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## Buyers Data

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Pig Prices c/kg HSCW, Trim 1 - Head on (average indicative prices). W/E 27/03/2026

	PRIME PRICE (Maximum)						AVERAGE PRICE				
	State	Male	Female	Barrows	Total	CH	Male	Female	Barrows	Total	CH
<b>45kg - 60kg</b>	NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	VIC	470	464	0	470	0	462	464	0	464	-3
	QLD	459	540	0	540	0	459	476	0	470	-2
	SA	470	470	0	470	0	462	465	0	463	-3
	WA	0	447	0	447	0	450	447	0	447	0
	ESB	470	540	0	540	0	465	474	0	466	-3
	NAT	470	540	0	540	0	459	466	0	463	-2
<b>60.1kg - 75kg</b>	NSW	475	485	0	485	0	461	470	0	464	0
	VIC	480	510	0	510	0	464	479	461	472	-1
	QLD	475	485	0	485	0	459	467	461	462	-4
	SA	475	510	0	510	0	461	477	461	468	-2
	WA	450	450	0	450	0	441	442	0	442	-4
	ESB	480	510	0	510	0	456	468	466	466	-2
	NAT	480	510	0	510	0	459	469	466	463	-2
<b>75.1kg - 85kg</b>	NSW	475	0	0	475	0	461	470	0	463	0
	VIC	480	510	475	510	0	462	471	461	466	-1
	QLD	475	485	475	485	0	453	456	461	454	-5
	SA	475	510	475	510	0	460	471	461	465	-4
	WA	450	450	0	450	0	417	434	0	423	3
	ESB	480	510	475	510	0	454	462	466	461	-3
	NAT	480	510	475	510	0	454	463	466	457	-2
<b>85.1kg and above</b>	NSW	0	0	0	0	0	451	461	0	454	0
	VIC	465	475	0	475	0	454	462	451	456	-3
	QLD	470	475	465	475	-5	458	464	451	462	-4
	SA	465	475	0	475	0	459	464	451	461	-5
	WA	450	0	0	450	0	420	426	0	422	4
	ESB	470	475	465	475	-5	451	458	456	458	-3
	NAT	470	475	465	475	-5	451	458	456	454	-2

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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	522	494	522	0	570	517	462	497	0
	VIC	0	522	494	522	0	0	509	462	486	0
	QLD	0	630	0	630	0	0	630	0	630	0
	SA	0	470	0	470	0	465	465	0	465	0
	WA	0	447	0	447	0	450	447	0	447	0
	ESB	0	630	494	630	0	520	529	462	525	0
	NAT	0	630	494	630	0	506	524	462	516	0
	<b>60.1kg - 75kg</b>	NSW	495	522	496	522	0	495	500	488	495
VIC		0	522	496	522	0	0	501	488	495	0
QLD		455	570	0	570	0	445	473	0	469	-4
SA		470	533	521	533	0	460	476	519	469	0
WA		450	450	0	450	0	441	442	0	442	-4
ESB		495	570	521	570	0	467	481	504	481	-1
NAT		495	570	521	570	0	459	481	504	476	-2
<b>75.1kg - 85kg</b>		NSW	465	522	499	522	0	450	482	476	472
	VIC	470	522	499	522	0	470	498	484	487	0
	QLD	485	510	0	510	0	482	502	0	489	1
	SA	521	533	521	533	0	472	492	520	490	0
	WA	450	450	0	450	0	417	434	0	423	3
	ESB	521	533	521	533	0	464	488	499	484	0
	NAT	521	533	521	533	0	462	486	499	477	1
	<b>85.1kg and above</b>	NSW	470	511	492	511	0	459	462	447	460
VIC		475	511	492	511	0	470	485	478	480	0
QLD		540	0	0	540	0	540	0	0	540	0
SA		521	533	0	533	0	519	520	0	519	0
WA		450	0	0	450	0	420	426	0	422	4
ESB		540	533	492	540	0	495	494	458	502	-1
NAT		540	533	492	540	0	490	479	458	493	0

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Backfatter Sows (Buyers)				
PRIME PRICE		AVERAGE PRICE		
Maximum		Average		
State	Total	CH	Total	CH
NSW	0	0	0	0
VIC	0	0	170	0
QLD	0	0	285	0
SA	0	0	170	0
WA	0	0	250	11
ESB	0	0	216	0
NAT	0	0	221	1

