AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING SECTORS
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The sector includes the exploitation of vegetal and animal natural resources:
- Comprising the activities of growing of crops
- Raising and breeding of animals
- Harvesting of timber and other plants, animals or animal products from a farm or their natural habitats.
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- Aim of the publication is to zoom into the sector for informed decision making.
- Production in terms of agriculture value added (agriculture GDP).
- International trade, demand and supply of agricultural commodities on international front.
- Food consumer prices inflation and Auction prices for livestock.
Introduction continue....

• Secondary and Administrative data sourced from NSA, Ministry of Fisheries and Meat Board of Namibia.

• Follows international best practices
  – In line with the Global Strategy of the UN to improve Agriculture and Rural statistics.
  – International classification of ISIC, CPC and COICOP.
Economic Development

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing sector nominal value added (production) expanded to N$3.8 billion in 1Q2021 vs N$3.0 billion 1Q2020 (8.3% share to GDP)
The performance of the sector over the past year was better off than GDP growth.

2021Q1 sector by 2.8% whereas GDP by 6.5%.

Indicative of sector resilience to COVID-19 pandemic.

Food inflation (5.8%) was higher than All item inflation (2.8%) during the review period.

- Increases were recorded in Meat, ‘Oils and fats’ and Fruit items.
Livestock recorded the largest decline of 7.5% followed by Fishing by 0.5%.
Mainly to low demand from international markets.
However, Crop farming and Forestry by 1.8% and 1.7%.
International Trade

- Export earnings for 2021Q1 down to N$531 million.
- Agricultural products generated most earnings N$450 million.
- Forestry attracted the least income of N$24 million.
International trade cont...

- Import bill to N$763 million.
- Agriculture topped the bill with N$706 million followed by N$49 million paid to Fishing products.
- Trade deficit expanded from N$197 million in 2020Q1 to N$232 million in 2021Q1.
Markets for Agricultural Commodities

- South Africa is the main trading partner in terms of imports (78.8%) and exports (65.7%).
- Namibia imported 15.9% worth of goods from Russian Federation.
- Netherlands (7.2%), United Kingdom (7.1%) and Germany (6.1%) were among top export destinations.
Export of Agricultural products

- Export earnings was N$450 million vs N$449 million of 2020Q1.
- ‘Fruits and nuts’ income from N$55 million in 2020Q1 vs N$167 million of 2021Q1
  - Grapes value $127 million.
• Live animals export earnings over the year was less by N$102 million, amounting to N$266 million.
• However, it topped the list scooping 59.1% of income in 2021Q1.
  – Cattle attracted a share of 71.8% (N$192 million)
  – Sheep 23.6% (N$63 million) and Goats 4.3% (N$11 million).
Import of Agricultural Products

- Import of Agricultural products were valued at N$706 million from N$753 million of 2020Q1.
- Largest bill was Cereals (N$390 million), followed by ‘Fruits and nuts’ (N$82 million).
Import of agricultural products

- Maize and Wheat accounted for 96% of cereal imports.
- Maize import bill was N$237 million.
- Wheat import was valued at N$136 million.
- Millet value was the least in 2021Q1 to the value of N$2 million.
Export earnings from forestry products were valued at N$24 million compared to N$75 million in 1Q2020.

Logs of non-coniferous wood recorded the highest value of N$12 million, by 82.7%.
Forestry Exports By Country of destination

- South Africa, 61.4
- Saudi Arabia, 22.2
- Vietnam, 11.8
- Other, 4.6
Import of Forestry and logging products – million N$

- Import bill for 2021Q1 stood at N$7.3 million, a ↓ 41.5% y/y.
Fish and Other Fish Products

- Fish landings of quota species by 13.0% y/y, 89,148 tones.
- In 2021Q1, Horse mackerel and hake were the most landed fish
  - This is due to the fact that the two species are harvested throughout the year.
Exported Fish and other fishing products – N$ million

- Earnings from exports of Fish and other fishing products in 2021Q1 stood at N$57.7 million, whereas N$51.6 million was recorded in 2020Q1.

- ‘Wild fish of Gadiformes’ (N$31.8 million) and ‘Wild cuttlefish and squid’ (N$11.3 million) the lead source of income in 2020Q1.
Export of Fish and other fishing products by country of destination – percentage share

- Spain, 53.5%
- South Africa, 25.2%
- Hong Kong, 7.0%
- China, 5.7%
- Zambia, 4.6%
- Others, 4.1%
## Imported Fish and other fishing products - N$ million

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Conclusion

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing sector declined by 2.8% in 2021Q1
- Food inflation has risen faster than other consumption items during the review period.
- Export of agricultural commodities remained almost the same as in the corresponding quarter of 2020 whereas import reduced to N$706 million.
- Export for Forestry products were mainly destined for South Africa and Saudi Arabia.
- More than half of fish exports were to Spain and South Africa.
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