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Market Insights: Latest SAPA Industry Overview

The latest SAPA statistics reflect a layer market that is gradually stabilising while continuing to recover from the challenges experienced throughout 2025. Egg production remains strong, with January 2026 reaching approximately 2.22 million cases, reflecting significant year-on-year growth and indicating renewed momentum within the egg industry, although a slight month-on-month decline highlights normal seasonal fluctuations. The national laying hen population has increased to around 29.8 million birds, demonstrating a clear recovery in flock numbers and improved confidence among producers as the industry rebuilds.



The layer market is stabilizing, but long-term profitability will be driven by efficiency, smart management, and reliable systems

In addition, forward-looking forecasts suggest that production levels will remain relatively stable over the coming months, supported by consistent rates of lay and steady flock performance. Feed consumption trends continue to reflect seasonal adjustments, while maintaining overall efficiency levels that are critical to sustaining margins. From a pricing perspective, producer prices have shown modest improvement, and although margins remain under pressure, the slight easing of feed costs is providing some relief on input expenses.

Overall, the market outlook points toward improved stability and gradual growth, but profitability remains closely tied to operational efficiency, effective cost management, and the implementation of reliable, well-integrated systems. As the industry continues to evolve, producers who focus on optimization and long-term sustainability will be best positioned to benefit from these improving conditions.

FLEXIBLE LIGHTING SOLUTIONS WITH FLEXLED

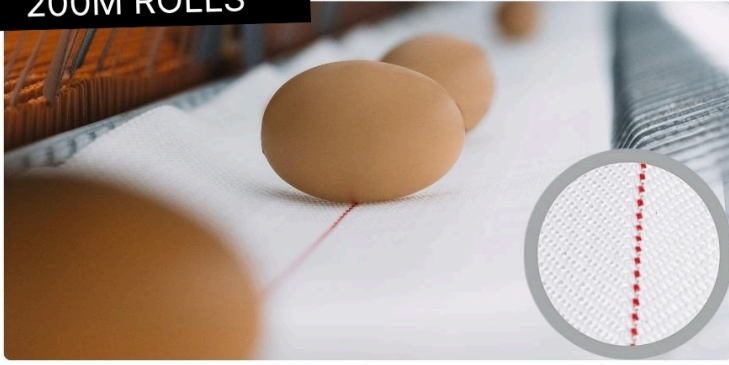
ENGINEERED FOR UNIFORM LIGHT DISTRIBUTION AND OPTIMAL BIRD PERFORMANCE.

- ✓ Flexible installation adapts to any poultry house design
- ✓ Uniform light distribution supports bird welfare and productivity
- ✓ Flicker-free lighting for natural behaviour patterns
- ✓ Energy-efficient LED technology lowers operating costs
- ✓ Durable, moisture-resistant construction for long-term use
- ✓ Low maintenance with extended lifespan
- ✓ Fully dimmable for precise light management



EGG BELT

200M ROLLS



92mm PP Egg Belt

- ✓ Durable PP construction for long-lasting use.
- ✓ Smooth, non-slip surface ensures eggs roll safely.
- ✓ Ideal for small and large-scale operations.
- ✓ Precision stitching for extra strength and reliability.

Order now and streamline your egg handling process!

Layer Project

Big Dutchman Southern Africa is currently working on a 30,000 bird face-brick layer house in Ermelo, a full turnkey project covering both construction and equipment installation. It's the kind of build we enjoy being part of: a solid, long-term facility designed for years of reliable production.

Face-brick was chosen to suit the specific needs of this project. It holds up well over time, offers good thermal stability, and requires very little maintenance once it's built. For a layer house, keeping internal conditions consistent through summer heat and winter cold makes a real difference to how the birds perform and how predictable your production stays across the year.

On the equipment side, the house is fitted with Big Dutchman's feeding, watering, egg collection, and environmental control systems, keeping daily management straightforward and giving the birds what they need without a lot of manual intervention. Layout and workflow have been thought through from the start, so the people running the house day to day aren't fighting the design to get their work done.

When it's complete, this Ermelo project will be a good example of what happens when you pair the right construction method with proven technology: a unit built to produce reliably for many years, not just to get through the first few seasons.



Contact us Now!

