



**Beetroot**



**English Cucumber**



**Sweet Potato**



**Watermelon**



**Sweet melon**



**Lettuce**



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## **HORTICULTURE: VEGETABLES PRODUCTION FORECAST**

### **REPORT NO 3**

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**FORECASTED PERIOD:**

**01 MARCH 2021 TO 30 JULY 2021**

**Agronomy and Horticulture Market Development  
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

**Report no. 3**, covers the local production forecast for the **five special controlled products** i.e. **Beetroot, English Cucumber, Sweet Potato, Watermelon Sweet melon and 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. 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.
<b>Lettuce</b>	All types, grades, size groups and container sizes of fresh, chilled, Whole or Cut light green/green Iceberg Lettuce as called Head Lettuce, except the "Exclusions".	All Butterhead, Leafy or Stem types of Lettuce of any color. All frozen, dried, cooked and preserved Lettuce (Whole or Cut) of any colour and shape.

**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 1: Monthly expected production per area, per crop for the period 01 Mar 2021 - 31 Jul 2021															
Numbers in the table below represents tonnage expected to harvested for local and export market														Last updated: 18 Feb 2021	
PRODUCTION AREAS	CROPS	1-15 Mar 21		16-31 Mar 21		Apr-21		May-21		Jun-21		Jul-21		Total (for the 5 months period)	
		Local	Export	Local	Export	Local	Export	Local	Export	Local	Export	Local	Export	Yield	Ha to be harvested
ZAMBEZI	Beetroot	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	English Cucumbers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	Sweet Potatoes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.00	0.20
	Watermelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	Sweetmelon	0.0	0.0	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	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
KAVANGO	Beetroot	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	English Cucumbers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	Sweet Potatoes	0.0	0.0	44.5	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.00	0.25
	Watermelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	Sweetmelon	0.0	0.0	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	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.18	0.01
NORTH CENTRAL	Beetroot	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.00	1.02
	English Cucumbers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	Sweet Potatoes	104.4	0.0	14.0	0.0	97.0	0.0	86.5	0.0	29.0	0.0	14.0	0.0	375.40	19.02
	Watermelon	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.00	0.35
	Sweetmelon	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.00	0.80
	Lettuce	0.0	0.0	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	Beetroot	65.5	0.0	62.5	0.0	125.0	0.0	125.0	0.0	125.0	0.0	125.0	0.0	628.00	25.10
	English Cucumbers	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.75	0.03
	Sweet Potatoes	0.0	0.0	14.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	54.00	2.70
	Watermelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	95.50	2.00
	Sweetmelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.00	0.50
	Lettuce	30.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	25.0	0.0	155.50	5.25
CENTRAL	Beetroot	18.4	0.0	22.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	122.40	3.57
	English Cucumbers	88.0	0.0	100.1	0.0	159.5	0.0	149.5	0.0	164.5	0.0	146.5	0.0	808.10	18.89
	Sweet Potatoes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.00	2.00
	Watermelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	129.0	0.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	139.00	4.35
	Sweetmelon	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.00	1.00
	Lettuce	40.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	70.0	0.0	70.0	0.0	70.0	0.0	70.0	0.0	330.00	13.00
SOUTH AND ORANGE RIVER	Beetroot	0.0	0.0	20.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	35.00	1.00
	English Cucumbers	35.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00
	Sweet Potatoes	30.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	45.0	0.0	15.0	0.0	30.0	0.0	210.00	6.00
	Watermelon	65.0	0.0	65.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	130.00	6.00
	Sweetmelon	65.0	0.0	65.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	130.00	4.00
	Lettuce	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	18.8	0.0	18.8	0.0	18.8	0.0	18.8	0.0	75.00	3.00
Total expected production per crop per month	Beetroot	93.9	0.0	104.5	0.0	140.0	0.0	129.0	0.0	125.0	0.0	125.0	0.0	795.40	30.69
	English Cucumbers	123.3	0.0	100.1	0.0	159.8	0.0	149.8	0.0	164.5	0.0	146.5	0.0	808.85	18.92
	Sweet Potatoes	134.4	0.0	103.5	0.0	179.0	0.0	181.5	0.0	64.0	0.0	44.0	0.0	706.40	30.17
	Watermelon	68.0	0.0	65.0	0.0	174.5	0.0	10.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	377.50	12.70
	Sweetmelon	68.0	0.0	65.0	0.0	55.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	191.00	6.30
	Lettuce	70.0	0.0	55.2	0.0	113.8	0.0	113.8	0.0	113.8	0.0	113.8	0.0	410.68	21.26

Source: NAB 2020

### 3. EXPECTEDCTED AVAILABILITY PER PRODUCER







Table 2 below, shows the expected month of availability for the 5 special controlled crops and one monitored crop, from each production zone.

