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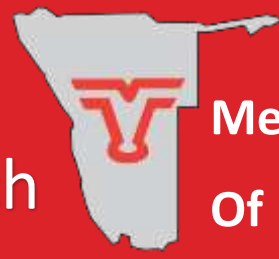
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March 2023 Review

Livestock exports recorded a growth 49.43% from the 8 337 heads of cattle exported in February and 218.61% more than the 3 910 heads of cattle exported in January. Similarly, export abattoirs recorded a growth of 102.64% during the month of March from the February level of 4 018 heads slaughtered. The all-grade carcass declined by 12.02% to N\$54.49/kg in March, whereas the B2 Prices declined by N\$1.26/kg from the February level of N\$62.53/kg. The weaner auction prices remain on a rapid decline from N\$38.17/kg received in January to N\$25.81/kg received in March.

WEANER AUCTION PRICE

SVCF

N\$25.81/kg

NVCF AUCTION PRICES

Tollies – N\$15.84/kg

Heifers – N\$20.60/kg

B2

CARCASS PRICE

N\$62.53/kg

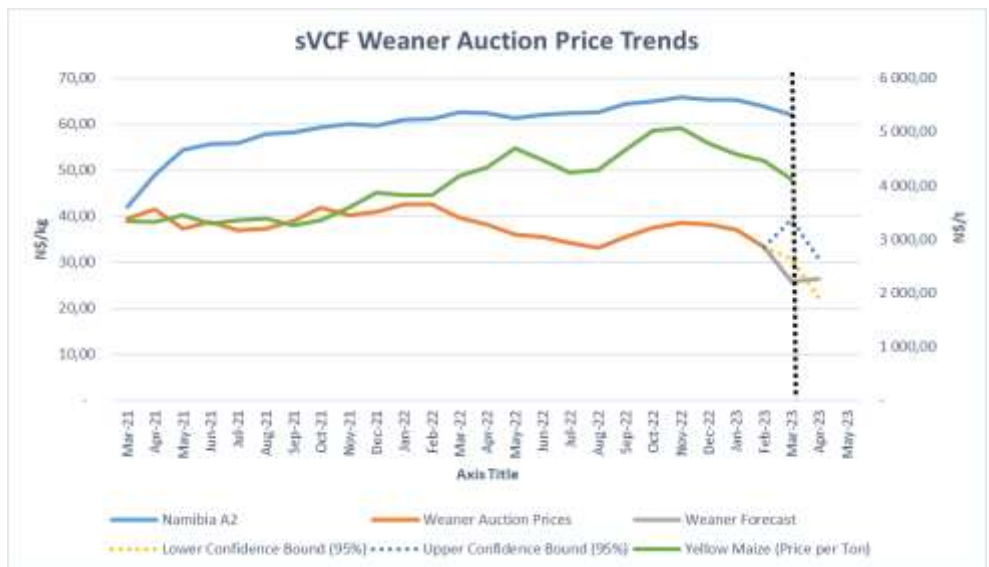
WEANER/B2 PRICE RATIO

41%

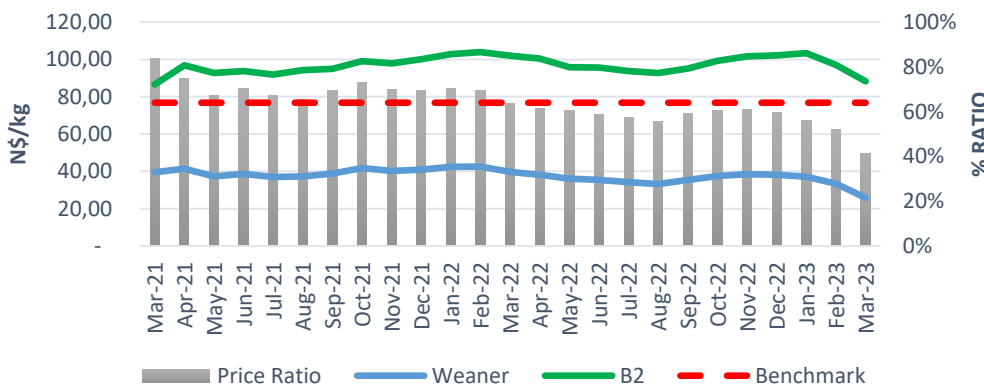
Weaner prices have drastically declined from the December price N\$37.18/kg to N\$25.81/kg in March 2023.

