

Dear Esteemed Users,

Herewith kindly receive the attached Monthly Statistics for the month of July 2021. Some notable developments are:

- Cattle marketing declined by 20.75% although slaughtering by abattoirs nVCF and exports to Angola improved significantly
- Beef exports declined 41.88% following the slaughtering trend. However Norway exports received high priority during the past seven months
- Beef imports increased by 9.00% year-to-date.
- Live weaner prices during July 2021 averaged N\$36.94/kg down from an average of N\$38.68/kg of June 2021. Weaner prices are expected to rise given the closure of Botswana weaner exports at the end of July 2021 that had facilitated relatively cheaper weaner supply to South Africa. Further, given good yellow maize harvest in South Africa, weaner demand could rise by the end of the third quarter going into the beginning of the fourth quarter as feedlots ready for the festive season.
- Beef carcass prices as reflected by B2 price remained above N\$55/kg throughout the second quarter and this trend has continued into July 2021 with the B2 price averaging 55.42/kg
- Sheep exports increased by 20.38%. However, overall sheep marketing declined by 1.43% mainly due to a halt of activities of export abattoirs with the last operational export abattoir suspending operations on account of uneconomical throughput.
- Goats marketing driven by both live exports and slaughtering continue to perform favourably with year-to-date performance at 47.89% while pigs marketing year-to-date declined by a relatively modest 2.16%

We would like to thank our stakeholders for providing valuable data as well as our users for providing useful feedback. For any enquiries or comments regarding the attached Monthly Statistics, please feel free to contact us.

Kind regards,

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