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MARKET WATCH

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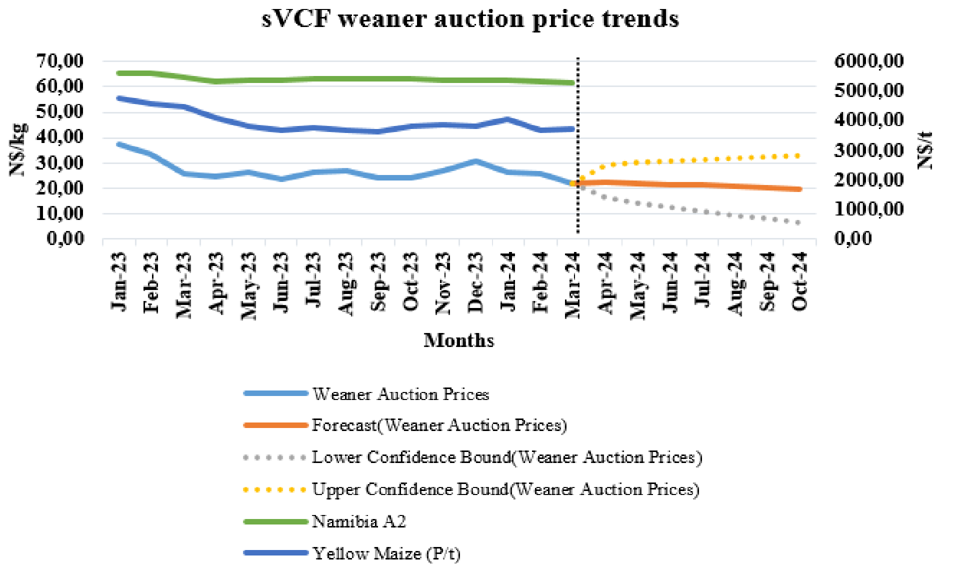
March 2024 review

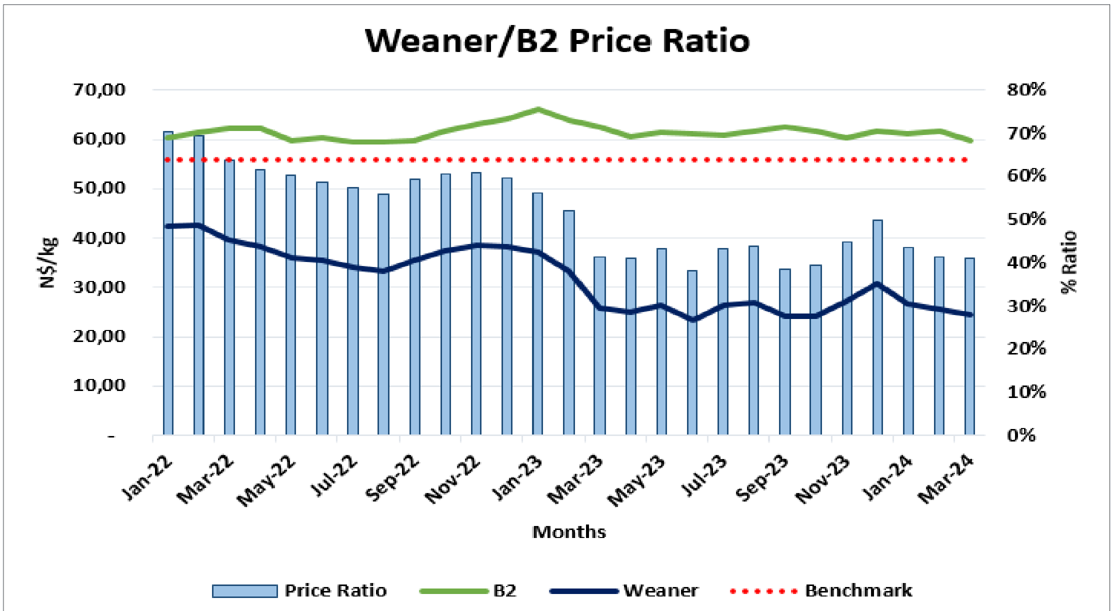
During the period under review, live exports decreased by 1.24% from the 21608 cattle heads exported in the previous month. Live cattle, predominantly weaners, were exported to South Africa, Angola, Botswana and Zimbabwe. Cattle live exports are 71.30% higher than observed in March 2023. 57415 cattle were exported since the start of the year, with highest exports being recorded in February. Weaner prices decreased by N$3.42/kg from the February price of N$25.55/kg to N$22.13/kg in March. sVCF weaner auctions recorded a 13.39% and 12.96% decrease in Tollies and heifer auction prices respectively. Export abattoirs recorded a slaughter growth of 93.65% on a month-to-month basis, during the period under review. The local abattoir slaughter recorded a sluggish growth of 52.36% on a year-to-year basis.

