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## Buyers Data

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### 45kg - 60kg

| | PRIME PRICE (Maximum) | | | | | AVERAGE PRICE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH |
| NSW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIC | 370 | 382 | 0 | 382 | 0 | 370 | 377 | 0 | 374 | 1 |
| QLD | 377 | 435 | 0 | 435 | -20 | 377 | 390 | 0 | 387 | -3 |
| SA | 377 | 371 | 0 | 377 | -5 | 370 | 371 | 0 | 371 | 1 |
| WA | 0 | 448 | 0 | 447 | 0 | 426 | 448 | 0 | 447 | 0 |
| ESB | 377 | 435 | 0 | 435 | -20 | 377 | 384 | 0 | 378 | -1 |
| NAT | 377 | 448 | 0 | 447 | -8 | 381 | 391 | 0 | 389 | 0 |

### 60.1kg - 75kg

| | PRIME PRICE (Maximum) | | | | | AVERAGE PRICE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH |
| NSW | 365 | 375 | 0 | 375 | 0 | 354 | 364 | 0 | 357 | 0 |
| VIC | 377 | 410 | 0 | 410 | 0 | 365 | 384 | 359 | 373 | 0 |
| QLD | 377 | 382 | 0 | 382 | 0 | 371 | 375 | 354 | 372 | 1 |
| SA | 377 | 410 | 0 | 410 | 0 | 365 | 384 | 354 | 373 | 0 |
| WA | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 418 | 420 | 0 | 419 | 0 |
| ESB | 377 | 410 | 0 | 410 | 0 | 360 | 372 | 359 | 368 | 0 |
| NAT | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 370 | 381 | 359 | 374 | 0 |

### 75.1kg - 85kg

| | PRIME PRICE (Maximum) | | | | | AVERAGE PRICE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH |
| NSW | 365 | 0 | 0 | 365 | 0 | 354 | 364 | 0 | 356 | 0 |
| VIC | 384 | 410 | 370 | 410 | 0 | 376 | 383 | 359 | 379 | 0 |
| QLD | 390 | 390 | 365 | 390 | 0 | 377 | 379 | 354 | 378 | 1 |
| SA | 377 | 410 | 365 | 410 | 0 | 372 | 384 | 354 | 377 | 0 |
| WA | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 402 | 405 | 0 | 403 | -1 |
| ESB | 390 | 410 | 370 | 410 | 0 | 365 | 373 | 359 | 372 | 1 |
| NAT | 426 | 426 | 370 | 426 | 0 | 373 | 380 | 359 | 375 | 0 |

### 85.1kg and above

| | PRIME PRICE (Maximum) | | | | | AVERAGE PRICE | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| State | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH | Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH |
| NSW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 344 | 354 | 0 | 347 | 0 |
| VIC | 377 | 382 | 0 | 382 | 0 | 363 | 373 | 349 | 366 | 2 |
| QLD | 377 | 382 | 355 | 382 | 0 | 375 | 380 | 344 | 378 | 1 |
| SA | 377 | 382 | 0 | 382 | 0 | 376 | 381 | 344 | 378 | 0 |
| WA | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 390 | 395 | 0 | 392 | 0 |
| ESB | 377 | 382 | 355 | 382 | 0 | 361 | 368 | 349 | 367 | 0 |
| NAT | 426 | 426 | 355 | 426 | 0 | 367 | 374 | 349 | 370 | 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 | 522 | 494 | 522 | 0 | 490 | 507 | 462 | 486 | -1 |
| | VIC | 0 | 522 | 494 | 522 | 0 | 0 | 509 | 462 | 486 | 0 |
| | QLD | 0 | 605 | 0 | 605 | 0 | 0 | 605 | 0 | 605 | 0 |
| | SA | 0 | 370 | 0 | 370 | 0 | 365 | 365 | 0 | 365 | 0 |
| | WA | 0 | 448 | 0 | 447 | 0 | 426 | 448 | 0 | 447 | 0 |
| | ESB | 0 | 605 | 494 | 605 | 0 | 430 | 493 | 462 | 488 | 0 |
| | NAT | 0 | 605 | 494 | 605 | 0 | 430 | 492 | 462 | 483 | -1 |
| 60.1kg - 75kg | NSW | 460 | 522 | 496 | 522 | 0 | 460 | 493 | 488 | 488 | -2 |
| | VIC | 0 | 522 | 496 | 522 | 0 | 0 | 501 | 488 | 495 | 0 |
| | QLD | 390 | 521 | 0 | 521 | 0 | 380 | 391 | 0 | 389 | 0 |
| | SA | 370 | 450 | 440 | 450 | 0 | 365 | 381 | 440 | 375 | 0 |
| | WA | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 418 | 420 | 0 | 419 | 0 |
| | ESB | 460 | 522 | 496 | 522 | 0 | 402 | 432 | 475 | 431 | 0 |
| | NAT | 460 | 522 | 496 | 522 | 0 | 401 | 434 | 475 | 429 | -1 |
| 75.1kg - 85kg | NSW | 447 | 522 | 499 | 522 | 0 | 424 | 469 | 476 | 464 | -5 |
| | VIC | 410 | 522 | 499 | 522 | 0 | 410 | 445 | 435 | 433 | -6 |
| | QLD | 432 | 460 | 0 | 460 | 0 | 428 | 445 | 0 | 433 | 0 |
| | SA | 485 | 485 | 440 | 485 | 0 | 391 | 407 | 440 | 404 | 0 |
| | WA | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 402 | 405 | 0 | 403 | -1 |
| | ESB | 485 | 522 | 499 | 522 | 0 | 410 | 437 | 458 | 434 | -2 |
| | NAT | 485 | 522 | 499 | 522 | 0 | 413 | 437 | 458 | 430 | -3 |
| 85.1kg and above | NSW | 380 | 511 | 492 | 511 | 0 | 367 | 378 | 447 | 376 | 1 |
| | VIC | 475 | 511 | 492 | 511 | 0 | 465 | 442 | 406 | 434 | 0 |
| | QLD | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 0 | 0 | 400 | 0 |
| | SA | 440 | 450 | 440 | 450 | 0 | 438 | 448 | 440 | 444 | 0 |
| | WA | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 390 | 395 | 0 | 392 | 0 |
| | ESB | 475 | 511 | 492 | 511 | 0 | 408 | 423 | 439 | 411 | 1 |
| | NAT | 475 | 511 | 492 | 511 | 0 | 409 | 415 | 439 | 408 | 0 |

