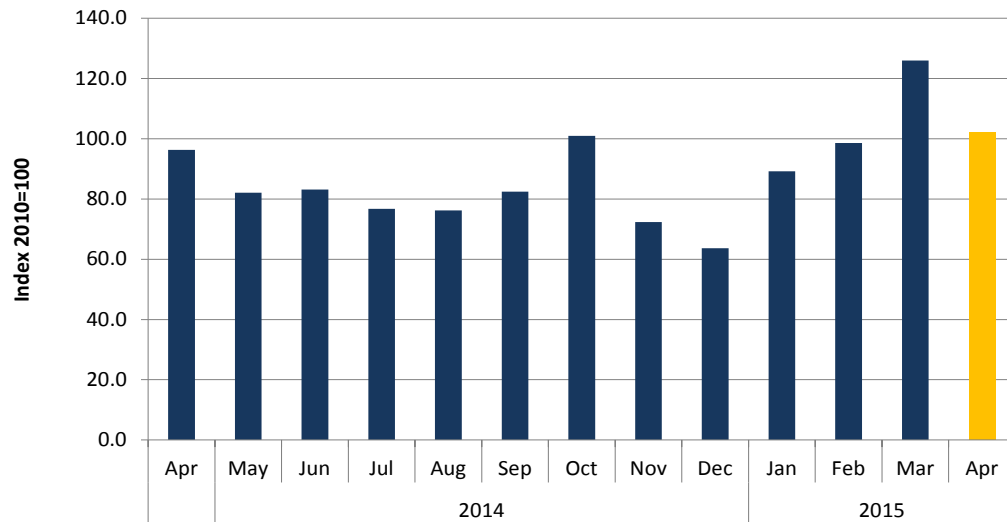


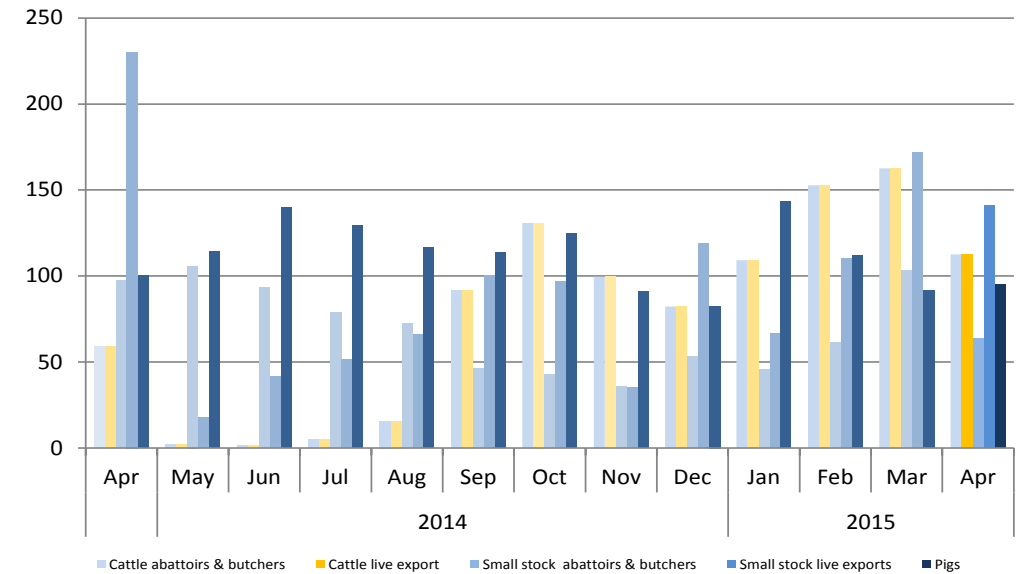


Chart 1 Livestock marketed index (respective month 2010 = 100)



- The livestock marketed composite index for April 2015 stood at 102.1 points when compared to 126.0 points recorded in March 2015, representing a decline of 19.0 per cent m/m and an in-crease of 6.0 per cent y/y.
- The index declined for the first time since January 2015 but re-mains above the base year index, reaching 102.1 points. Farmers are de-stocking large livestock due to drought but at the same time restocking small stock.
- In absolute terms, number of livestock marketed recorded a total of 125 098 in March 2015, a decline of 27.1 per cent m/m and 25.4 per cent y/y.
- The cattle abattoirs and butchers index stood at 107.8 points an increased with 7.2 per cent m/m whereas a double digits increase of 15.5 per cent on y/y basis (Chart 2).