WEANER AUCTION PRICE	NVCF AUCTION PRICES	B2	WEANER/B2 PRICE RATIO
SVCF	Tollies - N$ 26.87/kg	CARCASS PRICE	41%
N$ 22.13/kg	Heifers –N$22.97/kg	N$ 59.82kg	

Weaner auction prices have followed a downward trend since January 2024 to March 2024. Dropping significantly to N$22.13/kg in March 2024. Despite the price increasing by 13.21% in December 2023, the producer prices received from weaner auctions decreased by 13.39% in March 2024. The decrease in prices was due to a 2.16% increase in yellow maize prices during the period under review.

Weaner prices are expected to increase by 6.16% at N$23.49/kg in April 2024.





The Weaner/B2 price ratio was 43% in January 2024, and remained constant at 41% during February and March 2024. The price ratio was 23% lower than the benchmark ratio of 64%, due to a decrease in weaner auction prices during the period under review.

The decrease in the weaner/B2 price ratio implies that it is more profitable to grow weaners to slaughter weight, but due to drought conditions, the outflow of weaners to neighbouring South Africa is likely to continue, regardless of stable and relatively high local producer prices.

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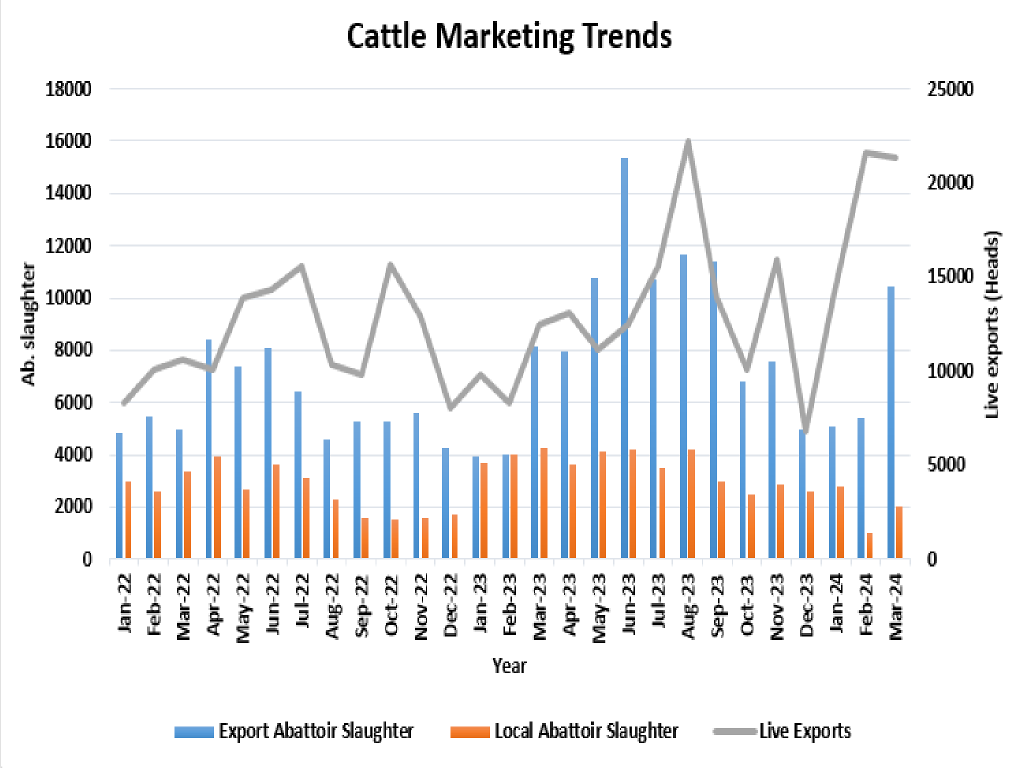
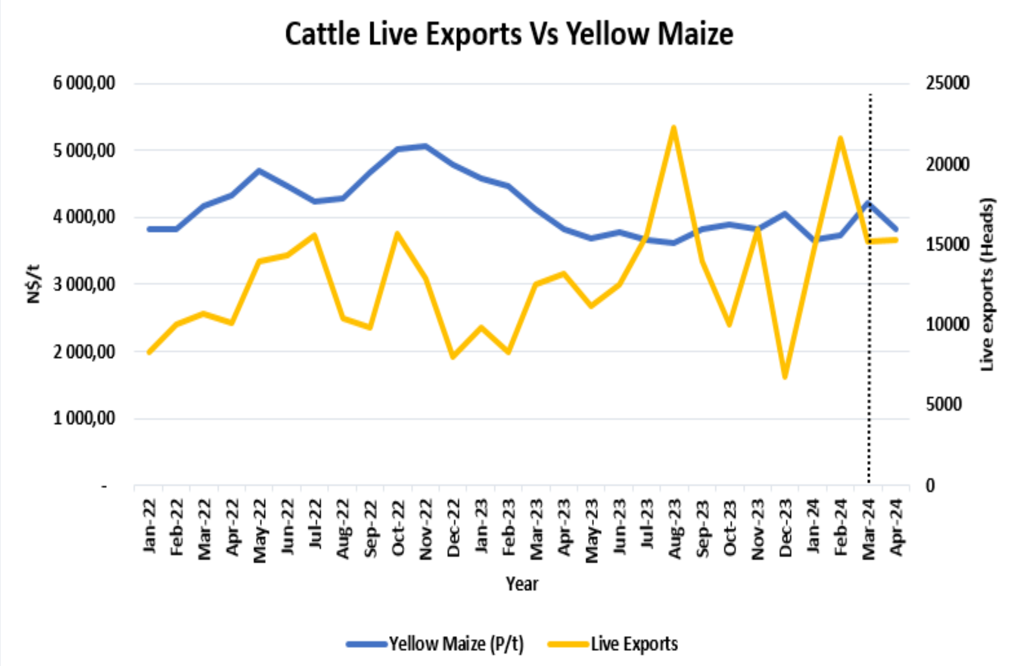
Producer Prices (Excl. Vat) - N$/kg							Forecast
Month	**Mar-23**	**Dec-23**	**Jan-24**	**Feb-24**	**Mar-24**	**∆ y/y %**	**Apr-24**
Weaner Auction Price	25.81	30.69	26.57	25.55	22.13	-14.26	23.49
Slaughter Oxen Auction Price	27.92	30.16	29.93	28.05	24.66	-11.68	27.16
Class B2 (NAM)	62.53	61.71	61.19	61.59	59.82	-4.33	60.06
Class B2 (RMAA)	49.97	49.82	48.93	48.74	46.85	-6.24	46.89
All-Grade Carcass Price	56.71	59.54	59.41	58.43	50.44	-11.06	57.17

Cattle marketing during the first quarter increased significantly due to drought. Up to 99% of exported cattle, predominantly weaners, were destined to South Africa, and the remaining 1% was split between Angola and Botswana. Majority of cattle exported to South Africa went to feedlots, whereas exports to the rest of SADC were exported for farming (breeding) purposes.

