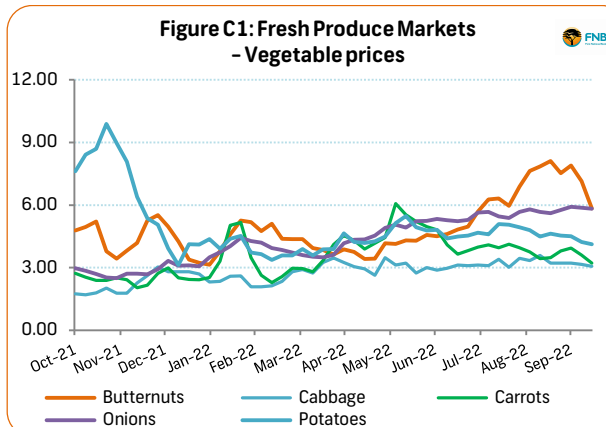


Source: Own calculations from FNB AgriComms.

Table 1: Vegetable prices – South Africa's Major Fresh Produce Markets – (Average Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban)

Week ending 14 OCT 2022	Average Price (R/Kg)	Price change w/w	Price change y/y	Total Volume (t)	Volume change w/w	Volume Change y/y
Butternuts	5.84	-18.3%	-38.9%	1303	30.1%	34.4%
Cabbage	3.01	11.4%	69.2%	1,389	5.0%	-17.1%
Carrot	4.20	-19.4%	72.7%	2,279	5.3%	-0.6%
Lettuce	9.75	-13.0%	40.0%	370	6.9%	-8.0%
Onion	8.72	-9.0%	221.0%	6,449	8.9%	17.1%
Potato	3.85	1.2%	-52.3%	8,760	-2.2%	49.7%
Tomato	7.09	-2.1%	-12.0%	4,798	1.9%	7.8%

Source: FNB AgriComms



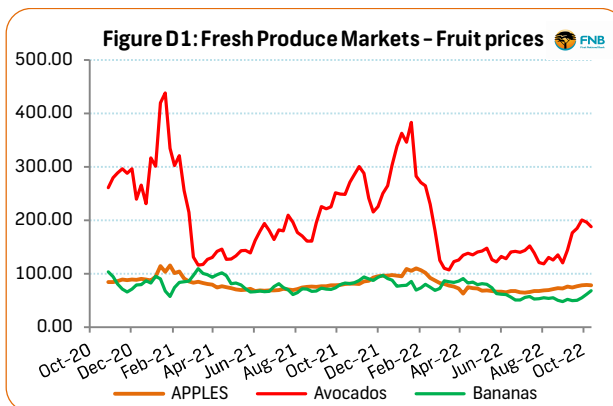
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Table 2: Fruit prices – South Africa's Major Fresh Produce Markets –

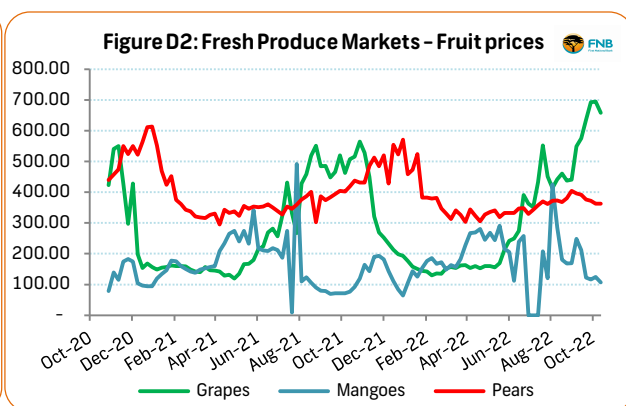
(Average Major Markets: Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban, & other markets)

Week ending 14 OCT 2022	Average Price (R/Kg)	Price change w/w	Price change y/y	Total Volume (t)	Volume change w/w	Volume Change y/y
Apples	7.85	-1.1%	-2.8%	2,262	-1.0%	-3.5%
Avocados	18.79	-4.1%	-24.3%	422	-3.7%	28.9%
Bananas	6.81	10.3%	-17.6%	4,999	-11.1%	48.8%
Grapes	65.86	-5.2%	29.7%	19	-55.0%	-51.7%
Mangoes	10.69	-13.8%	40.6%	7	75.0%	-59.3%
Pears	3.77	6.7%	7.1%	1,528	-11.5%	6.9%

