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Sweet Potato

Watermelon

Sweet melon

Lettuce

HORTICULTURE: VEGETABLES PRODUCTION FORECAST

REPORT NO 3

FORECASTED PERIOD:

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1. INTRODUCTION

Report no. 3, covers the local production forecast for the <u>five (5) special controlled products</u> i.e. Beetroot, English Cucumber, Sweet Potato, Watermelon and Sweet melon as well as <u>one (1) monitored crop</u> i.e. Lettuce. The production of the special controlled products is monitored by NAB and involves close border period whenever sufficient local production is expected, and this scheme is implemented in line with the market share promotion scheme. Monitored crops are those horticultural crops whose production is closely monitored, and have the greatest potential to be converted as special controlled products in the future. The production forecast covers a period of five (5) months and it is updated on a monthly basis, while field verifications are carried out on a quarterly basis. The special controlled products in this report are divided into the following categories: Inclusion and Exclusions: Inclusion involves all the specific sub-product types of special controlled products and can only be imported through the Special Import Permit during open border periods (see table 1A). Exclusion involves sub-product type of special controlled products that does not form part of the special controlled product scheme and can be imported using the mixed fruits and vegetable import permit. The objective of the special controlled product scheme is to stimulate local production of horticultural products in Namibia, as a growth at home strategy implemented by the NAB.

Table 1 below show the inclusions and exclusions of the special controlled products

Special Controlled Product	Inclusions (Not allowed to be imported, only during open border period)	Exclusions (Allowed to be imported with no restriction)
Beetroot	All types, size groups and container size of fresh, chilled, Whole or Cut red fleshed Beetroot, except the "Exclusions".	Yellow, white and golden fleshed Beetroot. All frozen, dried, cooked and preserved beetroot (Whole or Cut). Including Juice/Jam
English Cucumber	All types, size groups and container size of fresh, chilled, Whole or Cut English Cucumber, except the "Exclusions".	Preserved English Cucumber, other types of cucumbers. All frozen, dried, cooked and preserved English Cucumber (Whole or Cut).
Sweet Potato	All types, size groups and container sizes of fresh, chilled, Whole or Cut Sweet Potato, except the "Exclusions".	Yellow/Cream fleshed Sweet potato (Zambian type), Purple Sweet Potato. All frozen, dried, cooked, and preserved Sweet Potato (Whole or Cut).
Watermelon	All types, size groups and container size of fresh, chilled, Whole or Cut Watermelon, except the "Exclusions".	All Watermelon Juices and Jam.
Sweet melon	All types, size groups and container size of fresh, chilled, Whole or Cut Sweet Melon, except the "Exclusions".	All Sweet melon Juices and Jam.

Whole: any fresh fruit or vegetable that have not been altered from its original form.

Cut: any fresh fruit or vegetable that has been physically altered from its original form, but remains in a fresh state.

Dried: any Fresh fruit or vegetable that have been dried or dehydrated, either whole or in pieces/cuts.

Frozen: any fresh fruits or vegetables that have had their temperature reduced and maintained to below their freezing point.

Chilled: any fresh fruit or vegetable with the temperature reduced to around 0C without the products being frozen.

Cooked: Refers to fruit and vegetables that are cooked by steaming or boiling in water, either whole or in pieces/cuts.

Preserved: Refers to fresh fruit and vegetables soaked in brine or vinegar, or other liquids, either whole or in pieces/cuts.

2. PRODUCTION TONNAGE EXPECTED PER AREA

Table 1, indicates that, during the reporting period, the biggest portion of Beetroot is expected to be harvested in the Karst, Sweet Potatoes from North Central production zones. Furthermore, Table 1 also shows that the biggest portion of Watermelon and Sweet melon production is expected from South and Orange.

Table 1A: Month	ly expected production	n per a	rea, per c	rop for	the perio	od 01 Se	p 2020 -	31 Jan	2020				
Number	s in the table below r	epresen	ts tonna	ge expe	cted to h	arveste	d for loc	al and e	xport ma	rket	La	ast updated:	21 Aug 2020
PRODUCTION AREAS	CROPS	Sep-20)	Oct-20		Nov-20	•	Dec-20	•	Jan-21		Total (for	the 5 months period)
AREAS		Local	Export	Local	Export	Local	Export	Local	Export	Local	Export	Yield	Ha to be harvested
	Beetroot	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.14	0.01
	English Cucumbers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
ZAMBEZI	Sweet Potatoes	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.25	0.10
ZAIVIDEZI	Watermelon	5.0	0.0	22.7	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	32.72	0.83
	Sweetmelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	Lettuce	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.75	0.05
	Beetroot	2.8	0.0	1.7	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.36	0.53
	English Cucumbers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
KAVANGO	Sweet Potatoes	3.6	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	41.33	1.83
INAVAINGO	Watermelon	0.0	0.0	26.1	0.0	317.3	0.0	207.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	551.23	15.31
	Sweetmelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	Lettuce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	Beetroot	6.9	0.0	0.5	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.35	0.87
	English Cucumbers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
NORTH	Sweet Potatoes	118.6	0.0	155.7	0.0	107.8	0.0	6.6	0.0	3.6	0.0	392.33	18.83
CENTRAL	Watermelon	110.0	0.0	524.4	0.0	162.5	0.0	13.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	810.07	24.11
	Sweetmelon	37.2	0.0	39.3	0.0	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.00	2.99
	Lettuce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00