This decline is due to low rainfalls experienced throughout the country causing higher supply at auctions and in return lower prices for farmers.

A2 prices were also seen to decline by 5.01% from the December price of N\$65.41% to N\$62.13. This due to an increase of A2 grade slaughter at export abattoirs.



WEANER/B2 PRICE RATIO

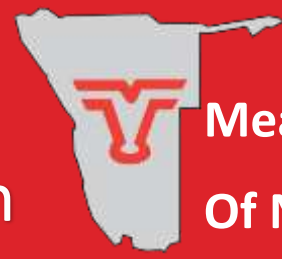


The Weaner/B2 price ratio currently stands at 41% for the month of March 2023. This is 23% lower than the benchmark ratio of 64%. This trend reflects slaughter prices that are falling at a faster rate than the corresponding declining weaner price level. However, the industry balance between slaughtering and live exports is likely to be primarily determined by drought-related marketing.

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

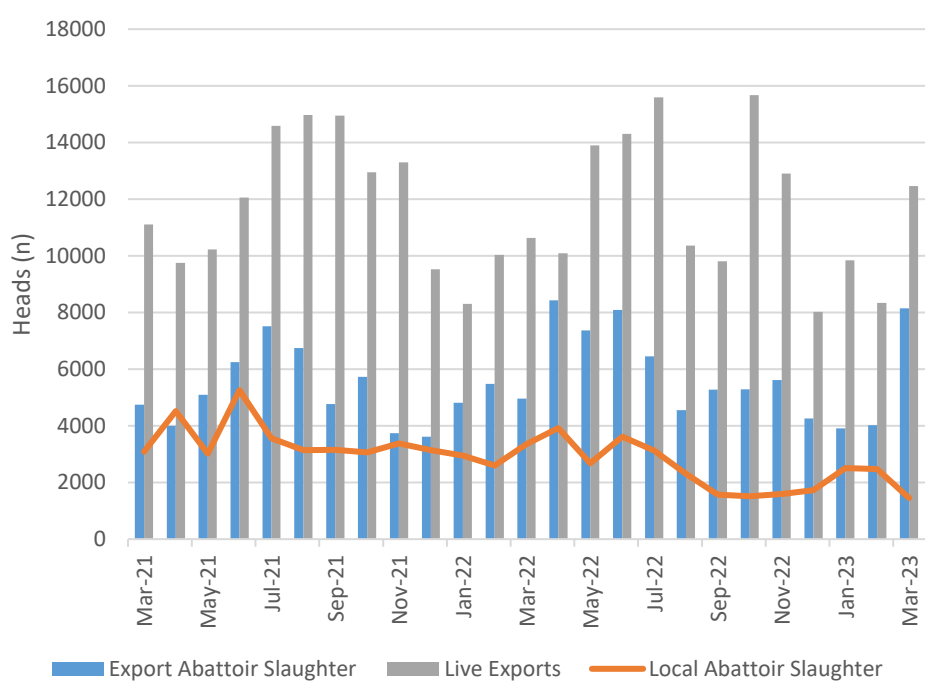
Forecast

Month	Mar-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Y-O-Y %Δ	Apr-23
Weaner Auction Price	39.68	38.17	37.12	33.29	25.81	-34.95	26.45
Slaughter Oxen Auction Price	31.99	32.68	33.56	33.09	27.92	-12.72	27.80
Class B2 (NAM)	62.33	64.05	66.22	63.79	62.53	0.32	63.73
Class B2 (RMAA)	53.60	57.41	54.48	50.37	49.97	-6.77	49.72
All- Grade Carcass Price	61.25	62.07	61.14	61.94	53.08	-13.34	54.49

