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## Buyers Data

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|                         | PRIME PRICE (Maximum) |      |        |         |       |    | AVERAGE PRICE |        |         |       |    |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|--------|---------|-------|----|---------------|--------|---------|-------|----|
|                         | State                 | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH | Male          | Female | Barrows | Total | CH |
| <b>45kg - 60kg</b>      | NSW                   | 515  | 515    | 0       | 515   | 0  | 490           | 490    | 0       | 490   | 0  |
|                         | VIC                   | 375  | 375    | 0       | 375   | 20 | 370           | 370    | 0       | 370   | 20 |
|                         | QLD                   | 420  | 420    | 0       | 420   | 0  | 384           | 387    | 0       | 386   | 7  |
|                         | SA                    | 375  | 375    | 0       | 375   | 20 | 370           | 370    | 0       | 370   | 20 |
|                         | WA                    | 0    | 417    | 0       | 417   | 7  | 382           | 417    | 0       | 411   | 7  |
|                         | ESB                   | 515  | 515    | 0       | 515   | 0  | 404           | 405    | 0       | 408   | 10 |
|                         | NAT                   | 515  | 515    | 0       | 515   | 0  | 405           | 410    | 0       | 409   | 11 |
| <b>60.1kg - 75kg</b>    | NSW                   | 375  | 385    | 0       | 385   | 15 | 364           | 373    | 0       | 367   | 15 |
|                         | VIC                   | 375  | 415    | 0       | 415   | 5  | 364           | 389    | 364     | 374   | 12 |
|                         | QLD                   | 380  | 390    | 0       | 390   | 15 | 373           | 381    | 369     | 378   | 13 |
|                         | SA                    | 375  | 415    | 0       | 415   | 10 | 367           | 392    | 364     | 377   | 15 |
|                         | WA                    | 0    | 390    | 0       | 390   | 0  | 383           | 382    | 0       | 382   | -1 |
|                         | ESB                   | 380  | 415    | 0       | 415   | 5  | 364           | 379    | 370     | 374   | 14 |
|                         | NAT                   | 380  | 415    | 0       | 415   | 5  | 369           | 383    | 370     | 375   | 12 |
| <b>75.1kg - 85kg</b>    | NSW                   | 395  | 395    | 0       | 395   | 0  | 370           | 384    | 0       | 373   | 11 |
|                         | VIC                   | 375  | 415    | 375     | 415   | 5  | 361           | 370    | 364     | 365   | 4  |
|                         | QLD                   | 380  | 390    | 380     | 390   | 10 | 374           | 377    | 369     | 376   | 4  |
|                         | SA                    | 375  | 415    | 375     | 415   | 10 | 367           | 394    | 364     | 379   | 15 |
|                         | WA                    | 390  | 390    | 0       | 390   | 0  | 346           | 350    | 0       | 348   | -2 |
|                         | ESB                   | 395  | 415    | 380     | 415   | 5  | 365           | 378    | 370     | 374   | 9  |
|                         | NAT                   | 395  | 415    | 380     | 415   | 5  | 366           | 378    | 370     | 371   | 8  |
| <b>85.1kg and above</b> | NSW                   | 0    | 0      | 0       | 0     | 0  | 354           | 364    | 0       | 357   | 15 |
|                         | VIC                   | 365  | 375    | 0       | 375   | 15 | 354           | 364    | 354     | 356   | 14 |
|                         | QLD                   | 380  | 380    | 370     | 380   | 0  | 370           | 376    | 359     | 372   | 9  |
|                         | SA                    | 365  | 375    | 0       | 375   | 15 | 354           | 364    | 354     | 358   | 14 |
|                         | WA                    | 390  | 390    | 0       | 390   | 0  | 361           | 355    | 0       | 358   | 5  |
|                         | ESB                   | 380  | 380    | 370     | 380   | 0  | 355           | 364    | 360     | 361   | 12 |
|                         | NAT                   | 390  | 390    | 370     | 390   | 0  | 359           | 366    | 360     | 361   | 12 |