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	Beetroot	105.0	0.0	95.0	0.0	146.0	0.0	118.0	0.0	118.0	0.0	582.00	22.90
	English Cucumbers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
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KARSTLAND	Watermelon	0.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	208.0	0.0	398.0	0.0	160.0	0.0	816.00	17.50
	Sweetmelon	0.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	40.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	200.00	5.00
	Lettuce	29.5	0.0	29.5	0.0	29.5	0.0	29.5	0.0	29.5	0.0	152.50	5.75
	Beetroot	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	45.00	1.34
	English Cucumbers	73.3	0.0	63.3	0.0	28.3	0.0	38.3	0.0	28.3	0.0	231.50	6.70
CENTRAL	Sweet Potatoes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.20
CENTRAL	Watermelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.00	0.20
	Sweetmelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.00	0.20
	Lettuce	45.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	200.00	8.00
	Beetroot	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.00	1.35
	English Cucumbers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
SOUTH AND	Sweet Potatoes	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	75.00	4.25
ORANGE RIVER	Watermelon	0.0	0.0	268.0	0.0	420.0	0.0	620.0	0.0	240.0	0.0	1548.00	33.76
	Sweetmelon	4.5	0.0	54.5	20.0	224.0	20.0	264.0	20.0	40.0	0.0	647.00	27.26
	Lettuce	23.5	0.0	23.5	0.0	5.5	0.0	5.5	0.0	5.5	0.0	57.50	1.90
	Beetroot	134.6	0.0	97.2	0.0	197.1	0.0	128.0	0.0	118.0	0.0	678.85	27.00
Total expected	English Cucumbers	73.3	0.0	63.3	0.0	28.3	0.0	38.3	0.0	28.3	0.0	231.50	6.70
production per	Sweet Potatoes	138.5	0.0	156.0	0.0	107.8	0.0	66.6	0.0	38.6	0.0	509.91	25.41
•	Watermelon	115.0	0.0	891.2	0.0	1112.8	0.0	1239.0	0.0	400.0	0.0	3768.02	91.71
	Sweetmelon	41.7	0.0	173.8	20.0	311.5	20.0	309.0	20.0	40.0	0.0	936.00	35.45
	Lettuce	98.0	0.0	98.8	0.0	80.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	80.0	0.0	410.75	15.70

Source: NAB 2020

3. EXPECTEDCTED AVAILABILITY PER PRODUCER

Table 2 below, shows crops expected to be available per producer per production zone during the reporting period for the five (5) special controlled crops and one (1) monitored crop (i.e. lettuce). See table 2 below for detailed information.