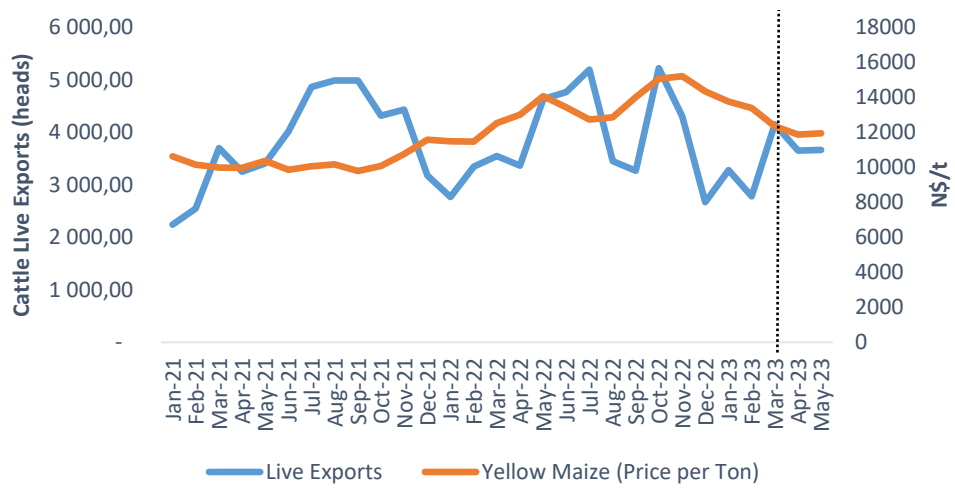
Live Cattle Exports (mainly weaners) increased by 49.43% from the 8 337 heads exported in February to 12 458 heads exported in March 2023. Due to unfavourable rainfall conditions expected during the year, many farmers have started to sell cattle to prevent loss. Declining slaughter prices received at abattoirs have also created incentive to export to RSA feedlots due to reduced profit expectation from mature animals.

The number of cattle slaughtered at export abattoirs increased by 102.64% from 4 018 heads slaughtered in February to 8 142 reflecting drought expectations. The number of cattle auctioned in March is 9.38% higher than the number of cattle auctioned in February and 184.53% higher than that of January 2023. Historic trends indicate increases in live exports and local slaughter for April.

Cattle Market Share (Heads)



Cattle Live Exports vs Yellow Maize Prices



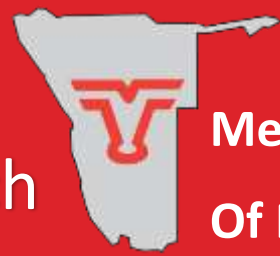
SAFEX Feed prices have consistently remained below N\$5 000/ton for yellow maize since November 2022 and is expected to follow on this trend throughout 2023.

This decline encourages an increase in weaner exports to South African feedlots. During February alone, 99.26% of live exports went to feedlots in South Africa and only 0.74% were exported for farming (breeding) purposes. Although grain prices appear favourable a in the short run, El nino weather forecasts may pose a shortage threat and may force prices to increase.