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**Backfatter Sows (Buyers)**

| State | Total (PRIME PRICE, Maximum) | CH | Total (AVERAGE PRICE, Average) | CH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NSW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIC | 0 | 0 | 170 | 0 |
| QLD | 0 | 0 | 283 | -2 |
| SA | 0 | 0 | 170 | 0 |
| WA | 0 | 0 | 250 | 7 |
| ESB | 0 | 0 | 215 | -1 |
| NAT | 0 | 0 | 221 | 1 |

**Backfatter Sows (Sellers)**

| State | Total (PRIME PRICE, Maximum) | CH | Total (AVERAGE PRICE, Average) | CH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| NSW | 0 | 0 | 220 | 0 |
| VIC | 0 | 0 | 221 | 0 |
| QLD | 0 | 0 | 310 | 0 |
| SA | 0 | 0 | 280 | 0 |
| WA | 0 | 0 | 250 | 7 |
| ESB | 0 | 0 | 262 | 0 |
| NAT | 0 | 0 | 261 | 1 |

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

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

**(Buyers)**

| SALEYARD PRICES | Baconer Price LW | Baconer Price TW | Baconer Price CH | Porker Price LW | Porker Price TW | Porker Price CH | No. Sold NLW | No. Sold NTW |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Forbes(NSW) | N/A | 287 | 287 | N/A | 570 | 570 | N/A | 60 |

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

**21/08/2026 CARCASS — BROKEN SALES**

| . | Pork | Bacon | Legs | Legs Ham Trim | Saddles | Loin | Forequarters | Bellies |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TW | 668 | 597 | 490 | 627 | 1143 | 839 | 513 | 1191 |
| LW | 670 | 600 | 490 | 627 | 1145 | 839 | 513 | 1191 |
| MAT | 722 | 673 | 553 | 663 | 1254 | 947 | 546 | 1535 |

**21/08/2026 CARTON SALES**

| . | US Ribs | Boneless legs | Fillet | Boneless Middles -1 | Boneless Middles -2 | Boneless Shoulders | Pork Neck | Trim - 90CL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TW | 1094 | 701 | 944 | 1131 | 1135 | 686 | 890 | 679 |
| LW | 1094 | 701 | 944 | 1131 | 1135 | 686 | 890 | 679 |
| MAT | 1296 | 806 | 1024 | 1271 | 1203 | 785 | 1032 | 747 |

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## Weekly Grain Comments

(Source: Bendigo Bank Agribusiness Pro)

