



**Meat Board
Of Namibia**

MARKET WATCH

Beef & Pork

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October 2023 Review

On a month-on-month basis live exports saw a 27.80% decline from the 13 899 heads exported in September to 10 035 heads exported in October. Live exports are 36.0% lower than a year ago and 41.94% lower than the 5-year average. nVCF auction Prices have been on a continuous increase so far, with heifer prices increasing from the April low of N\$18.52/kg to N\$26.55/kg in October. Tolly prices have also experienced increases from the April lows of N\$14.94/kg to N\$23.45/kg in October. sVCF Abattoir prices trended side ways and experienced muted declines in AB and B grades, whereas A and C grades experienced slight increases. The overall performance in the cattle subsector during October remained modest.

WEANER AUCTION PRICE

SVCF

N\$24.24/kg

NVCF AUCTION PRICES

Tollies - N\$24.30/kg

Heifers -N\$26.51/kg

B2

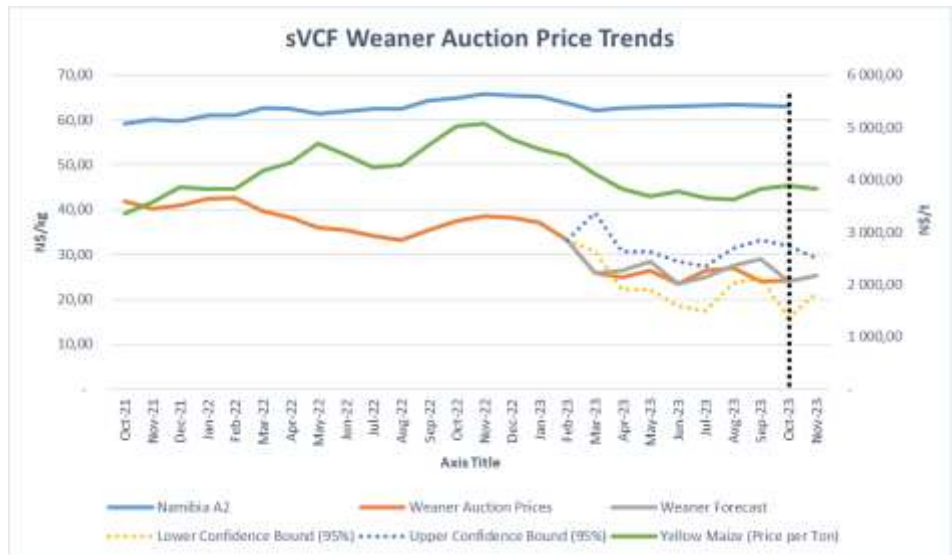
CARCASS PRICE

N\$61.57/kg

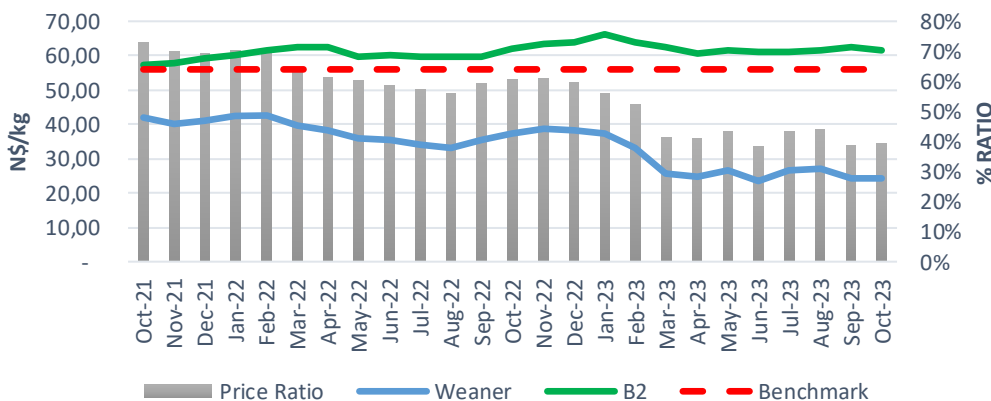
WEANER/B2 PRICE RATIO

39%

Weaner Auction prices continue to exhibit fluctuation with a notable decline being experienced from early 2022 to mid-2023. October weaner prices are a significant 35.27% lower than they were a year ago. This year has generally seen drier conditions, which have caused an influx of weaners on markets. 2023 YTD the total number of animals auctioned have grown by 15.44% compared to the previous year. However, price trends do indicate seasonality, with the expected prices to moderately pick up towards year end.