Export abattoirs have also recorded a growth of 28.17% on a yearly basis. While the local abattoirs recorded a decrease of 52.36% on a year-to-year basis. Weaner and beef B2 carcass prices producer are expected to increase to N$23.49/kg and N$60.06/kg, respectively.

The slaughter oxen, B2 (NAM), and the B2 (RMAA) prices decreased by 11.68%, 4.33% and 6.24% respectively. The weaner auction and all-grade carcass prices also recorded a decrease in price of 14.26% and 11.06% on a





SAFEX Feed prices for Yellow Maize have continuously trended under N$5000/ton from 2023, with March 2024 p/t increasing by 2.16% from the N$3657/kg in February 2024 to N$3736/kg in March.

In South Africa, poor yellow maize yields and recent yellow maize price increases in March 2024 are attributed below average rainfall. As a result, cattle live exports were lower than yellow maize prices.

EXPORTS BY DESTINATION TYPE – March 2024

FEEDLOT	•99.45%
FARMING (BREEDING)	•0.55%
SLAUGHTER	•0%

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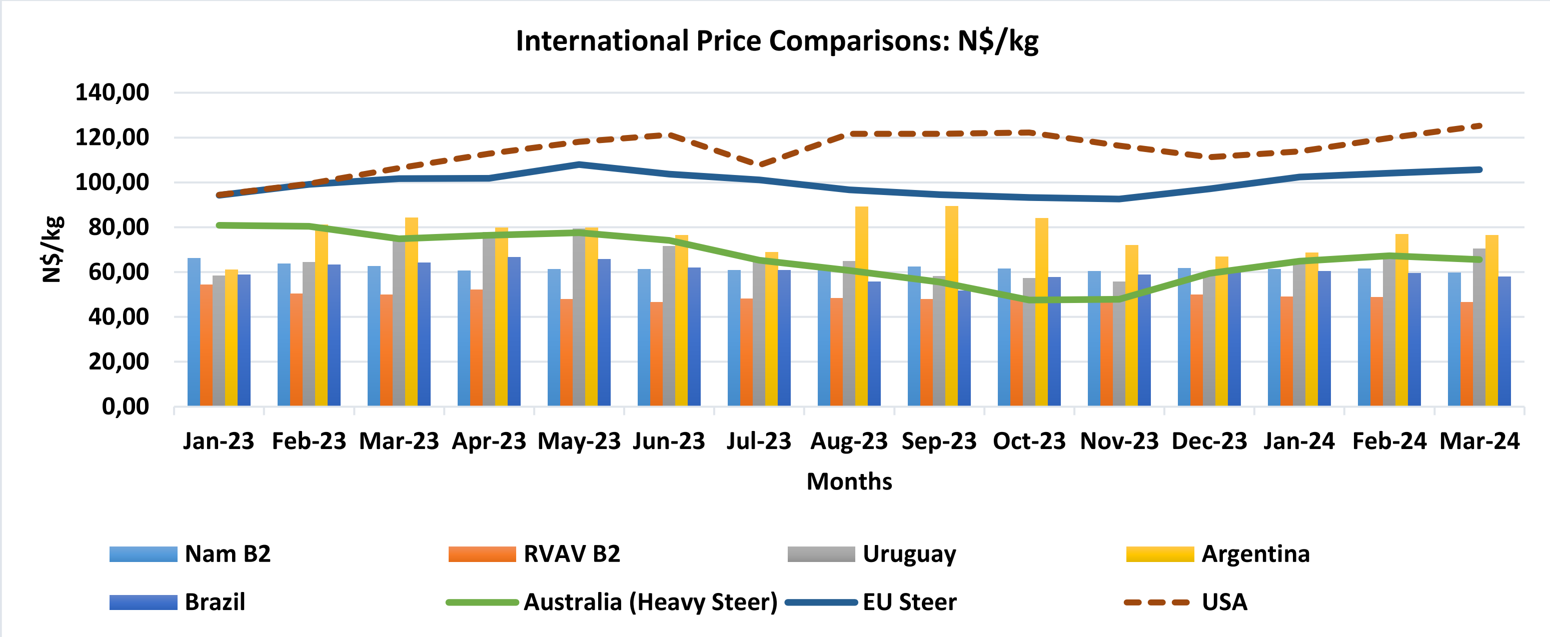

