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## Buyers Data

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Pig Prices c/kg HSCW, Trim 1 - Head on (average indicative prices). W/E 14/03/2025

| Weight | State | PRIME PRICE (Maximum) Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH | AVERAGE PRICE Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45kg - 60kg | NSW | 525 | 525 | 0 | 525 | 0 | 500 | 500 | 0 | 500 | 0 |
| | VIC | 450 | 436 | 0 | 450 | 0 | 441 | 436 | 0 | 438 | 0 |
| | QLD | 456 | 449 | 0 | 456 | 0 | 456 | 449 | 0 | 454 | 0 |
| | SA | 461 | 464 | 0 | 464 | 0 | 454 | 457 | 0 | 455 | 0 |
| | WA | 0 | 426 | 0 | 426 | -2 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 426 | -2 |
| | ESB | 525 | 525 | 0 | 525 | 0 | 461 | 459 | 0 | 465 | 0 |
| | NAT | 525 | 525 | 0 | 525 | 0 | 461 | 459 | 0 | 460 | 0 |
| 60.1kg - 75kg | NSW | 465 | 475 | 0 | 475 | 0 | 451 | 461 | 0 | 454 | 0 |
| | VIC | 465 | 490 | 0 | 490 | 0 | 445 | 461 | 451 | 454 | 0 |
| | QLD | 465 | 475 | 0 | 475 | 0 | 453 | 463 | 451 | 459 | 0 |
| | SA | 465 | 490 | 0 | 490 | 0 | 450 | 471 | 451 | 460 | 0 |
| | WA | 435 | 435 | 0 | 435 | 0 | 409 | 416 | 0 | 411 | -5 |
| | ESB | 465 | 490 | 0 | 490 | 0 | 446 | 460 | 456 | 457 | 0 |
| | NAT | 465 | 490 | 0 | 490 | 0 | 445 | 458 | 456 | 452 | 0 |
| 75.1kg - 85kg | NSW | 465 | 433 | 0 | 465 | 0 | 443 | 433 | 0 | 440 | 0 |
| | VIC | 465 | 490 | 465 | 490 | 0 | 453 | 457 | 451 | 455 | 2 |
| | QLD | 470 | 475 | 465 | 475 | 0 | 462 | 464 | 451 | 463 | 0 |
| | SA | 465 | 490 | 465 | 490 | 0 | 449 | 468 | 451 | 461 | 0 |
| | WA | 435 | 435 | 0 | 435 | 0 | 407 | 417 | 0 | 410 | 3 |
| | ESB | 470 | 490 | 465 | 490 | 0 | 447 | 451 | 456 | 455 | 1 |
| | NAT | 470 | 490 | 465 | 490 | 0 | 446 | 450 | 456 | 449 | 0 |
| 85.1kg and above | NSW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 441 | 451 | 0 | 444 | 0 |
| | VIC | 455 | 465 | 0 | 465 | 0 | 408 | 414 | 441 | 412 | 0 |
| | QLD | 470 | 470 | 455 | 470 | 0 | 444 | 451 | 441 | 447 | 0 |
| | SA | 455 | 465 | 0 | 465 | 0 | 435 | 452 | 441 | 448 | 0 |
| | WA | 435 | 0 | 0 | 435 | 0 | 400 | 404 | 0 | 401 | 2 |
| | ESB | 470 | 470 | 455 | 470 | 0 | 430 | 440 | 445 | 441 | 0 |
| | NAT | 470 | 470 | 455 | 470 | 0 | 431 | 440 | 445 | 436 | 0 |

