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**Australian pork industry**
## Buyers Data

**28 August 2026**

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**Pig Prices c/kg HSCW, Trim 1 - Head on (average indicative prices). W/E 28/08/2026**

| Weight | State | PRIME PRICE (Maximum) Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH | AVERAGE PRICE Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45kg - 60kg | NSW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | VIC | 370 | 379 | 0 | 379 | -3 | 367 | 376 | 0 | 374 | 0 |
| | QLD | 374 | 435 | 0 | 435 | 0 | 374 | 387 | 0 | 385 | -2 |
| | SA | 374 | 379 | 0 | 379 | 2 | 369 | 371 | 0 | 370 | -1 |
| | WA | 0 | 448 | 0 | 448 | 1 | 0 | 448 | 0 | 448 | 1 |
| | ESB | 374 | 435 | 0 | 435 | 0 | 374 | 382 | 0 | 377 | -1 |
| | NAT | 374 | 448 | 0 | 448 | 1 | 374 | 390 | 0 | 388 | -1 |
| 60.1kg - 75kg | NSW | 365 | 375 | 0 | 375 | 0 | 354 | 364 | 0 | 357 | 0 |
| | VIC | 374 | 410 | 0 | 410 | 0 | 364 | 383 | 359 | 372 | -1 |
| | QLD | 374 | 379 | 0 | 379 | -3 | 368 | 372 | 354 | 370 | -2 |
| | SA | 374 | 410 | 0 | 410 | 0 | 365 | 383 | 354 | 373 | 0 |
| | WA | 426 | 0 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 418 | 422 | 0 | 418 | -1 |
| | ESB | 374 | 410 | 0 | 410 | 0 | 359 | 371 | 359 | 367 | -1 |
| | NAT | 426 | 410 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 369 | 380 | 359 | 373 | -1 |
| 75.1kg - 85kg | NSW | 365 | 0 | 0 | 365 | 0 | 354 | 364 | 0 | 356 | 0 |
| | VIC | 380 | 410 | 370 | 410 | 0 | 373 | 381 | 359 | 376 | -3 |
| | QLD | 390 | 390 | 365 | 390 | 0 | 375 | 378 | 354 | 376 | -2 |
| | SA | 374 | 410 | 365 | 410 | 0 | 370 | 381 | 354 | 375 | -2 |
| | WA | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 407 | 414 | 0 | 409 | 6 |
| | ESB | 390 | 410 | 370 | 410 | 0 | 364 | 372 | 359 | 370 | -2 |
| | NAT | 426 | 426 | 370 | 426 | 0 | 372 | 380 | 359 | 375 | 0 |
| 85.1kg and above | NSW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 344 | 354 | 0 | 347 | 0 |
| | VIC | 374 | 379 | 0 | 379 | -3 | 361 | 369 | 349 | 363 | -3 |
| | QLD | 375 | 379 | 355 | 379 | -3 | 373 | 377 | 344 | 374 | -4 |
| | SA | 374 | 379 | 0 | 379 | -3 | 372 | 378 | 344 | 375 | -3 |
| | WA | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 389 | 395 | 0 | 393 | 1 |
| | ESB | 375 | 379 | 355 | 379 | -3 | 359 | 366 | 349 | 365 | -2 |
| | NAT | 426 | 426 | 355 | 426 | 0 | 366 | 372 | 349 | 368 | -2 |

