Monthly Statistics Commentary

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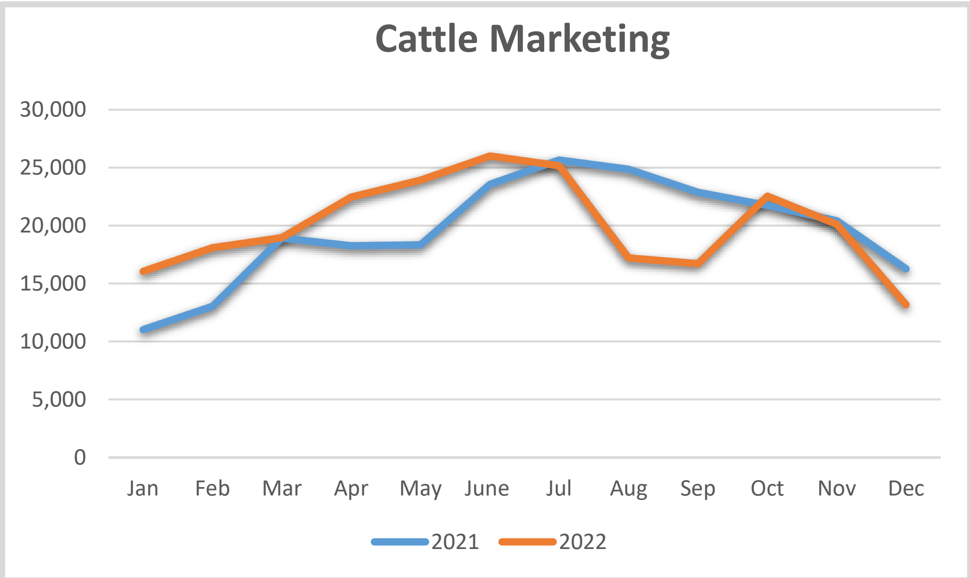
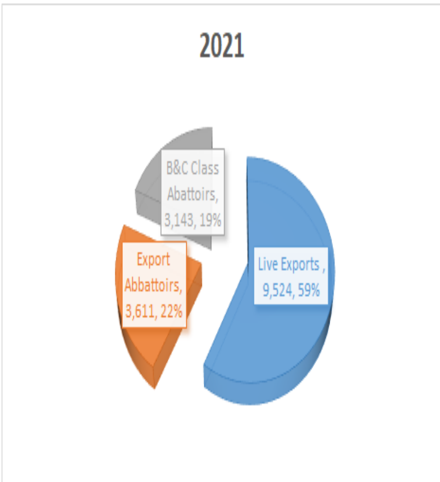
- YTD cattle marketing, for the first time in three years, recorded a growth of 2.3 percent during 2022 compared to 2021. A total of 240 463 cattle were marketed in 2022 compared to 234 984 cattle marketed during 2021.
- During the month of December 2022, cattle marketing declined by 34.5 percent (month- on month) and 19.0 percent (year- on- year) from 16 278 cattle marketed in December 2021 to 13 183 cattle marketed in December 2022.

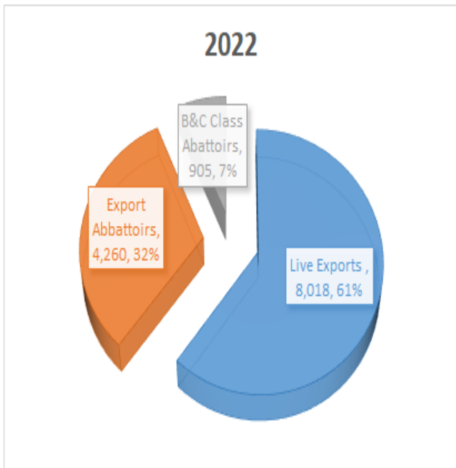


- Year-on-year, the contraction observed in cattle marketing during the month of December 2022 was predominantly driven by the reduction in the number of animals exported live on hoof as well as those marketed through B & C class abattoirs that dropped by 71.2 percent and 15.8 percent respectively.
- Marketing activities at export approved abattoirs on the other hand, recorded growth of 18.0 percent by combining attractive prices throughout majority of 2022.

