

MEDIA RELEASE

RELEASE OF THE FIRST QUARTER 2026 AGRICULTURE AND FISHING INDICATORS STATISTICAL BULLETIN AND FIRST QUARTER 2026 GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)

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1. Today, the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) is pleased to release figures of the first Quarter of 2026 Agriculture indicators, and Fishing indicators as well as the First Quarter 2026 Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

FIRST QUARTER OF 2026 AGRICULTURE AND FISHING INDICATORS STATISTICAL BULLETIN

2. In line with the Global Strategy of the United Nations to improve Agriculture and Rural Statistics, adopted by the United Nations Statistical Commission in 2010, the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) has developed a quarterly Agriculture and Fishing Indicator Statistical Bulletin using administrative and secondary data.
3. Allow me to emphasise that, the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Sector remains paramount in developing countries such as Namibia as it plays a critical role in food and nutrition security, industrialisation, employment creation, increasing income and reducing income inequality. Hence the need to manage and improve the availability, quality and accessibility of data and statistics pertaining to this sector.
4. The Quarterly Agriculture and Fishing Indicator Statistical Bulletin presents an overview of the agriculture and fishing indicators for Namibia. The objective of the bulletin is to illustrate the short-term (specifically 3 months) performance of the sectors by looking at the **production of crops, fish landings, international merchandise trade patterns, and auction prices development** on a quarterly basis. The statistical bulletin seeks to assist users, such as analysts, researchers, and policy makers in their planning, research and decision-making processes as well as carrying out in-depth analyses of the sector.

5. During the first quarter of 2026, Production of controlled agronomy [comprising white maize, wheat and mahangu (pearl millet)] stood at 2 171 tonnes, compared to 1 637 tonnes recorded in the same quarter of 2025, translating into an increase of 32.6 percent in production level. Wheat recorded the highest production of 1 565 tonnes for the quarter under review.
6. Moreover, total exports of agronomy products were valued at N\$303.0 thousand, a decline of 82.8 percent when compared to N\$1 763.0 thousand recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Export earnings (from agronomy products) were mostly from wheat, which accounted for 89.3 percent of the total export earnings.
7. Imports of agronomy products were valued at N\$467.7 million, a decline of 52.1 percent, when compared to N\$976.6 million recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Maize was the highest grain imported with a value of N\$320.0 million. The agronomy export and import figures yield a N\$467.4 million trade deficit.
8. In the first quarter of 2026, Namibia exported horticultural products valued at N\$668.0 million compared to N\$262.0 million that was exported in the same quarter of 2025. This translated to an increase of 155.0 percent.
9. The import bill for horticulture products was valued at N\$331.8 million for the quarter under review, a decline of 4.1 percent, when compared to N\$346.0 million that was recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Considering the export and import for horticultural products, a trade surplus to the tune of N\$336.2 million was recorded.
10. During the quarter under review, total number of animals auctioned increased by 32.1 percent to 118 175 animals from 89 428 animals auctioned in the corresponding quarter of 2025.

11. Developments on the fishing indicators front reveal that total of quota species during the first quarter of 2026 amounted to 92 853 metric tonnes, a decrease of 5.6 percent when compared to 98 389 metric tonnes recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Horse Mackerel recorded the highest landings of 53 418 metric tonnes.
12. Fishery products ('Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates' products) attracted foreign earnings from exports valued at N\$4.4 billion, an increase of 6.5 percent when compared to N\$4.1 billion recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025.
13. The Import bill for 'Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates' for the quarter under review stood at N\$159.0 million, an increase of 29.6 percent when compared to N\$122.7 million recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025.

FIRST QUARTER 2026 GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP)

14. The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) is pleased to announce the release of the first-quarter Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for 2026. The Quarterly GDP (QGDP) measures short-term (specifically 3 months) economic activity trends.
15. In the first quarter of 2026, the size of the Namibian economy for the quarter reached N\$70.9 billion in nominal terms, reflecting a growth of N\$4.7 billion compared to N\$66.2 billion recorded in the same period of 2025.
16. In real terms (after adjusting for inflation, the domestic economy grew by 2.0 percent in the first quarter of 2026, though this is a slowdown compared to the 2.8 percent growth observed in the same quarter of 2025.

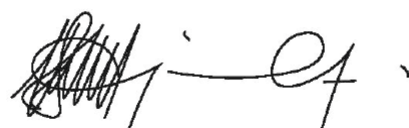
17. The performance of this quarter is mainly attributable to the tertiary industries that recorded a growth rate of 5.1 percent in real value added posted, the same growth recorded in the corresponding period of 2025. The performance in the tertiary industries was mainly driven by sectors of 'Wholesale and retail trade' (9.3% compared to 7.5%), Financial services activities (7.2% compared to 1.6%), Health (6.4% from 12.1%), Education (4.6% compared to 4.7), and Public administration (3.7% in comparison to 4.3%).
18. On a contrary, a downturn was witnessed in the secondary industries, recording a decline of 3.1 percent in real value added during the period under review, relative to an increase of 2.4 percent registered in the corresponding quarter of 2025. This performance emanates from the Manufacturing sector that registered a 5.9 percent decline in real value added, compared to a decrease of 1.2 percent witnessed in the same quarter of 2025.
19. Furthermore, economic activities slowed in the Primary industries, witnessing a decline of 5.7 percent in real value added compared to a 4.2 percent decline recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. The poor performance is attributed to the Mining and Quarrying sector, that registered a decline in real value added of 12.2 percent. The decline in performance is due to the significant reduction in mineral production, mainly in diamond and gold.
20. On the demand side, the private final consumption expenditure grew by 1.4 percent during the period under review, relative to a growth of 8.4 percent recorded in parallel quarter of 2025 as household consumption slowed. Government final consumption expenditure maintained a positive performance, registering a 4.5 percent increase during the first quarter of 2026 compared to a growth of 6.4 percent registered in the corresponding quarter of 2025. This performance is attributable to increased number of public servants.

21. Moreover, Gross Fixed Capital Formation recorded a 3.4 percent surge during the quarter under review relative to a decline of 4.8 percent posted in the corresponding quarter of 2025, due to increase in investment in ‘machinery and transport equipment’, and construction activities. Export of goods and services grew by 4.1 percent during the quarter under review, while import of goods and services increased by 4.6 percent resulting in the external balance of goods and services deficit to expand.

CONCLUSION

22. In conclusion, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all data providers, both institutions and individuals—whose invaluable contributions made this publication possible. I also wish to encourage our esteemed stakeholders to continue supporting and providing the NSA with the necessary data, so that together we can ensure the production of accurate, reliable, and timely statistics. These statistics are prerequisites for planning, monitoring and evaluation, and progress reporting in view of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Agenda 2063 and NDP6, amongst others.
23. To the media, thank you for your continued efforts in sharing the work of the Agency with the nation, your support is highly appreciated.
24. The NSA welcomes views and comments from the users of these publications, to help us improve the quality of agriculture and fishing indicators and the gross domestic product estimates in Namibia. To access the publications released today, please visit our website (<https://nsa.org.na>).

I thank you



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