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| Weight | State | Prime Price (Maximum) Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH | Average Price Male | Female | Barrows | Total | CH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 45kg - 60kg | NSW | 0 | 522 | 494 | 522 | 0 | 470 | 504 | 462 | 483 | -3 |
| | 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 | 448 | 1 | 0 | 448 | 0 | 448 | 1 |
| | ESB | 0 | 605 | 494 | 605 | 0 | 420 | 492 | 462 | 487 | -1 |
| | NAT | 0 | 605 | 494 | 605 | 0 | 420 | 491 | 462 | 483 | 0 |
| 60.1kg - 75kg | NSW | 450 | 522 | 496 | 522 | 0 | 450 | 491 | 488 | 486 | -2 |
| | VIC | 0 | 522 | 496 | 522 | 0 | 0 | 501 | 488 | 495 | 0 |
| | QLD | 390 | 521 | 0 | 521 | 0 | 380 | 389 | 0 | 388 | -1 |
| | SA | 370 | 450 | 440 | 450 | 0 | 356 | 372 | 440 | 366 | -9 |
| | WA | 426 | 0 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 418 | 422 | 0 | 418 | -1 |
| | ESB | 450 | 522 | 496 | 522 | 0 | 396 | 428 | 475 | 428 | -3 |
| | NAT | 450 | 522 | 496 | 522 | 0 | 395 | 431 | 475 | 426 | -3 |
| 75.1kg - 85kg | NSW | 433 | 522 | 499 | 522 | 0 | 415 | 469 | 476 | 462 | -2 |
| | VIC | 400 | 522 | 499 | 522 | 0 | 400 | 439 | 431 | 426 | -7 |
| | QLD | 432 | 460 | 0 | 460 | 0 | 428 | 445 | 0 | 433 | 0 |
| | SA | 485 | 485 | 440 | 485 | 0 | 384 | 401 | 440 | 399 | -5 |
| | WA | 426 | 426 | 0 | 426 | 0 | 407 | 414 | 0 | 409 | 6 |
| | ESB | 485 | 522 | 499 | 522 | 0 | 404 | 435 | 457 | 431 | -3 |
| | NAT | 485 | 522 | 499 | 522 | 0 | 408 | 436 | 457 | 428 | -2 |
| 85.1kg and above | NSW | 370 | 511 | 492 | 511 | 0 | 366 | 375 | 447 | 373 | -3 |
| | VIC | 475 | 511 | 492 | 511 | 0 | 465 | 441 | 399 | 431 | -3 |
| | 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 | 389 | 395 | 0 | 393 | 1 |
| | ESB | 475 | 511 | 492 | 511 | 0 | 407 | 422 | 437 | 409 | -2 |
| | NAT | 475 | 511 | 492 | 511 | 0 | 409 | 414 | 437 | 407 | -1 |

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| | Backfatter Sows (Buyers) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | PRIME PRICE Maximum | | AVERAGE PRICE Average | |
| State | Total | CH | Total | CH |
| NSW | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VIC | 0 | 0 | 170 | 0 |
| QLD | 0 | 0 | 283 | 0 |
| SA | 0 | 0 | 170 | 0 |
| WA | 0 | 0 | 242 | -8 |
| ESB | 0 | 0 | 215 | 0 |
| NAT | 0 | 0 | 219 | -2 |

| | Backfatter Sows (Sellers) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | PRIME PRICE Maximum | | AVERAGE PRICE Average | |
| State | Total | CH | Total | CH |
| NSW | 0 | 0 | 220 | 0 |
| VIC | 0 | 0 | 222 | 1 |
| QLD | 0 | 0 | 310 | 0 |
| SA | 0 | 0 | 280 | 0 |
| WA | 0 | 0 | 242 | -8 |
| ESB | 0 | 0 | 262 | 0 |
| NAT | 0 | 0 | 260 | -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) | Baconer Price | | | Porker Price | | | No. Sold | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| SALEYARD PRICES | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | NLW | NTW |
| Forbes(NSW) | 287 | N/A | -287 | 570 | N/A | -570 | 60 | N/A |

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

| 28/08/2026 | CARCASS | | BROKEN SALES | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| . | Pork | Bacon | Legs | Legs Ham Trim | Saddles | Loin | Forequarters | Bellies |
| TW | 668 | 597 | 490 | 627 | 1143 | 839 | 513 | 1191 |
| LW | 668 | 597 | 490 | 627 | 1143 | 839 | 513 | 1191 |
| MAT | 721 | 672 | 552 | 663 | 1252 | 945 | 546 | 1527 |

| 28/08/2026 | 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 | 1293 | 804 | 1022 | 1269 | 1203 | 783 | 1029 | 746 |

**Weekly Grain Comments**

(Source: Bendigo Bank Agribusiness Pro)

**To the point:**

- **Global wheat markets rallied sharply this week, with major international futures benchmarks, including CBOT and MATIF, surging over 10% to reach multi year highs. The rally continues to be underpinned by escalating supply risks across the Black Sea.**
- **August delivered a decisive reversal of July's dry pattern. New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia recorded rainfall within the top two deciles (wettest 20% of Augusts on record since 1911). No cropping state fell below its monthly median, generating critical subsoil buffers across south-eastern zones ahead of spring.**