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## Sellers Data

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| Weight | State | Prime Male | Prime Female | Prime Barrows | Prime Total | Prime CH | Avg Male | Avg Female | Avg Barrows | Avg Total | Avg CH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45kg - 60kg | NSW | 0 | 512 | 484 | 512 | 0 | 570 | 508 | 452 | 488 | 0 |
| | VIC | 0 | 512 | 484 | 512 | 0 | 0 | 499 | 452 | 476 | 0 |
| | QLD | 0 | 595 | 0 | 595 | 0 | 0 | 595 | 0 | 595 | 0 |
| | SA | 0 | 450 | 0 | 450 | 0 | 445 | 445 | 0 | 445 | 0 |
| | WA | 0 | 426 | 0 | 426 | -2 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 426 | -2 |
| | ESB | 0 | 595 | 484 | 595 | 0 | 510 | 509 | 452 | 505 | 0 |
| | NAT | 0 | 595 | 484 | 595 | 0 | 510 | 504 | 452 | 496 | 0 |
| 60.1kg - 75kg | NSW | 0 | 512 | 486 | 512 | 0 | 480 | 489 | 478 | 484 | 0 |
| | VIC | 0 | 512 | 486 | 512 | 0 | 0 | 491 | 478 | 485 | 0 |
| | QLD | 470 | 535 | 0 | 535 | 0 | 465 | 465 | 0 | 465 | 0 |
| | SA | 455 | 508 | 508 | 508 | 0 | 454 | 469 | 505 | 463 | 0 |
| | WA | 435 | 435 | 0 | 435 | 0 | 409 | 416 | 0 | 411 | -5 |
| | ESB | 470 | 535 | 508 | 535 | 0 | 467 | 473 | 493 | 473 | 0 |
| | NAT | 470 | 535 | 508 | 535 | 0 | 454 | 470 | 493 | 466 | -1 |
| 75.1kg - 85kg | NSW | 465 | 512 | 489 | 512 | 0 | 445 | 471 | 466 | 466 | 4 |
| | VIC | 460 | 512 | 489 | 512 | 0 | 460 | 486 | 468 | 474 | 0 |
| | QLD | 470 | 505 | 0 | 505 | 5 | 465 | 498 | 0 | 477 | 9 |
| | SA | 508 | 508 | 508 | 508 | 0 | 462 | 480 | 505 | 478 | 0 |
| | WA | 435 | 435 | 0 | 435 | 0 | 407 | 417 | 0 | 410 | 3 |
| | ESB | 508 | 512 | 508 | 512 | 0 | 453 | 479 | 486 | 474 | 4 |
| | NAT | 508 | 512 | 508 | 512 | 0 | 452 | 476 | 486 | 466 | 3 |
| 85.1kg and above | NSW | 464 | 501 | 482 | 501 | 0 | 463 | 467 | 437 | 463 | 0 |
| | VIC | 475 | 501 | 482 | 501 | 0 | 467 | 477 | 459 | 469 | 0 |
| | QLD | 505 | 0 | 0 | 505 | 0 | 505 | 0 | 0 | 505 | 0 |
| | SA | 505 | 508 | 0 | 508 | 0 | 495 | 504 | 0 | 499 | 0 |
| | WA | 435 | 0 | 0 | 435 | 0 | 400 | 404 | 0 | 401 | 2 |
| | ESB | 505 | 508 | 482 | 508 | 0 | 479 | 488 | 445 | 486 | 0 |
| | NAT | 505 | 508 | 482 | 508 | 0 | 474 | 470 | 445 | 476 | 0 |

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| | Backfatter Sows (Buyers) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | PRIME PRICE Maximum | | AVERAGE PRICE Average | |
| State | Total | CH | Total | CH |
| NSW | 0 | 0 | 180 | 0 |
| VIC | 0 | 0 | 170 | 0 |
| QLD | 0 | 0 | 285 | 0 |
| SA | 0 | 0 | 170 | 0 |
| WA | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 |
| ESB | 0 | 0 | 206 | 0 |
| NAT | 0 | 0 | 211 | 0 |

| | Backfatter Sows (Sellers) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | PRIME PRICE Maximum | | AVERAGE PRICE Average | |
| State | Total | CH | Total | CH |
| NSW | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 |
| VIC | 0 | 0 | 230 | 0 |
| QLD | 0 | 0 | 310 | 0 |
| SA | 0 | 0 | 285 | 0 |
| WA | 0 | 0 | 250 | 0 |
| ESB | 0 | 0 | 273 | 0 |
| NAT | 0 | 0 | 270 | 0 |

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

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

(Buyers)

| | Baconer Price | | | Porker Price | | | No. Sold | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SALEYARD PRICES | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | NLW | NTW |
| Forbes(NSW) | N/A | 379 | 379 | N/A | 549 | 549 | N/A | 50 |

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

| 14/03/2025 | CARCASS | | | | BROKEN SALES | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| . | Pork | Bacon | Legs | Legs Ham Trim | Saddles | Loin | Forequarters | Bellies |
| TW | 718 | 658 | 525 | 627 | 1230 | 980 | 483 | 1683 |
| LW | 718 | 658 | 525 | 627 | 1230 | 980 | 483 | 1675 |
| MAT | 690 | 634 | 514 | 613 | 1143 | 1017 | 489 | 1505 |

| 14/03/2025 | CARTON SALES | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| . | US Ribs | Boneless legs | Fillet | Boneless Middles -1 | Boneless Middles -2 | Boneless Shoulders | Pork Neck | Trim - 90CL |
| TW | 1253 | 832 | 1095 | 1210 | 1113 | 777 | 1088 | 764 |
| LW | 1245 | 832 | 1095 | 1210 | 1113 | 777 | 1102 | 764 |
| MAT | 1103 | 803 | 1079 | 1160 | 1113 | 757 | 1047 | 742 |