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KEYS : BEETROOT  ENGLISH CUCUMBER  SWEET POTATO  WATERMELON  SWEETMELON  LETTUCE 																																			
PERIOD: 01 Feb 2021 TO 31 Ju1 2021																																			
NAME OF PRODUCER	MARKET			1-15 Mar-21					16-31 Mar-21					Apr-21					May-21					Jun-21					Jul-21						
	I	n	f	Beetroot	English Cucumber	Sweet Potato	Watermelon	Sweet melon	Lettuce	Beetroot	English Cucumber	Sweet Potato	Watermelon	Sweet melon	Lettuce	Beetroot	English Cucumber	Sweet Potato	Watermelon	Sweet melon	Lettuce	Beetroot	English Cucumber	Sweet Potato	Watermelon	Sweet melon	Lettuce	Beetroot	English Cucumber	Sweet Potato	Watermelon	Sweet melon	Lettuce		
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Source: NAB 2020



## 4. EXPECTED PRODUCTION AND DEMAND ANNALYSIS

### 4.1 TABULATION ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC DEMAND

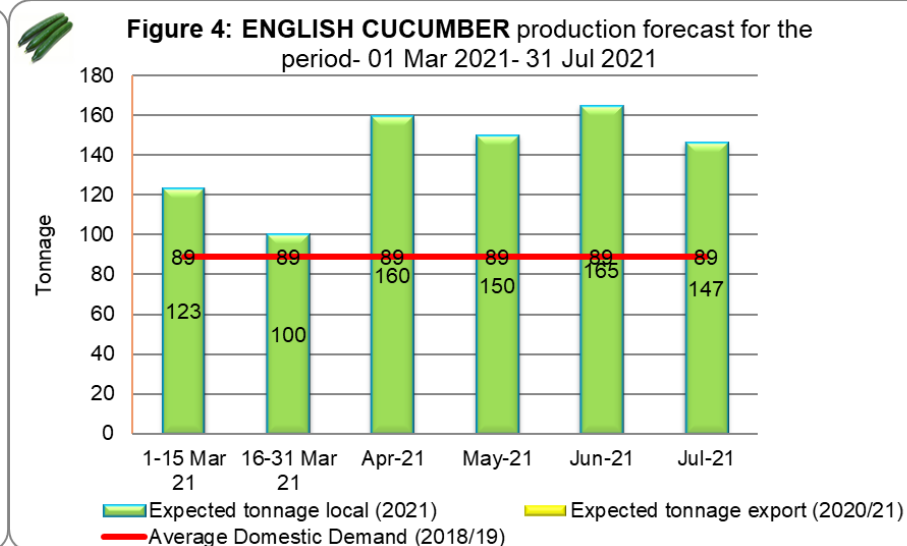
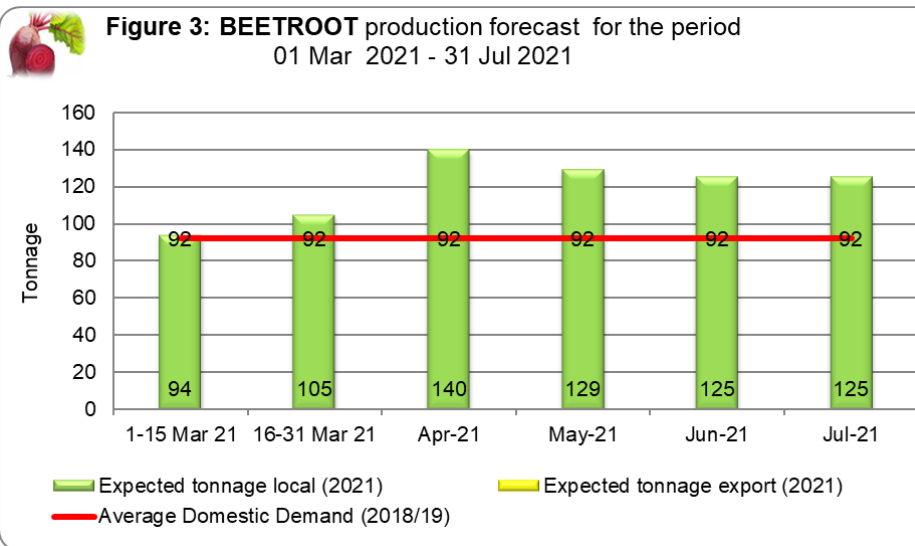
According to table 3, sufficient local supply of Beetroot, English Cucumber is expected during the forecasted period, while, insufficient supply of Sweet Melon, Watermelon, Sweet potatoes is expected during the forecasted period.