**Key Market Indicators**

| 02/09/26 | CBOT Wheat Dec 26 | | AUD/USD | ICE Canola Nov 26 | | AUD/CAD | Matif Canola Nov 26 | | AUD/EUR |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| This week | 403 | 783 | 71.43 | 848 | 842 | 99.27 | 903 | 557 | 61.63 |
| | $A/t | Usc/bu | US c | $A/t | $C/t | CA c | $A/t | €/t | Euro c |
| Last Week | 361 | 703 | 71.68 | 796 | 790 | 99.15 | 868 | 533 | 61.38 |
| Change | + 42 | + 79 | - 0 | + 52 | + 52 | + 0 | + 35 | + 24 | + 0 |

**International and National news**

Global wheat markets rallied sharply this week, with major international futures benchmarks, including CBOT and MATIF, surging over 10% to reach multi year highs. The rally continues to be underpinned by escalating supply risks across the Black Sea, highlighted by Russia's dismissal of Turkish proposals to reinstate a safe grain export corridor. Ongoing missile strikes against Ukrainian port facilities have effectively severed deep-water shipping routes that previously handled 90% of Ukraine's agricultural exports.

August delivered a decisive reversal of July's dry pattern. New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia recorded rainfall within the top two deciles (wettest 20% of Augusts on record since 1911). No cropping state fell below its monthly median, generating critical subsoil buffers across south-eastern zones ahead of spring. BOM's three-month forecast inverts current patterns. Wetter conditions are favoured across most of WA, western SA, and Queensland, while drier probabilities centre on the south-east (where subsoil buffers are highest).

The 2026/27 wheat crop is tracking towards 29.9 Mt, close to the ten-year average and 18% below last year. ASW takes the largest slice of the national profile at 32% (its biggest share since 2022/23), while APH falls to 1.1 Mt (down from 1.9 Mt). Protein has migrated north and west. With a moderate El Niño established, historical analogues indicate 90% of VIC/SA springs and 70% of WA/NSW springs finish below median. A dry spring would trim southern tonnage and raise protein, meaning the ASW proportion remains the key figure to watch into harvest.

US Corn futures have also hit three year highs amidst concerns over dry, hot weather forecast for the US Corn Belt. The conditions of the US corn crop was rated 57% good-to-excellent by the USDA which was unchanged from last week and down from 69% a year earlier.

## Wheat

*QLD/Nth NSW*

Some areas are now expecting increased yield, with rainfall occurring where the crop has already headed out. Opportunities for grower sales on prompt parcels remain few and far between, with coverage all but finalised; some suggest harvest selling opportunities will be realised at that time. QLD selling expectations currently sit above buyers' intentions, which are instead being met by growers out of southern NSW.

*Sth NSW/VIC/SA*

Wheat prices continued to rise over the past week, supported by stronger US and European futures markets. Local cash values have improved but have not fully matched offshore gains, resulting in weaker basis levels week-on-week. This is not unexpected given the favourable outlook for the new crop. In contrast, old crop markets are showing signs of tightening, with on-farm stocks continuing to decline and bulk handler inventories becoming more difficult to access, as is typical at this time of year.

## Barley

*Sth QLD/Nth NSW*

Activity on barley remains steady this week, with growers and buyers alike sitting back to assess the upcoming crop. Given the size of the southern crop, particularly in Victoria, buyers note there may be little upside to the market, with supply not expected to be an issue. However, rising export demand and logistics costs to freight barley to the northern arc may see growers send barley out of southern ports instead.