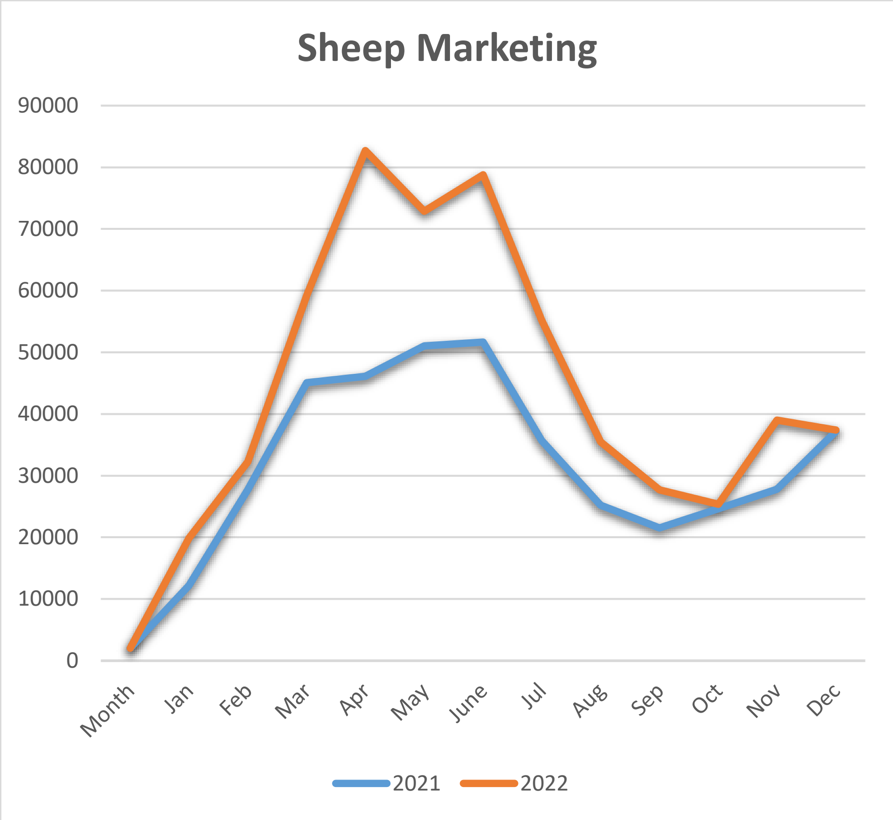
Market Share

Export- approved abattoirs and live exports gained market share of 10.1 percent and 2.3 percent, respectively while butchers lost 12.4 percent market share during the month of December 2022. Butchers accounted for up to 19.3 percent market share in 2021 but by the end of 2022 their market share dropped to 12.6 percent. Similarly, Export- approved abattoirs that had made up 24.1 percent of marketing in 2021 increased their market share to 29.3 percent in 2022.





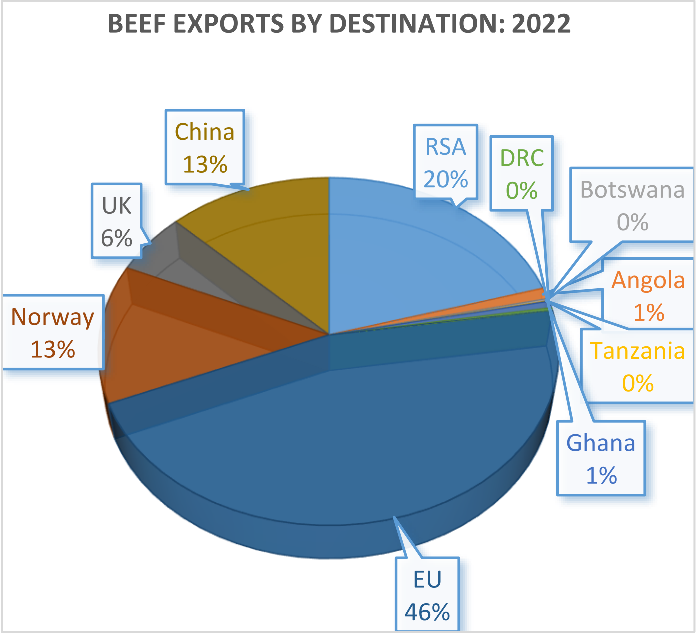
- YTD, A total of 139,613 cattle were exported live on hoof to various export destinations during 2022 compared to 137 784 animals that were exported during the same period in 2021.
- Year-on-year, Namibia exported a total of 8 018 cattle during December 2022 compared to 9 524 animals exported in December 2021.
- Of this total, 98.9 percent (7 931) were exported to South Africa whereas 0.7 percent (56) and 0.4 percent (31) animals were exported to Botswana and Zambia.
- Of these exports 95.6% were weaners (the general categorization of weaners includes weaners, tollies and heifers).

