Monthly Statistics Commentary
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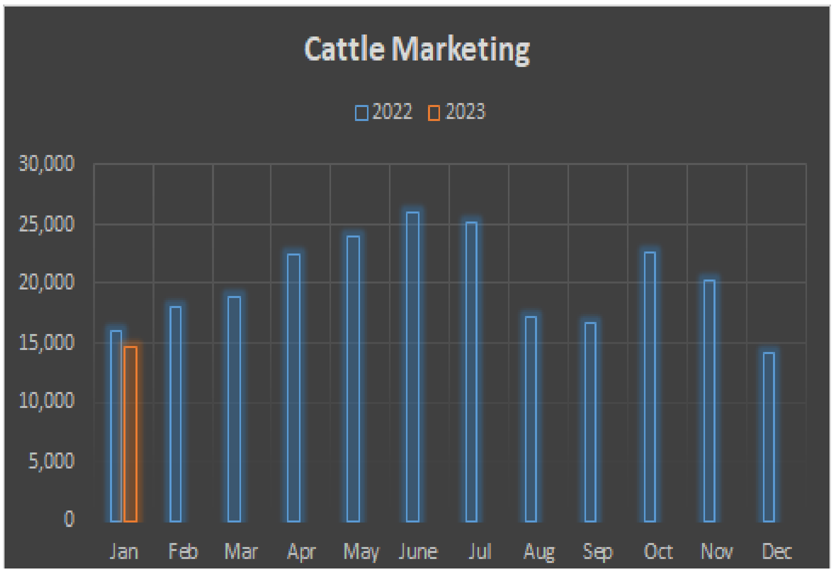
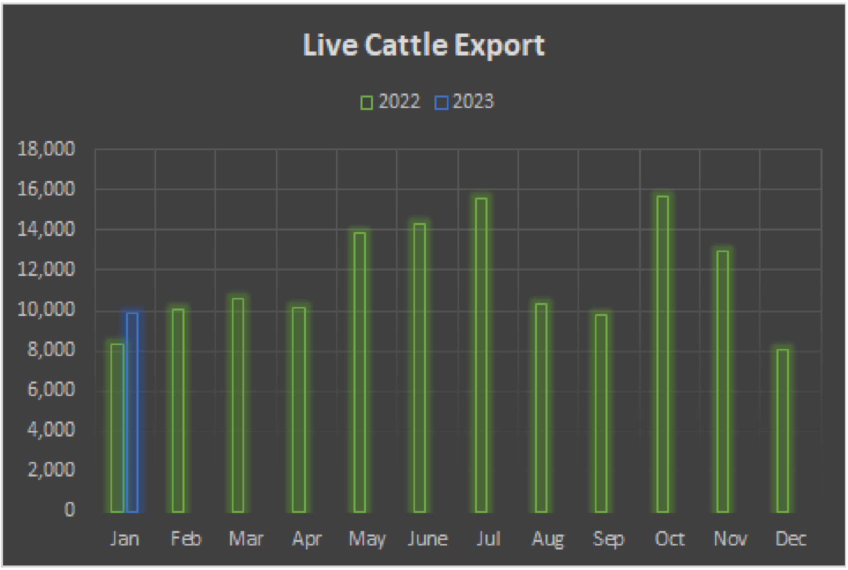
Meat Board Of Namibia