USA prices recorded a growth of 4.51% from N$119.85/kg in February to N$125.25/kg in March. The increase in prices is due to a significant decrease in USA domestic beef production during the year under review, which makes it less competitive on a global scale. Notably, the beef prices increased also due to the occurrence of drought within the cattle-heavy plain states.

The EU steer prices have increased to N$105.68/kg in March 2024 from N$104.08/kg recorded in January. This 1.54% increase is due to the limited supply of beef into the market as a result of decreased production during the period under review. Beef prices in Brazil decreased from N$59.45/kg in February to N$57.92/kg in March. On a year-to-year basis, these prices decreased by 9.68% during March. The Namibia B2 prices decreased by 2.87% on a month-to-month basis during March, while the Uruguay prices increased by 5.88% during the same period. This increase is caused by a strong demand in the export markets and an increase in overall exports to the US markets. Australian beef prices decreased by 2.44% on a month-to-month basis during the period under review. On a yearly basis, these prices also decreased by 12.36%. This is as a result of the increase in the calf slaughter numbers, and due to the good rainfall which increased the grass feed yields.

Class A, AB, B, and C beef carcass prices were N$58.66/kg, N$55.52, N$59.36/kg, and N$55.13/kg respectively. The class B carcass price grew by 4.31% on a month-to-month basis, and by 31.44% on a year-to-year basis.

Class A, AB, and C carcass prices decreased by 3.55%, 9.01%, and 1.62% respectively, on a month-to-month basis. Class AB carcass price recorded a price of N$61.02/kg in February 2024, which is higher than the recorded price of N$55.52/kg in March 2024. The overall carcass prices received by the beef producers recorded a low price in March 2024, compared to the prices received in February 2024.

Seasonal Indicators	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24
Livestock Exports	Decline	Growth	Decline	Decline
Local Abattoir Slaughter	Growth	Decline	Growth	Growth
Export Abattoir Slaughter	Decline	Growth	Growth	Decline
NAM B2 Carcass Price	Growth	Steady	Decline	Growth
Weaner Price	Growth	Steady	Decline	Growth

Decline | Growth | Steady

Beef Producer Prices: Beef Market – Namibia (N$/kg)						
	Mar-24	%∆ m/m	%∆ y/y	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23
Class A	58.66	-3.55	-6.77	60.82	61.71	61.54
Class AB	55.52	-9.01	-11.37	61.02	60.58	61.48
Class B	59.36	4.31	31.44	56.91	61.51	62.14
Class C	55.13	-1.62	-3.57	56.04	60.12	59.81