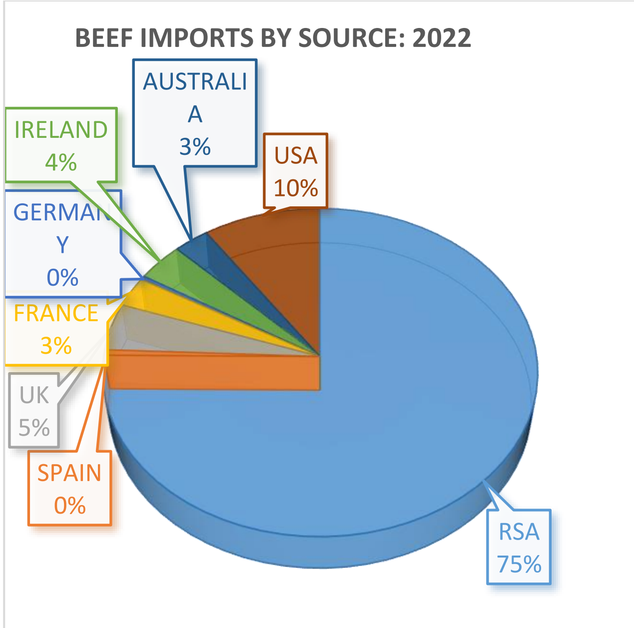


- YTD sheep marketing stood at 565894 in 2022 compared to 406 005 recorded in 2021.
- Year-on-year, sheep marketing grew by 0.5 percent in December 2022.
- A total of 37 404 heads of sheep were marketed during December 2022 relative to 37 206 heads of sheep marketed during December 2021.
- In terms of market share, Export approved abattoirs increased their market share from 4.4 percent in 2021 to 14.3 percent in 2022. This increase is owed to improved slaughtering activities at Natural Namibia Meat Producers as well as the resumption of slaughtering activities at Farmers Meat Market Mariental.
- Live exports on the other hand, lost 1.5 percent of their market share from 72.4 percent in 2021 to 70.9 percent during the period under review.
- There was a significant drop in the market share of B & C class abattoirs from 23.2 percent in 2021 to 16.3 percent in 2022 due to a decline in throughput at these abattoirs.

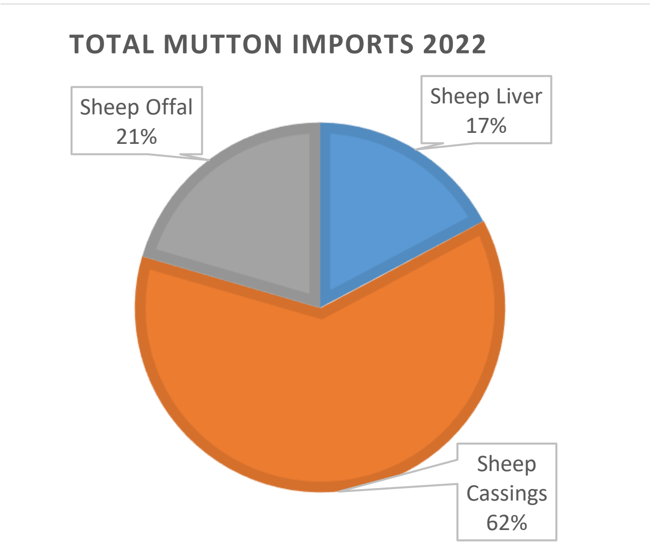
- Marketing activities within the goats sector improved significantly, recording a double digit growth of 18.7 percent in December 2022 compared to the compared to the same period in 2021.
- The growth, is owed to the increase in the number of goats exported live, predominantly to South Africa that grew by 35.9 percent.
- Marketing activities at B & C class abattoirs contracted by 96.0 percent during December 2022 relative to the same period in 2021.