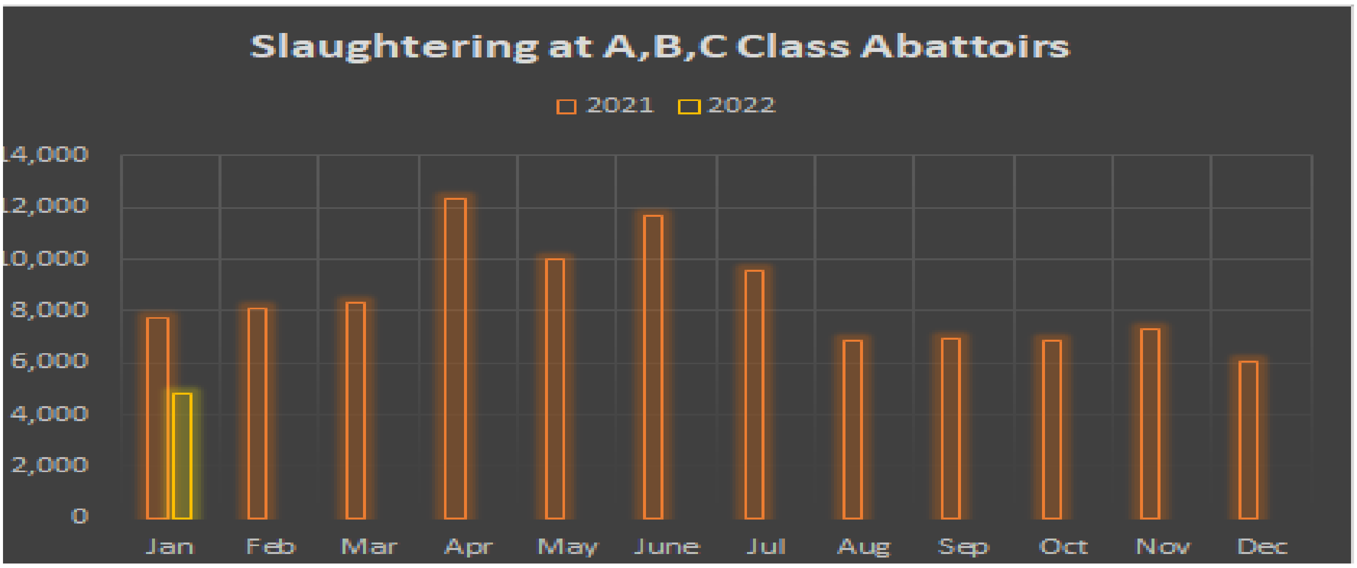
Cattle marketed during January 2023 dropped to 14 645 animals relative to 16 065 animals marketed during the same period in 2022. This represents a contraction of 8.8%. The decline is owed to a low supply of slaughter ready animals at both export approved and local abattoirs during the first month of the year.

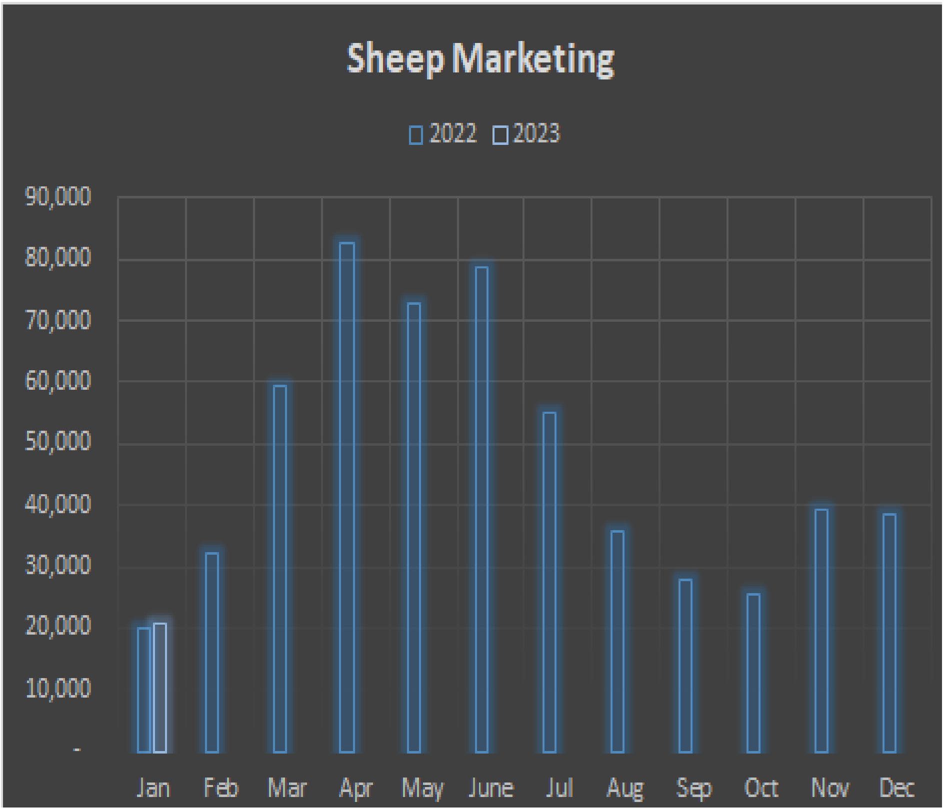


Live exports increased their market share by 15.5% during January 2023 to 67.2% from 51.7% in 2022. Export approved abattoirs lost market share during the period under review, taking up 26.7% of animals marketed in January 2023 compared to the 29.9% market share it absorbed during the same period in 2022.Similarly, B & C Class abattoirs lost 12.3% market share during 2023. Local abattoirs captured 6.1% market share during January 2023 relative to 18.4% during January 2022.