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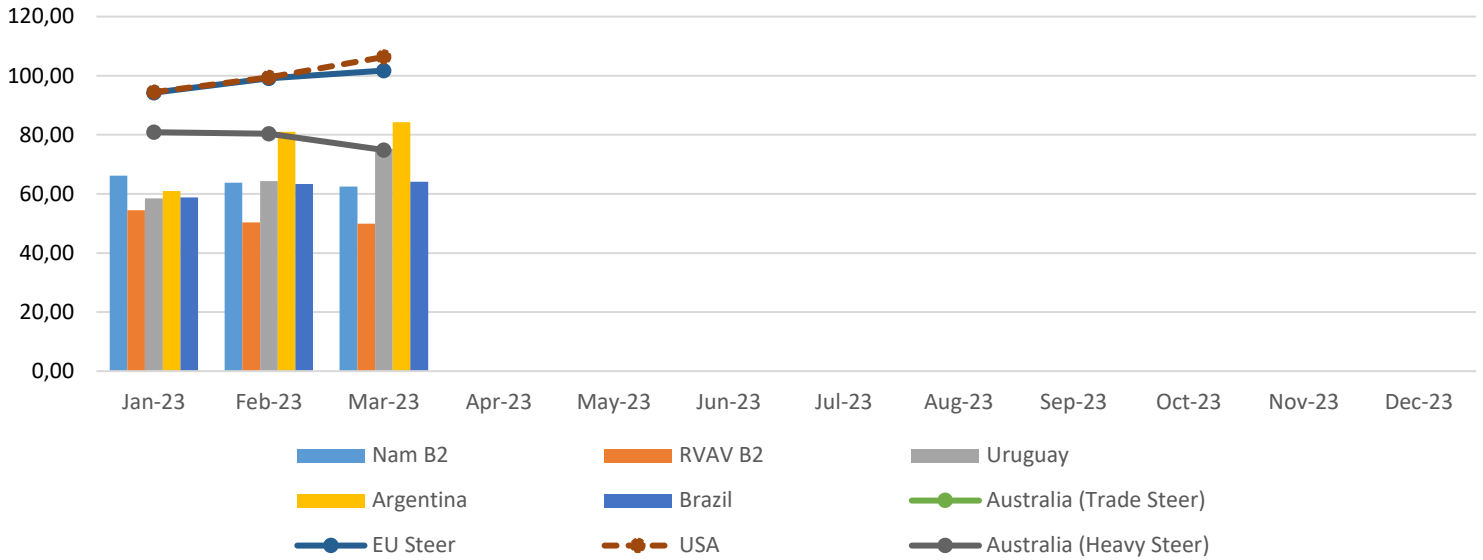


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International Price Comparisons: N\$/kg



March 2023 saw interesting trends in international producer prices where the USA followed by EU and Argentina received the highest producer prices while Australian prices slumped. USA prices have been influenced by an increase in the demand for beef due to the decline in supply of locally slaughtered cattle. Better feed conditions have been recognized in some parts of the country however only 43% of cattle inventory are in the drought areas, compared to the 61% of last year.

The EU prices have stalled during the month of March after sharp increases experienced in late 2022 due to the demand for Irish beef. Historic trends show that prices are expected to peak in May and the drift lower.

Significantly, Brazil prices experienced an increase due to access to China being unrestricted. Brazilian beef prices have increased by 1.26% from February and 8.99% from January. Argentina prices rose by 3.97% from the February price level of N\$81.04/kg due to limited beef availability.

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

	Mar-2023	% Δm/m	% Δ y/y	Feb-2023	Jan-2023	Dec-2022
Class A	62.92	-1.73	0.72	64.03	64.04	64.56
Class B	43.67	-31.89	-30.12	64.12	63.71	64.17
Class C	55.95	-13.92	-9.60	65.00	62.74	63.79

Seasonal Indicators	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23
Livestock Exports	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
Local Abattoir Slaughter	Green	Yellow	Green	Red
Export Abattoir Slaughter	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
NAM B2 Carcass Price	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red
Weaner Price	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
Decline	Growth	Steady		

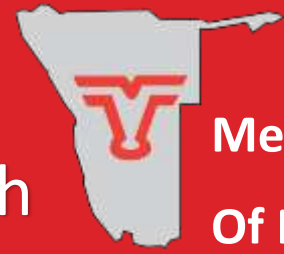
**MARCH AVERAGE RETAIL CARCASS
PRICE (KHOMAS)**

N\$96.30 /kg (excl. VAT)

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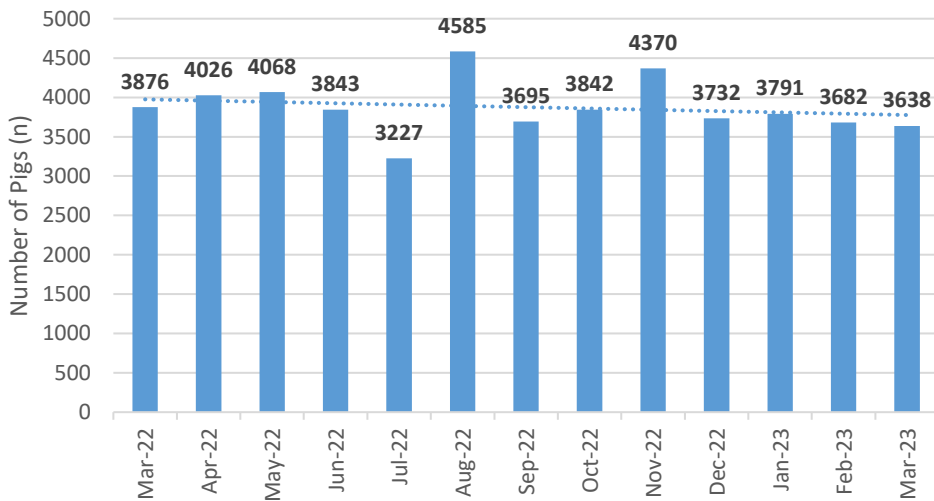
Pork Monthly Market Watch



