

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

|                    | Season           |                  |                |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  | Total (Tons)      |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                    | 2014/15          | 2015/16          | 2016/17        | 2017/18          | 2018/19          | 2019/20          | 2020/21          | 2021/22          | 2022/2023        | 2023/2024        |                   |
| Argentina          | 59 607           | 49 516           | 35 613         | 132 433          | 35 519           | -                | -                | 298 543          | 33 719           | 3 899            | 648 849           |
| Australia          | 95 254           | 38 457           | 24 816         | -                | -                | -                | 455 717          | 382 604          | 260 151          | 390 060          | 1 647 059         |
| Brazil             | -                | -                | -              | -                | -                | -                | -                | 242 639          | 135 833          | -                | 378 472           |
| Canada             | 105 457          | 102 816          | 27 841         | 90 944           | 85 428           | 51 001           | 136 481          | -                | -                | 4 300            | 604 268           |
| Czech Republic     | -                | -                | 144 402        | 47 904           | 110 636          | 52 365           | 8 965            | -                | 32 856           | -                | 397 128           |
| Estonia            | -                | -                | -              | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | 32 441           | 32 441            |
| Finland            | -                | -                | -              | -                | -                | 21 860           | -                | -                | -                | -                | 21 860            |
| Germany            | 348 385          | 283 451          | 237 508        | 282 312          | 358 343          | 274 283          | 51 461           | 2 732            | 117 449          | -                | 1 955 924         |
| Latvia             | 61 005           | -                | 17 098         | 140 007          | 39 290           | 54 803           | 115 250          | 47 391           | 76 832           | 137 608          | 689 284           |
| Lithuania          | 43 791           | 151 047          | -              | 182 241          | 124 161          | 202 656          | 275 903          | 312 795          | 232 867          | 408 142          | 1 933 603         |
| Poland             | 91 483           | 185 036          | 76 912         | 17 514           | 24 998           | 543 325          | 220 604          | 282 262          | 512 319          | 374 147          | 2 328 600         |
| Romania            | -                | -                | 112 334        | 101 449          | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | -                | 213 783           |
| Russian Federation | 719 784          | 956 705          | 182 993        | 955 697          | 401 385          | 536 757          | 210 399          | -                | 263 783          | 544 173          | 4 771 676         |
| Ukraine            | 279 364          | 109 350          | 13 568         | 135 669          | 48 210           | 94 726           | 7 341            | -                | -                | -                | 688 228           |
| USA                | 28 311           | 186 387          | 61 680         | 87 064           | 140 127          | 58 092           | 34 874           | 32 333           | 18 547           | 32 729           | 680 144           |
| <b>Total</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>1 889 868</b> | <b>1 516 995</b> | <b>1 601 299</b> | <b>1 684 356</b> | <b>1 927 499</b> | <b>16 991 319</b> |

## Quality summary of imported wheat

(Wheat imported from 1 October 2022 to 29 September 2023) (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 (DOA) 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 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 82 to 101. This imported wheat quality is compared to a summary of the local crop quality of the corresponding (2022/23) season. To simplify the comparison between the quality of the different countries of import, the average quality per country was summarised in Table 9 on pages 80 and 81. 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 163 samples of wheat imported from the following ten countries were received (number of samples received in brackets): Argentina (7), Australia (16), Brazil (14), Canada (1), Germany (12), Latvia (10), Lithuania (27), Poland (46), the Russian Federation (27) and the USA (3). Wheat imported for purposes other than bread baking (e.g. soft types for biscuit making) is included in this data set.