

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

	Season										Total (Tons)
	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21*	
Argentina	652 279	98 029	-	59 607	49 516	35 613	132 433	35 519	-	-	1 062 996
Australia	247 675	189 925	49 780	95 254	38 457	24 816	-	-	-	419 442	1 065 349
Brazil	276 420	234 733	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	511 153
Canada	45 252	48 583	111 289	105 457	102 816	27 841	90 944	85 428	51 001	136 337	804 948
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	144 402	47 904	110 636	52 365	8 965	364 272
Eswatini	-	288	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	288
Finland	-	-	25 430	-	-	-	-	-	21 860	-	47 290
Germany	105 964	95 476	179 436	348 385	283 451	237 508	282 312	358 343	274 283	51 461	2 216 619
Latvia	-	-	22 013	61 005	-	17 098	140 007	39 290	54 803	77 997	412 213
Lesotho	-	384	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	384
Lithuania	8 880	-	40 532	43 791	151 047	-	182 241	124 161	202 656	249 220	1 002 528
Poland	-	-	-	91 483	185 036	76 912	17 514	24 998	543 325	223 044	1 162 312
Romania	36 071	-	-	-	-	112 334	101 449	-	-	-	249 854
Russian Federation	154 129	245 228	800 964	719 784	956 705	182 993	955 697	401 385	536 757	133 163	5 086 805
Ukraine	39 016	341 976	372 500	279 364	109 350	13 568	135 669	48 210	94 726	7 341	1 441 720
Uruguay	45 250	99 033	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	144 283
USA	112 915	42 572	66 468	28 311	186 387	61 680	87 064	140 127	58 092	34 757	818 373
Total	1 723 851	1 396 227	1 668 412	1 832 441	2 062 765	934 765	2 173 234	1 368 097	1 889 868	1 341 727	16 391 387

*2020/21 season figures include imports up to 16 July 2021.

Quality summary of imported wheat

(Wheat imported from 28 September 2019 to 25 September 2020) (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, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) formerly 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. The results of samples of wheat imported during the current season (from 26 September 2020 onward) 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 84 to 101. This imported wheat quality is compared to a summary of the local crop quality of the corresponding (2019/20) 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 82 and 83. 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 195 samples of wheat imported from the following ten countries were received (number of samples received in brackets): Canada (11), Finland (2), Germany (31), Latvia (8), Lithuania (28), Poland (45), Russian Federation (48), Ukraine (8) and USA (14). Wheat imported for purposes other than bread baking (e.g. soft types for biscuit making) is included in this data set.