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## Sellers Data

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|                         | PRIME PRICE (Maximum) |      |        |         |       |    | AVERAGE PRICE |        |         |       |    |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------|--------|---------|-------|----|---------------|--------|---------|-------|----|
|                         | State                 | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH | Male          | Female | Barrows | Total | CH |
| <b>45kg - 60kg</b>      | NSW                   | 0    | 420    | 395     | 420   | 0  | 500           | 382    | 365     | 382   | 2  |
|                         | VIC                   | 0    | 0      | 0       | 0     | 0  | 0             | 0      | 0       | 0     | 0  |
|                         | QLD                   | 435  | 503    | 0       | 503   | 0  | 434           | 471    | 0       | 459   | 0  |
|                         | SA                    | 0    | 375    | 0       | 375   | 20 | 370           | 370    | 0       | 370   | 20 |
|                         | WA                    | 0    | 417    | 0       | 417   | 7  | 382           | 417    | 0       | 411   | 7  |
|                         | ESB                   | 435  | 503    | 395     | 503   | 0  | 436           | 408    | 365     | 405   | 7  |
|                         | NAT                   | 435  | 503    | 395     | 503   | 0  | 424           | 406    | 365     | 406   | 7  |
|                         |                       |      |        |         |       |    |               |        |         |       |    |
| <b>60.1kg - 75kg</b>    | NSW                   | 0    | 420    | 400     | 420   | 0  | 445           | 411    | 387     | 403   | 0  |
|                         | VIC                   | 0    | 0      | 0       | 0     | 0  | 0             | 0      | 0       | 0     | 0  |
|                         | QLD                   | 380  | 450    | 390     | 450   | 0  | 375           | 384    | 385     | 384   | 7  |
|                         | SA                    | 375  | 420    | 420     | 420   | 0  | 348           | 370    | 415     | 363   | 2  |
|                         | WA                    | 0    | 390    | 0       | 390   | 0  | 383           | 382    | 0       | 382   | -1 |
|                         | ESB                   | 380  | 450    | 420     | 450   | 0  | 390           | 389    | 395     | 384   | 3  |
|                         | NAT                   | 380  | 450    | 420     | 450   | 0  | 385           | 384    | 395     | 384   | 3  |
|                         |                       |      |        |         |       |    |               |        |         |       |    |
| <b>75.1kg - 85kg</b>    | NSW                   | 420  | 420    | 400     | 420   | 0  | 379           | 413    | 387     | 398   | 6  |
|                         | VIC                   | 380  | 410    | 390     | 410   | 0  | 376           | 401    | 380     | 389   | 4  |
|                         | QLD                   | 400  | 418    | 390     | 418   | 0  | 398           | 408    | 376     | 396   | 2  |
|                         | SA                    | 420  | 420    | 420     | 420   | 0  | 371           | 388    | 404     | 385   | 1  |
|                         | WA                    | 390  | 390    | 0       | 390   | 0  | 346           | 350    | 0       | 348   | -2 |
|                         | ESB                   | 420  | 420    | 420     | 420   | 0  | 378           | 399    | 383     | 392   | 3  |
|                         | NAT                   | 420  | 420    | 420     | 420   | 0  | 378           | 397    | 383     | 387   | 2  |
|                         |                       |      |        |         |       |    |               |        |         |       |    |
| <b>85.1kg and above</b> | NSW                   | 380  | 420    | 395     | 420   | 0  | 375           | 377    | 355     | 375   | 14 |
|                         | VIC                   | 375  | 400    | 390     | 400   | 10 | 363           | 384    | 380     | 378   | 9  |
|                         | QLD                   | 390  | 0      | 0       | 390   | 0  | 390           | 0      | 0       | 390   | 0  |
|                         | SA                    | 404  | 420    | 0       | 420   | 0  | 402           | 418    | 0       | 410   | 0  |
|                         | WA                    | 390  | 390    | 0       | 390   | 0  | 361           | 355    | 0       | 358   | 5  |
|                         | ESB                   | 404  | 420    | 395     | 420   | 0  | 380           | 398    | 364     | 389   | 5  |
|                         | NAT                   | 404  | 420    | 395     | 420   | 0  | 381           | 388    | 364     | 385   | 5  |
|                         |                       |      |        |         |       |    |               |        |         |       |    |