WEANER/B2 PRICE RATIO



The Weaner/B2 price ratio remained at 39% during October 2023. This is 25 percentage points lower than the benchmark ratio of 64%. This is also 21 percentage points lower than the 61% ratio recorded during the same period last year implying a shift in marketing dynamics.

November weaner prices are expected to experience a slight increase as the number of weaners expected at auctions are expected to drop. Prices should trend upwards based on historical trends until the beginning of 2024.

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Producer Prices (Excl. Vat) - N\$/kg

Forecast

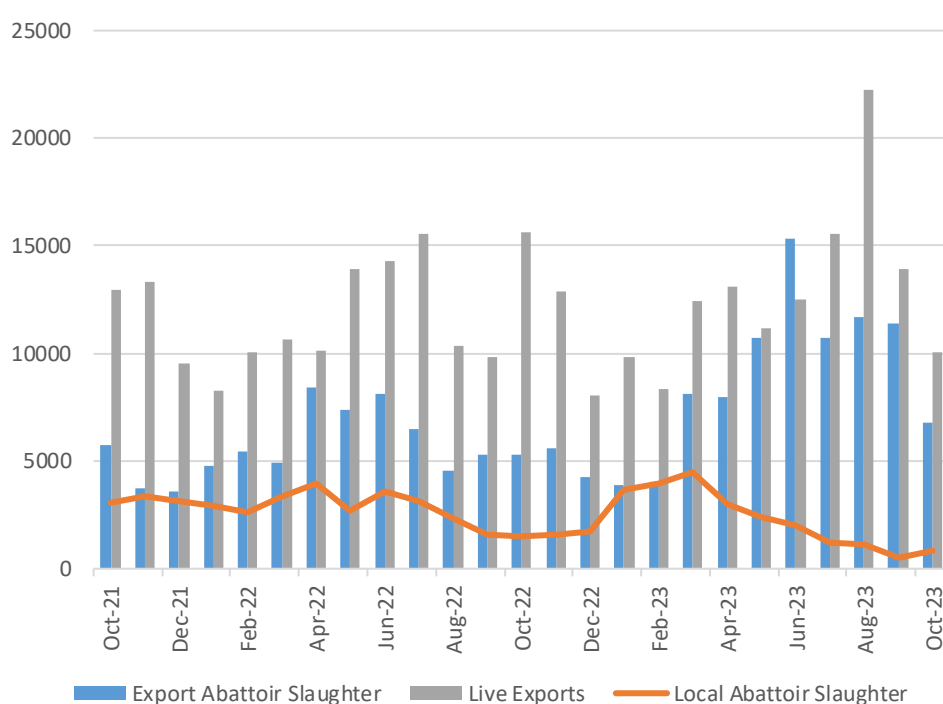
Month	Oct-22	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Δ y/y %	Nov-23
Weaner Auction Price	37.45	26.42	27.04	24.11	24.24	-35.27	25.31
Slaughter Oxen Auction Price	32.18	26.68	28.04	29.49	29.28	-9.01	30.65
Class B2 (NAM)	61.79	60.93	61.60	62.40	61.57	-0.36	61.66
Class B2 (RMAA)	54.38	48.23	48.33	47.92	47.63	-12.41	46.80
All-Grade Carcass Price	60.53	60.26	60.91	60.24	61.31	1.28	61.93

Cattle live exports were dominated by South African feedlots and abattoirs (99.9%) as destinations with Botswana accounting for only 0.1% during the month of October.