Backfatter Sows (Sellers)				
PRIME PRICE		AVERAGE PRICE		
Maximum		Average		
State	Total	CH	Total	CH
NSW	0	0	250	250
VIC	0	0	257	-1
QLD	0	0	310	0
SA	0	0	285	0
WA	0	0	250	11
ESB	0	0	278	-11
NAT	0	0	274	-7

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						
Forbes(NSW)	344	N/A	-344	482	N/A	-482

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

Number of contributors to this report:  
Buyers: 10 - 20  
Sellers: 15 - 25

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

27/03/2026	CARCASS				BROKEN SALES			
.	Pork	Bacon	Legs	Legs Ham Trim	Saddles	Loin	Forequarters	Bellies
TW	729	687	558	653	1280	939	555	1583
LW	729	687	563	660	1280	939	555	1583
MAT	729	676	559	656	1271	970	527	1636

27/03/2026	CARTON SALES							
.	US Ribs	Boneless legs	Fillet	Boneless Middles -1	Boneless Middles -2	Boneless Shoulders	Pork Neck	Trim - 90CL
TW	1405	811	1038	1281	1218	786	1043	759
LW	1405	807	1038	1281	1218	786	1043	759
MAT	1303	828	1056	1270	1173	802	1065	752

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## Weekly Grain Comments

(Source: Bendigo Bank Agribusiness Pro)

### To the point:

- **China's withdrawal from the US wheat market along with a large reduction in weekly purchasing from Mexico has severed US weekly wheat exports which fell 21 per cent week-on-week as two of the big buyers withdrew. Japan was the largest buyer followed by Nigeria but total inspections for the marketing year are still 17 per cent higher than a year ago.**
- **BEN Agri Insights (formerly Australian Crop Forecasters) released their first look at the 2026/27 winter crop, revealing a mixed outlook with conditions varying significantly by region. While favorable soil moisture is present across many southern and western areas, a large portion of northern NSW and southern QLD is notably dry. Compounding this challenge are high input costs, which are driving a clear shift in planting intentions.**

	Key Market Indicators								
01/04/26	CBOT Wheat May 26		AUD/USD	ICE Canola May 26		AUD/CAD	Matif Canola May 26		AUD/EUR
This week	<b>328</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>69.03</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>96.02</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>59.73</b>
	\$A/t	Usc/bu	US c	\$A/t	\$C/t	CA c	\$A/t	€/t	Euro c
Last Week	310	590	69.95	752	724	96.23	830	501	60.27
Change	+ 18	+ 26	- 0.92	+ 10	+ 8	- 0.22	+ 30	+ 14	- 0.54

### International and National news

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Spring planting across Ukraine continues to accelerate this week with the current data suggesting that 7.7 per cent has been completed which is the equivalent of 461.400 hectares of the forecast 6.003 million hectares.

French soft wheat condition continues to go from strength to strength as the latest FranceAgriMer report shows that 84 per cent is classified as good to excellent, up 10 per cent from a year ago.

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## **Wheat**

*QLD/Nth NSW*

Wheat markets remain firm this week, supported by ongoing export demand. FOB values have been relatively stable, while a modest easing in freight costs has provided some offset. A softer Australian dollar is encouraging grain movement from on-farm storage, helping to meet nearby domestic demand, particularly into feedlot markets. In the Downs region, rising fertiliser costs and a less favourable seasonal outlook are contributing to uncertainty around planting intentions.

*Sth NSW/VIC/SA*

Wheat markets have continued to trend firmer, supported by stronger offshore values and reduced market participation, particularly from sellers withdrawing amid uncertainty around freight costs and potential price volatility linked to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Delivered markets have once again strengthened more than track and ex-farm values, as end users seek to manage freight risk – currently driven more by fuel price uncertainty than availability, although both factors come into play further forward. For processors and end users, purchasing remains unavoidable, and their consistent buying over recent weeks has helped underpin the market, while trader activity has been mixed.

## **Barley**

*Sth QLD/Nth NSW*

Barley continues to represent competitive value among cereal grains in the Downs market, with delivered bids remaining around \$400/t or higher for prompt delivery. Trade buyers are seeking to secure coverage from south of the drawing arc amid concerns over potential dry conditions in the north.