Table 3: Analysis of the total expected tonnage for domestic market versus domestic demand.								
Numbers in this table represents tonnage expected to harvested for local and export market								
Last updated: 19 Feb 2021								
Crops	Expected <b>Surplus</b> or <b>Shortage</b>	1-15 Mar 21	16-31 Mar 21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Total
<b>Beetroot</b>	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	94	105	140	129	125	125	<b>613</b>
	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	92	92	92	92	92	92	<b>460</b>
	<b>Surplus / shortage</b> (Tonnage)	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>English Cucumber</b>	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	123	100	160	150	165	147	<b>744</b>
	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	89	89	89	89	89	89	<b>445</b>
	<b>Surplus / shortage</b> (Tonnage)	<b>34</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>299</b>
<b>Sweet Potato</b>	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	134	104	179	182	64	44	<b>603</b>
	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	196	196	196	196	196	196	<b>980</b>
	<b>Surplus / shortage</b> (Tonnage)	<b>-62</b>	<b>-93</b>	<b>-17</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>-132</b>	<b>-152</b>	<b>-377</b>
<b>Watermelon</b>	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	68	65	175	10	60	0	<b>313</b>
	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	154	154	154	154	154	154	<b>770</b>
	<b>Surplus / shortage</b> (Tonnage)	<b>-86</b>	<b>-89</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>-144</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>-154</b>	<b>-458</b>
<b>Sweet melon</b>	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	68	65	55	0	3	0	<b>126</b>
	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	78	78	78	78	78	78	<b>390</b>
	<b>Surplus / shortage</b> (Tonnage)	<b>-10</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-78</b>	<b>-75</b>	<b>-78</b>	<b>-264</b>
<b>Lettuce</b>	Expected Tonnage for domestic market	70	55	114	114	114	114	<b>525</b>
	Average Domestic Demand (2018/19)	39	39	39	39	39	39	<b>195</b>
	<b>Surplus / shortage</b> (Tonnage)	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>330</b>