Pork Monthly Market Watch

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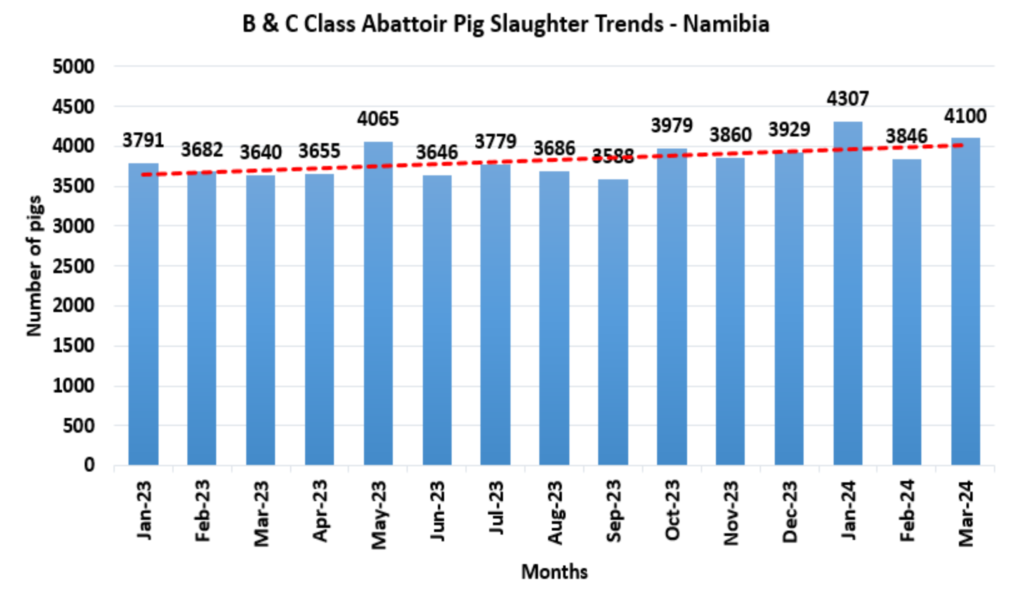
March 2024 Review

4100 pigs were slaughtered during March 2024, growing by 7% on a month-to-month basis from the previous number of 3 846 heads slaughtered in February. The slaughter rates of pigs have recorded an upward trend, with the highest slaughter rate of 4307 recorded in January 2024.



A total of 4100 pigs were slaughtered at Mariental and Halooli abattoirs during March 2024. This shows an increase of 12.64% on year-to-year basis. The pork marketing recorded a growth of 6.60% from February 2024 to March 2024.

Local Slaughter of Pigs (n)

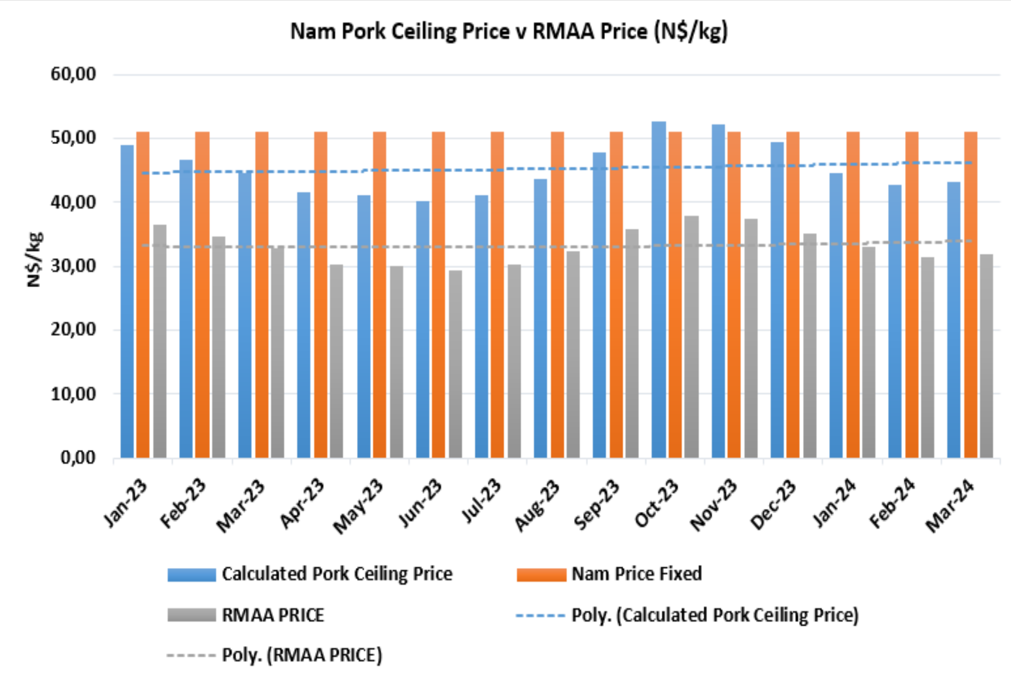
Mar-23	Feb-24	Mar-24	Δ% m/m	Δ% y/y
4065	3846	4100	6.60	12.64

