Statistics Commentary

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LIVESTOCK AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS BOARD

Domestic Overview

As anticipated, marketing kicked off slowly in the first month of the year due to reduced activities, leading to contractions across all sectors. As a result, prices started off strong, with increases observed in both auction and carcass prices.

Cattle Sector

A total of 11 797 cattle were marketed across all marketing channels during the first month of the year. This brings the sector to a decline of 49.1 percent from 23 166 animals marketed during January 2024. Live exports declined by 68.2 percent while throughput at B&C class abattoirs experienced a substantial reduction of 56.0 percent. However, slaughtering at export-approved abattoirs recorded a relatively modest increase of 5.2 percent.

Prices exhibited improved results, with both s-VCF and n-VCF prices recording an increase. s-VCF beef all-grade average carcass price stood at N$64.01/kg, N$4.60/kg higher than the level recorded during the same period in 2024. Similarly, The s-VCF B2 producer price increased by N$9.00/kg year-on-year, averaging N$70.20/kg in 2025 compared to N$61.19/kg in January 2024. Domestic weaner price faced upward momentum and averaged N$28.59/kg while n-VCF tolly price averaged N$ 31.39/kg.

Beef production, n-VCF saw an increase, with the Katima Mulilo and Rundu abattoirs jointly slaughtering 654 cattle while s-VCF abattoirs slaughtered a combined 5 148 cattle.

Sheep Sector

The sector recorded reduced marketing activities during the period under review. The sector is facing low availability of animals post herd reduction and this resulted in the sector declining by 65.1 percent during January 2025. Year-on-year, Live exports dropped by 52.4 percent declining from 26 399 heads in 2024 to 12 571 heads exported in 2025. Notably, slaughtering at export approved and local abattoirs declined by 90.8 percent during the period under review, with most of the production catering primarily to the domestic market.

The Namibian A2 producer price averaged N$90.41/kg during January 2025, N$18.55/kg higher than the 2024 level of N$71.86/kg. The Northern Cape A2 producer price averaged N$89.75/kg during January 2025; N$0.66/kg lower than the Namibian A2 producer price.

Northern Cape abattoir prices are the primary benchmark for Namibian producers because a significant number of sheep exports are bound for Northern Cape abattoirs.

Mutton production during 2025 remained low due to a reduction in throughput at export-approved abattoirs. As a result, only 272 kg of processed mutton was exported to South Africa and Botswana.

Goat Sector

Year-on-year, the sector recorded a decline of 34.9 percent. 4 515 goats were marketed during January 2025 relative to 6 932 goats marketed during the same period in 2024. The contraction is owed to a drop in animals marketed across all marketing channels during the period under review. Additionally, the lamb auction price averaged N$ 42.31/kg during the first month of the year.

Pork Sector

4 222 pigs were marketed at LLPBN approved abattoirs in January 2025, 2.0 percent lower than what was marketed during the same period in 2024.

594 330 kg of pork was imported during January 2025 of which, 54.8 percent originated from Germany, followed by South Africa and Spain with a market share of 16.9 percent and 16.4 percent, respectively. The remaining share originated from Botswana, UK, Netherlands, Portugal and China. Although imports are dominant in the market, the Pork Market Share Promotion Scheme, administered by the LLPBN continues to assist local producers in maintaining significant market share.

Poultry Sector

In January 2025, the sector slaughtered 1 171 897 live chickens and imported 996 day-old chicks for breeding purposes. The average producer price for a medium-sized egg during this period was N$3.74.

A total of 399,294 kg of processed chicken products were exported to South Africa, Botswana, and Zimbabwe. Meanwhile, imports totaled 2,368,150 kg by the end of January 2025. Of these imports, 69.4% originated from Poland, 19.0% came from Poland, and the remaining 11.6% came from South Africa, Argentina, Spain, Ireland, and Swaziland.

Dairy Sector

The sector, which comprises of milk and dairy products, imported a total of 596,179 liters of milk and 1,618,893 kg of various dairy products. These imports were sourced from South Africa, the EU and Australia.

Hides and Skins

In January 2025, 56 590 pieces of hides were exported to South Africa in January 2025 while 33 201 pieces of wet blue hides were imported from South Africa during the same period.