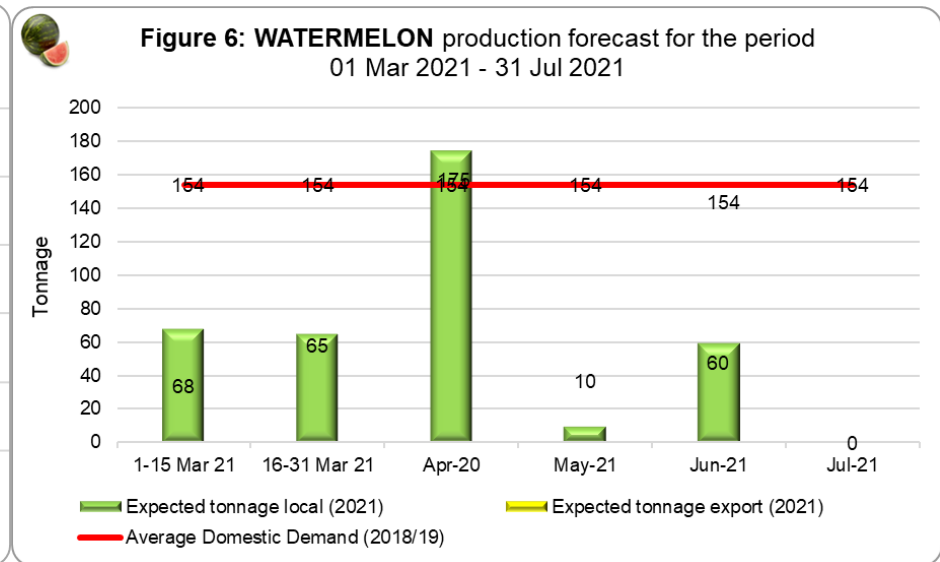
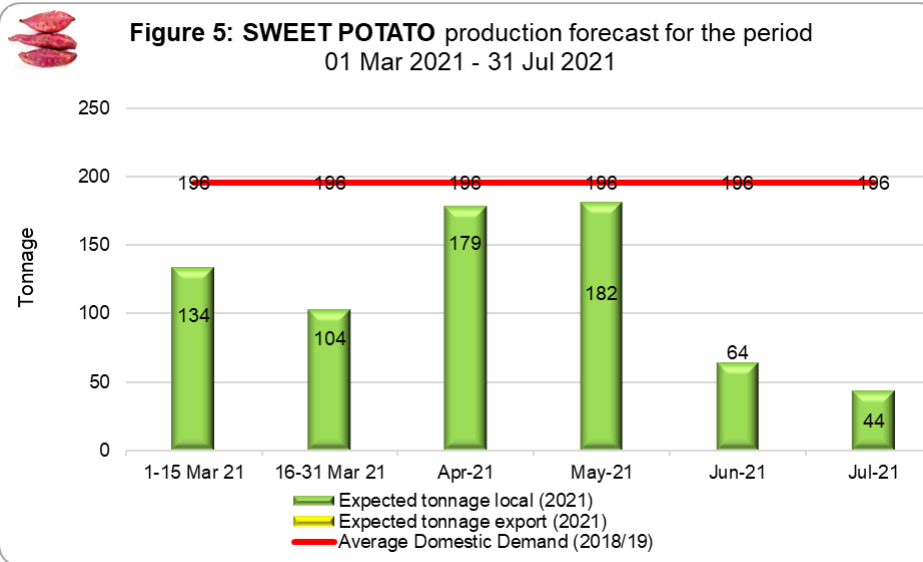
Source: NAB 2020

## GRAPHICAL ANALYSIS

Figure 3,4 shows that there will be sufficient local supply for Beetroots, English Cucumber, for the forecasted period as illustrated in the figures below. While insufficient supply is expected for Sweetpotatoes, Watermelon, Sweetmelon.