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Local pork slaughter during the first three months of the year improved by 1.6% to stand at 11 111 heads slaughtered in comparison to 10 935 heads slaughtered in the first quarter of 2022. The Namibian pork ceiling price remains fixed at N\$51.03/kg whereas the South African prices continue to decline to levels below N\$35.00/kg.

Butchers Slaughter Trends - Namibia (n)



The number of pigs slaughtered at local abattoirs currently stands at 11 111 heads at the time of this publication. This is an improvement of 1.6% on quarter level despite a slight decline from month-to-month and against the backdrop of the ongoing shortage pork in the country.

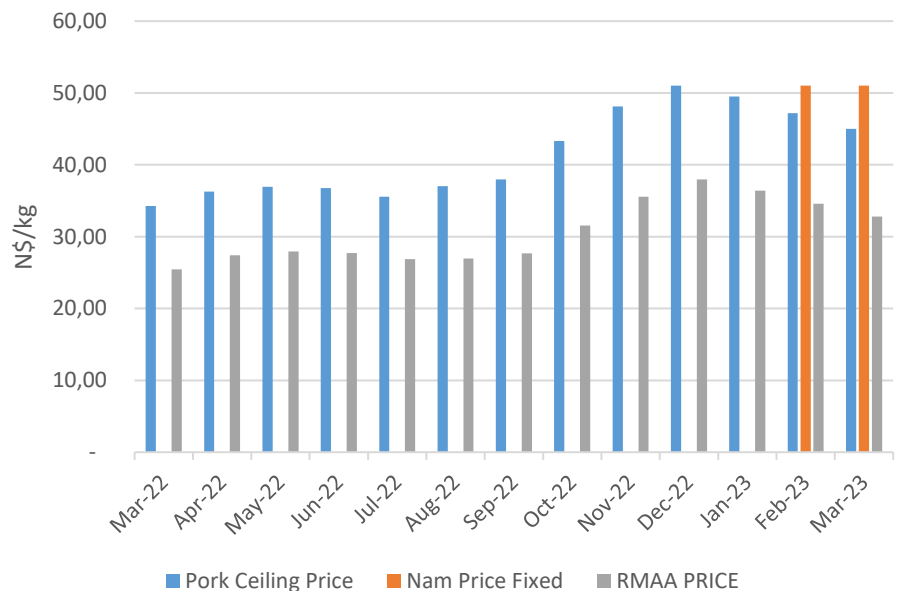
Local Slaughter of Pigs – (n)

Mar-22	Mar-23	% Δm/m	% Δy/y
3 876	3 638	-1.19	-6.14

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 trend shows that since the border closure due to the FMD outbreak in August 2022, RMAA prices have continued on their downward trend since the start of the year.

It is expected that the declines will ease due to the support received by chicken prices which are expected to remain steady due to consumers being unable to take on further costs due to intense load shedding stages increasing production costs. This will result in prices normalising between the two competitive commodities as a decline in poultry prices often lead to an increase in pork prices.

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



SAFEX Feed Prices: N\$/tonne

	Mar-2023	% Δ m/m	% Δ y/y	Feb-2023	Jan-2023	Dec-2022
Sunflower	9 764.13	-11.69	-14.69	11 057.20	11 783.77	11 206.86
Soya Beans	9 086.26	-7.42	-1.89	9 814.60	10 121.14	10 716.67

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