

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- This report is based on SARS verified stats. The verified stats will be corrected up to 2 years in arrears on an *ad hoc* basis.
- Declared price = FOB price. The Tariff, VAT, 10% added in order to calculate VAT by law, CIF, clearing and cold store costs at Port of Entry and delivery costs need to be added per tariff line.
- In order to compare import values to local production, the wholesale price needs to be compared. Also note that most local producers quote a list price and will then discount, by varying percentages, from these quoted prices.

**MONTHLY IMPORTS SUMMARY:**

**TOTAL POULTRY**

- Having dropped 32.2 % in December because of AI-related trade bans, poultry imports increased by 8.2 % and 4.9 % on a monthly basis in January and February 2017. In March, poultry imports soared to 65 658 t (as US imports filled the void left by trade bans on EU product). In April and May, 41 876 t and 47 173 t of poultry products were imported respectively. Imports in May increased by 5 928 t (+ 12.8 %) month-on-month and were valued at R606.3 million (FOB; up R108 m on April 2017 levels (+ 21.7 %)). Compared to the same month in the previous year, imports decreased by 13.5 %, or 7 341 t, but in, value terms, increased by 8.5 % or R47.4 m.
- The SA Revenue Service reports that total poultry imports for 2016 amounted to 560 155 t, an increase of 81 708 t or 17.1 %, in comparison with 2015 (478 447 t). Without the reduction in tonnages in December caused by temporary AI-related trade bans, 2016 imports would have been 20 % higher than in 2015. Even with the AI-outbreaks in Europe, poultry imports in the first four months of 2017 are 2.6 % higher than in the corresponding period in 2016.
- During May 2017, poultry imports consisted of 95.5 % chicken meat and product, 4.5 % turkey meat and product; and 0.001 % ducks, geese and guinea fowl.
- The FOB value of R606.3 m for poultry imports for May 2017 comprises chicken imports at R577.3 m (95.2 %), turkey imports at R 28.8 m (4.8 %) and imports of other types of poultry at R 104 851 (0.017 %).
- “Other poultry” refers to ducks, geese and guinea fowl collectively.

**BROILER**

- Broiler imports for May totalled 45 034 t, an increase of 13.8 % (+ 5 452 t) on a monthly basis but a decrease of 5 603 t or 11.1 % when compared to the same month in the previous year. According to the audited figures of SARS (verified), the annual broiler imports for 2015 totalled 457 374 tonnes. In 2016, accumulated broiler imports of 528 506 t were 15.6 % higher than in 2015. Accumulated broiler imports in 2017 YTD are 217 646 t.

- During May 2017, broiler imports to an FOB value of R577.3 m entered the country. This is a 22.8 % increase on April 2017 levels (+ R107.2 m) and a 14.8 % increase on levels recorded in the same month a year ago (+ R74.2 m). The value of imports of broiler products during 2015 was R4.3 billion; a 17.4 % increase over 2014 broiler imports (R3.66 billion). In 2016, the value of broiler imports (R5.021 billion) was 16.8 % higher than in 2015 (+ R723 m). The accumulated value of broiler imports in 2017 YTD is R2.403 billion.
- Imports of frozen, mechanically de-boned meat (MDM): In May 2017, a total of 16 670 t were imported at an FOB of R132.2 m; an increase of 1 494 t, or 9.9 %, on a monthly basis but a decrease of 234 t, or 1.4 %, on a yearly basis (compared to May 2016). In 2016, accumulated imports of MDM were 8.5 % (+ 15 363 t) higher than in 2015.
- In February 2015, the tariff code relating to imports of frozen bone-in portions (0207.1490) was split into new codes describing: whole chicken cut in half; leg quarters; wings; breasts; thighs; drumsticks; and other portions. Imports of frozen chicken bone-in portions (new codes totalled) increased by 4 537 t, or 26.3 %, in May 2017 in comparison with the previous month, to total 21 798 t at an FOB of R347 m. May's imports decreased by 3 815 t (- 14.9 %) compared to May 2016.
- Of the 105 042 tonnes of bone-in portions imported in 2017 YTD, 72.2 % were leg quarters; 13.2 % drumsticks; 7.7 % wings; 3.7 % thighs; and 3.2 % other bone-in cuts. Only 24 t of "whole chickens, cut in half" and 29.3 t of bone-in breasts have been imported in 2017 YTD.
- In 2016, accumulated imports (239 589 t) of frozen chicken bone-in portions were 24.5 % (+ 47 199 t) higher than in 2015. Accumulated imports of frozen bone-in portions in 2017 YTD (105 042 t) are currently 6.2 % lower than in the first 5 months of 2016.
- Imports of frozen chicken offal under tariff code 0207.1420 were discontinued from February 2015. This tariff code was split into new tariff lines for frozen chicken offal: livers; feet; heads; and other offal. Imports of frozen chicken offal in in May 2017 totalled 2 968 t at an FOB value of R32.8 m. This is an increase of 11.3 % (+ 301 t) on a monthly basis but a decrease of 38.5 % (- 1 859 t) when compared to imports in May 2016. In 2016, accumulated imports of frozen chicken offal (49 747 t) were 18.2 % higher (+ 7 645 t) than in 2015. Accumulated imports of frozen chicken offal in 2017 YTD (12 973 t) are currently 34.2 % lower than in the first 5 months of 2016.
- Distribution of broiler imports in terms of the main products imported (% total *chicken* imports):