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**Weekly Grain Comments**

(Source: Profarmer)

**To the point:**

- **Russia's agricultural minister announced this week that the country is moving into its Spring fieldwork phase now, with sowing of crops underway. The total forecast is 83.7 million hectares, which would be up 1.13 million hectares on last year.**
- **French Farm Agency FranceAgriMer has released its latest crop conditions for wheat and barley this week. Stability was the name of the game for barley as most regions were stable at 70 per cent in the good to very good range, however wheat saw a slight decline. Spring barley sowing is now at 92 per cent complete.**

**Key Market Indicators**

| 19/03/25 | CBOT Wheat May 25 | | AUD/USD | ICE Canola May 25 | | AUD/CAD | Matif Canola May 25 | | AUD/EUR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| This week | 326 | 565 | 63.64 | 631 | 574 | 91.00 | 811 | 471 | 58.14 |
| | $A/t | Usc/bu | US c | $A/t | $C/t | CA c | $A/t | €/t | Euro c |
| Last Week | 325 | 557 | 63.00 | 651 | 591 | 90.77 | 832 | 480 | 57.67 |
| Change | + 1 | + 8 | + 0.64 | - 20 | - 17 | + 0.23 | - 22 | - 9 | + 0.46 |

**International and National news**

The European Union's weekly wheat export data has stated that just over 131,500 tonnes was transported, leaving the marketing year total down 35 per cent when compared to a year ago. The dry conditions and lower yields have continued to prevent high volumes of grain being moved. Romania continues to be the strongest contributor to total EU exports, being one of the countries who had favorable production. 43 per cent of total wheat exports have been sourced from Romania.

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Grains Australia, AEGIC and China's academy of National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration have signed a new memorandum of understanding. It was signed in Beijing, and aims to support collaboration between the two countries and look into potential research for maximizing wheat quality evaluations and grain processing.

East Coast bulk wheat shipments are set to rise sharply in March, with shipping stem data indicating exports of around 940 thousand tonnes, up from 500 thousand tonnes in February, while April's forward shipping schedule currently stands at 680 thousand tonnes. The increase reflects shifting export demand as chickpea and canola export programs wind down, according to data from Australian Crop Forecasters. Barley export to remain steady, recording 115 thousand tonnes in February and 110 thousand tonnes in March.

## **Wheat**

*QLD/Nth NSW*

Domestic consumer appears covered well into April with bids now mostly April/May delivery. Wheat prices firming early in the week following last week's softer/lackluster feel. Grower selling focus across the north remains on sorghum marketing with wheat interest surfacing only as the bids spike. Interesting to note is up country depot sorghum now pricing itself $10/t over H2 grade wheat! With the domestic consumer now covered, any nearby price strength may require further support from offshore markets.

*Sth NSW/VIC/SA*

Wheat markets are mostly stable once again week-on-week despite continued volatility in offshore markets. Local values are really doing their own thing to some degree now, given the hollows of uncertainty in the broader global markets it seems like volumes moving have reduced and both sides of the market are taking a very cautious approach. Domestically buyers have a lot better cover in the nearby and exporters remain focused on keeping their pipeline filled 6-8 weeks in advance.

## **Barley**

*Sth QLD/Nth NSW*

Barley prices continue to show a firmer stance, finding support at current levels from southern port zone pricing and demand into China, which continues to draw supply from fringe areas of the northern feed market drawing arc. QLD consumer demand remains reasonably quiet in near term with grower stocks steadily declining.

