

## Agro-processing Quarterly Brief: No. 3, 2024

Directorate: Agro-processing Support

### Highlights of the third quarter of 2024 (2024: Q3) (July to September)

In 2024: Q3, the quarter-to-quarter producer price inflation for final manufactured goods contracted by 0,7% from a 1,4% growth registered in the last quarter. However, it moderated by 2,7% year-on-year.

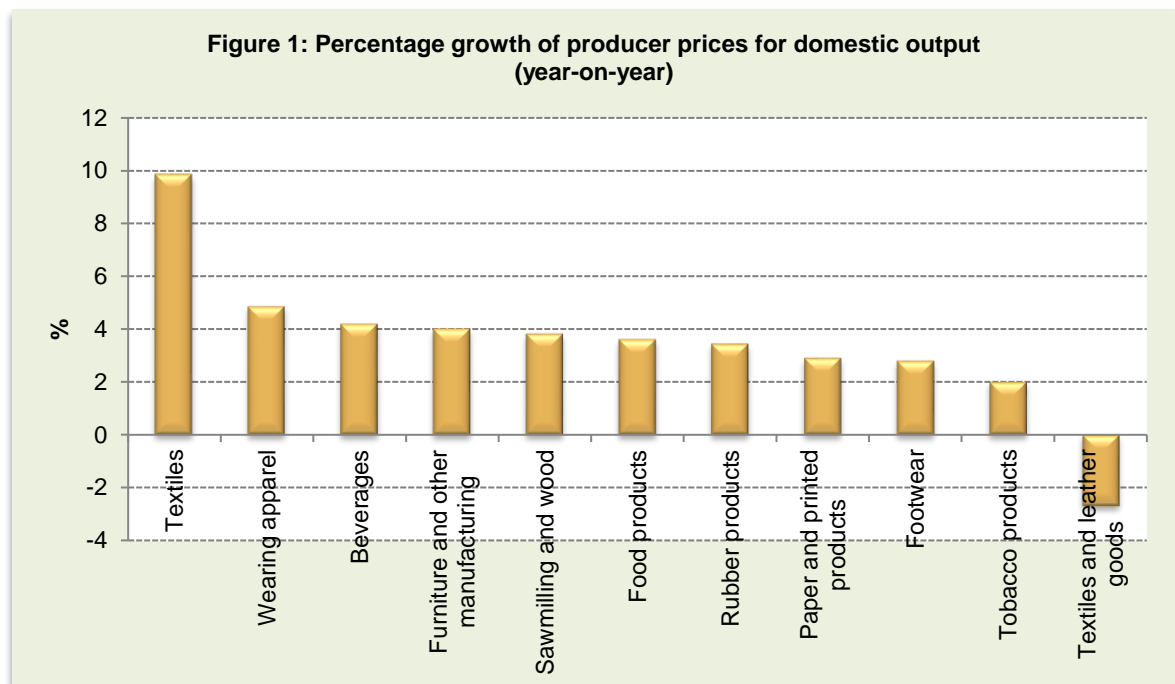
The agro-processing industry's seasonally adjusted volume of production contracted by 0,6% in 2024: Q3 from a 1,0% growth in the last quarter. Similarly, it contracted by 0,7% year-on-year.

The seasonally adjusted value of sales for the agro-processing industry rebounded by 1,3% in 2024: Q3 from a 1,6% contraction in the last quarter. This represented an increase in nominal value of sales from R275 737,6 million in 2024: Q3 to R279 189,7 million in 2024: Q2.

In 2024: Q3, the trade deficit of the agro-processing industry widened from R8 920,3 million in 2024: Q2 to R14 395,9 million in 2024: Q3, which represents a rebound of 61,4% from a 32,1% contraction in the last quarter.

The agro-processing industry recorded about 466 601 jobs in 2024: Q3 from 474 585 jobs in 2024: Q2, representing 7 984 jobs shed in 2024: Q3

