

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

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total (Tons)
Argentina	49 516	35 613	132 433	35 519	-	-	298 543	33 719	3 899	27 404	676 253
Australia	38 457	24 816	-	-	-	455 717	382 604	260 151	390 060	567 313	2 214 372
Brazil	-	-	-	-	-	-	242 639	135 833	-	-	378 472
Canada	102 816	27 841	90 944	85 428	51 001	136 481	-	-	4 300	135 876	740 144
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	283 451	237 508	282 312	358 343	274 283	51 461	2 732	117 449	-	51 414	2 007 338
Latvia	-	17 098	140 007	39 290	54 803	115 250	47 391	76 832	137 608	83 678	772 962
Lithuania	151 047	-	182 241	124 161	202 656	275 903	312 795	232 867	408 142	194 337	2 127 940
Poland	185 036	76 912	17 514	24 998	543 325	220 604	282 262	512 319	374 147	92 326	2 420 926
Romania	-	112 334	101 449	-	-	-	-	-	-	80 058	293 841
Russian Federation	956 705	182 993	955 697	401 385	536 757	210 399	-	263 783	544 173	445 668	5 217 344
Ukraine	109 350	13 568	135 669	48 210	94 726	7 341	-	-	-	-	688 228
USA	186 387	61 680	87 064	140 127	58 092	34 874	32 333	18 547	32 729	164 138	844 282
Total	2 062 765	934 765	2 173 234	1 368 097	1 889 868	1 516 995	1 601 299	1 684 356	1 927 499	1 842 212	18 833 531

Quality summary of imported wheat

(Wheat imported from 30 September 2023 to 27 September 2024) (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 National Plant and Plant Production Inspection Services (NPPPI) of the Department of Agriculture (NDA) 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 80 to 97. This imported wheat quality is compared to a summary of the local crop quality of the corresponding (2023/24) 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 78 and 79. 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 166 samples of wheat imported from the following nine countries were received (number of samples received in brackets): Argentina (3), Australia (30), Canada (2), Estonia (5), Latvia (15), Lithuania (44), Poland (31), the Russian Federation (31) and the USA (5). Wheat imported for purposes other than bread baking (e.g. soft types for biscuit making) is included in this data set.