As an attempt to mitigate the detrimental effects of the declining RMAA pork price, which serves as the current benchmark price for calculating Namibia's pork ceiling price, the pork ceiling price remain set at N$51.03/kg.

The Calculated pork ceiling price recorded an increase of 1.20% from the previous month of February by N$0.48/kg.

South African pork prices similarly have increased from the N$31.40/kg recorded in February to N$31.81/kg in March. This shows a 1.31% growth on a month-to-month basis.

The prices have generally increased in 2024, especially for Canada (Ontario), and Canada Quebec. With Canada (Ontario) recording a high price of N$201.25/kg in March 2024, which displays a growth of 9.36% from the previous month.



SAFEX Feed Prices: N$/tonne

	Mar-24	%∆ m/m	% ∆ y/y	Feb-24	Jan-24	Dec-23
Sunflower	8613.45	2.72	-19.75	8385.48	8583.47	9349.94
Soya Beans	8378.00	2.67	-15.10	8160.10	8470.94	9 400.38

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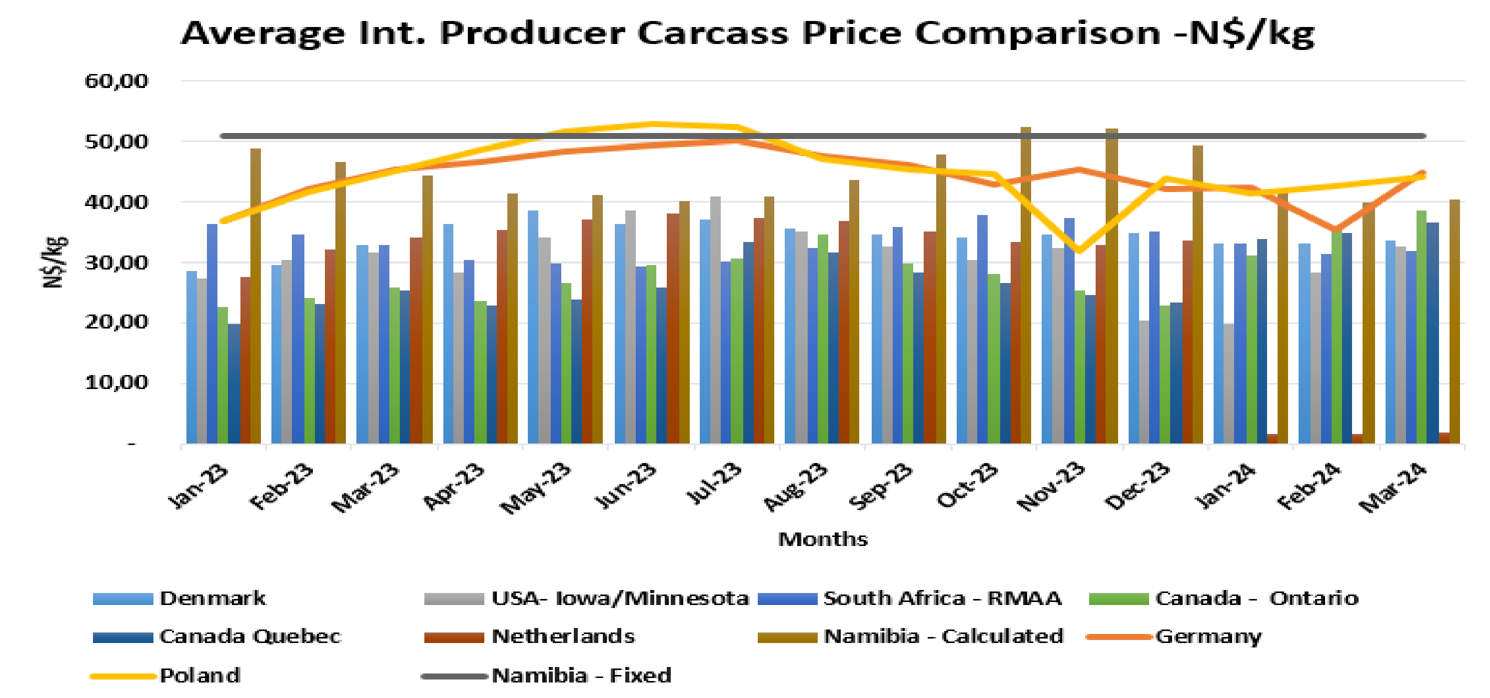