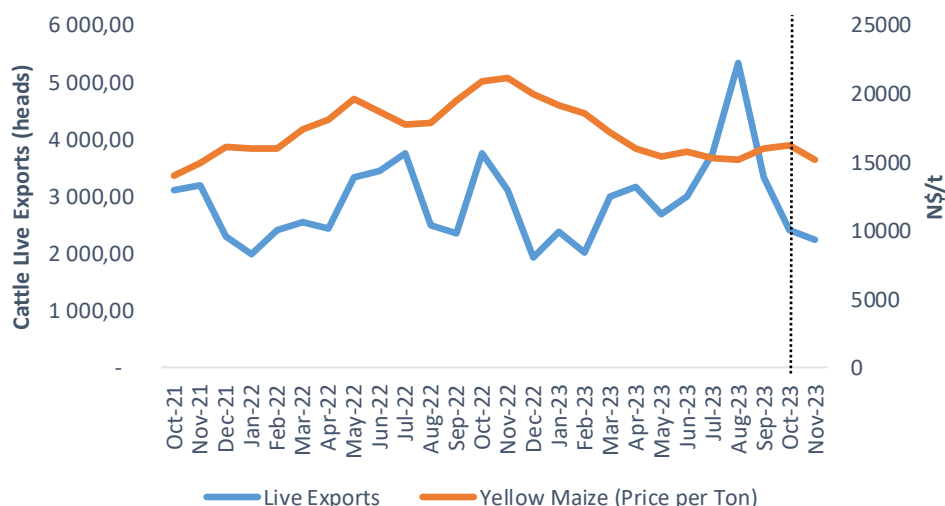
Export abattoirs experienced decline of 41.04% on an m-o-m basis. Since May 2023, there has been an almost 50% increase in the number of cattle slaughtered at export abattoirs, compared to previous years. The number of cattle slaughtered YTD is 40.69% more than what was slaughtered at export abattoirs last year. This shift in marketing could be due to the shift in the number of cattle slaughtered at B&C class abattoirs being absorbed by export abattoirs.

Based on historic trends, it is expected that cattle marketed at export and local abattoirs as well as live exports will remain low as we approach the festive season, which may push up producer and auction prices.

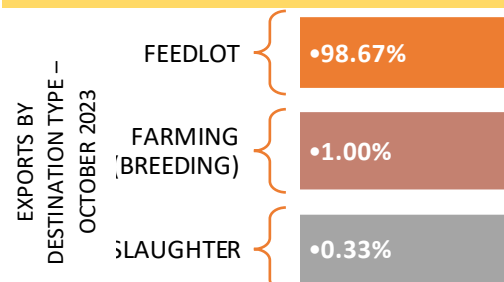
Cattle Marketing Trends (Heads)



Cattle Live Exports vs Yellow Maize Prices



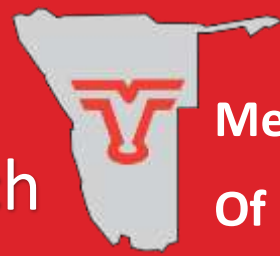
SAFEX Feed prices have consistently remained below N\$5 000/ton for yellow maize since November 2022 and are expected to follow on this trend throughout 2023. Prices have however picked up on a m-o-m basis by 1.43% from September to October. Despite El Nino expectations, a bumper harvest is expected for 2023/24 production season. Subdued demand is expected due to the outbreak of Avian Influenza and may impact prices. For this reason prices are expected to remain trending sideways for the coming months.



