

Table 7: Total wheat imports per country per season for use in the RSA

	Season										Total (Tons)
	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	
Argentina	-	59 607	49 516	35 613	132 433	35 519	-	-	298 543	33 719	644 950
Australia	49 780	95 254	38 457	24 816	-	-	-	455 717	382 604	262 111	1 308 739
Brazil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	242 639	135 833	378 472
Canada	111 289	105 457	102 816	27 841	90 944	85 428	51 001	136 481	-	-	711 257
Czech Republic	-	-	-	144 402	47 904	110 636	52 365	8 965	-	26 056	390 328
Finland	25 430	-	-	-	-	-	21 860	-	-	-	47 290
Germany	179 436	348 385	283 451	237 508	282 312	358 343	274 283	51 461	2 732	117 449	2 135 360
Latvia	22 013	61 005	-	17 098	140 007	39 290	54 803	115 250	47 391	76 832	573 689
Lithuania	40 532	43 791	151 047	-	182 241	124 161	202 656	275 903	312 795	232 901	1 566 027
Poland	-	91 483	185 036	76 912	17 514	24 998	543 325	220 604	282 262	516 240	1 958 374
Romania	-	-	-	112 334	101 449	-	-	-	-	-	213 783
Russian Federation	800 964	719 784	956 705	182 993	955 697	401 385	536 757	210 399	-	264 681	5 029 365
Ukraine	372 500	279 364	109 350	13 568	135 669	48 210	94 726	7 341	-	-	1 060 728
USA	66 468	28 311	186 387	61 680	87 064	140 127	58 092	34 874	32 333	18 547	713 883
Total	1 668 412	1 832 441	2 062 765	934 765	2 173 234	1 368 097	1 889 868	1 516 995	1 601 299	1 684 369	16 732 245

Quality summary of imported wheat

(Wheat imported from 25 September 2021 to 30 September 2022) (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 (SAAQIS) of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) 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 77 to 88. This imported wheat quality is compared to a summary of the local crop quality of the corresponding (2021/22) season. To simplify the comparison between the quality of the different countries of import, the average quality per country was summarised in Table 8 on pages 75 and 76. 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 130 samples of wheat imported from the following six countries were received (number of samples received in brackets): Argentina (32), Australia (35), Brazil (13), Lithuania (19), Poland (23) and the USA (8). Wheat imported for purposes other than bread baking (e.g. soft types for biscuit making) is included in this data set.