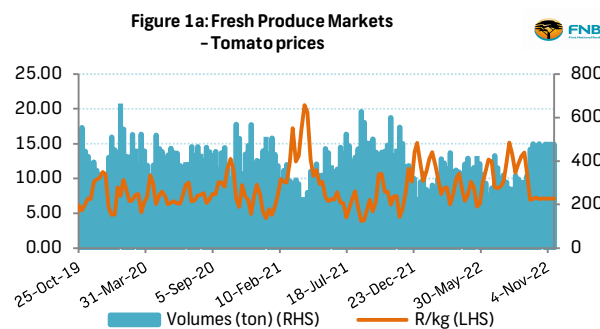
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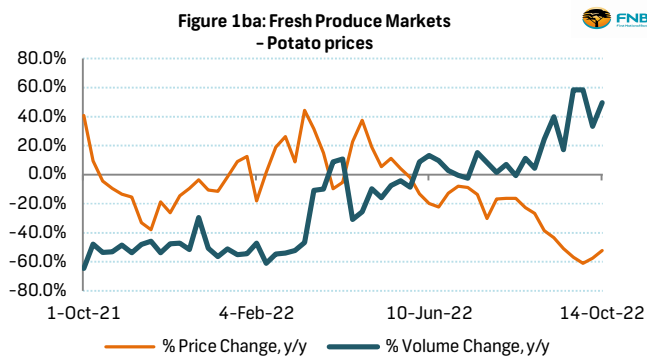
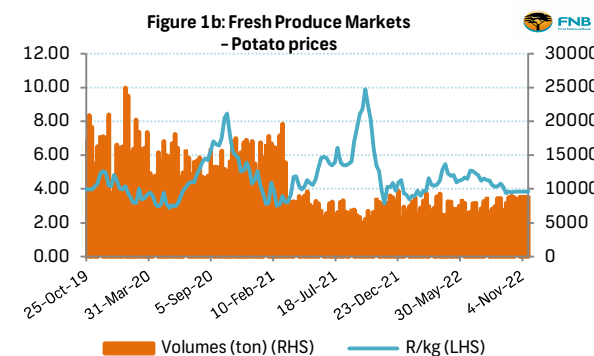
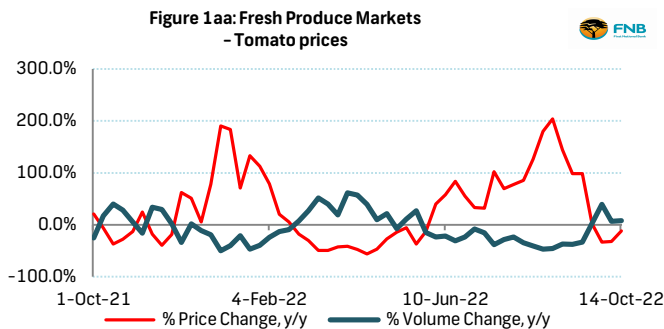
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**Vegetable trends on 5 Major Fresh Produce Markets in SA (Figures 1a to 1e)**

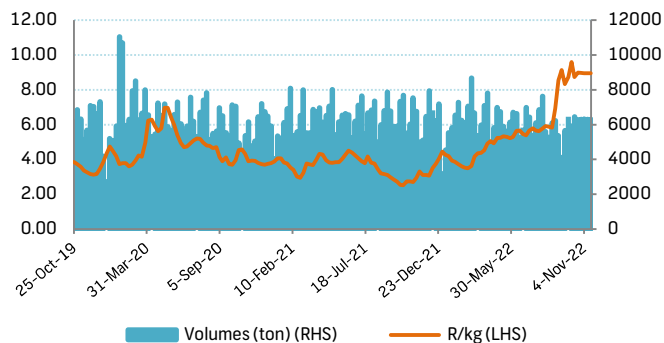
(Average 5 major markets – Pretoria, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Cape Town, and Durban)