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| Backfatter Sows (Buyers) |       |               |       |    |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|----|
| PRIME PRICE              |       | AVERAGE PRICE |       |    |
| Maximum                  |       | Average       |       |    |
| State                    | Total | CH            | Total | CH |
| NSW                      | 0     | 0             | 190   | 0  |
| VIC                      | 0     | 0             | 170   | 0  |
| QLD                      | 0     | 0             | 285   | 0  |
| SA                       | 0     | 0             | 170   | 0  |
| WA                       | 0     | 0             | 196   | -2 |
| ESB                      | 0     | 0             | 209   | 0  |
| NAT                      | 0     | 0             | 207   | 0  |

| Backfatter Sows (Sellers) |       |               |       |    |
|---------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|----|
| PRIME PRICE               |       | AVERAGE PRICE |       |    |
| Maximum                   |       | Average       |       |    |
| State                     | Total | CH            | Total | CH |
| NSW                       | 0     | 0             | 200   | 0  |
| VIC                       | 0     | 0             | 230   | 9  |
| QLD                       | 0     | 0             | 284   | 0  |
| SA                        | 0     | 0             | 270   | 0  |
| WA                        | 0     | 0             | 196   | -2 |
| ESB                       | 0     | 0             | 248   | 2  |
| NAT                       | 0     | 0             | 242   | 1  |

ESB (Eastern Seaboard) includes QLD, NSW, VIC & SA states only.

| (Buyers)        | Baconer Price |     | Porker Price |     | No. Sold |    |
|-----------------|---------------|-----|--------------|-----|----------|----|
|                 | LW            | TW  | CH           | LW  | TW       | CH |
| SALEYARD PRICES |               |     |              |     |          |    |
| Toowoomba(QLD)  | N/A           | N/A | 0            | N/A | N/A      | 0  |

LW - Last Week  
TW - This Week  
CH - Change from previous week  
N/A - No data provided

Pork Wholesale Prices (ESB c/Kg) (Source: APL Market Reporting TW: This Week | LW: Last Week | MAT: Moving Annual Total)

| 29/09/2023 | CARCASS |       |      |               | BROKEN SALES |      |              |         |
|------------|---------|-------|------|---------------|--------------|------|--------------|---------|
| .          | Pork    | Bacon | Legs | Legs Ham Trim | Saddles      | Loin | Forequarters | Bellies |
| TW         | 628     | 577   | 455  | 570           | 1008         | 914  | 455          | 1091    |
| LW         | 625     | 573   | 455  | 557           | 1008         | 902  | 455          | 1081    |
| MAT        | 617     | 571   | 461  | 590           | 1016         | 899  | 455          | 1124    |

| 29/09/2023 | CARTON SALES |               |        |                     |                     |                    |           |             |
|------------|--------------|---------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| .          | US Ribs      | Boneless legs | Fillet | Boneless Middles -1 | Boneless Middles -2 | Boneless Shoulders | Pork Neck | Trim - 90CL |
| TW         | 1003         | 720           | 1047   | 1020                | 1005                | 702                | 893       | 712         |
| LW         | 987          | 712           | 1037   | 1005                | 975                 | 690                | 883       | 700         |
| MAT        | 1100         | 727           | 1046   | 1075                | 1127                | 681                | 933       | 690         |

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## Weekly Grain Comments

(Source: Profarmer)

### To the point:

- The latest USDA crop progress report has stated that the United States winter wheat 2024/25 planting progress has reached 40 per cent, up 14 per cent week when compared to a week ago and on par with last year.
- Local wheat pricing finished the week softer across the majority of eastern states and Western Australia. The downwards shift comes on the back of weaker offshore markets and rainfall arriving in key growing regions in the last couple of days. However, the dry weather outlook remains in place and is likely to

| Key Market Indicators |                   |            |              |                   |            |              |                     |            |              |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|
| 04/10/23              | CBOT Wheat Dec 23 |            | AUD/USD      | ICE Canola Nov 23 |            | AUD/CAD      | Matif Canola Nov 23 |            | AUD/EUR      |
| This week             | <b>332</b>        | <b>569</b> | <b>63.01</b> | <b>831</b>        | <b>717</b> | <b>86.38</b> | <b>743</b>          | <b>447</b> | <b>60.17</b> |
|                       | \$A/t             | Usc/bu     | US c         | \$A/t             | \$C/t      | CA c         | \$A/t               | €/t        | Euro c       |
| Last Week             | 338               | 589        | 63.97        | 826               | 714        | 86.47        | 728                 | 441        | 60.51        |
| Change                | -7                | -21        | -0.96        | +5                | +3         | -0.09        | +15                 | +7         | -0.34        |

support prices in spring.

