Soyabean Cake and Soyabean Equivalent Imports 2014 – 2019
Soyabean imports to September 2019 amounted to USD 5.9million compared with USD 5.2million for the same period in 2018. Soya meal/cake imports valued at USD 15,587 were imported compared with USD 26,168 in 2018, a decline of 39%.

In 2019, the domestic production of soya bean has been grossly inadequate for local utilisation. Import parity has dominated the pricing for much of the year and import prices of soyameal in 2019 traded between USD 423 and 697/mt with an average price of USD 601m/t.
Cotton

From production of only 28,425mt during the 2016/17 marketing season, the cotton sector grew to 130,300mt in 2017/18 but recorded a significant decrease of 49% to 66,500mt in 2018/19 because of the decline in both the area planted and yield as well as the timeous distribution of inputs.

For the period to September 2019, stockfeed manufacturers, dairy and beef farmers and feedlotsers have experienced difficulties in accessing adequate supplies of cotton cake and cotton hulls from oil expressers and prices have risen dramatically. During the same period, oil expressers have exported cotton meal to neighboring countries, raising concerns by stakeholders in the livestock sector that the country may run out of cotton meal as 15,198mt was exported, an increase of 213% compared with the same period in 2018.

Total value realised over the same period in 2019 was USD 3.4million.
Sunflower and Sunflower Derivatives
Total imports of sunflower seed for the nine months to September 2019 amounted to 13mt at a value of USD 10,935, a decline of 98% compared with the same period in 2018.
Total imports of sunflower meal to September 2019 amounted to 4,571mt at a value of USD 1.5 million, an increase of 108% over 2018.
Average monthly prices of sunflower seed ranged between USD 552 and 2,568/mt.

Average monthly prices in 2019 for sunflower meal/cake were within the range of USD 181 and 389/mt with the lowest average being in September.