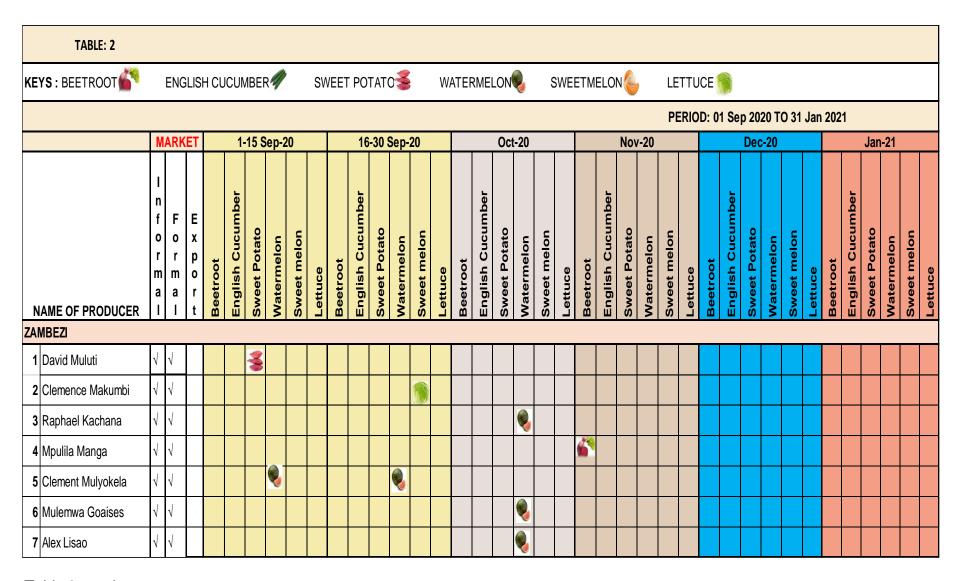


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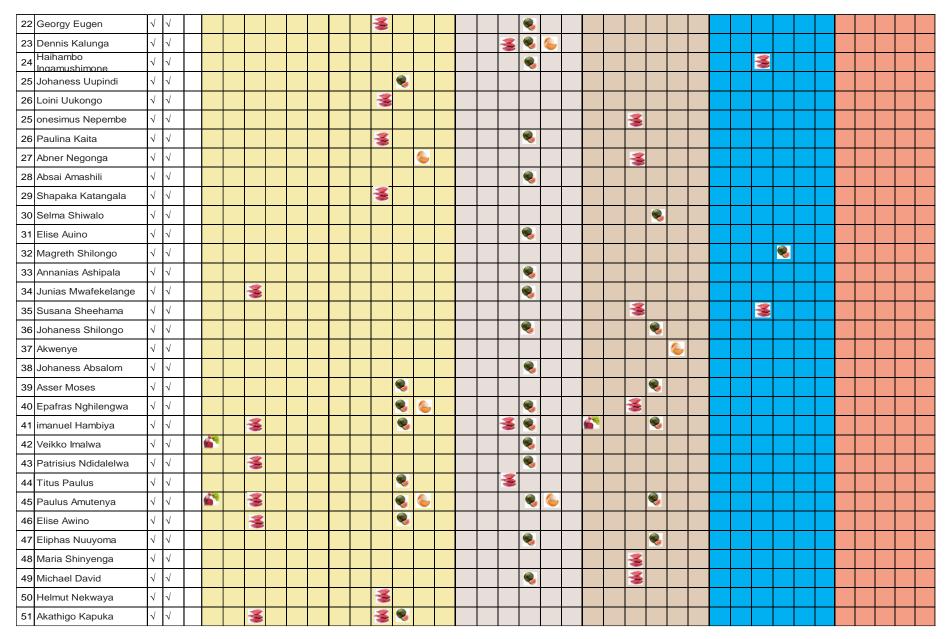


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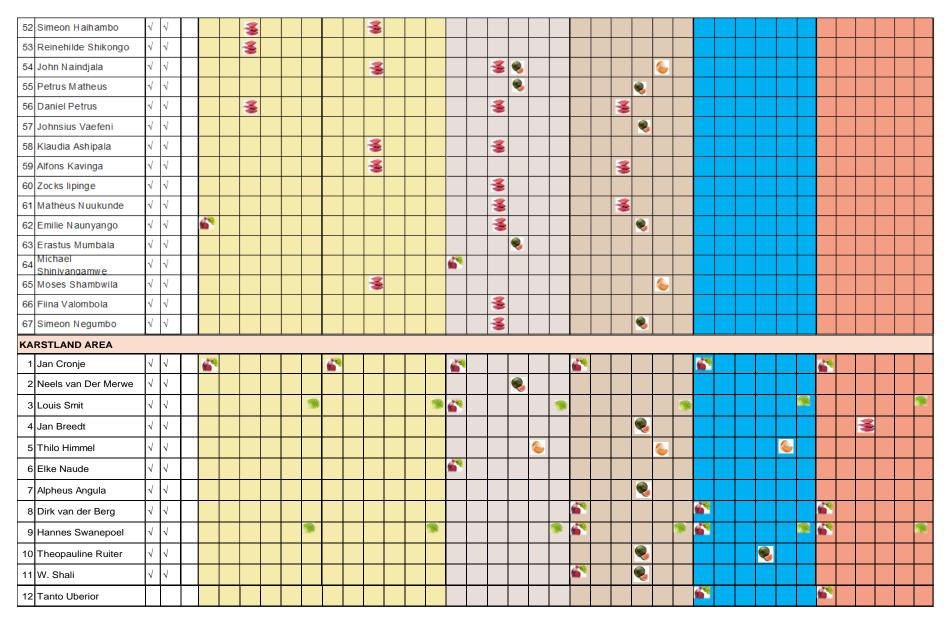