### International and National

A Russian government report has announced this week that Russian wheat harvest has surpassed 89 million tonnes, up three per cent week-on-week and 88 per cent complete overall.

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Harvest has commenced in South Australia and Western Australia throughout the past week, with CBH and Viterra receiving their first intakes of wheat. Australian Crop Forecasters have stated that the potential wheat harvest in South Australia is likely to reach 4.7 million tonnes, just above the 5-year average.

Japan's agricultural ministry has announced this week an international tender to purchase over 91,000 mt of wheat, from the US, Canada and Australia, with a focus on western white and hard red winter wheat varieties. Over 34,273 mt is expected to be imported from Australia.

## **Wheat**

*QLD/Nth NSW*

22/23 crop marketing is now finished as harvest of the 23/24 crop in southern Qld gets underway. Trade demand for October appears covered at the present time with end user demand now looking to Nov/Dec. Bids were remaining steady as the wheat harvest kicks off, with the weather/weather outlook and lack of grower selling the major factors in southern Qld markets.

*Sth NSW/VIC/SA*

Wheat prices have come off this week mainly in the backend of last week, when for the first time in a while the local prices succumbed to offshore weakness. Sellers appeared in the new crop market likely based on the weather forecast for rain across the southeast corner. This rainfall event has now come to fruition and has been in many cases a crop saver and/or maker, particularly for wheat. Nearby markets are much quieter as many buyers appear to have cover both domestically and export wise, with most of the action now in new crop markets.

## **Barley**

*Sth QLD/Nth NSW*

As with wheat, end users were now seeming comfortable with their short/medium term coverage. Bids were now aligned with Oct/Nov delivery as old and new crop bids have also merged. New crop barley markets have held firm on the back of the weather outlook and limited crop potential. QLD markets continue to trade above nominal export parity for the time being, however, there has been little grower selling of new crop yet.

*Sth NSW/VIC*

Barley values are steady to slightly lower taking the lead from wheat and broadly weaker outside markets. Lower AUD continues to help though with support for new crop markets, but this is likely to be offset by negative price sentiment in the market due to this recent rain event and stabilising of production.