NAMIBIA PORK TRADE SNAPSHOT

YTD 2024

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Import Volume (kg)

5 Import Countries

South Africa (32.57%)
Germany (25.77%)
Spain (19.60%)
Botswana (9.05%)
Belgium (6.29%)

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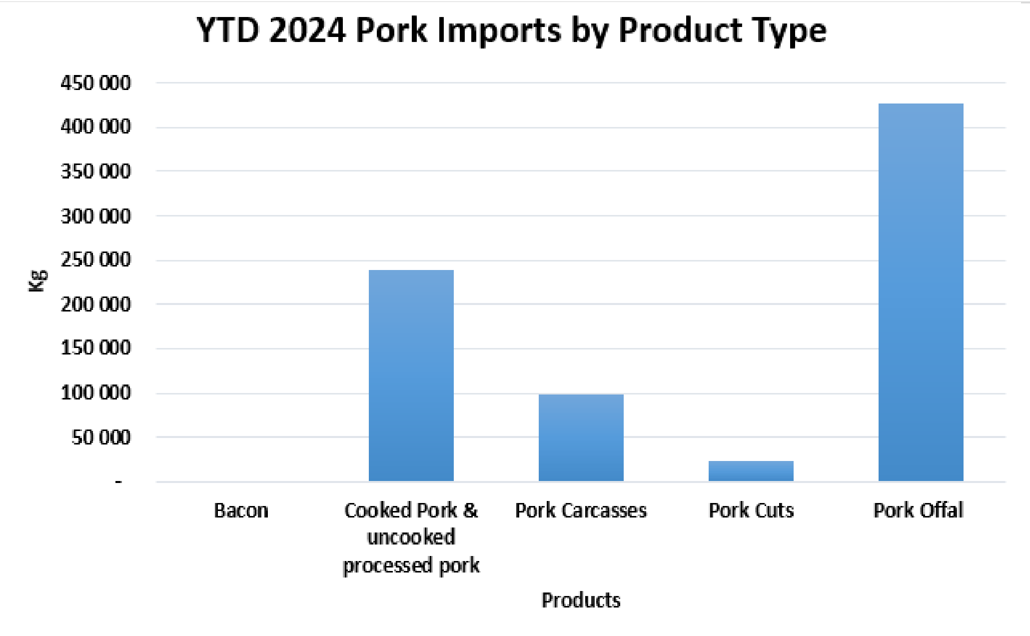
Export Volume (kg)

2
Export Countries

Processed Pork Products (Cooked)
7140
Top Product Exported (kgs)



Pork Offal is the largest imported product during in January 2024, with over 300 tonnes being imported.

Pork carcass imports reduced by 68% on a month-to-month basis, while cooked pork & uncooked processed pork reduced by 32% in the same month-to-month basis.

Pork offal made up 54% of total pork imports for March, followed by cooked pork & uncooked processed pork which accounted for 30% of total imports, and pork carcasses which took up 12% in March 2024.