*Sth NSW/VIC*

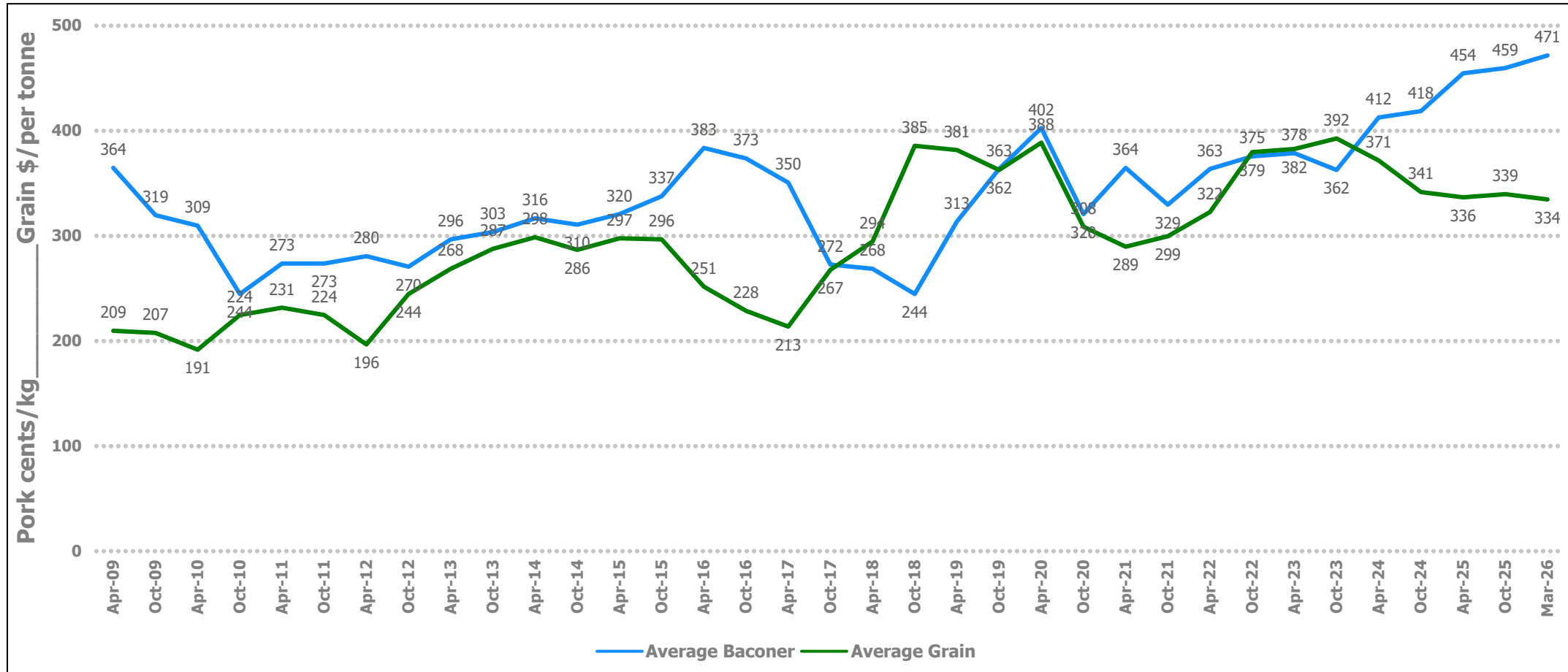
Barley pricing has firmed in line with wheat, reflecting similar underlying market dynamics. The recent easing of the Australian dollar has provided additional support to barley, particularly given its stronger and more consistent export demand compared to wheat.

## **Sorghum**

*QLD*

Sorghum markets for delivered grain have strengthened this week as the late harvest gains momentum. Increased prices have encouraged renewed grower engagement, resulting in more grain being released from on-farm and depot storage. Export demand from China continues to underpin local pricing.