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4. EXPECTED PRODUCTION AND DEMAND ANNALYSIS

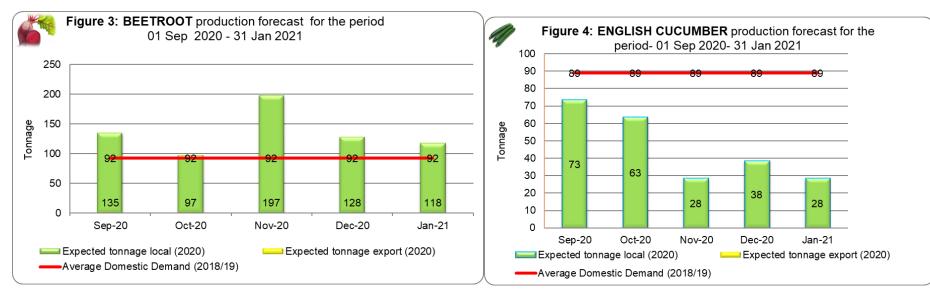
4.1 TABULATION ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC DEMAND

According to table 3, only beetroots and lettuce will be in sufficient supply during the forecasted period. The remainder crops will be insufficient to meet domestic use and hence, import supplementation will be required.

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Numbers in this tabl	e represents tonnage expected to harvested for	r local an	d export ı	market	Last up	dated: 21	Aug 2020							
Crops	Expected Surplus or Shortage	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Total							
	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	135	97	197	128	118	675							
Beetroot	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	92	92	92	92	92	460							
	Surplus / <mark>shortage</mark> (Tonnage)	43	5	105	36	26	215							
	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	73	63	28	38	28	232							
English Cucumber	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	89	89	89	89	89	445							
	Surplus / shortage (Tonnage)	-16	-26	-61	-51	-61	-214							
	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	138	156	108	67	39	507							
Sweet Potato	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	196	196	196	196	196	980							
	Surplus / shortage (Tonnage)	-58	-40	-88	-129	-157	-473							
	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	115	891	1113	1239	400	3758							
Watermelon	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	154	154	154	154	154	770							
	Surplus / shortage (Tonnage)	-39	737	959	1085	246	2988							
	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	42	174	312	309	40	876							
Sweet melon	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	78	78	78	78	78	390							
	Surplus / shortage (Tonnage)	-36	96	234	231	-38	486							
	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	98	99	80	80	80	437							
Lettuce	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	39	39	39	39	39	195							
	Surplus / shortage (Tonnage)	59	60	41	41	41	242							

4.2 GRAPHICAL ANALYSIS

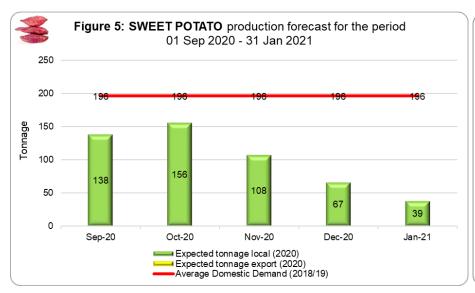
Figure 3 shows that there will be sufficient local supply for Beetroots for the forecasted period. Whereas, Figure 4,5, 6 and 7 illustrates that there will be insufficient local supply of English Cucumber, Watermelon and Sweet melon during the reporting season. Also, it is projected that some producers will be expected to export sweet melons during October, November and December month, and this will represent 20% of local production. See detailed information in figure 7 below,

