



REPORT ON AREA PLANTED

(BASED ON EHS DATA AND ESTIMATED DEMAND)

Date: 30 May 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 June 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

Local

Crop	National Demand (ha/month)	Area Planted (ha)		
		March	April	May
Potato	35.20	0.13	-	-
Carrots	9.01	0.80	0.40	0.56
Onions	8.53	0.01	1.56	1.84
Beetroot	7.26	1.60	8.37	9.22
Tomatoes	6.34	16.33	7.00	6.81
Butternuts	4.94	3.74	9.87	3.55
Green Pepper	2.17	3.54	6.48	2.93
Cabbages	1.65	1.02	0.48	0.67
Totals	75.10	27.17	34.16	25.58

Export

Crop	Confirmed Export Demand (ha /month)	Area Planted (ha)		
		March	April	May
Green Beans	4.17	1.52	1.86	0.38
Baby marrow	4.00	3.39	3.89	0.39
Hot Chilli	0.36	0.44	0.82	1.32
Totals	8.53	5.35	6.57	2.09

Grand Total	83.63	32.52	40.73	27.67
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3. Analysis per crop

3.1 Potatoes

Area (ha)	March	April	May	Comment for June
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	0.13	-	-	
Short fall / (Excess)	35.07	35.20	35.20	

3.2 Carrots

Area (ha)	March	April	May	Comment for June
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	0.80	0.40	0.56	
Short fall / (Excess)	8.21	8.61	8.45	

3.3 Onions

Area (ha)	March	April	May	Comment for June
Required	8.53	8.53	8.53	EHIS data shows that onion planting is below national demand, so farmers can expand production with minimal risk of a market glut.
Planted	0.01	1.56	1.84	
Short fall / (Excess)	8.52	6.97	6.69	

3.4 Beetroots

Area (ha)	March	April	May	Comment for June
Required	7.26	7.26	7.26	EHIS data shows that beetroots planting exceeded national demand in April and May, therefore only programmed farmers can plant with caution.
Planted	1.60	8.37	9.22	
Short fall / (Excess)	5.66	(1.11)	(1.96)	

3.5 Tomatoes

Area (ha)	March	April	May	Comment for June
Required	6.34	6.34	6.34	EHIS data shows that tomatoes exceeded national demand y, therefore only programmed farmers can plant with caution.
Planted	16.33	7.00	6.81	
Short fall / (Excess)	(9.99)	(0.66)	(0.47)	

3.6 Butternuts

Area (ha)	March	April	May	Comment for June
Required	4.94	4.94	4.94	EHIS data shows that butternut planting spiked in April and normalized in May, lowveld farmers can plant with caution maintaining agreed programmes
Planted	3.74	9.87	3.55	
Short fall / (Excess)	1.20	(4.93)	1.39	

3.7 Green pepper

Area (ha)	March	April	May	Comment for June
Required	2.17	2.17	2.17	EHIS data shows that green pepper planting consistently exceeded local demand, a market glut is highly possible, therefore farmers should consider switching to other vegetables
Planted	3.54	6.48	2.93	
Short fall / (Excess)	(1.37)	(4.31)	(0.76)	

3.8 Cabbages

Area (ha)	March	April	May	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	1.02	0.48	0.67	
Short fall / (Excess)	0.63	1.17	0.98	

3.9 Green beans

Area (ha)	March	April	May	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 are encouraged to approach NAMBoard for a contract and a planting programme
Planted	1.52	1.86	0.38	
Short fall / (Excess)	2.65	2.31	3.79	

3.10 Baby marrows

Area (ha)	March	April	May	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 are encouraged to approach NAMBoard for a contract and a planting programme
Planted	3.39	3.89	0.39	
Short fall / (Excess)	0.61	0.11	3.61	

3.11 Hot Chilli (cayenne, birds eye & serrano)

Area (ha)	March	April	May	Comment for June
Required	0.36	0.36	0.36	Chilies have a limited local market and are mainly an export crop, even though the forecasted market has been exceeded, Global GAP certified farmers are encouraged to approach NAMBoard for a contract and a planting programme
Planted	0.44	0.82	1.32	
Short fall / Excess	(0.08)	(0.46)	(0.96)	