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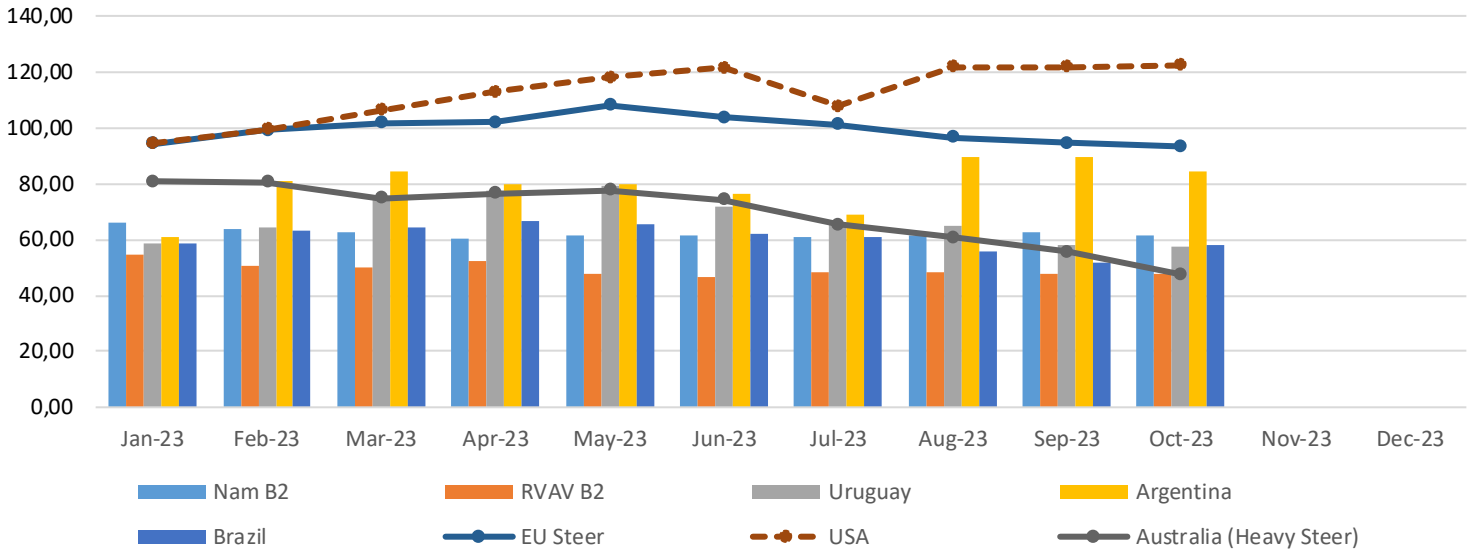


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International Price Comparisons: N\$/kg



US prices continued with a sideways movement in prices. US continues to face various adversities influenced by beef production declines, which is expected to further push prices up due to supply shortages. Expectations are that the reserves will remain low for the remainder of the year, which can influence the international global market price dynamics, given they are the largest producer of beef in the world.

In Australia, prices continue trending towards the ebb with markets being flooded with stock. Slaughter has increased causing an increase in export volumes. Australian exports grew by 7% from September and 44% on a y-o-y basis. Exports in October are recorded to be the highest since 2019. The main destination for beef exports is North America, with over 27 613 tonnes being exported to the USA, followed by China and Japan.

South African producer prices remain trending sideways between N\$47/kg and N\$49/kg. It is noted that the number of cattle slaughtered have increased due to a slight increase in demand. It is expected that prices will increase during the coming festive season and then will drop in the beginning of 2024 due expectations of a softened demand. South African weaner prices are also expected to trend slightly higher due to supply shortages normally experienced during the festive seasons.

Seasonal indicators show regular and predictable patterns based on historic data, giving insight into how production, supply and prices may change during specific times of the year.

Cattle Marketing, is expected to remain modest during the month of November with declines expected between December and February.

Weaner prices on the other hand are expected to trend sideways with modest increases experienced and then are expected to pick up in response to the expected decline in supply in the coming months.