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

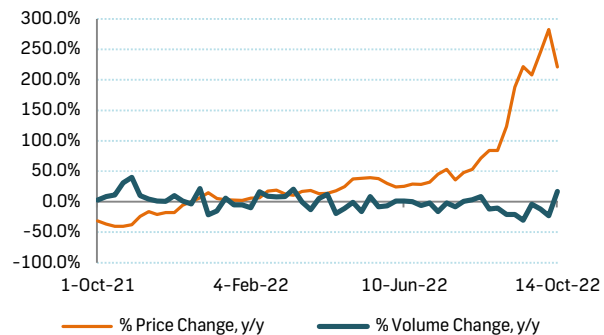
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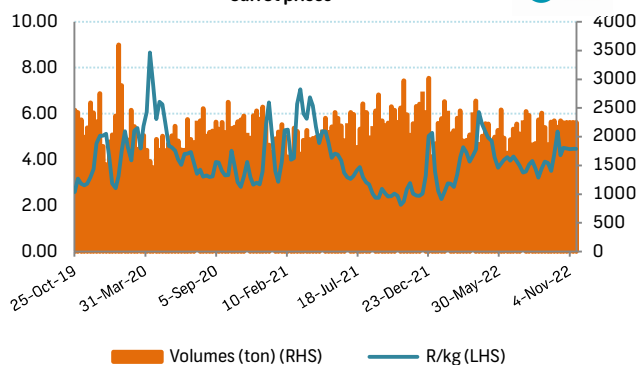
**Figure 1c: Fresh Produce Markets
- Onion prices**



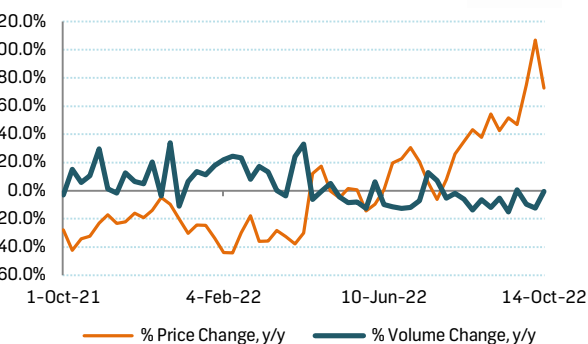
**Figure 1ca: Fresh Produce Markets
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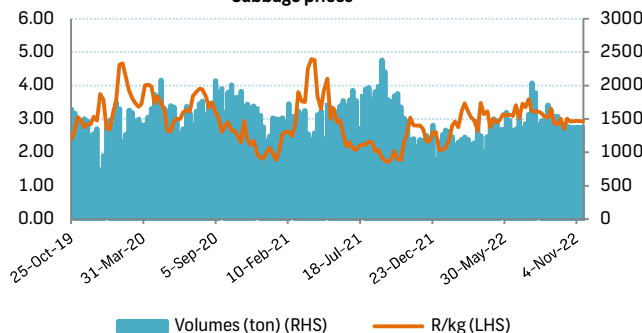
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- Carrot prices**



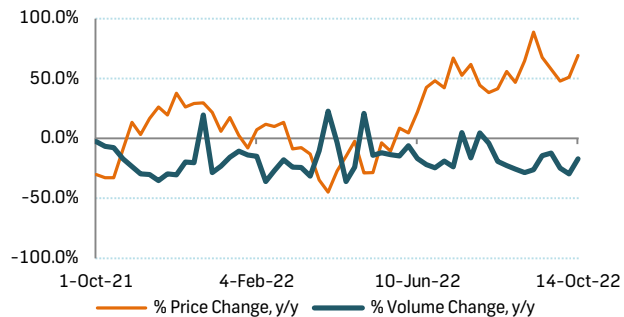
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**Figure 1ea: Fresh Produce Markets
- Cabbage prices**

