



AGRONOMY AND HORTICULTURE MARKET DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

GRAIN TRADE STATISTICS REPORT 01 APRIL 2019 TO 31 MARCH 2020



1. INTRODUCTION

Namibia currently produces three staple grain crops only and these are: white maize, wheat and pearl millet. These grain crops are currently gazetted controlled agronomic crops, in line with Agronomic Industry act (AIA) 20 of 1992, implemented by the Namibian Agronomic Board.

Despite the marketing mechanisms put in place facilitate marketing and production staple grain crops, Namibia remains a net import of grain (white maize, wheat and pearl millet) and white maize is annually imported from South Africa, while wheat is mainly imported from Russian Federation and South Africa. Pearl millet is exclusively imported from India.

Therefore, this report gives an overview of the volumes or tonnage of white maize, wheat and pearl millet grains imported and purchased locally during the period 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

2. MONTHLY GRAIN TRADE STATISTICS

According to figure 1 below, it is clear that importation of all the grains were higher than local purchases throughout the reporting period, due to drought that mainly affected white maize and pearl millet grain production. The low local wheat grain supplied to millers was mainly due to the reduction in hectares planted as a result of water shortage and lack of finances for production, in some cases. Figure 1 also shows that white maize imports and local purchases was higher than that of wheat and pearl millet for the entire period.

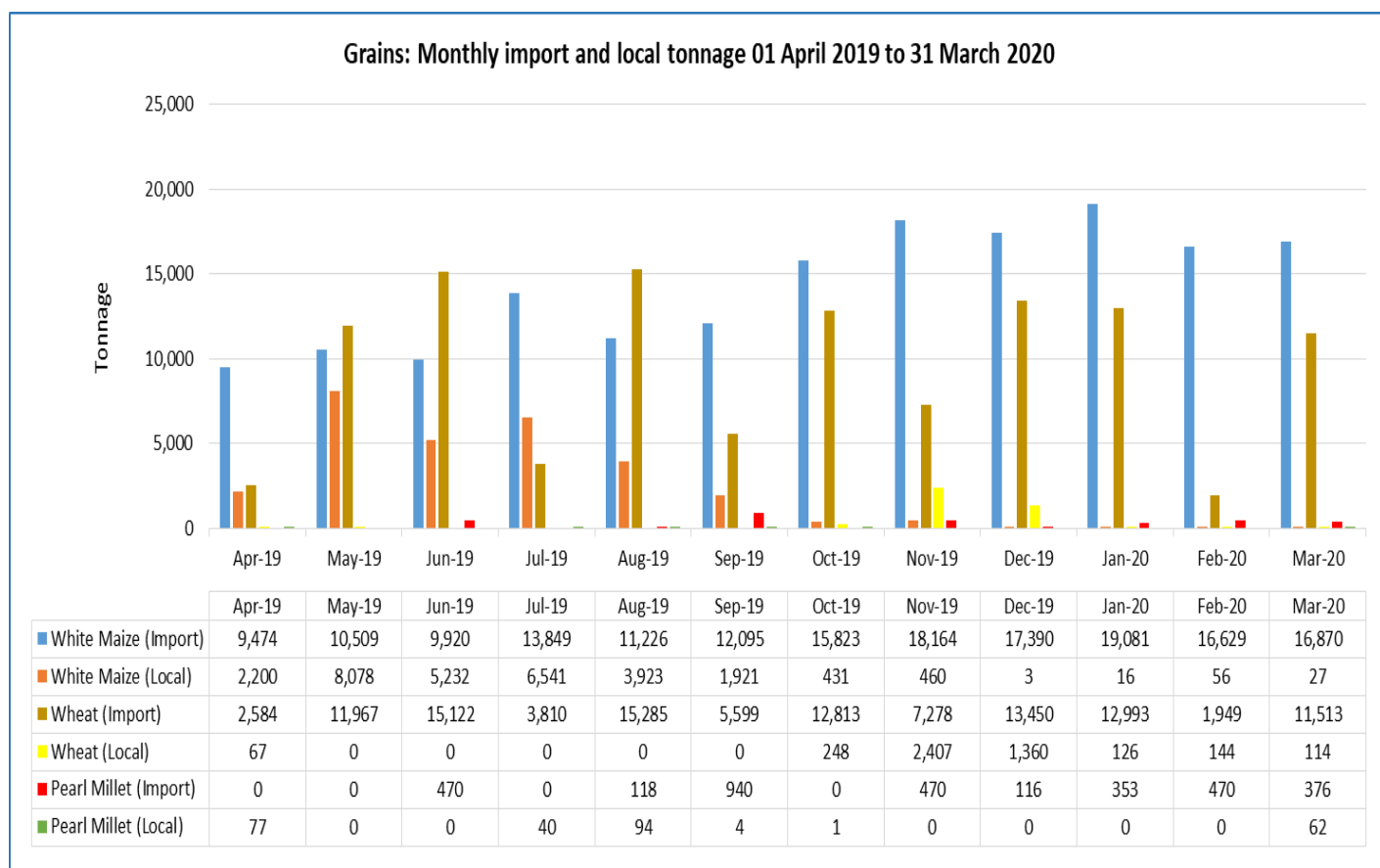


Figure 1, monthly grain imports and local purchases for the period 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020