Seasonal Indicators	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24
Livestock Exports	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
Local Abattoir Slaughter	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
Export Abattoir Slaughter	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
NAM B2 Carcass Price	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green
Weaner Price	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
Decline	Growth	Steady		

Beef Producer Prices: Beef Market – Namibia (N\$/kg)

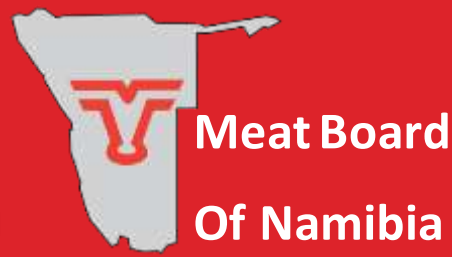
	Oct-23	% Δ m/m	% Δ y/y	Sep-23	Aug-23	Jul-23
Class A	62.59	0.25	-2.73	62.43	64.68	64.20
Class AB	62.19	-1.91	1.73	63.40	63.57	63.21
Class B	61.87	-1.09	0.61	62.55	62.68	62.09
Class C	60.24	2.55	-0.08	58.74	59.34	58.26

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Pork

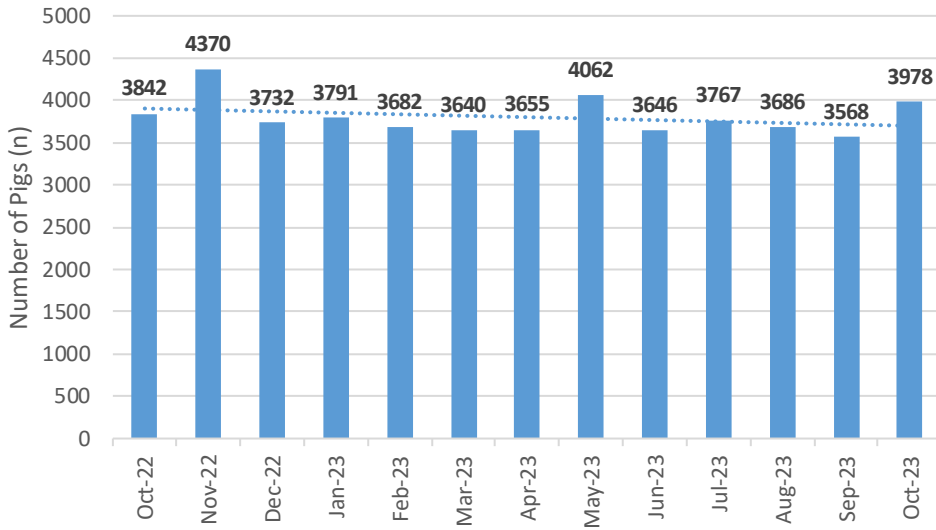
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M-o-M Local pork slaughter recorded a 11.49% increase in the number of pigs slaughtered at B & C- class abattoirs from the September level of 3 568 to 3 978 in October. The Namibian pork ceiling price remains fixed at N\$51.03/kg whereas the South African RMAA prices currently stands at N\$37.90/kg.

B & C Class Abattoir Slaughter Trends - Namibia (n)



The number of pigs slaughtered at local abattoirs for October 2023 stood at 3 978 heads at the time of this publication. This is 3.54% lower than a year ago where 3 842 pigs were slaughtered during the same month. Despite the current shortage of pork in the country due to the import ban on South African fresh meat, local production levels remain low causing retailers and processors to source from overseas markets.

Local Slaughter of Pigs – (n)