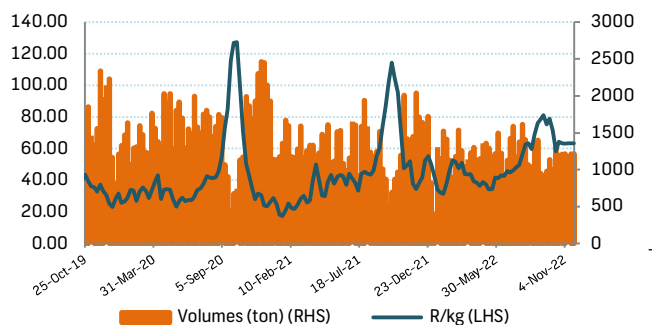


**Figure 1eb: Fresh Produce Markets
- Cabbage prices**



Source: FNB AgriComms

**Figure 1fa: Fresh Produce Markets
- Butternut prices**



**Figure 1fb: Fresh Produce Markets
- Butternut prices**

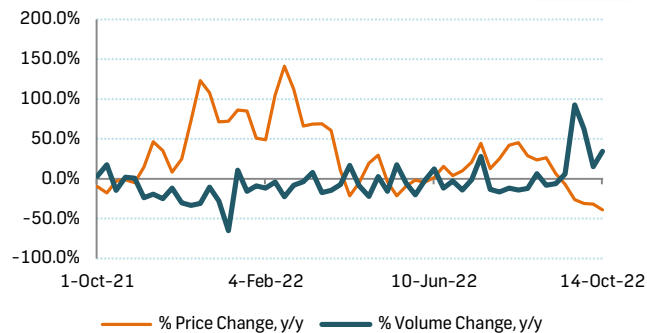


Figure 1g: Fresh Produce Markets
- Lettuce prices

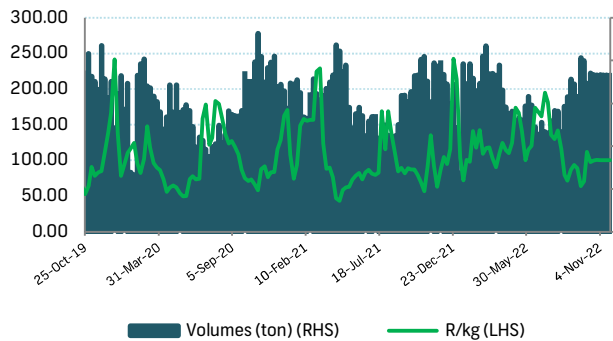
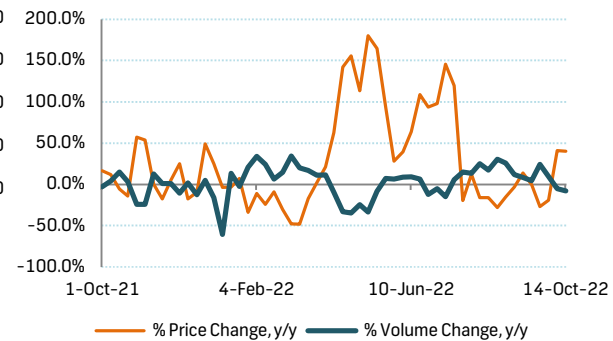