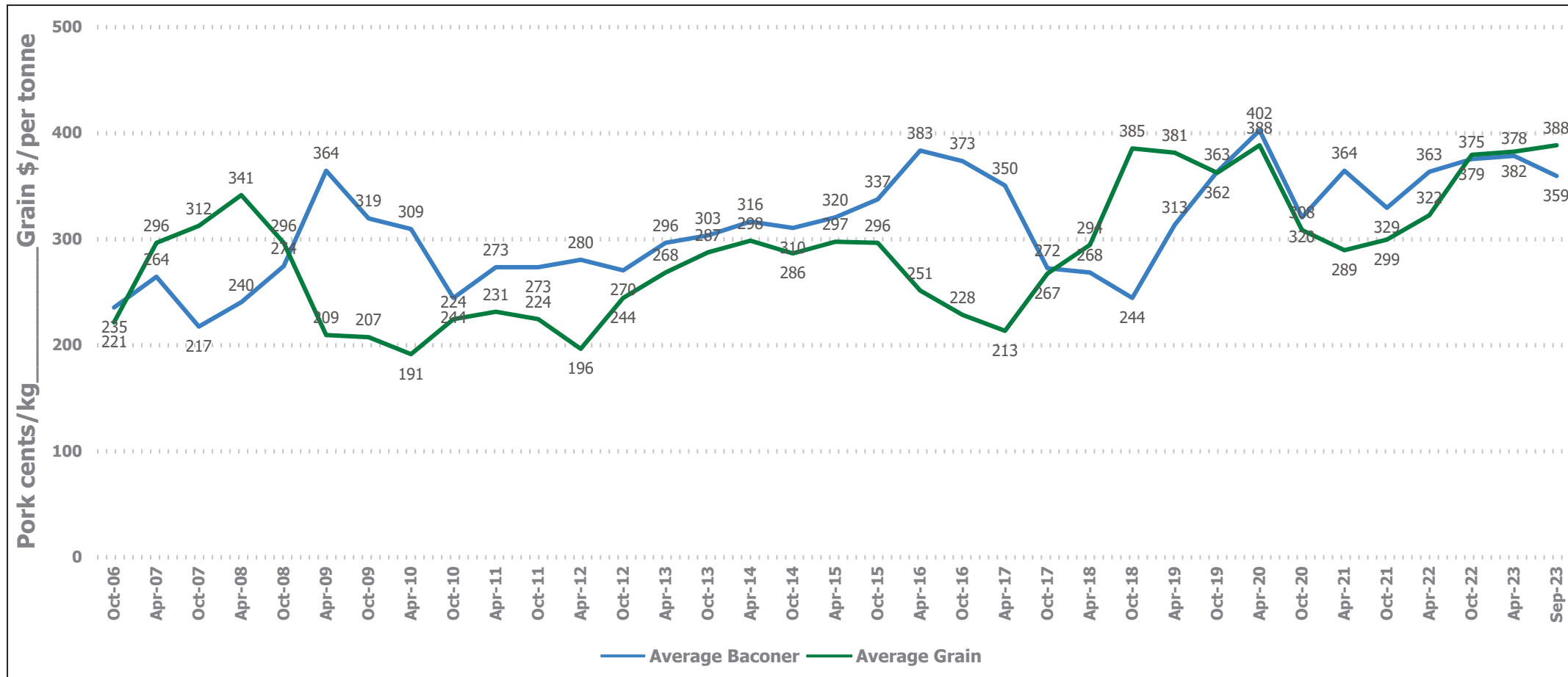
## **Sorghum**

*QLD*

Old crop sorghum bids remain steady with very little grower selling taking place as availability continues to dry up. New crop markets lack engagement at the present time. Mar/Apr sorghum was still very much in limbo while we wait for some planting rains or storm activity in near term.

***\*\* Please note as of this week's report all grain prices have transitioned from 2022/23 bids to 2023/24. This is due to the new grain season commencing on the 1<sup>st</sup> of October.***

## Average Baconer vs Feed Grain Prices (Eastern Seaboard)



Data Source Pro Farmer - Produced by APL

## Weekly Grain Table (Source: ProFarmer)

| Delivered   | Darling Downs |     |     | Brisbane |     |     | Northern NSW |     |     | Newcastle |     |     |
|-------------|---------------|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|--------------|-----|-----|-----------|-----|-----|
| .           | LW            | TW  | CH  | LW       | TW  | CH  | LW           | TW  | CH  | LW        | TW  | CH  |
| Feed Wheat  | 465           | 465 | 0   | 480      | 480 | 0   | 410          | 410 | 0   | 420       | 388 | -32 |
| Feed Barley | 460           | 465 | 5   | 450      | 461 | 11  | 410          | 400 | -10 | 392       | 382 | -10 |
| Sorghum     | 465           | 465 | 0   | 470      | 470 | 0   | 386          | 383 | -3  | 386       | 383 | -3  |
| Soy meal    | 926           | 910 | -16 | 926      | 910 | -16 | 946          | 930 | -16 | 926       | 910 | -16 |
| Canola meal | 630           | 600 | -30 | 635      | 605 | -30 | 570          | 540 | -30 | 570       | 540 | -30 |
| Cotton seed | 746           | 756 | 10  | 746      | 756 | 10  | 716          | 726 | 10  | 706       | 716 | 10  |

| Delivered   | Southern NSW |     |     | Port Kembla |     |     | Goulburn Valley |     |     | Central VIC |     |     |
|-------------|--------------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|-------------|-----|-----|
| .           | LW           | TW  | CH  | LW          | TW  | CH  | LW              | TW  | CH  | LW          | TW  | CH  |
| Feed Wheat  | 385          | 405 | 20  | 410         | 409 | -1  | 390             | 385 | -5  | 396         | 390 | -6  |
| Feed Barley | 350          | 376 | 26  | 357         | 310 | -47 | 355             | 350 | -5  | 339         | 350 | 11  |
| Soy meal    | 961          | 945 | -16 | 956         | 940 | -16 | 956             | 940 | -16 | 946         | 930 | -16 |
| Canola meal | 525          | 550 | 25  | 550         | 575 | 25  | 535             | 560 | 25  | 550         | 575 | 25  |
| Triticale   | 335          | 340 | 5   | 387         | 390 | 3   | 387             | 390 | 3   | 387         | 390 | 3   |