**To the point:**

- **Forecast warmer temperatures in South Australia and Victoria next week are expected to accelerate crop growth and development, further boosting confidence in production potential and supporting an already positive seasonal outlook. Dry conditions remain a concern in Southern WA and Queensland where following up spring rainfall is needed.**
- **Global wheat markets continue to closely monitor the potential impact of prolonged disruptions to Black Sea wheat supplies. With exports from the region still severely limited, wheat prices have lifted in response, while spillover strength from rising corn markets, also provided support.**

**Key Market Indicators**

| 26/08/26 | CBOT Wheat Sep 26 | | AUD/USD | ICE Canola Nov 26 | | AUD/CAD | Matif Canola Nov 26 | | AUD/EUR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| This week | 351 | 686 | 71.68 | 796 | 790 | 99.15 | 868 | 533 | 61.38 |
| | $A/t | Usc/bu | US c | $A/t | $C/t | CA c | $A/t | €/t | Euro c |
| Last Week | 345 | 665 | 70.83 | 819 | 806 | 98.46 | 892 | 546 | 61.20 |
| Change | + 7 | + 21 | + 1 | - 22 | - 16 | + 1 | - 24 | - 13 | + 0 |

## International and National news

The latest USDA Crop Progress report revealed a profound divergence where a rapid spring wheat harvest and the accelerated development of corn and soybeans contrast sharply with a steady decline in overall quality. Driven by soil moisture profile deterioration, with 49 per cent of topsoil and 51 per cent of subsoil moisture rated short to very short, these key commodities are subsequently being forced into early maturity.

Global wheat markets continue to closely monitor the potential impact of prolonged disruptions to Black Sea wheat supplies. With exports from the region still severely limited, wheat markets have lifted in response, while spillover strength from rising corn markets also provided support. Late last week, Chicago wheat contracts jumped by as much as 3%, while European Matif contracts lifted 1.9% though further upside was limited by the rapid pace of the US spring wheat harvest,

Further rainfall across cropping regions in South Australia and much of the east coast this week has further strengthened the winter crop production outlook, with moisture unlikely to be a limiting factor for the remainder of winter through South Australia and Vicotria. Cloud cover has also reduced frost risk, making temperature the key variable to watch in the coming weeks. While areas affected by excess moisture are increasing, they remain relatively isolated and are not having a significant impact on overall production prospects. Forecast warmer temperatures next week are expected to accelerate crop growth and development, further boosting confidence in production potential and supporting an already positive seasonal outlook. Dry conditions remain a concern in Southern WA and Queensland. where following up spring rainfall is needed.

## Wheat

*QLD/Nth NSW*

With much of the past week spent on "weather watch," growers and buyers alike have largely stayed out of the market, choosing to wait and see whether the forecast rainfall eventuates. Southern growing regions have seen more rainfall, which has helped shore up supply into the Downs. Old crop prices have softened over the week, with coverage now all but finalised through to January, according to most buyers and lot feeders. New crop mostly trading sideways. Growers are also weighing up whether to bale this years crop for hay which may take more grain out of the market given the condition of the fodder market at this time.

*Sth NSW/VIC/SA*

Wheat prices have firmed slightly again this week, particularly in old crop markets where domestic buyers and exporters continue to compete for nearby September–October coverage. Strong export demand and ongoing disruptions to Black Sea grain flows have helped support sentiment, while weaker basis levels relative to offshore futures have improved the competitiveness of Australian wheat. Countering this support are expectations of a large Australian crop, which continue to limit upside in new crop.

## Barley

*Sth QLD/Nth NSW*

Barley has spent another week with little activity, as growers look to sell wheat for cash flow given the current spread. Talk among Downs buyers suggests barley can be landed into Downs feedlots below $400/mt, which may see interest in other white grains soften as buyers look for supply of cheaper feed, particularly as the season begins to shift back to a summer ration in the coming months. Southern growers are seeing on-farm values higher than Riverina delivered values, which may encourage selling into the northern feeding arc.