Figure 1ga: Fresh Produce Markets
- Lettuce prices



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

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

Figure 2a: Fresh Produce Markets
- Apples prices

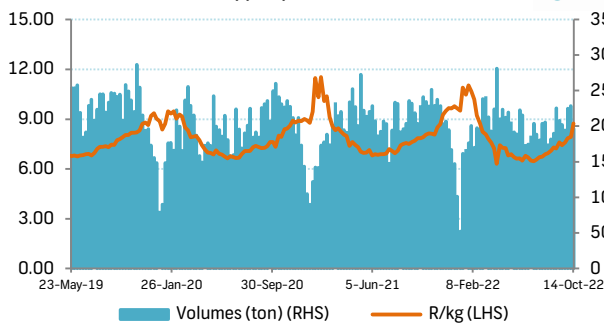


Figure 2aa: Fresh Produce Markets
- Apples prices

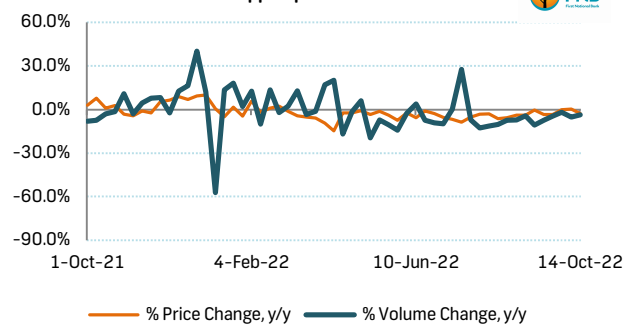


Figure 2b: Fresh Produce Markets
- Avocado prices

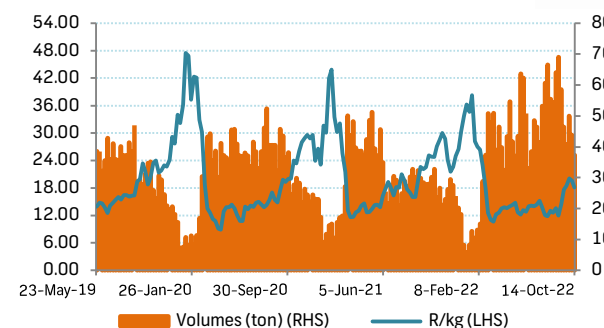
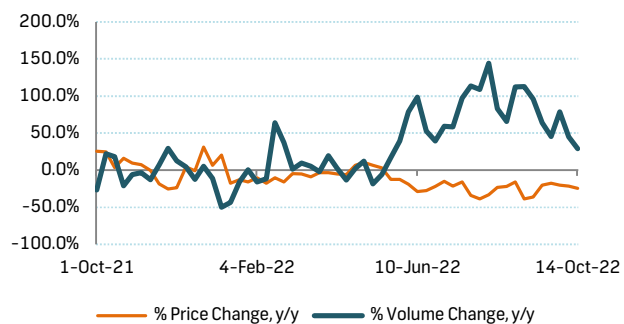


Figure 2ba: Fresh Produce Markets
- Avocado prices



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Figure 2c: Fresh Produce Markets
- Banana prices