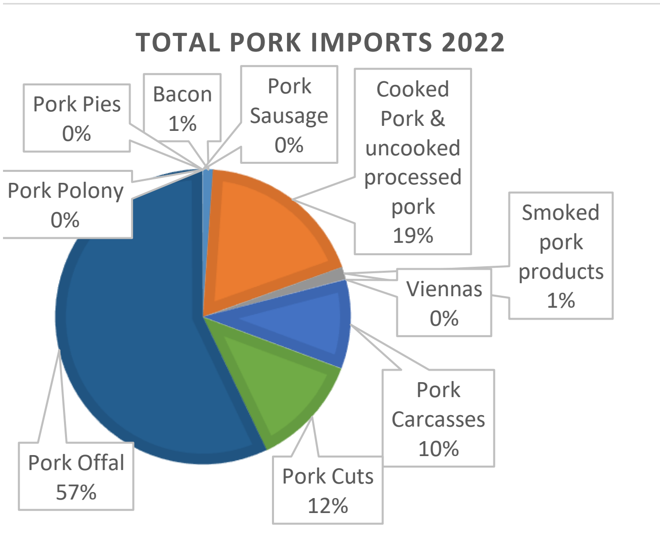
YTD pigs marketed at Meat Board-approved abattoirs stood at 46 323 heads in 2022 compared to 47 723 pigs marketed during the same period in 2021. This translates to a decline of 2.9 percent.





YTD Beef exports recorded a growth of 27.4 percent in December 2022. Namibia exported 10 020 872 kg beef to various destinations compared to 7 865 204 kg of beef exported during the same period in 2021. 46.0 percent of these exports went to the EU, 20.5 percent was exported to South Africa, 12.9 percent went Norway and the remaining 20.4 percent was exported to China and various African countries. Similarly, YTD beef imports stood at 2 230 439 kg in December 2022, a growth of 15.5 percent. Of these imports, 75. 1 percent came from South Africa in the form of processed products and the remaining share originated from the USA, UK, Australia and Ireland in the form of offal products and beef pies.





YTD Mutton imports stood at 318 888 kg in December 2022 compared to 267 813 mutton imported during the same period in 2021. These imports were made up of 59.0 percent sheep casings, 35.7 percent offal products and 5.3 percent mutton pies. However, month-on month, the month of December saw a growth of 607.1 percent in imports. This surge in imports was brought about by the low volume of mutton imported during the month of November 2022. China, being Namibia's largest sheep casings supplier was on a partial lock down due to the increase in covid-19 cases which negatively affected production.

The country remains a net importer of pork. The sector is currently facing a shortage of pork supply in the market due to the ongoing ban of pork imports from South Africa. As a result, a total of 6 892 050 kg of pork was imported during 2022, a decline of 8.9 percent compared to 7 562 103 kg volume of pork imported during 2021.

- Weaner prices averaged N$38.17/kg in December 2022 declining by N$ 1.35/kg from the November 2022 level of N$38.52. This brings the 2022 YTD average weaner price to N$37.62/kg compared to the 2021 YTD level of N$39.89/kg.
- The pork ceiling price increased by N$ 2.92/kg in December 2022 to N$ 51.03/kg from the November 2022 level of N$ 48.11/kg.

All in all, YTD marketing activities across all the sectors of the industry have recorded growths during the 2022 period. The upward trend in livestock marketing and meat production is expected to be sustained throughout 2023.