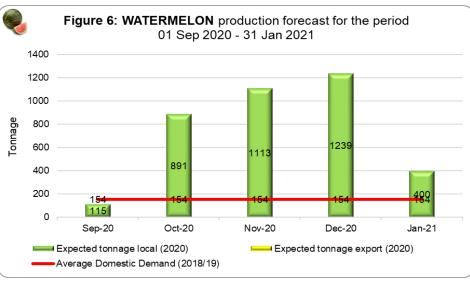


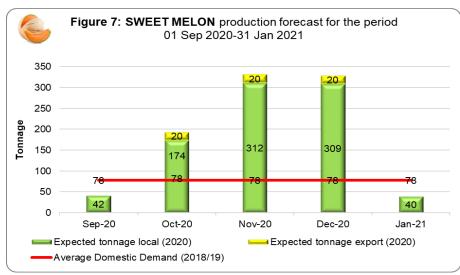
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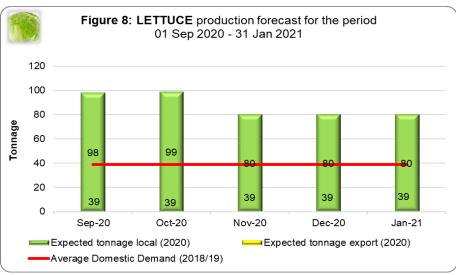
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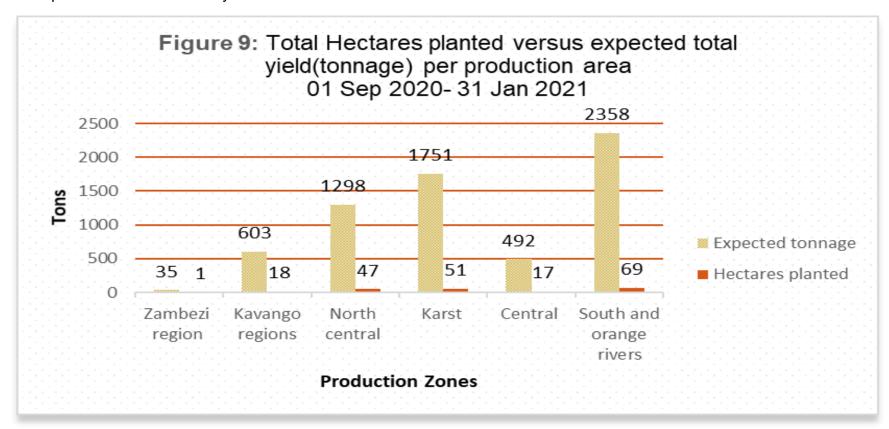






5. HECTARERS PLANTED AND EXPECTED YIELD PER PRODUCTION AREA

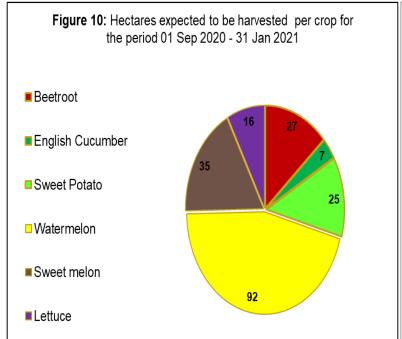
Figure 9 below indicate the number of hectares planted and tonnage expected per production zone. the figure indicates that South and Orange production zone planted a large number of hectares (69 ha) thus high tonnage (2358 ton) is expected from this production zone. Zambezi recorded the lowest number of hectares planted for the crops covered by Report 3 thus the expected tons are also very low as well.

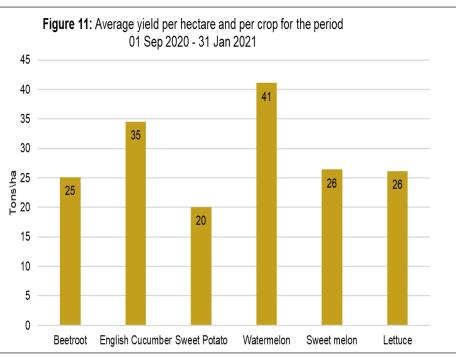


Source: NAB 2020

6. HECTARES PLANTED AND AVERAGE YIELD PER CROP

According to figure 10 and 11, Watermelon makes up the biggest hectares planted i.e. 92 ha, and the lowest hectares planted is for English Cucumber i.e.7 ha. In terms of the expected average yield per hectare, it is not comparable because it varies from crop to crop.





7. CONCLUSION and RECOMENDATIONS

Overall, report clearly indicates that there will be sufficient local supply of Beetroots, except the large size (refer to table 3, figure 3 and figure 5). Whereas, sufficient volumes of Watermelon, and Sweet melon, are expected as from September onwards because it is summer crop. Therefore, import restriction will be implemented for Beetroot except the large size and Sweet Potatoes will be open on pro rata basis for the special import permit period 1-30 September 2020. Further import restrictions that will be implemented during the reporting period; will be based on updated production data from the producers. Therefore, producers are encouraged to immediately notify NAB in case of deviations from their cropping program or in the event of crop failure due to factors beyond their control.

Also, traders are encouraged to contact the local producers to arrange for their local purchases. Furthermore, Lettuce is currently a monitored crop and in order for this crop to be added in a special controlled crop list in future, producers are encouraged to take the opportunity by upscaling lettuce production to meet the domestic demand.

Conclusively, it is recommended that the border will be open on prorata basis for Sweet potatoes for all the sizes. Whereas **Beetroots only large size (catering size) will be open for importation**. This is because despite how the local supply for beetroots is sufficient, there will be shortage in local supply for large size beetroots. This suggests that, there is a huge scope for large size beetroot production in the local market.