Want to learn more about this exciting project or explore how Big Dutchman can support your piggery vision ?

Contact our team at Big Dutchman South Africa, for more information:

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EGG PRODUCTION

Feed smarter, not harder: taking control of your layer house nutrition



Big Dutchman.

Ask any experienced egg producer and they'll tell you the same thing – feed is your single biggest operating cost, and also the one most likely to slip through the cracks. A trough running low or empty for a few hours, a silo level you didn't catch until it was too late. These aren't disasters on their own, but they add up, and they show up in your production figures at the end of the month.

Big Dutchman's feed management range for egg production is built around one straightforward idea: every bird in your house should get the right amount of feed, reliably, every day – without you having to babysit the process. Our system covers the full journey from delivery to feeding, starting with centralized feed storage designed to keep bio-security intact. Feed trucks don't need to enter the production area; isolated receiving silos handle delivery separately, minimizing the risk of introducing disease onto the farm.

Our silo weighing system sits quietly under your storage silos and tracks feed levels continuously – so you know exactly what you have on hand, and your feed orders become a decision rather than a guess.

Once feed is in storage, it moves through the house via Big Dutchman's auger and Flex-vey conveying systems – enclosed, dust-reduced, and gentle on pellets and crumbles alike. The result is consistent delivery to every feeding point, regardless of how your house is laid out or how many rows you're running.



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SiloCheck AIR

RADAR- BASED SENSOR THAT MONITORS SILO FEED LEVELS.

ADVANTAGES:

- ✓ Overview of all equipped silos with current fill level – anytime, anywhere – plus short-term forecast
- ✓ Data delivered to your smartphone or PC via secure cloud
- ✓ Wireless, easy roof-top installation; battery life up to 10 years & Compatible with all standard silo types
- ✓ No lens soiling possible; lightning protection approved
- ✓ Alerts at defined minimum levels – never miss a feed order
- ✓ Optional direct interface to the feed mill to optimize deliveries and reduce fleet and management costs



CompoTower

Many years proven and over 100 units in the market, CompoTower is an innovative composting system that consists of a vertical enclosed stainless steel tank and requires very little space.

During the composting process, micro organisms degrade the organic material such as Layer manure in an aerobic environment. The input material can have a moisture content of 20-45%, while a 45% would lead to a higher throughput per day. To reach the maximum of capacity, a mix between wet layer manure and Broiler litter could be considered. The final product is a valuable organic fertiliser with high organic matter that has good plant availability and can be used for general soil improvement in horticulture and agriculture. The fertiliser can also be pelletised enabling storage and packaging for sale to other farmers.



CompoTower Advantages

- Continuous composting process.
- Short residence time in the tank.
- Compact design with a high input capacity; homogenised and conveyed to the discharging auger.
- Very stable and robust construction.
- Due to temperatures up to 70°C, final products are safe to use and pathogen free.
- Outdoor use with low space requirements, 5 x 6 m bottom plate.
- Easy adjustment to fit into your farm layout.
- Insulated tank with stainless steel inner walls.
- Including Stainless steel loading bucket for an easy input process.
- Optional connection of an air scrubber aiding with odour control.
- Compared to a windrow-System, the Footprint, the management and the long term cost are much less, plus the decomposition is six times as much.
- Output material: 20% Moisture, 70% organic matter, NPK Ratio of ~3/3/3.



Product Spotlight



VC 130

High performance, low costs



RainMaker Plastic Pad

The ideal cooling system



ON SPECIAL

Manure Belt

Ingenious manure removal

EGG PRODUCTION

Big Dutchman Maintenance Agreement



Big Dutchman

Designed to keep your critical equipment running smoothly, these packages offer regular maintenance at recommended intervals, reducing the risk of malfunctions.

Key benefits include:

- Regular Service & Multi-Point Checks – ensure smooth, continuous operations
- Priority Assistance & Quick Repairs – prolong equipment lifespan
- Software Updates & Optimisation – maintain peak performance
- On-Site Guidance – expert support during visits

Maintenance begins immediately after commissioning, giving you peace of mind and maximum efficiency.



Find Out More

Contact Benita de Beer today to learn more about Big Dutchman South Africa's Maintenance Agreements!

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