## 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	380	400	20	385	410	25	353	370	17	333	330	-3
Feed Barley	390	395	5	395	405	10	366	374	8	345	365	20
Sorghum	355	355	0	385	393	8	355	360	5	384	395	11
Soy meal	755	743	-12	755	743	-12	775	763	-12	755	743	-12
Canola meal	528	530	2	533	535	2	468	470	2	458	460	2
Cotton seed	570	575	5	570	575	5	540	545	5	530	535	5

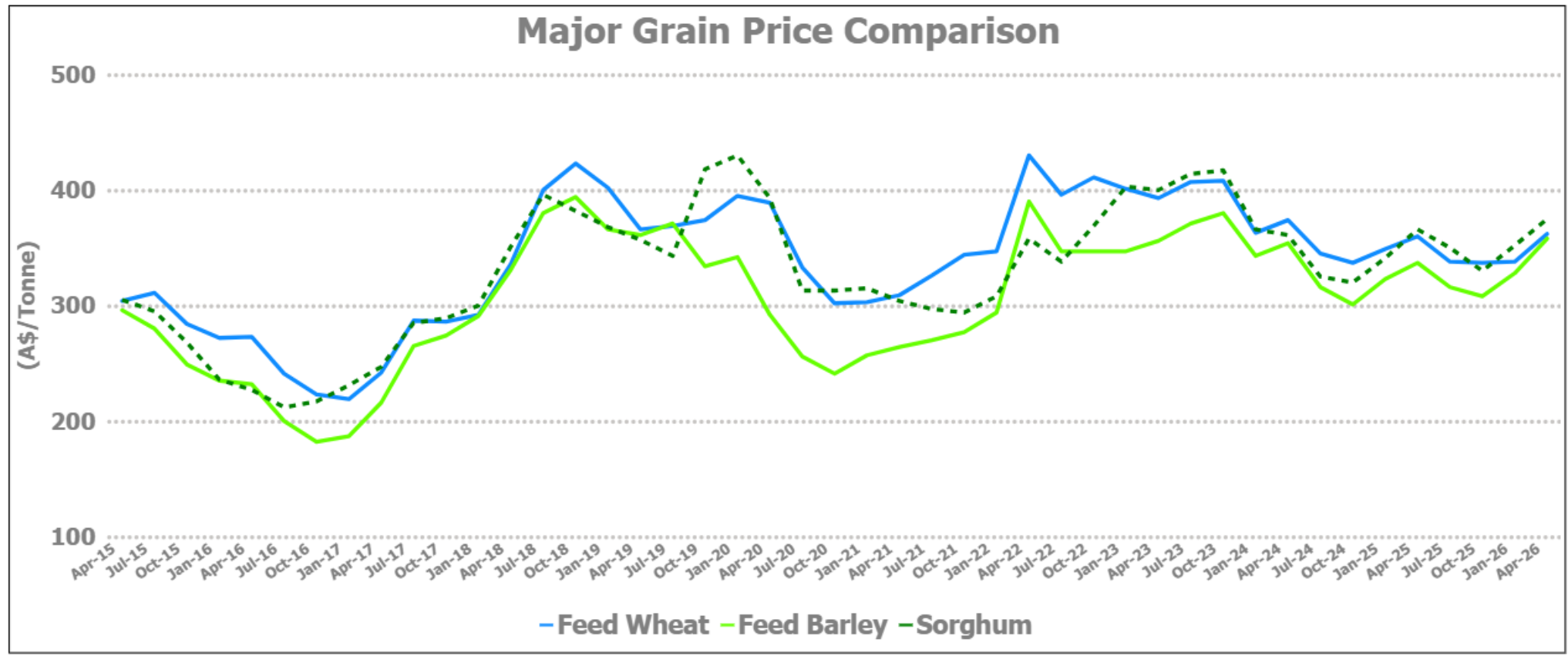
Delivered	Southern NSW			Port Kembla			Goulburn Valley			Central VIC		
.	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH
Feed Wheat	330	325	-5	333	334	1	335	345	10	345	355	10
Feed Barley	315	320	5	330	332	2	325	325	0	323	323	0
Soy meal	790	778	-12	785	773	-12	785	773	-12	775	763	-12
Canola meal	458	460	2	483	485	2	468	470	2	483	485	2
Triticale	300	295	-5	320	315	-5	320	315	-5	320	315	-5

Delivered	Geelong			Adelaide			Freemantle		
.	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH	LW	TW	CH
Feed Wheat	365	375	10	335	350	15	330	323	-7
Feed Barley	340	345	5	310	310	0	340	348	8
Soy meal	755	743	-12	775	763	-12	0	0	0
Canola meal	468	470	2	513	515	2	478	480	2
Feed Oats	390	385	-5	329	324	-5	265	280	15

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



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

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