Tariff	Mar 2017 %	Apr 2017 %	May 2017 %
Mechanically deboned meat 0207.1210	26.9	38.3	37.0
Carcasses 0207.1220	1.8	2.6	2.6
Whole frozen chicken 0207.1290	2.3	2.2	1.9
Frozen (boneless portions) 0207.1410 – 1415	4.6	6.4	3.4
Frozen fowls offal 0207.1421/23/25/29	3.9	6.7	6.6
Poultry (bone-in portions) 0207.1491/93/95 – 99	60.4	43.6	48.4

## ANNUAL IMPORTS SUMMARY:

Total imports per poultry type (kg) are given in the table below (source: SARS, verified):

Unit: kg	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Total chicken	354 877 182	368 804 925	457 373 523	528 505 515	217 946 889
Total turkey	35 234 166	24 299 423	20 724 145	31 473 540	13 295 901
Total other	275 301	197 878	349 143	175 723	51 420
Total poultry	390 386 647	393 302 228	478 446 811	560 154 778	231 294 210

  

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Total chicken	354 877 180	368 804 925	457 373 523	528 505 515	217 946 889
Total frozen broiler	354 265 914	368 201 525	456 954 268	528 108 226	217 645 579
Total fresh chicken	50 767	5 491	48 840	0	28 005
Total processed	560 499	597 909	370 415	397 289	273 305

  

Unit: kg	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Total frozen broiler	354 265 914	368 201 525	456 954 268	528 108 226	217 645 579
Total frozen broiler excl. MDM	212 006 932	221 218 214	277 063 358	332 854 759	140 872 633
Total broiler MDM	142 258 982	146 983 311	179 890 910	195 253 467	76 772 946

- With an AI-related trade ban currently in place against imports from the Netherlands, Brazil was again the main country of origin for South African poultry imports in May 2017, with 59.4 % or 28 003 t of total imports; of which 58.2 % was mechanically deboned chicken meat. The US exported 5 940 t to South Africa in May (12.6 % of total; compared to 25 103 t in March 2017); of which 90 % was frozen bone-in chicken portions.
- Belgium was responsible for 10.2 % (4 833 t) of the total imports in May; but has reported at least nine outbreaks of H5N8 HPAI in domestic poultry since the beginning of June 2017. Denmark contributed 5.4 % of imports in May; Ireland 5.3 % (2 504 t); Argentina 3.4 % (1 617 t); Canada 3.0 % (1430 t) and Thailand 0.4 %. Other countries contributed 0.2 % collectively.
- Dutch imports averaged 9 643 tonnes/m in the 12 months to November 2016. Since then, the Dutch have reported two H5N8 HPAI events, totalling nearly 4 000 cases, to the OIE. A trade ban was in place but final reports on both the Dutch outbreaks were submitted to the OIE on 17 May 2017 and the Dutch have officially declared that their avian-influenza free-status has been regained. They exported 112 t of poultry product to South Africa in April but nothing in May.
- The Danes also returned to the market in April and have exported 2 557 t in May. Poland has now submitted a final report to the OIE, closing its own HPAI event. The UK submitted a final report to the OIE in March but there were fresh outbreaks in Lancashire in May 2017 and Norfolk in June. No further cases have been reported.
- In February, highly pathogenic H5N8 was reported in Spain. This event increased to ten outbreaks, with the last case recorded on 18 February 2017. The Spanish submitted a final report to the OIE on 30 May 2017, reclaiming the country's HPAI-free status with effect from 2 June 2017. In May, no poultry meat imports were received from Spain.

- Only 254 *kilogrammes* of poultry imports were recorded from France in May because of the AI-related trade ban. Since 25 November, the French have reported 485 outbreaks, with the latest case reported was on 26 June 2017. To 26 May 2017, Germany had notified the OIE of 286 outbreaks of H5N8 HPAI in wild birds and commercial poultry; with the last confirmed outbreak on 9 May. The Germans exported 22 tonnes of poultry meat to South Africa in May 2017. Since 1 December 2016, Hungary has reported 294 outbreaks of H5N8 HPAI but the last case was on 18 April 2017 and a final report was submitted to the OIE on 16 June 2017.
- Imports from the EU contributed 21.1 % (9 941 t) of total poultry imports into South Africa in May (*cf* 63.1 % in November), of which 8 180 t were bone-in chicken portions (82.3 %). EU tonnages were up 30.7 % on a monthly basis but down 61.9 % on a year-on-year basis (because of AI-related trade bans).
- In 2016, chicken imports contributed 94.4 % to total poultry imports, turkey imports 5.6 % and ducks, geese or guinea fowl totalled 0.03 %.
- Total imports of bone-in portions from the EU into South Africa are shown below:

YEAR	Total imports of bone-in portions from the EU (tonnes)	Percentage change
2011	62 047	
2012	112 928	+ 81 %
2013	117 116	+ 4 %
2014	145 499	+ 24 %
2015	155 924	+ 7 %
2016	194 399	+ 25 %
2017	33 499	- 61.3 % (YTD)

- Poultry imports according to main countries of origin for 2014 to 2017 are tabulated below

Country	Imports (tonnes)			
	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
Brazil	168 666	241 180	233 787	118 606
Netherlands	73 987	61 995	110 344	112
United Kingdom	43 009	15 985	45 647	1 296
Spain	10 356	27 090	39 620	11 138
United States	5 022	331	26 573	45 852
Belgium	11 994	35 613	24 256	19 012
Argentina	21 586	27 718	18 713	9 446
Ireland	8 286	13 336	15 556	9 851
Hungary	7 758	10 547	13 174	0
Denmark	6 133	9 508	9 779	3 956
Canada	5 255	131	8 884	8 380
Germany	21 821	554	6 073	22
Poland	-	-	4 773	72
Thailand	347	7 616	2 078	2 492
Chile	928	408	360	48
Australia	43	264	254	729
France	7 294	24 895	105	1.9

Poultry imports according to tariff are tabled below:

Species	Tariff description	Code	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017 YTD
			Unit: tonnes					
CHICKEN	Chicken: Whole fresh or chilled broiler	02071100	47.2	0.012	5.491	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHICKEN	Chicken: Whole frozen broiler	02071200	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen mechanically deboned broiler meat	02071210	131 317	142 259	146 983	179 891	195 253	76 773
CHICKEN	Carcasses (excluding necks and offal) with all cuts (e.g. thighs, wings, legs and breasts) removed	0207.1220	13 305	13 906	18 055	22 440	21 416	5 277
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen whole birds	02071290	11 949	4 052	2 602	4 321	9 597	7 722
CHICKEN	Chicken: Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled broilers	02071300	2.4	50.8	0.0	48.8	0.0	28
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen broiler boneless portions	02071410	21 129	14 474	9 986	15 811	12 506	9 858
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen broiler offal	02071420	31 047	34 803	33 489	41 102	49 747	12 973
CHICKEN	Chicken: Frozen broiler bone-in portions	02071490	161 177	144 773	157 086	192 390	239 589	105 042
TURKEY	Whole fresh turkey	02072400	0.0	0.0	0.0	24.6	52.1	0.0
TURKEY	Whole frozen turkey	02072500	982.4	1 142.3	983.8	871.3	524.0	0.0
TURKEY	Cuts and offal, fresh or chilled turkey	0207.2600	49.0	0.0	0.0	270.0	26.5	0.0
TURKEY	Frozen turkey portions and MDM	02072700	31 783	34 069	23 316	19 558	30 820	13 171
OTHER	Whole fresh or chilled ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073200	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
DUCKS, GEESE, GUINEA FOWL	Frozen portions of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073300	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	Fresh or chilled fatty livers of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073400	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	Fresh or chilled - other ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073500	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	Whole frozen ducks, geese and guinea fowl	02073600	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
DUCKS	Ducks not cut in pieces; fresh or chilled	0207.4100		43.5	0.35	0	0	0
DUCKS	Ducks not cut in pieces; frozen	0207.4200	99.0	99.9	48.0	82.2	90.0	9.6
DUCKS	Ducks fatty livers, fresh or chilled	0207.4300	0.7	0.08	0.013	0.0	0.0	0.007
DUCKS	Ducks other, fresh or chilled	0207.4400	0.2	2.2	0.03	1.43	0.0	0
DUCKS	Ducks other, frozen	0207.4500	253.1	118.7	134.7	173.1	79.6	40.0
GEESE	Geese fatty livers, fresh or chilled	0207.5300	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
GEESE	Geese other, fresh or chilled	0207.5400	0.1	0.7	0.03	0.35	0.0	0.0
GEESE	Geese other, frozen	0207.5500	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.1	0.0	0.0
GEESE	Sausages: Pate de foie gras / goose liver paste	16010010	3.4	2.3	9.7	0.5	0.001	0.0
GEESE	Other: Pate de foie gras / goose liver paste	16022010	3.1	2.6	3.7	6.0	1.12	0.65
TURKEY	Of turkeys	16023100	246.6	22.8	0.06	0.08	50.9	125.1
CHICKEN	Chicken: Other prepared or preserved broiler meat, offal or blood pastes	16023210	0.3	0	0.03	0.17	0.02	0
CHICKEN	Frozen, flavoured, herbed or marinated broiler	16023290	1 028.4	560.5	597.9	370.4	397.3	273.1
OTHER	Pastes of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	16023910	0.02	0.03	0.31	0.17	0.03	0.0
OTHER	Other, not incl pastes of ducks, geese and guinea fowl	16023990	12.9	4.6	2.1	5.4	5.02	1.21
	<b>TOTAL POULTRY IMPORTS</b>		<b>404 435</b>	<b>390 387</b>	<b>393 303</b>	<b>478 447</b>	<b>560 155</b>	<b>231 294</b>