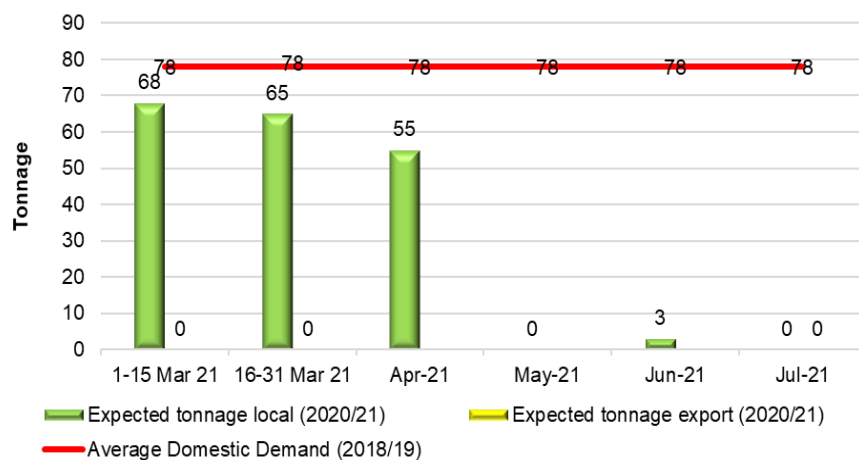


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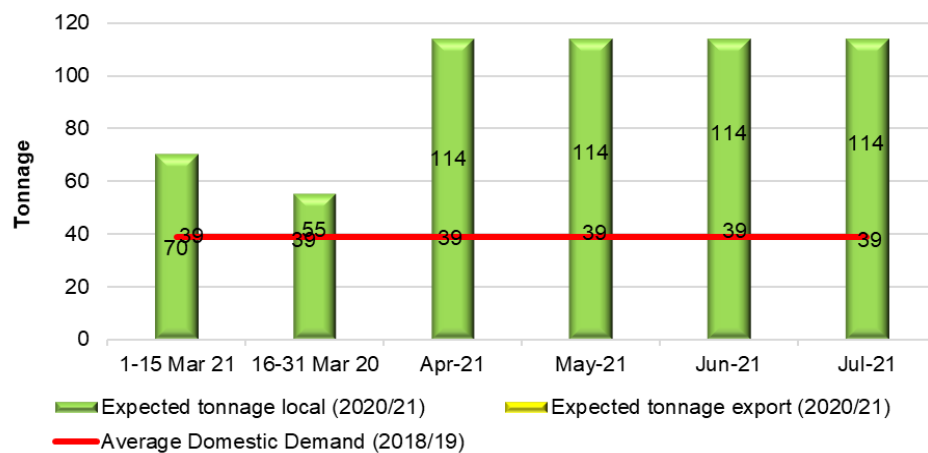




**Figure 7: SWEET MELON** production forecast for the period  
01 Mar 2021- 31 Jul 2021



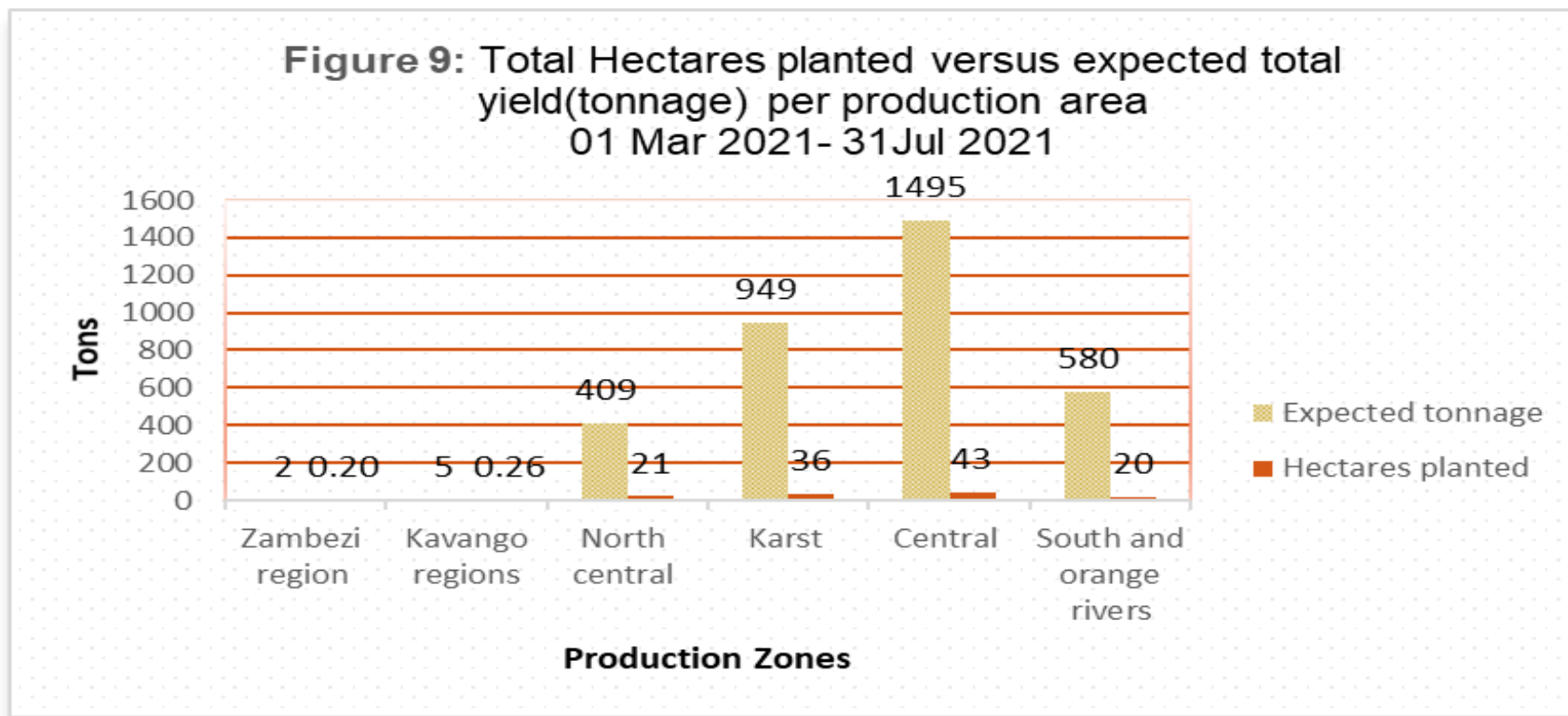
**Figure 8: LETTUCE** production forecast for the period  
01 Mar 2021 - 31 Jul 2021



