



## REPORT ON AREA PLANTED

(BASED ON EHS DATA AND ESTIMATED DEMAND)

Date: 30 June 2026

### 1. Disclaimer

The data presented below is derived from records captured in the Eswatini Horticulture Information System (EHIS). It is intended as a guide for farmers considering vegetable production for the month of July 2026. While farmers are encouraged to use this information to inform their decisions, NAMBoard will not be held responsible for any produce that is not contracted or formally programmed.

### 2. Summary Recorded Plantings in the Past 3 Months

#### Local

Crop	Demand (ha)	April	May	June
Potato	35.20	-	1.17	-
Carrots	9.01	0.62	0.56	0.06
Onions	8.53	1.59	2.25	2.26
Beetroot	7.26	8.99	10.54	4.99
Tomatoes	6.34	8.57	9.51	3.51
Butternuts	4.94	10.20	4.55	1.29
Green Pepper	2.17	6.59	3.65	1.82
Cabbages	1.65	0.51	1.32	0.15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>75.10</b>	<b>37.07</b>	<b>33.55</b>	<b>14.08</b>

#### Export

Crop	Demand (ha)	April	May	June
Green Beans	4.17	2.14	0.66	0.18
Baby marrow	4.00	4.24	0.71	0.42
Hot Chilli	0.36	0.82	1.32	0.56
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8.53</b>	<b>7.20</b>	<b>2.69</b>	<b>1.16</b>

<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>83.63</b>	<b>44.27</b>	<b>36.24</b>	<b>15.24</b>
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### 3. Analysis per crop

#### 3.1 Potatoes

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for July
Required	35.20	35.20	35.20	EHIS data shows that potato planting is below national demand, so farmers can expand production with minimal risk of a market glut.
Planted	-	1.17	-	
Short fall / Excess	35.20	34.03	35.20	

#### 3.2 Carrots

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for July
Required	9.01	9.01	9.01	EHIS data shows that carrots planting is below national demand, so farmers can expand production with minimal risk of a market glut.
Planted	0.62	0.56	0.06	
Short fall / Excess	8.39	8.45	8.95	

#### 3.3 Onions

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for July
Required	8.53	8.53	8.53	EHIS data shows that onions planting is below national demand, so farmers can expand production with minimal risk of a market glut.
Planted	1.59	2.25	2.26	
Short fall / Excess	6.94	6.28	6.27	

#### 3.4 Beetroots

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for July
Required	7.26	7.26	7.26	EHIS data shows that beetroots planting exceeded national demand in April and May, however there was a decline in June. Only programmed farmers can plant with caution as the late May planting is likely to pile up with the June planting
Planted	8.99	10.54	4.99	
Short fall / Excess	(1.73)	(3.28)	2.27	

### 3.5 Tomatoes

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for July
Required	6.34	6.34	6.34	EHIS data shows that tomatoes exceeded national demand in April and May, however a decline in June. Only programmed farmers can plant with caution as the late May planting is likely to pile up with the June planting
Planted	8.57	9.51	3.51	
Short fall / Excess	(2.23)	(3.17)	2.83	

### 3.6 Butternuts

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for July
Required	4.94	4.94	4.94	Butternut planting declined significantly in June due to low temperatures. Farmers with offtake agreements can plant as per the agreements
Planted	10.20	4.55	1.29	
Short fall / Excess	(5.26)	0.39	3.65	

### 3.7 Green pepper

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for June
Required	2.17	2.17	2.17	EHIS data shows that green pepper planting exceeded local demand in April and May, with a decline in June, a market glut is possible as harvesting may last up to 8 weeks therefore farmers with contracts can plant with caution.
Planted	6.59	3.65	1.82	
Short fall / Excess	(4.42)	(1.48)	0.35	

### 3.8 Cabbages

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for June
Required	1.65	1.65	1.65	EHIS data shows that cabbage planting is below national demand, so farmers can expand production with caution as the threshold is very close
Planted	0.51	1.32	0.15	
Short fall / Excess	1.14	0.33	1.50	

### 3.9 Green beans

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for June
Required	4.17	4.17	4.17	Green beans are an export crop, and the planting is below required volumes, Global GAP certified farmers can approach NAMBoard for a contract and planting programme
Planted	2.14	0.66	0.18	
Short fall / Excess	2.03	3.51	3.99	

### 3.10 Baby marrows

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for June
Required	4.00	4.00	4.00	Baby marrows are an export crop, and the planting is below required volumes, Global GAP certified farmers can approach NAMBoard for a contract and planting programme
Planted	4.24	0.71	0.42	
Short fall / Excess	(0.24)	3.29	3.58	

### 3.11 Hot Chilli (cayenne, birds eye & serrano)

Area (ha)	April	May	June	Comment for June
Required	0.36	0.36	0.36	EHIS data shows that hot chili planting exceeded national demand, however Global GAP certified farmers can approach NAMBoard for export market.
Planted	0.82	1.32	0.56	
Short fall / Excess	(0.46)	(0.96)	(0.20)	