

Supply and Demand

World wheat production for the 2024/25 season is estimated at 800.79 million metric tons according to the *World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates (WASDE) report 665 of 14 November 2025*, world production for 2025/26 is projected to be 828.89 million metric tons.

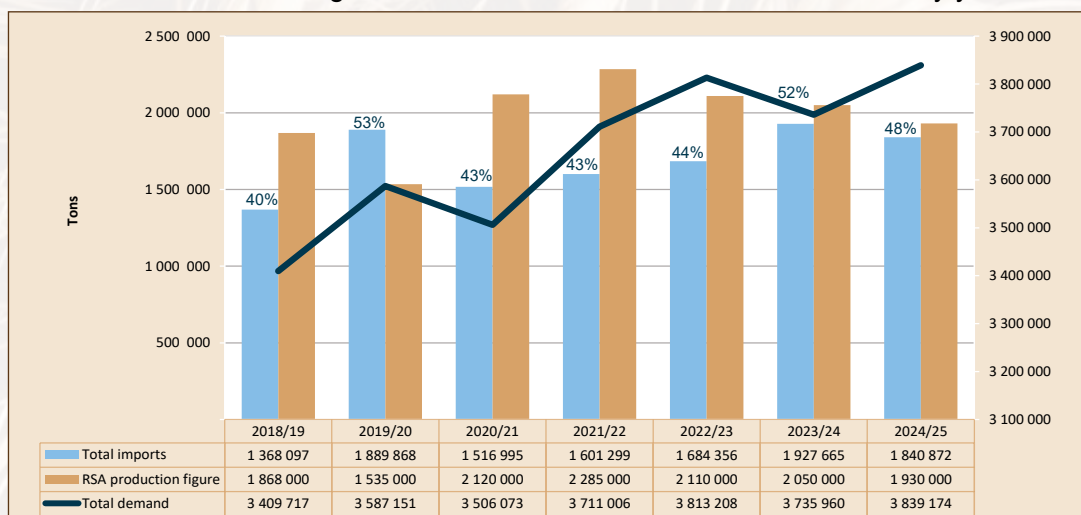
South Africa is a net importer of wheat and relies on imports to supply local demand. According to SAGIS figures (Table S1), wheat processing demand (human, animal and gristing) during the 2024/25 season was the highest (3 555 650 tons) of the last 27 seasons. The ten-year average is 3 301 445 tons.

During the 2024/25 season, 1 840 872 tons of wheat were imported. This figure is almost 5% lower than the amount of wheat imported during 2023/24. The largest amounts of wheat were imported from Australia and the Russian Federation with 567 313 tons (31%) and 445 668 tons (28%) respectively (Table S9). The ten-year import average is 1 699 201 tons.

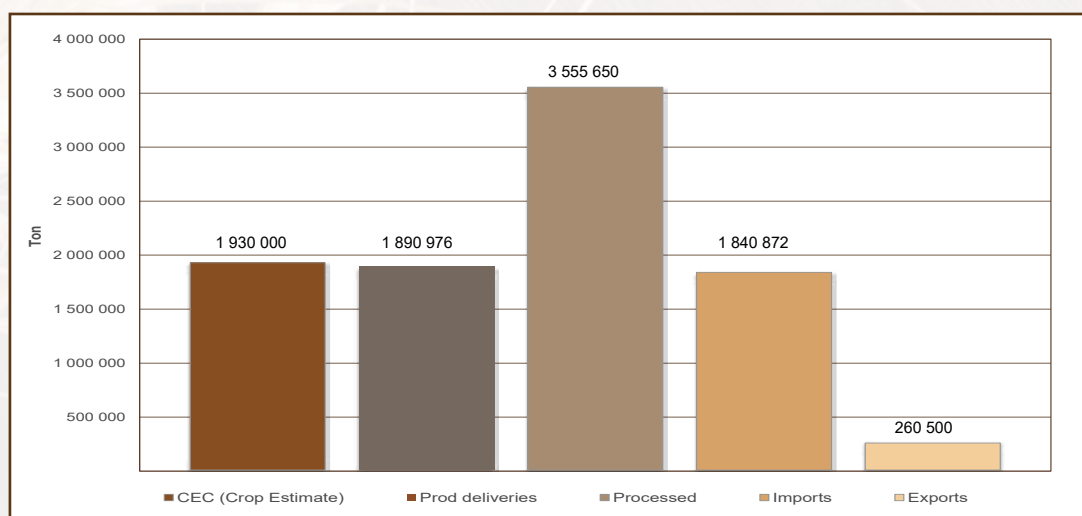
According to Table 8 on page 72, 28% of the wheat imported during the 2023/24 season for local consumption originated in the Russian Federation, followed by Lithuania (21%), Australia (20%) and Poland (19%). See pages 80 to 97 for the quality of the wheat imported during 2023/24.

223 536 tons of local wheat were exported to countries such as Zambia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho and Botswana during the 2024/25 season, refer to Table S9.

The South African wheat marketing season commences on the 1st of October every year.



Graph 6: Wheat import figures as a percentage of the total demand over seven seasons



Graph 7: Wheat supply and demand overview 2024/25 season (Oct - Sep)

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