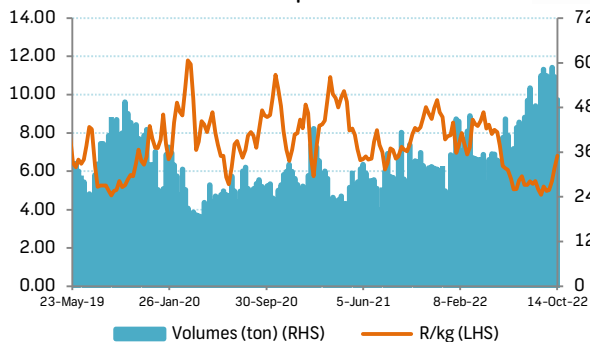


Figure 2ca: Fresh Produce Markets
- Banana prices

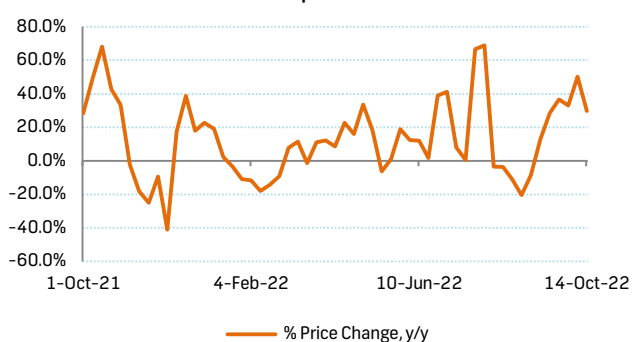


Figure 2d: Fresh Produce Markets
- Mango prices

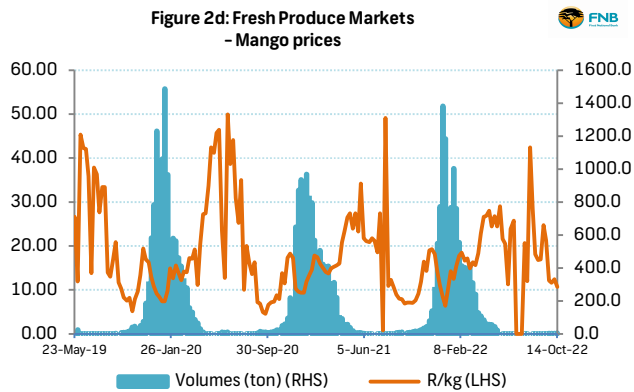


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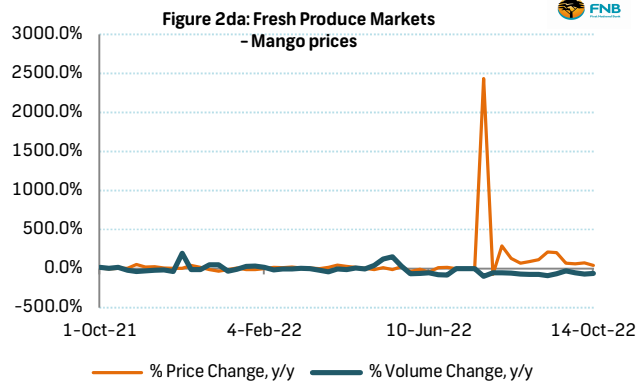


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- Pear prices

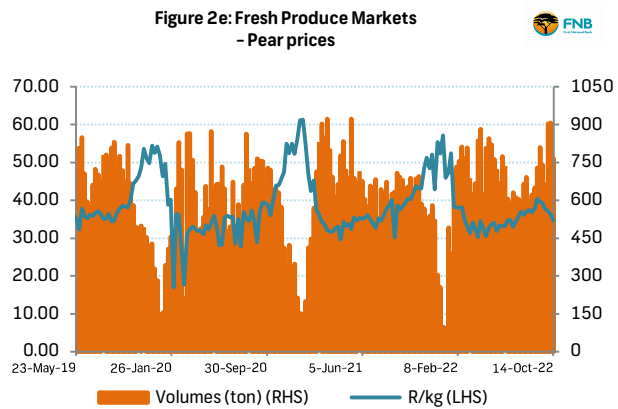


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- Pear prices

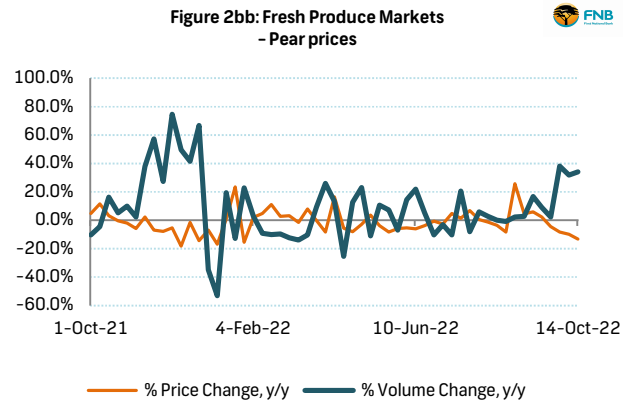


Figure 2d: Fresh Produce Markets
- Grapes prices

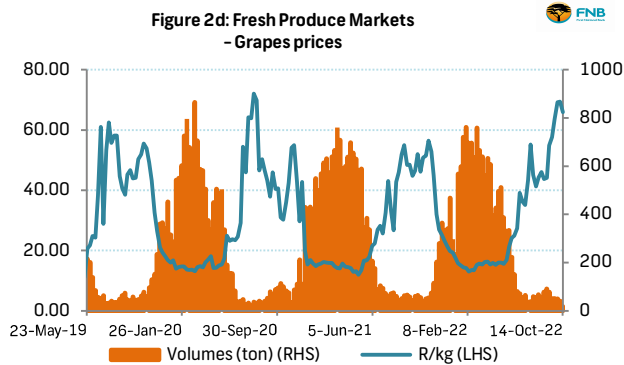
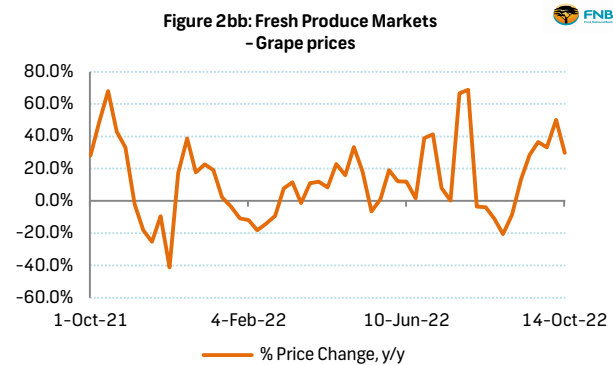


Figure 2bb: Fresh Produce Markets
- Grape prices



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