*Sth NSW/VIC*

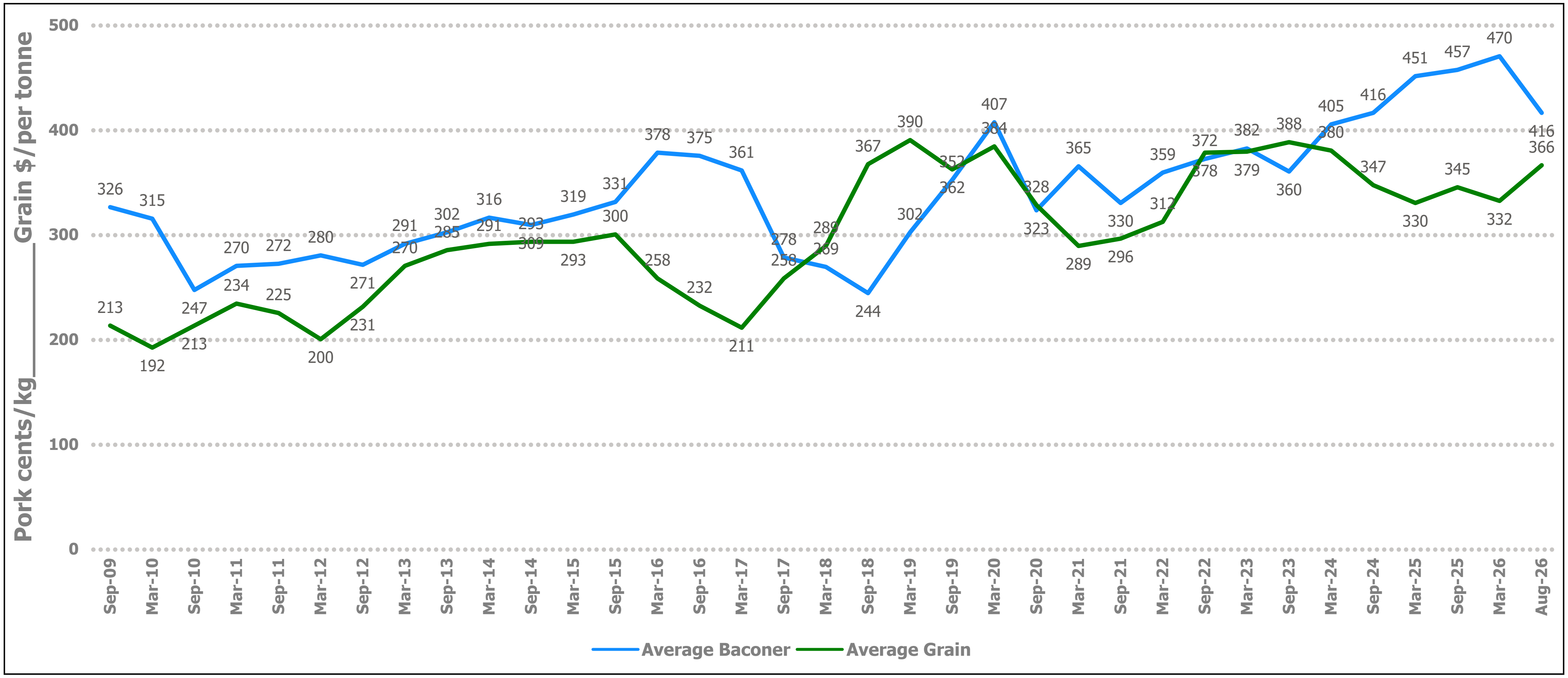
Barley prices have traded largely sideways over the past week. While selling interest remains relatively strong, demand has struggled to keep pace, limiting upward price momentum. The widening wheat-to-barley spread is encouraging greater barley inclusion in feed rations, which should help underpin demand. New crop activity remains present but has eased slightly, reflecting reduced buyer urgency. Rather than chasing coverage aggressively, buyers appear comfortable adopting a patient approach, signalling confidence that grower selling will increase as harvest approaches and supplies become more readily available.

## Sorghum

*QLD*

Similar to last week, interest in old crop is waning as we near new crop entering the marketplace, with many buyers no longer showing an old crop bid and turning their attention to new crop which is at parity to where old crop bids were. Rainfall seen recently is not expected to change summer program intentions.

## 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 | 405 | 412 | 7 | 418 | 435 | 17 | 375 | 380 | 5 | 388 | 388 | 0 |
| Feed Barley | 392 | 398 | 6 | 396 | 395 | -1 | 350 | 350 | 0 | 345 | 342 | -3 |
| Sorghum | 375 | 375 | 0 | 387 | 399 | 12 | 375 | 375 | 0 | 380 | 380 | 0 |
| Soy meal | 721 | 761 | 40 | 721 | 761 | 40 | 741 | 781 | 40 | 721 | 761 | 40 |
| Canola meal | 560 | 550 | -10 | 565 | 555 | -10 | 500 | 490 | -10 | 490 | 480 | -10 |
| Cotton seed | 630 | 620 | -10 | 630 | 620 | -10 | 600 | 590 | -10 | 590 | 580 | -10 |