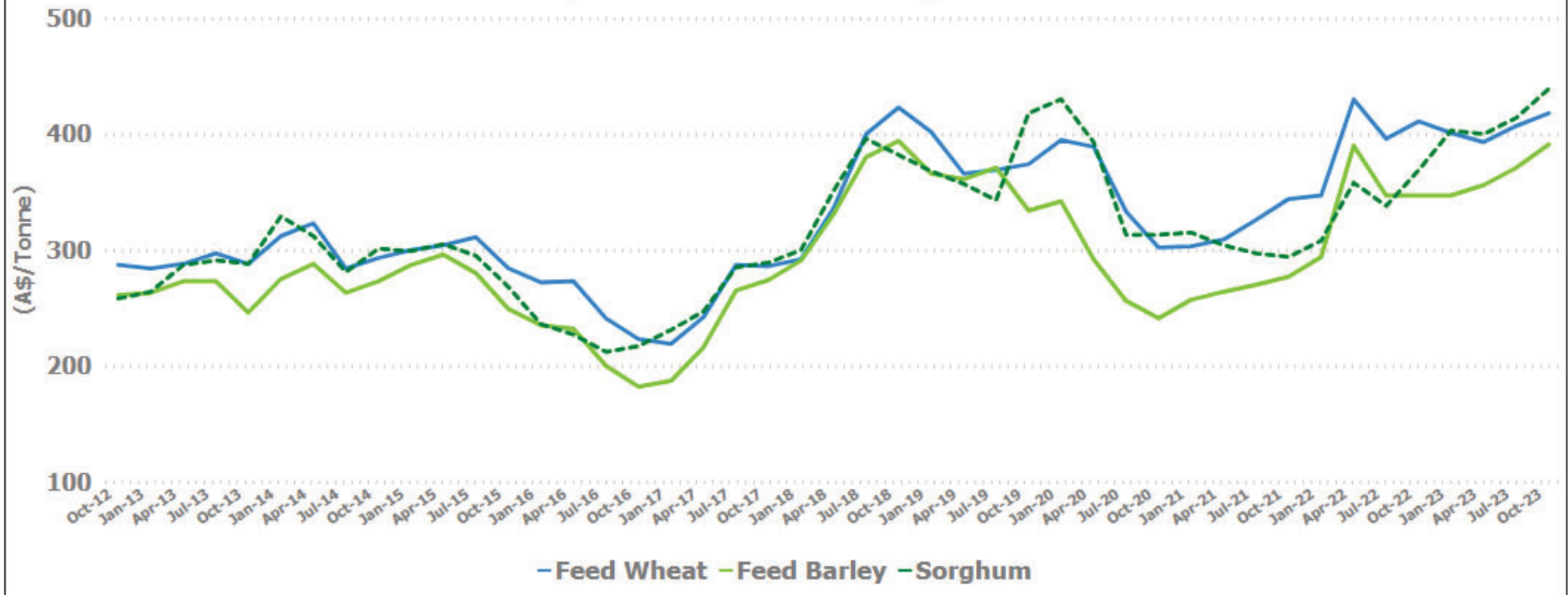
| Delivered   | Geelong |     |     | Adelaide |     |     | Freemantle |     |     |
|-------------|---------|-----|-----|----------|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|
| .           | LW      | TW  | CH  | LW       | TW  | CH  | LW         | TW  | CH  |
| Feed Wheat  | 400     | 385 | -15 | 391      | 400 | 9   | 399        | 398 | -1  |
| Feed Barley | 365     | 350 | -15 | 349      | 324 | -25 | 365        | 355 | -10 |
| Soy meal    | 926     | 910 | -16 | 946      | 930 | -16 | 0          | 0   | 0   |
| Canola meal | 535     | 560 | 25  | 580      | 605 | 25  | 545        | 570 | 25  |
| Feed Oats   | 340     | 350 | 10  | 360      | 280 | -80 | 280        | 385 | 105 |

DD = Darling Downs Bris = Brisbane Nth NSW = Northern New South Wales New = Newcastle Sth NSW = Southern New South Wales Pt K = Port Kembla GV Goulburn Valley Central Vic = Central Victoria Geel = Geelong Adel = Adelaide Freo = Fremantle. LW = Last week TW = This week CH= Change N/Q = No Quote Due to the volatility of the grain market, caution must be used when valuing data.



Data Source Pro Farmer  
Produced by APL

## Major Grain Price Comparison



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