*Sth NSW/VIC*

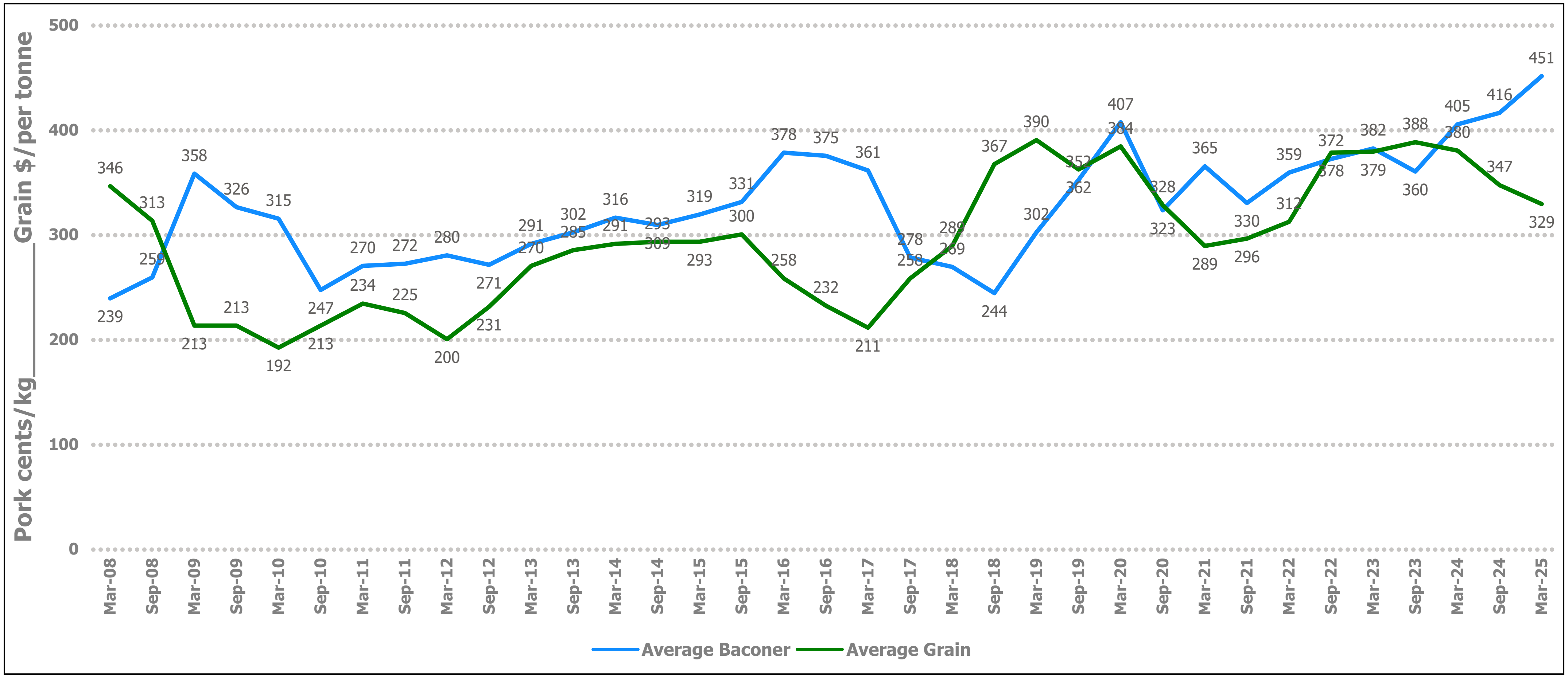
Barley continues to feel firm across the board as values continue to slowly sneak up. Whilst it's not a full-blown rally but it definitely has the signs of being bid driven that are hitting offers. Both domestic and export buyers are active. Despite the narrowing spread to wheat it is behaving independently, but the firmer it feels relative to wheat the more resistance there will be locally, particularly into the cooler months where wheat works better in some feed rations.

## **Sorghum**

*QLD*

Sorghum harvest back underway as the weather fined up mid-week with Qld reportedly 80% harvested to date. Brisbane NTP and Del Brisbane bids continue to show strength with trade demand improving again from late last week, Bris Track & delivered Downs bids now up some $17/t & del Brisbane Road $20/t since the start of the month. Chinese tariffs viewed as supportive for increased Aussie sorghum into the region, however Chinese demand has been lackluster to date.

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

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## 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 | 350 | 351 | 1 | 365 | 367 | 2 | 345 | 351 | 6 | 335 | 340 | 5 |
| Feed Barley | 328 | 330 | 2 | 305 | 350 | 45 | 325 | 330 | 5 | 335 | 340 | 5 |
| Sorghum | 338 | 347 | 9 | 367 | 380 | 13 | 335 | 347 | 12 | 360 | 375 | 15 |
| Soy meal | 707 | 727 | 20 | 707 | 727 | 20 | 727 | 747 | 20 | 707 | 727 | 20 |
| Canola meal | 515 | 525 | 10 | 520 | 530 | 10 | 455 | 465 | 10 | 445 | 455 | 10 |
| Cotton seed | 467 | 470 | 3 | 467 | 470 | 3 | 437 | 440 | 3 | 427 | 430 | 3 |