Cattle exports, recorded a positive growth of 18.6% during the period of January 2023. A total of 9 840 animals were exported on hoof during January 2023 relative to 8 300 animals exported during the same period in 2022.
All animals exported during January 2023 went to South Africa.
South Africa has over the years been the biggest destination for Namibian cattle, predominantly, weaners.







Sheep marketing stood at 20 727 in January 2023 compared to the 2022 level of 19 839 sheep marketed during January 2022.

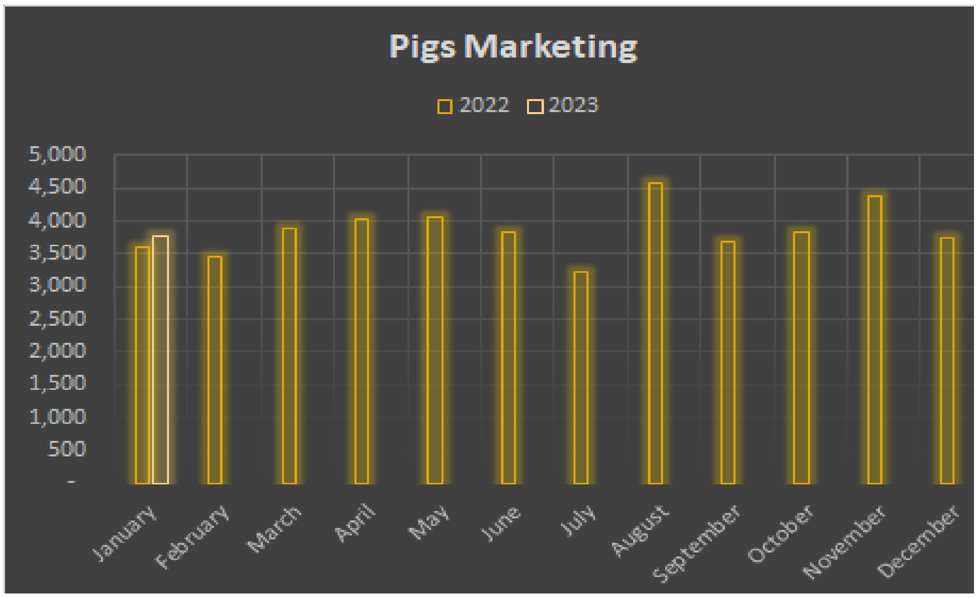
Year-on-year, this is a growth of 4.2% which was primarily driven by improved marketing activities observed at export approved abattoirs and live exports that recorded growths of 230.8% and 21.9%, respectively.

In terms of market share, Export approved abattoirs took up 77.6% of market share during January 2023, followed by Export approved abattoirs that captured 13.4% of all animals marketed during the period under review. The remaining 8.9% went to local abattoirs.

Marketing activities within the goats sector slowed during the month of January 2023. The sector recorded a contraction of 17.9% during January 2023 relative to January 2022.

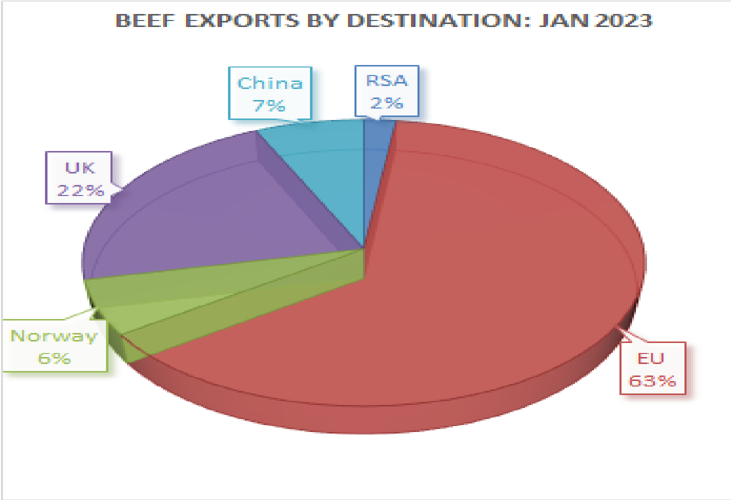
The decline, is owed to the drop in the number of goats exported live, predominantly to South Africa that contracted by 19.3%.