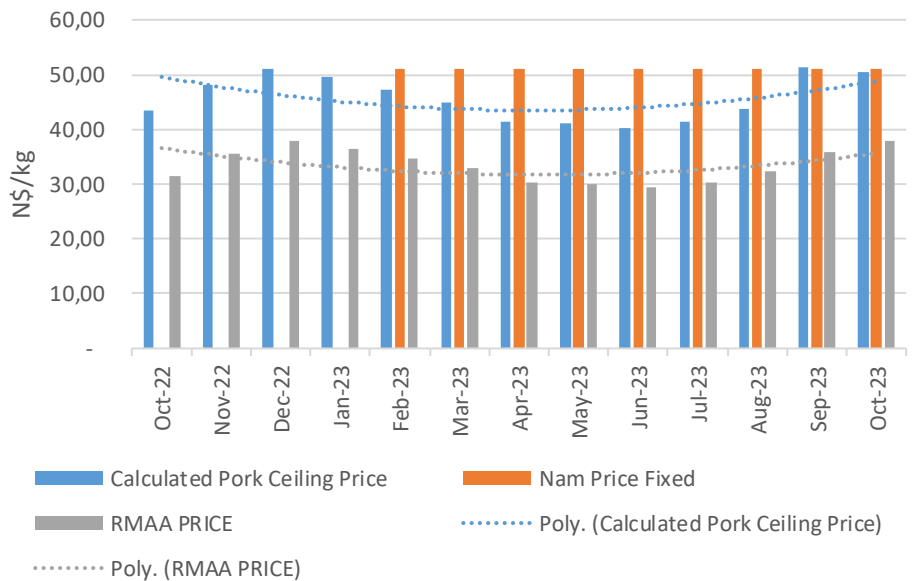
Oct-22	Oct-23	% Δm/m	% Δy/y
3 842	3 978	11.49	3.54

The Pork Ceiling Price has been fixed to N\$51.03/kg as a mitigation strategy to counter the negative effects of the dwindling RMAA pork price, the current benchmark price for Namibia's pork ceiling price calculation.

The RSA price currently stands at N\$37.90/kg, increasing by 5.72% from the September price level of N\$35.85/kg. This increase has been supported by an increase in the demand for pork products. Throughout this last quarter of the year, it is expected for pork prices to trend upwards given historical price movements, and then to soften in January.

Another influence in the price of pork could be the chicken prices, which shows a positive relationship where increases in chicken prices causes an increase in prices for pork. Should the poultry industry continue to face supply shortages caused by avian influenza, increases in pork prices can be expected.

Nam Pork Ceiling Price v RMAA Price (N\$/kg)



SAFEX Feed Prices: N\$/tonne

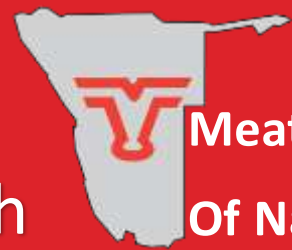
	Oct-2023	% Δ m/m	% Δ y/y	Sep-2023	Aug-2023	Jul-23
Sunflower	8 841.64	-1.28	-19.21	8 956.48	9 139.22	9 124.14
Soya Beans	9 254.05	-3.14	-7.52	9 554.19	9 254.09	8 624.38

