

**Table 8: Total wheat imports per country per season
for use in RSA**

	Season										Total (Tons)
	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017*	
Argentina	684 160	368 739	-	629 600	652 279	98 029	-	59 607	49 516	35 613	2 577 543
Australia	-	74 714	55 312	181 637	247 675	189 925	49 780	95 254	38 457	-	932 754
Brazil	-	42 449	123 944	58 551	276 420	234 733	-	-	-	-	736 097
Canada	194 764	54 831	72 911	79 697	45 252	48 583	111 289	105 457	102 816	27 841	843 441
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140 242	140 242
Finland	-	-	-	-	-	-	25 430	-	-	-	25 430
France	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Germany	111 013	518 002	809934	88 581	105 964	95 476	179 436	348 385	283 451	217 338	2 757 580
Latvia	-	-	-	-	-	-	22 013	61 005	-	-	83 018
Lesotho	-	-	-	-	-	384	-	-	-	-	384
Lithuania	-	-	1 611	-	8 880	-	40 532	43 791	151 047	-	245 861
Poland	-	13 013	-	-	-	-	-	91 483	185 036	76 834	366 366
Romania	-	-	-	-	36 071	-	-	-	-	16 552	52 623
Russian Federation	-	-	-	-	154 129	245 228	800 964	719 784	956 705	69 588	2 946 398
Swaziland	-	-	-	-	-	288	-	-	-	-	288
UK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Ukraine	-	13 521	41 230	-	39 016	341 976	372 500	279 364	109 350	-	1 196 957
Uruguay	-	-	-	25 249	45 250	99 033	-	-	-	-	169 532
USA	406 562	113 434	173 030	586 200	112 915	42 572	66 468	28 311	186 387	25 026	1 740 905
Total	1 396 499	1 198 703	1 277 972	1 649 515	1 723 851	1 396 227	1 668 412	1 832 441	2 062 765	609 034	14 815 419

*2016/2017 season figures include imports up to 7 July 2017.

Quality summary of imported wheat (1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016) (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, 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.

For grading as well as dough and baking quality results of the imported wheat per country, please refer to pages 81 to 98. This imported wheat quality is compared to a summary of the local crop quality of the same (2015/2016) season. To simplify the comparison between the quality of the different countries of import and South African wheat, the average quality per country was summarised in Table 9 on pages 79 to 80. The minimum, maximum and standard deviation per country was also calculated. Please also 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 200 samples of wheat imported from the following countries were received (number of samples received in brackets): Argentina (9), Australia (11), Canada (14), Germany (25), Lithuania (17), Poland (20), Russian Federation (69), Ukraine (5) and USA (30). 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 constant quality of flour to their customers (bakers) as possible, as in the end, consistency is one of the most important quality parameters.