| Delivered | Southern NSW | | | Port Kembla | | | Goulburn Valley | | | Central VIC | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| . | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH | LW | TW | CH |
| Feed Wheat | 353 | 360 | 7 | 365 | 375 | 10 | 337 | 368 | 31 | 350 | 335 | -15 |
| Feed Barley | 320 | 325 | 5 | 345 | 345 | 0 | 325 | 305 | -20 | 290 | 300 | 10 |
| Soy meal | 756 | 796 | 40 | 751 | 791 | 40 | 751 | 791 | 40 | 741 | 781 | 40 |
| Canola meal | 490 | 480 | -10 | 515 | 505 | -10 | 500 | 490 | -10 | 515 | 505 | -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 | 375 | 378 | 3 | 335 | 335 | 0 | 365 | 375 | 10 |
| Feed Barley | 315 | 315 | 0 | 300 | 300 | 0 | 330 | 330 | 0 |
| Soy meal | 721 | 761 | 40 | 741 | 781 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Canola meal | 500 | 490 | -10 | 545 | 535 | -10 | 510 | 500 | -10 |
| Feed Oats | 315 | 315 | 0 | 263 | 267 | 4 | 270 | 270 | 0 |

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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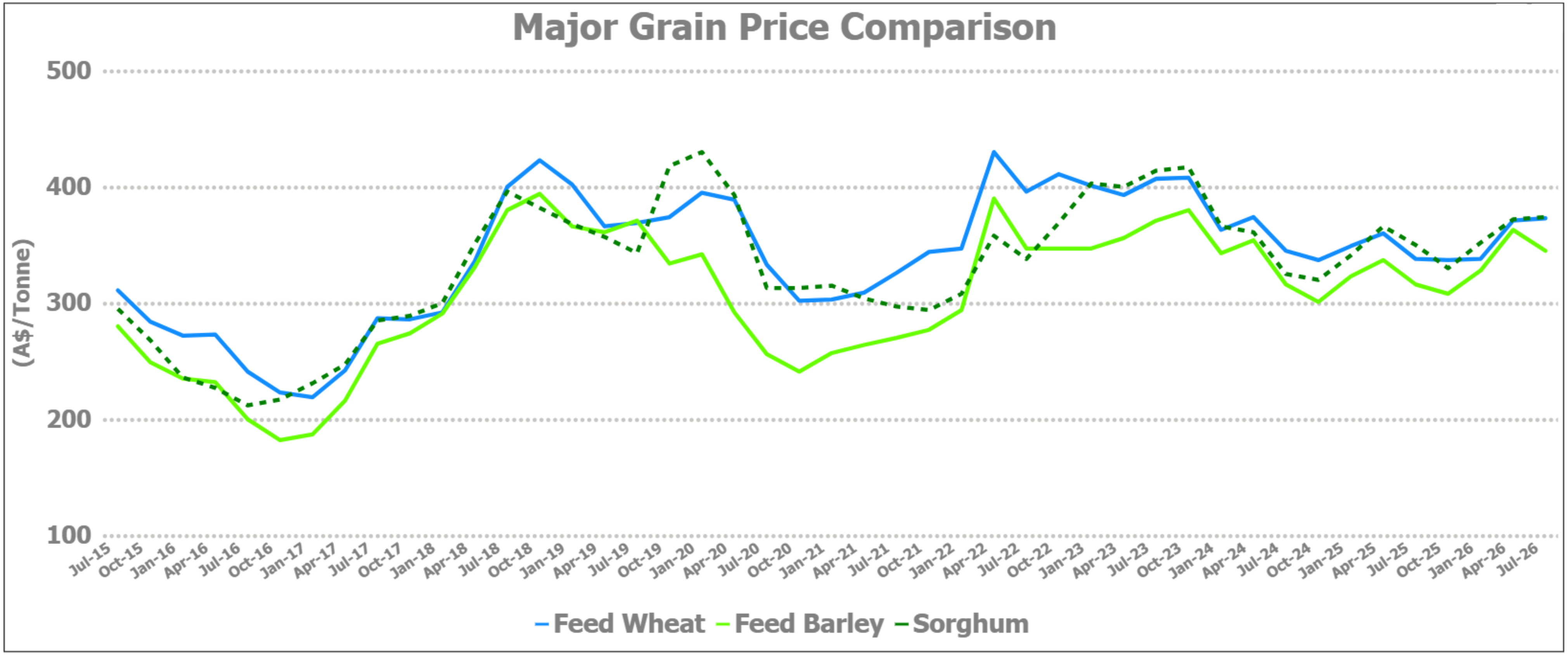


Sorghum National average price is based on QLD and Nth NSW prices only