

MEDIA RELEASE

SECOND QUARTER 2026 STATISTICAL RELEASES:

AGRICULTURE AND FISHING INDICATORS

GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT

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1. The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) is pleased to release today the “Second Quarter 2026 Agriculture and Fishing Indicators” and the “Second Quarter 2026 Gross Domestic Product.” The second quarter reference period is the calendar quarter April to June. The analysis presents year-on-year comparisons of corresponding quarters.
2. The statistics presented in this release are intended to provide timely and regular measures of economic activities. They track quarterly developments, identify turning points and emerging trends, and support evidence-based decision-making by government, the private sector and other stakeholders. As high-frequency statistics, they complement annual and structural statistics and provide an early indication of economic performance. The Agriculture and Fishing Indicators provide insight into the quarterly performance of the agriculture and fishing sector, while the Gross Domestic Product provides a comprehensive measure of overall economic activities.

SECOND QUARTER OF 2026 AGRICULTURE AND FISHING INDICATORS

1. During the second quarter of 2026, Production of controlled agronomy [comprising white maize, wheat and mahangu (pearl millet)] stood at 52 515 tonnes, compared to 35 765 tonnes recorded in the same quarter of 2025, translating into an increase of 46.8 percent in production level. White maize recorded the highest production

of 52 515 tonnes while no production was recorded for Wheat and Pearl Millet for the quarter under review.

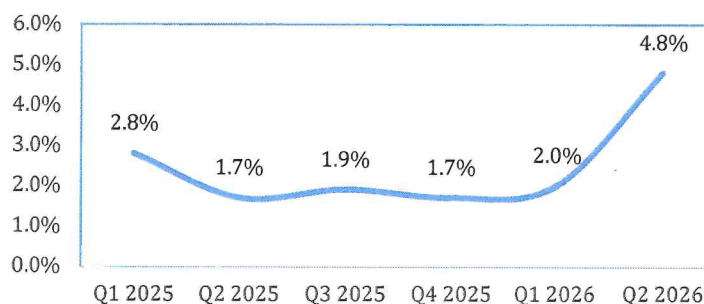
2. Moreover, total exports of agronomy products during the second quarter of 2026 were valued at N\$122.0 thousand, compared to N\$15.9 thousand recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Export earnings from agronomy products were mostly from Oats, which accounted for 82.1 percent of the total export earnings.
3. Import of agronomy products for the second quarter of 2026 were valued at N\$674.8 million compared to N\$422.1 million recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Wheat was valued the highest with a bill of N\$491.6 million. The agronomy export and import figures yielded a N\$674.7 million trade deficit (considering that the exports were only worth N\$122.0 thousand).
4. In the second quarter of 2026, Namibia exported horticultural products valued at N\$226.3 million compared to N\$149.6 million that was exported in the same quarter of 2025. This earning is 51.3 percent higher from the corresponding quarter of 2025. During the period under review, Dates were the top exported products, amounting to N\$158.3 million, followed by Tomatoes (N\$24.5 million), Onions (N\$15.2 million), 'Pumpkin, squash and gourds' (N\$9.3 million) and other commodities amounted to N\$19.0 million.
5. The import bill for horticulture products was valued at N\$332.1 million for the quarter under review, an increase of 4.6 percent, when compared to N\$317.4 million that was recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Considering the export and import for horticultural products, a trade deficit of N\$105.8 million was recorded.

6. During the quarter under review, total number of animals auctioned increased by 9.3 percent to 110 996 animals from 101 513 animals auctioned in the corresponding quarter of 2025.
7. Developments on the fishing indicators front reveal that total of quota species landings during the second quarter of 2026 amounted to 101 546 metric tonnes, a decrease of 1.1 percent when compared to 102 658 metric tonnes recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Horse Mackerel recorded the highest landings of 61 221 metric tonnes.
8. Fish products attracted foreign earnings during the second quarter of 2026 valued at N\$4.6 billion compared to N\$4.1 billion recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025. While the import bill for fish products for the quarter under review stood at N\$189.2 million compared to N\$155.0 million recorded in the corresponding quarter of 2025.

THE NAMIBIAN ECONOMY GREW BY 4.8% DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2026

9. Namibia during the second quarter of 2026 recorded a growth of 4.8 percent year on year in real GDP, compared to the 1.7 percent growth observed in the same quarter of 2025.

10. Real GDP Growth Year-on-Year



Since Q1 of 2025, the average growth rate up to Q1 of 2026 was 2% while Q2 of 2026 growth is 4.8%.

11. The sectors that recorded the highest growth rates during the period under review were 'Agriculture and forestry', Health, 'Wholesale and retail trade' and 'Information and communication'. The performance of these sectors are provided below.

12. The Agriculture and forestry sector recorded a growth of 17.8 percent during the second quarter of 2026 compared to a decline of 2.7 percent registered in the corresponding quarter of 2025. This is attributed to Crop subsector, which recorded a growth of 28.5 percent in real value added due to increase production of maize and millet.

13. Health sector registered a growth of 17.6 percent in real value added during the period under review from an increase of 2.7 percent recorded in the second quarter of 2025. The performance is owed to increase health service delivery as government recruits additional medical specialist expanding the health workforce.
14. The Wholesale and retail trade sector noted a growth of 9.0 percent in real value added during the second quarter of 2026 compared to 6.5 percent recorded in the parallel quarter of 2025. This is stemming from the increase in the volume of sales from for supermarkets, wholesalers and clothing outlets.
15. Information and communication sector grew by 8.2 percent in real value added in contrast to a 12.3 percent registered in the corresponding quarter of 2025. The growth in the sector is due to increased usage in mobile minutes and internet data utilization.
16. 'Hotels and restaurants' and Financial services activities during the review quarter recorded growth rates of 5.5 percent in real value added each, while 'Real estate and professional services' registered a growth of 5.2 percent. These are also notable growths.
17. On the other hand, Construction, 'Mining and quarrying' and 'Electricity and water' sectors recorded declines in real value added of 15.5 percent, 3.1 percent and 2.6 percent, respectively.
18. The nominal Gross Domestic Product (GDP) measures the size of the economy. During second quarter of 2026, the size of the Namibian economy amounted to N\$70.6 billion, an expansion from N\$65.3 billion recorded in the same period of 2025.

19. On the demand side, the Private Final Consumption Expenditure registered an increase of 11.6 percent during the period under review, relative to a decline of 5.9 percent recorded in parallel quarter of 2025 as consumption by households rebounded. Furthermore, Government Final Consumption Expenditure maintained positive performance, registering a 6.6 percent increase during the second quarter of 2026 compared to a growth of 4.1 percent registered in the corresponding quarter of 2025.
20. Moreover, Gross Fixed Capital Formation recorded a double digit of 14.4 percent increase during the quarter under review, relative to a decrease of 4.4 percent posted in the corresponding quarter of 2025 due to increase in investment of machinery and transport equipment. Export of goods and services grew marginally by 0.3 percent, while import of goods and services increased by 12.9 percent resulting in the external balance deficit to expand.

CONCLUSION

21. 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.

22. To the media, thank you for your continued efforts in sharing the work of the Agency with the nation, your support is highly appreciated. The next releases, the Third Quarter Agriculture and Fishing Indicators Statistical Bulletin and the Gross Domestic Product are both scheduled to be released on 17 December 2026.
23. The NSA welcomes views and comments from the users of these publications, to help us improve the quality of agriculture and fishing indicators. To access the publications released today, please visit our website (<https://nsa.org.na>).

I thank you.



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