*Sth NSW/VIC*

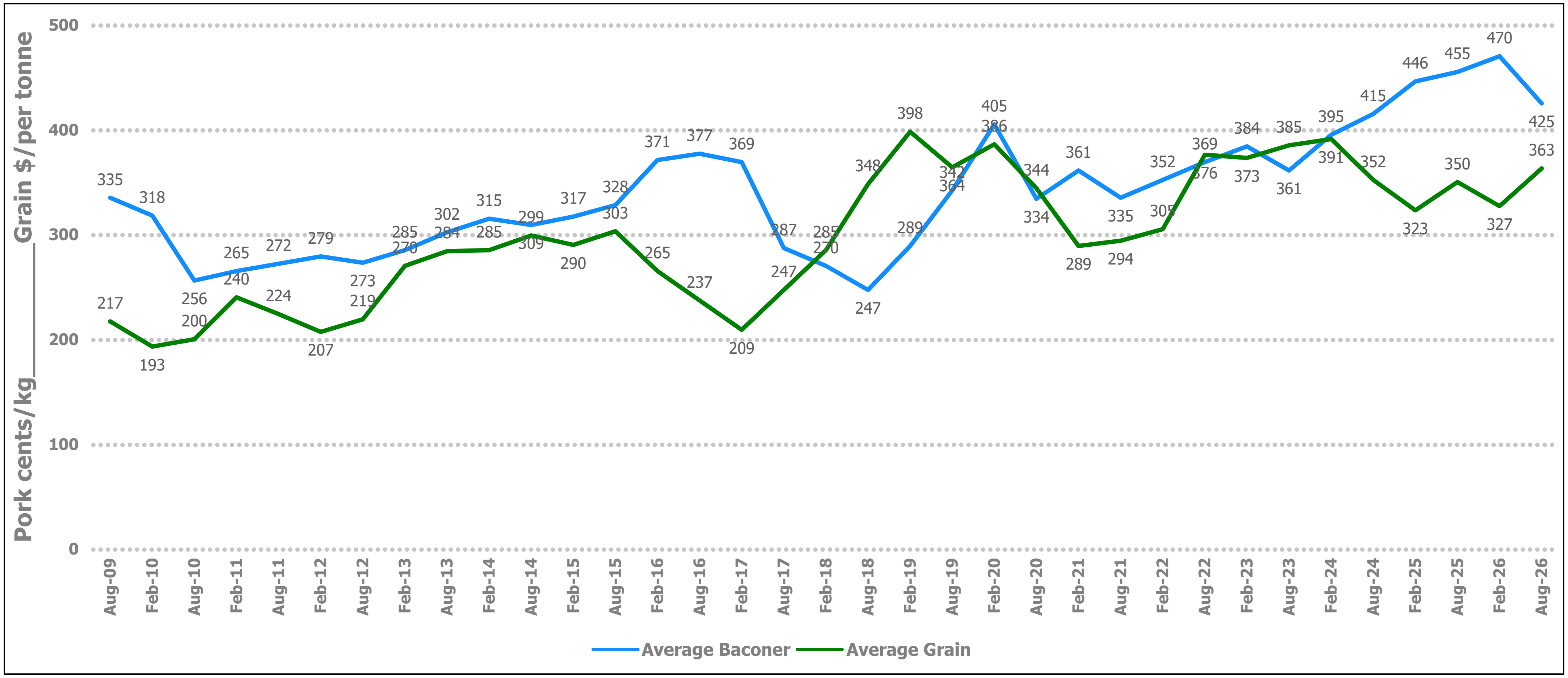
Barley markets continue to struggle in the short term, with available supply outweighing demand as the market works through sizeable old crop stocks and expectations of another large harvest. While wider spreads to wheat should encourage greater use in feed rations, domestic demand alone is unlikely to absorb surplus supply, weighing on pricing.

## Sorghum

*QLD*

Sorghum has held firm despite the broader grain complex mostly softening over the week. The number of bids has declined, but those that remain are still firm, with strong demand for old crop and a tight spread to new crop. However, little engagement on new crop has been seen, with rainfall still needed before growers gain the confidence to market ahead of harvest.

## 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 | 408 | 405 | -3 | 430 | 418 | -12 | 370 | 375 | 5 | 385 | 388 | 3 |
| Feed Barley | 400 | 392 | -8 | 397 | 396 | -1 | 370 | 350 | -20 | 370 | 345 | -25 |
| Sorghum | 376 | 375 | -1 | 394 | 387 | -7 | 375 | 375 | 0 | 380 | 380 | 0 |
| Soy meal | 707 | 721 | 14 | 707 | 721 | 14 | 727 | 741 | 14 | 707 | 721 | 14 |
| Canola meal | 570 | 560 | -10 | 575 | 565 | -10 | 510 | 500 | -10 | 500 | 490 | -10 |
| Cotton seed | 640 | 630 | -10 | 640 | 630 | -10 | 610 | 600 | -10 | 600 | 590 | -10 |