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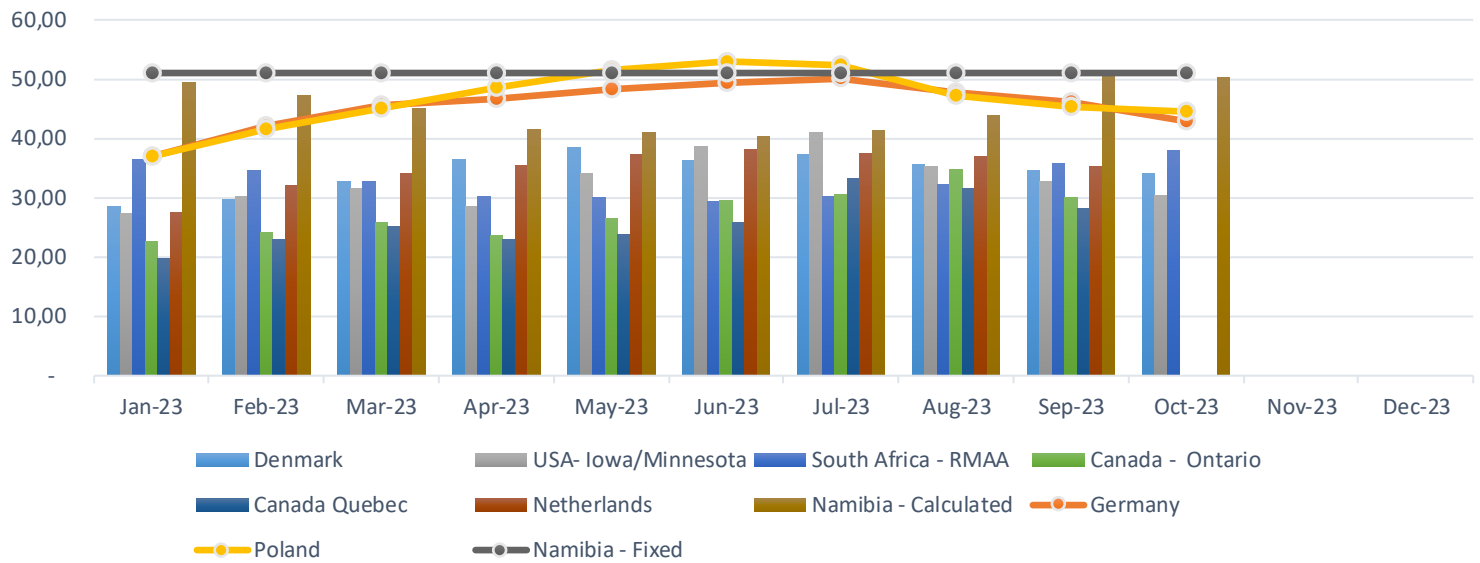
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Average Int. Producer Carcass Price Comparison - N\$/kg



NAMIBIA PORK TRADE SNAPSHOT

OCTOBER 2023

716 213

Import Volume (kg)

8

Import Countries

Germany (47%) Spain (35%)
RSA (10%) UK (3%) Netherland (35)
Botswana (2%) Portugal (0.16%) USA (0.11%)

31 121

Export Volume (kg)

2

Export Countries
Botswana (82.90%)
RSA (17.10%)

Frozen Pork Feet

149 000

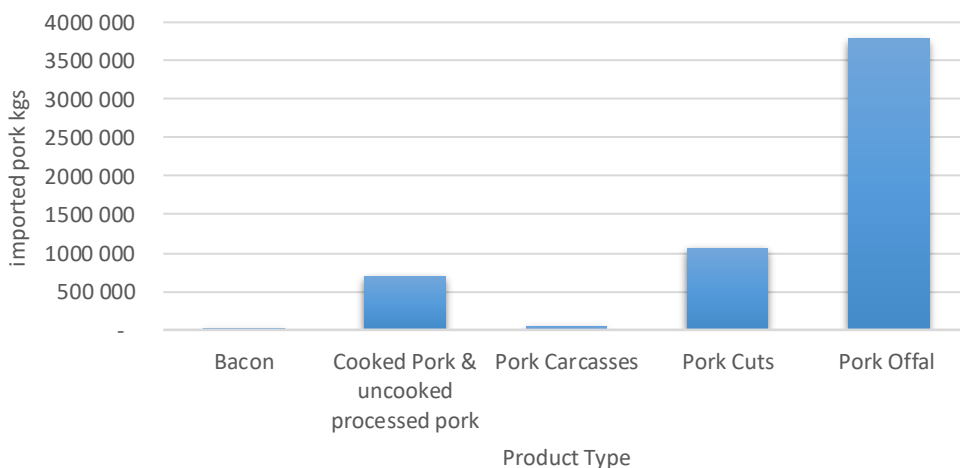
Top Product Imported (kgs)

Cooked and Uncooked Processed Pork

22 098

Top Product Exported (kgs)

2023 YTD Pork Imports by Product Type -kgs



Pork Offal continues to be the most imported pork product, with frozen pork feet taking up 149 000kgs of total pork imports for the month of October.

Frozen pork belly was the second most imported product with 100 760kgs imported in October, followed by frozen pork ribs (100 186kgs).

Pork Carcass imports remain low since the outbreak of FMD in South Africa.

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