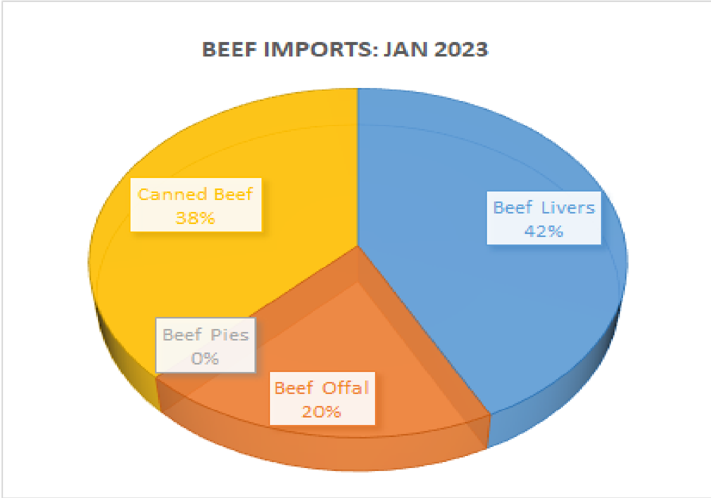
Marketing activities at B & C class abattoirs on the other hand grew by 333.3% during the period under review compared to the same period in 2022.



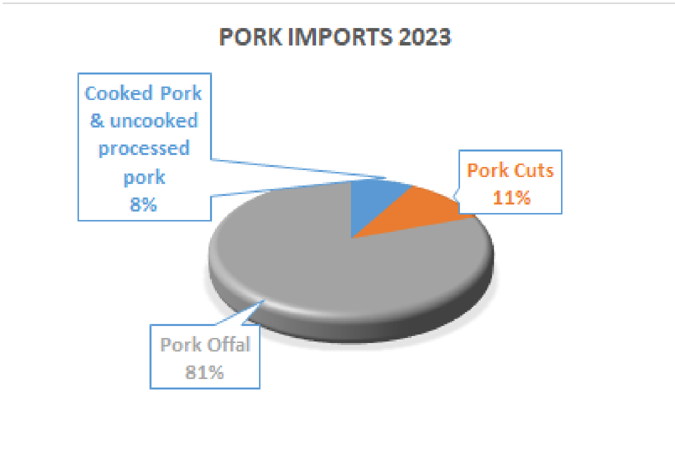
A total of 3 782 pigs were marketed at Meat Board approved abattoirs in January 2023, 4.9% more than the 3 606 pigs marketed during January 2022.

The Pork Market Share Promotion Scheme continues to be implemented to assist local producers with market access given cheap pork imports from elsewhere.





Beef exports dropped by 31.5% in January 2023. A total of 340 354 kg of beef was exported to a number of destinations in 2023 compared to 497 178 kg of beef exported during the same period in 2022. Of the total beef exported in January 2023, 63.3% went to the EU market, 21.5% was exported to the United Kingdom, 6.9% went to China, and the remaining 2.0% was exported to South Africa. Likewise, beef imports in January 2023 declined by 55.6%. Beef imports stood at 61 607 kg in January 2023 compared to 138 779 kg imported during the same period in 2022. Of these imports, 42.6% originated from the USA, 37.6% came from South Africa, 11.4% from Ireland and 8.5% from the UK. These imports were made up beef offal products and canned beef.



Mutton imports amounted to 9 475 kg in January 2023 compared to 40 648 kg mutton imported during the same period in 2022. All imports made in January 2023 were made up of sheep casings sourced from China.

Namibia remains a net importer of pork due to limited production and as such, local production is often supplemented with imported pork to meet local demand.

The sector is tackling the ongoing shortage of pork supply in the market due to the ongoing ban of pork imports from South Africa. A total of 892 080 kg of pork was imported during January 2023, a growth of 66.0% compared to 537 411 kg volume of pork imported during January 2022.

Year-on-year, s-VCF Weaner prices averaged N$37.13/kg in January 2023 declining by N$ 5.39/kg from the January 2022 level of N$42.51. n-VCF Weaner prices on the other hand stood at N$20.58/kg in January 2023 compared to the level of N$ 19.71/kg recorded in January 2022. This brings the price difference between s-VCF and n-VCF to N$16.54/kg for the period of January 2023.

The pork ceiling price averaged N$49.50/kg during January 2023, an increase of N$12.74/kg from the January 2022 level of N$36.76/kg.

Marketing trends in January 2023 showed mixed results with the cattle and goats sectors recording declines whilst the sheep sector recorded an improved performance during the period under review.