Chart 2: Livestock Marketed Sub-Sector Index



- The index for cattle exported on hoof decline by 50.0 basis points to record 112.6 points in April 2015. This represents a decline of 30.8 per cent m/m and an increase of 90.4 per cent y/y basis.
- The small stock abattoirs and butchers index stood at 63.7 basis points when compared to 103.2 in the preceding month. The index declined by 39.5 basis points representing a decline of 38.3 per cent m/m and 34.8 per cent y/y basis.
- The index for small stock live export recorded a decline of 140.8 points representing a decline of 18.1 per cent m/m and 38.8 per cent y/y basis.
- The index for Pigs increased by 4.1 per cent m/m and declined by 4.9 per cent y/y basis, recording an index level of 95.1 basis points.



Table 2: Composite Index of Livestock marketed

		Cattle		Small stock		Pigs	Weighted index
		Export	Live	Export	Live		
2013	Jan	80.9	70.0	80.3	46.2	127.4	76.2
	Feb	79.4	119.1	125.9	62.6	92.2	100.6
	Mar	83.2	171.3	164.0	124.5	92.2	131.5
	Apr	135.8	153.9	124.9	172.0	103.1	140.9
	May	184.0	154.9	123.3	150.7	119.8	156.5
	Jun	157.0	161.1	103.1	214.3	94.6	149.2
	Jul	103.1	203.1	96.9	125.8	61.2	132.5
	Aug	98.9	193.0	97.0	149.1	102.2	131.6
	Sept	99.2	145.7	81.2	123.0	123.3	112.4
	Oct	87.2	124.6	82.0	97.8	137.7	100.3
	Nov	110.2	112.3	84.9	93.8	134.3	104.8
	Dec	48.8	64.0	67.8	130.1	124.6	67.7
2014	Jan	43.7	44.1	62.8	65.5	135.7	53.5
	Feb	60.7	44.3	77.6	129.7	119.7	67.8
	Mar	83.5	60.8	103.4	162.6	104.9	88.8
	Apr	93.4	59.1	97.7	230.2	100.1	96.3
	May	149.0	2.2	105.8	17.7	114.6	82.1
	Jun	151.4	1.5	93.2	41.9	140.0	83.1
	Jul	137.7	5.0	78.9	51.7	129.2	76.7
	Aug	128.9	15.8	72.5	65.9	116.5	76.2
	Sept	88.9	91.6	46.4	100.1	113.6	82.4
	Oct	109.3	130.9	43.1	97.0	125.0	100.9
	Nov	78.9	99.6	35.8	35.0	91.0	72.3
	Dec	37.9	82.3	53.5	119.0	82.6	63.7
2015	Jan	98.4	109.2	45.8	66.8	143.3	89.2
	Feb	70.7	152.7	61.4	110.0	112.2	99.8
	Mar	100.6	162.6	172.8	172.0	91.4	126.0
		112.6	63.7	140.8	95.2	102.1	102.1

Methodology

Data Sources

The livestock sub-sector contributed 1.5 per cent to the Gross Domestic Product. Livestock sub-sector growth declined by 39.2 per cent in 2013. The data are obtained from the Meat board of Namibia and Agricultural Union of Namibia, data collected for monthly sectoral reports are monthly number of livestock marketed for: Live export to South Africa and Angola for both cattle, goat and sheep, Export to abattoirs and butchers (Cattle, goats and sheep), and pigs and Milk production per hector litres.

Base year

Livestock sectoral report is harmonised with the quarterly and annual national accounts base year 2010.

Calculations of index

The index is calculated based on the 2010 base year volumes and 2010 weights. The index is a magnitude of the volume changes over time, with reference to the volume of the base year 2010. Index is calculated as a ratio of a volume of a specific component in a specific month to the total volume of that component in 2010.