Source: NAB 2020

## 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 graph indicates that Central production zones planted a large number of hectares (43 ha) thus high tonnage (1495 tons) is expected from this production zones. Zambezi recorded the lowest number of hectares (0.2) planted for the crops covered by Report 3 thus the expected tons (2) are also very low as well.

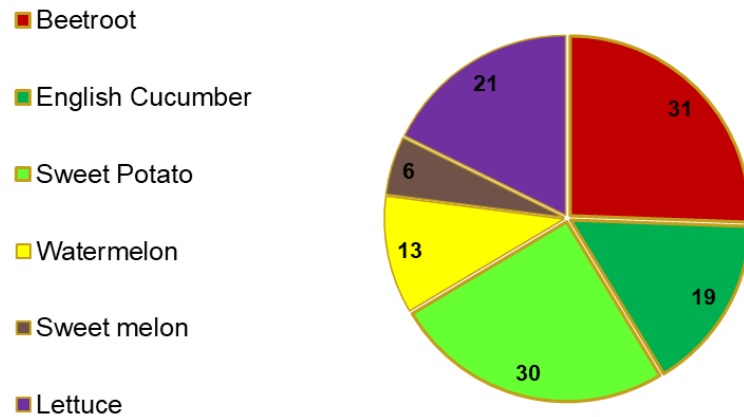


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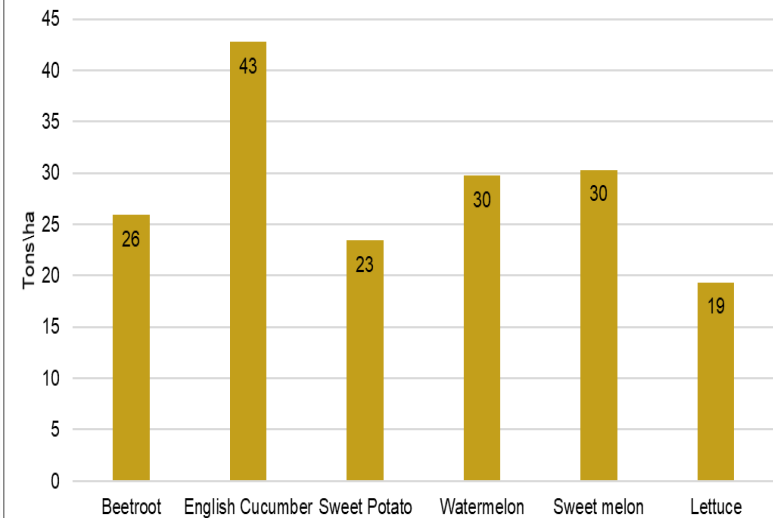
## 6. HECTARES PLANTED AND AVERAGE YIELD PER CROP

According to figure 10 and 11, Beetroots makes up the biggest hectares planted i.e. 31 ha, and the lowest hectares planted is for Sweet melon i.e.6 ha. In terms of the expected average yield per hectare, is not comparable because it varies from crop to crop.

**Figure 10:** Hectares expected to be harvested per crop for the period 01 Mar 2021 - 31 Jul 2021



**Figure 11:** Average yield per hectare and per crop for the period 01 Mar 2021 - 31 Jul 2021



Source: NAB 2020

## 7. CONCLUSION and RECOMENDATIONS

The report clear indicates that there will be sufficient local supply of English Cucumber and Beetroots (**refer to table 3, figure 3 and figure 4**). Therefore, import restriction will be implemented for Beetroot and English cucumber. Sweet Potatoes and Lettuce will be open on pro rata basis (30% imports and 70% local) Water melon and Sweet melon (50% local 50% import) for the special import permit period 1-31 March 2021. Further import restriction will be implemented during the reporting period; however, this 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.

Traders are encouraged to contact the local producers to arrange for their local purchases in order to consistently achieve their minimum MSP requirement (47%).

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