

**Table 9: Total wheat imports per country per season for use in the RSA**

	Season										Total (Tons)
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20*	
Argentina	629 600	652 279	98 029	-	59 607	49 516	35 613	132 433	35 519	-	1 692 596
Australia	181 637	247 675	189 925	49 780	95 254	38 457	24 816	-	-	-	827 544
Brazil	58 551	276 420	234 733	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	569 704
Canada	79 697	45 252	48 583	111 289	105 457	102 816	27 841	90 944	85 428	51 618	748 925
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	144 402	47 904	110 636	52 365	355 307
Eswatini	-	-	288	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	288
Finland	-	-	-	25 430	-	-	-	-	-	21 878	47 308
Germany	88 581	105 964	95 476	179 436	348 385	283 451	237 508	282 312	358 343	271 501	2 250 957
Latvia	-	-	-	22 013	61 005	-	17 098	140 007	39 290	54 803	334 216
Lesotho	-	-	384	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	384
Lithuania	-	8 880	-	40 532	43 791	151 047	-	182 241	124 161	202 603	753 255
Poland	-	-	-	-	91 483	185 036	76 912	17 514	24 998	492 911	888 854
Romania	-	36 071	-	-	-	-	112 334	101 449	-	-	249 854
Russian Federation	-	154 129	245 228	800 964	719 784	956 705	182 993	955 697	401 385	291 864	4 708 749
Ukraine	-	39 016	341 976	372 500	279 364	109 350	13 568	135 669	48 210	53 199	1 392 852
Uruguay	25 249	45 250	99 033	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	169 532
USA	586 200	112 915	42 572	66 468	28 311	186 387	61 680	87 064	140 127	53 257	1 364 981
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 649 515</b>	<b>1 723 851</b>	<b>1 396 227</b>	<b>1 668 412</b>	<b>1 832 441</b>	<b>2 062 765</b>	<b>934 765</b>	<b>2 173 234</b>	<b>1 368 097</b>	<b>1 545 999</b>	<b>16 355 306</b>

\*2019/20 season figures include imports up to 17 July 2020.

## Quality summary of imported wheat (Wheat imported from 29 September 2018 to 27 September 2019) (Previous season)

The quality of all wheat imported into South Africa is monitored by the SAGL. A subsample of all samples drawn by inspectors of the South African Agricultural Food, Quarantine and Inspection Services (SAAFQIS) of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) formerly the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is forwarded to the SAGL for analysis. To assist with quality comparisons between local and imported wheat, the same scope of analysis is used for both sets of samples. The import quality results are published at the end of each production and marketing season. The results of samples of wheat imported during the current season (from 28 September 2019 onward) are updated quarterly and available on the SAGL website.

For grading as well as dough and baking quality results of the imported wheat per country, please refer to pages 88 to 107. This imported wheat quality is compared to a summary of the local crop quality of the corresponding (2018/19) season. To simplify the comparison between the quality of the different countries of import, the average quality per country was summarised in Table 10 on pages 86 and 87. The minimum, maximum and standard deviation per country was also calculated. Please take note of the number of samples analysed when comparing results, the higher the number of samples, the more reliable the average result will be.

A total number of 168 samples of wheat imported from the following ten countries were received (number of samples received in brackets): Argentina (9), Canada (18), Czech Republic (5), Germany (39), Latvia (2), Lithuania (22), Poland (2), Russian Federation (43), Ukraine (8) and USA (20). Wheat imported for purposes other than bread baking (e.g. soft types for biscuit making) is included in this data set.

Most of the wheat imported to South Africa is blended with local wheat to obtain a certain milling and baking quality as per individual company specifications. Milling companies will blend higher and lower quality wheat to obtain the most cost-effective grist formulation that conforms to a specific quality. The main objective is to supply the most consistent quality of flour to their customers (bakers) as possible, as in the end, consistency is one of the most important quality parameters.