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Favourable weather conditions for 2025 maize crop

The main food crop is cassava, which is cultivated throughout the year, alternatively in northern and southern regions, depending on the rainy season. A limited quantity of cereals is also grown in the country, mainly maize, which is largely used for the production of livestock feed. Planting of the 2025 secondary season maize crop, to be harvested in June and July, is ongoing under overall favourable weather conditions. According to satellite-based imagery, precipitation amounts have been adequate and well distributed since December 2024 in most croplands, benefitting soil moisture levels. Harvesting of the 2025 main season maize crop finalized last January and the output is estimated at a near-average level, following overall beneficial weather conditions during the season, which had a positive impact on yields.

Cereal imports in 2025 forecast at above-average level

Domestic cereal production covers only a small portion of the consumption requirements and imports account for approximately 90 percent of the total cereal utilization. With a population of about 6 million people, total cereal imports for the 2025 marketing year (January/December) are forecast at an above-average level of 410 000 tonnes, including 260 000 tonnes of wheat and 100 000 tonnes of rice.

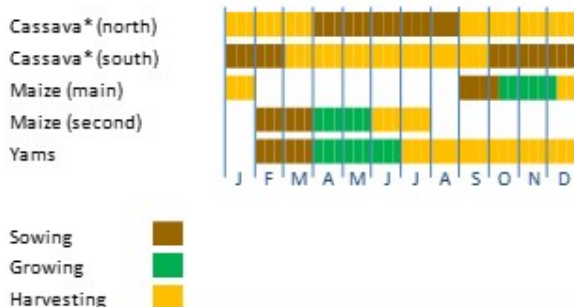
National Gross Domestic Product (GDP) continued to increase in 2025

The national economy is dominated by the petroleum sector, while agriculture contributes only to a small portion of the national GDP. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the national GDP growth was estimated at about 2 percent in 2023 and 2.8 percent in 2024, and it is forecast to rise by about 3.7 percent in 2025. The annual inflation rate was estimated at 3.6 percent in 2024. In 2025, it is forecast to remain at a similar level, driven by stable demand and the offsetting effects from declining domestic food and import prices.

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Crop Calendar

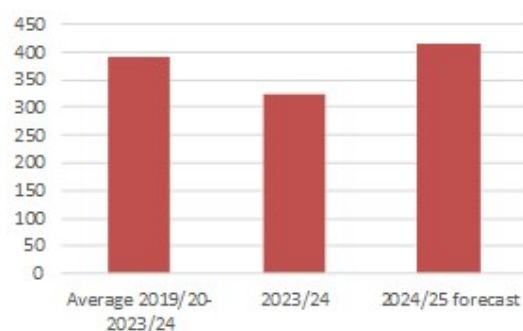
(*major foodcrop)



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Cereals Imports

000 tonnes



Notes: Includes rice in milled terms. Split years refer to individual crop marketing years (for rice, calendar year of second year shown).

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FAO/GIEWS Food Price Monitoring and Analysis (FPMA) Tool <https://fpma.fao.org/>.

FAO/GIEWS Earth Observation for Crop Monitoring <https://www.fao.org/giews/earthobservation/>.

Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) <https://www.ipcinfo.org/>.