| Delivered | Southern NSW | | | Port Kembla | | | Goulburn Valley | | | Central VIC | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| . | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH |
| Feed Wheat | 345 | 353 | 8 | 365 | 365 | 0 | 337 | 337 | 0 | 345 | 350 | 5 |
| Feed Barley | 325 | 320 | -5 | 350 | 345 | -5 | 325 | 325 | 0 | 310 | 290 | -20 |
| Soy meal | 742 | 756 | 14 | 737 | 751 | 14 | 737 | 751 | 14 | 727 | 741 | 14 |
| Canola meal | 500 | 490 | -10 | 525 | 515 | -10 | 510 | 500 | -10 | 525 | 515 | -10 |
| Triticale | 300 | 300 | 0 | 310 | 310 | 0 | 310 | 310 | 0 | 310 | 310 | 0 |

| Delivered | Geelong | | | Adelaide | | | Freemantle | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| . | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH |
| Feed Wheat | 365 | 375 | 10 | 332 | 335 | 3 | 360 | 365 | 5 |
| Feed Barley | 315 | 315 | 0 | 300 | 300 | 0 | 335 | 330 | -5 |
| Soy meal | 707 | 721 | 14 | 727 | 741 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Canola meal | 510 | 500 | -10 | 555 | 545 | -10 | 520 | 510 | -10 |
| Feed Oats | 335 | 315 | -20 | 267 | 263 | -4 | 260 | 270 | 10 |

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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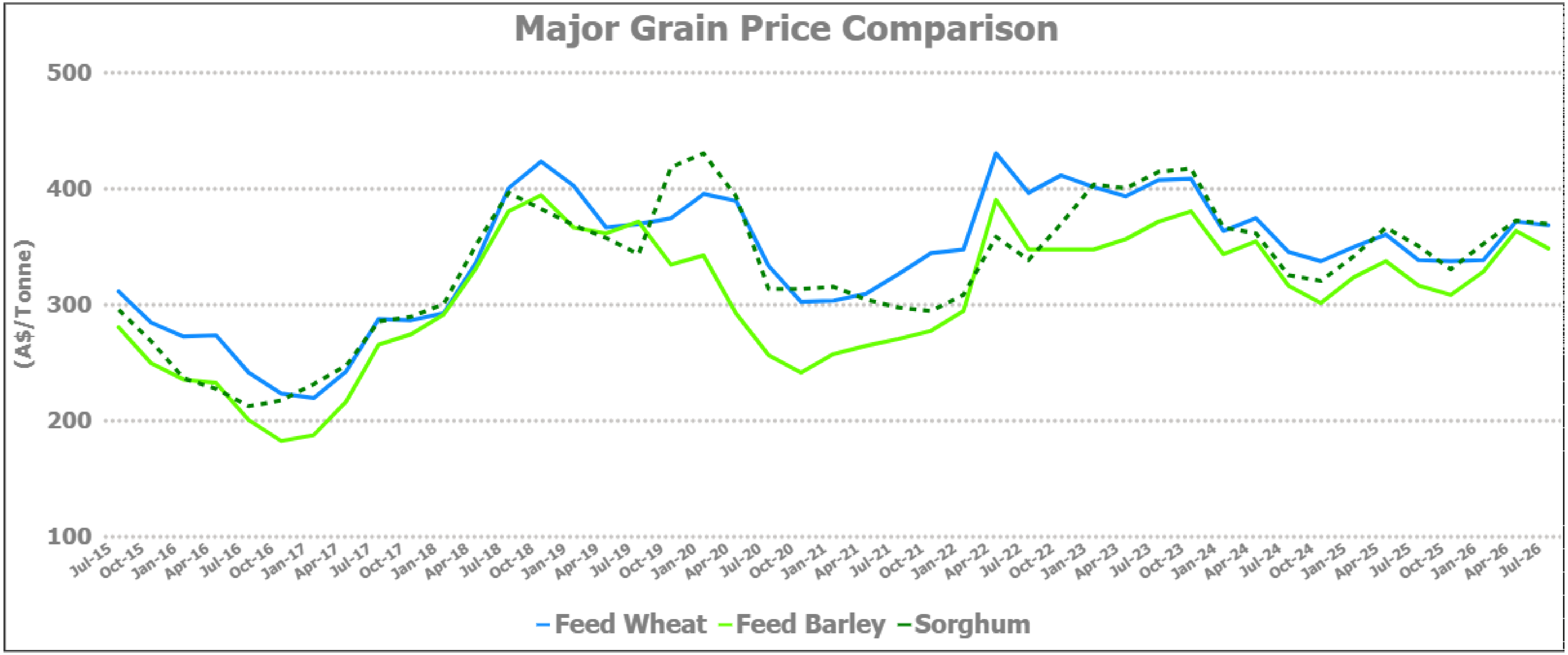


Sorghum National average price is based on QLD and Nth NSW prices only

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