| Delivered | Southern NSW | | | Port Kembla | | | Goulburn Valley | | | Central VIC | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| . | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH |
| Feed Wheat | 315 | 315 | 0 | 340 | 345 | 5 | 350 | 350 | 0 | 340 | 345 | 5 |
| Feed Barley | 295 | 285 | -10 | 320 | 325 | 5 | 330 | 330 | 0 | 310 | 320 | 10 |
| Soy meal | 742 | 762 | 20 | 737 | 757 | 20 | 737 | 757 | 20 | 727 | 747 | 20 |
| Canola meal | 445 | 455 | 10 | 470 | 480 | 10 | 455 | 465 | 10 | 470 | 480 | 10 |
| Triticale | 415 | 360 | -55 | 415 | 380 | -35 | 415 | 380 | -35 | 415 | 380 | -35 |

| Delivered | Geelong | | | Adelaide | | | Freemantle | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| . | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH |
| Feed Wheat | 360 | 360 | 0 | 375 | 390 | 15 | 350 | 345 | -5 |
| Feed Barley | 340 | 347 | 7 | 335 | 330 | -5 | 360 | 360 | 0 |
| Soy meal | 707 | 727 | 20 | 727 | 747 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Canola meal | 455 | 465 | 10 | 500 | 510 | 10 | 465 | 475 | 10 |
| Feed Oats | 430 | 430 | 0 | 386 | 386 | 0 | 420 | 360 | -60 |

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.

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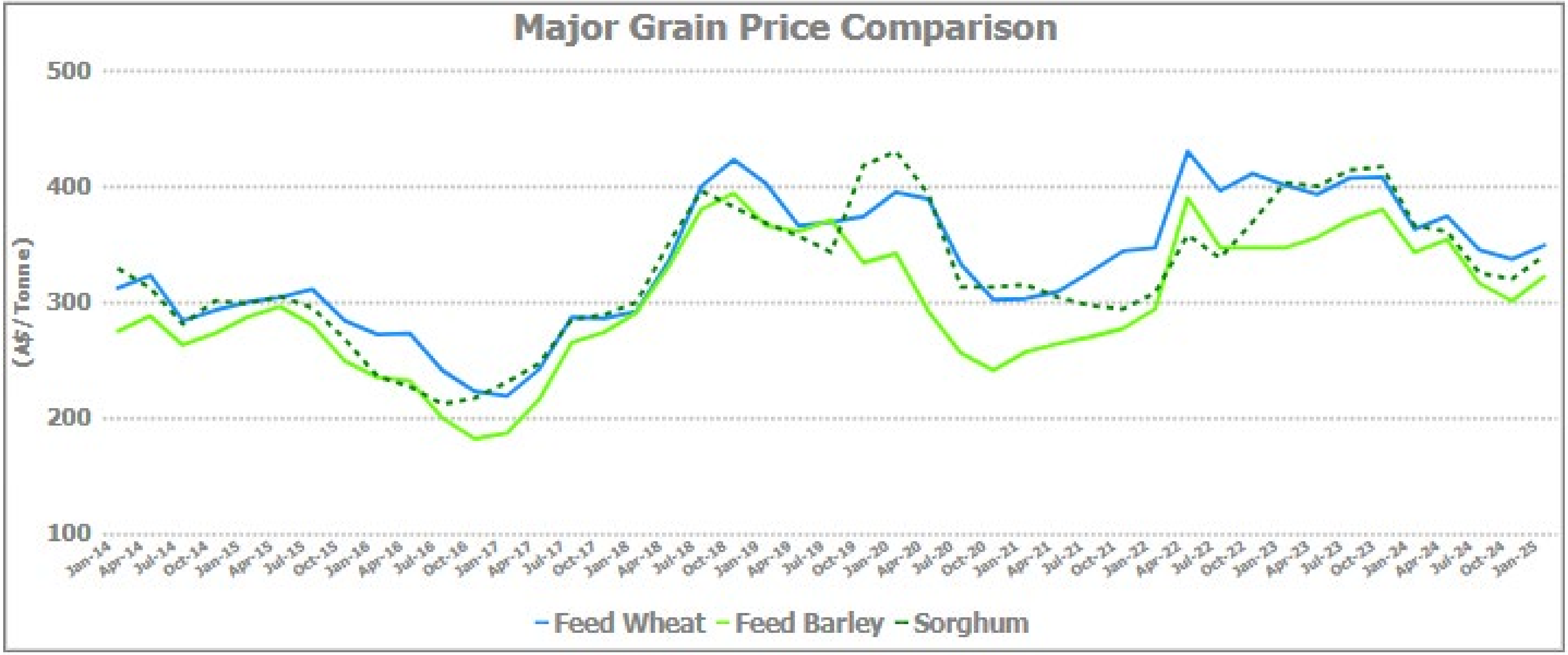


Sorghum National average price is based on QLD and Nth NSW prices only

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