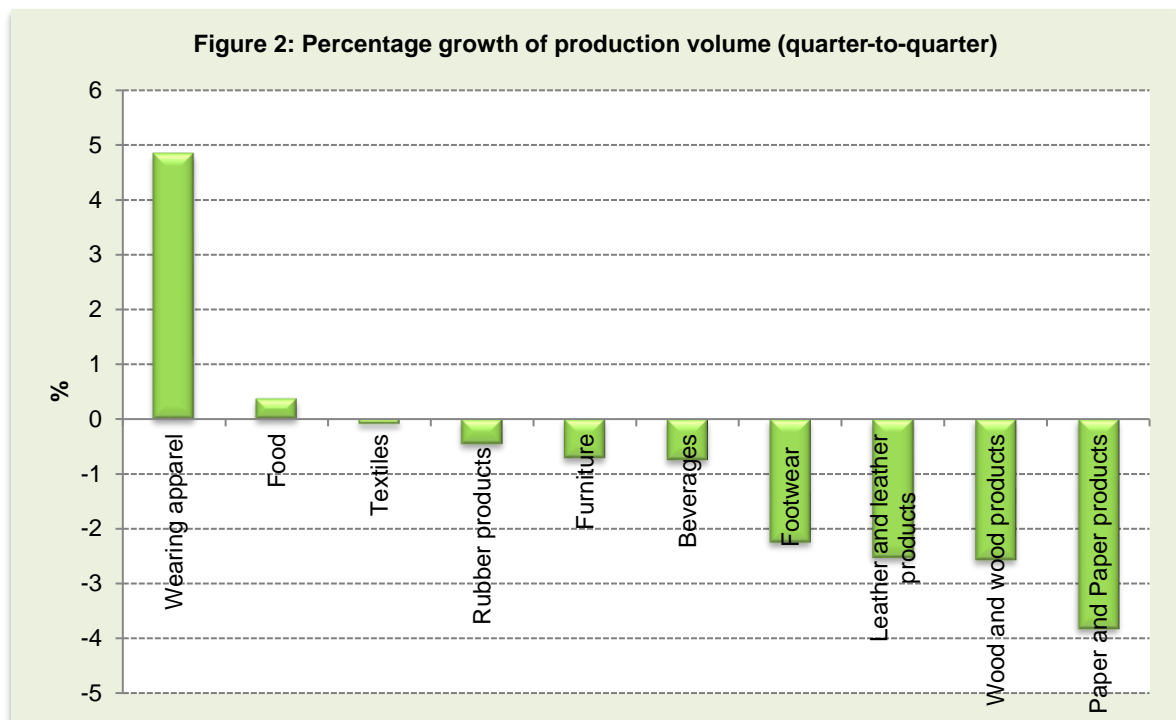
## Producer prices



Source: Statistics SA, 2024

In 2024: Q3, the year-on-year producer price inflation for final manufactured goods moderated by 2,7% year-on-year. The following divisions expanded in growth during the period under review: wearing apparel (4,9%), furniture and other manufacturing (4,0%), sawmilling and wood (3,8%), food products (3,6%) and paper and printed products (2,9%). The textiles (9,8%), beverages (4,2%), and footwear (2,8%) divisions moderated, rubber products (3,5%) division rebounded, while tobacco division grew by 2,0% (see Figure 1).

## Volume of production

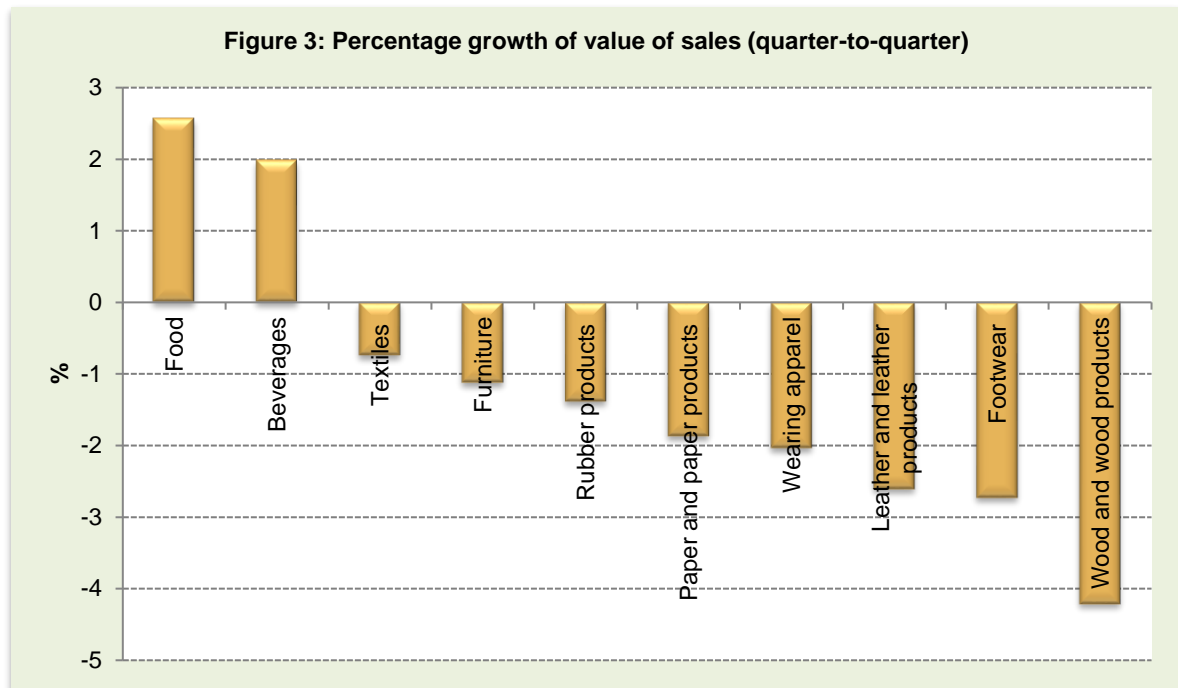


Source: Statistics SA, 2024

\*tobacco data not supplied

Figure 2 above shows the seasonally adjusted physical volume of production for the agro-processing divisions in 2024: Q3. The agro-processing industry's seasonally adjusted volume of production contracted by 0,6% in 2024: Q3 from a 1,0% growth in the last quarter. similarly, it contracted by 0,7% year-on-year. Most of the divisions contracted during the period under review and those were: textiles (0,1%), furniture (0,7%), beverages (0,8%), footwear (2,3%), leather and leather products (2,5%) and wood and wood products (2,6%). Wearing apparel (4,9%) and food (0,4%) divisions rebounded, paper and paper products (3,8%) and rubber products (0,5%) divisions receded further during the period under review.

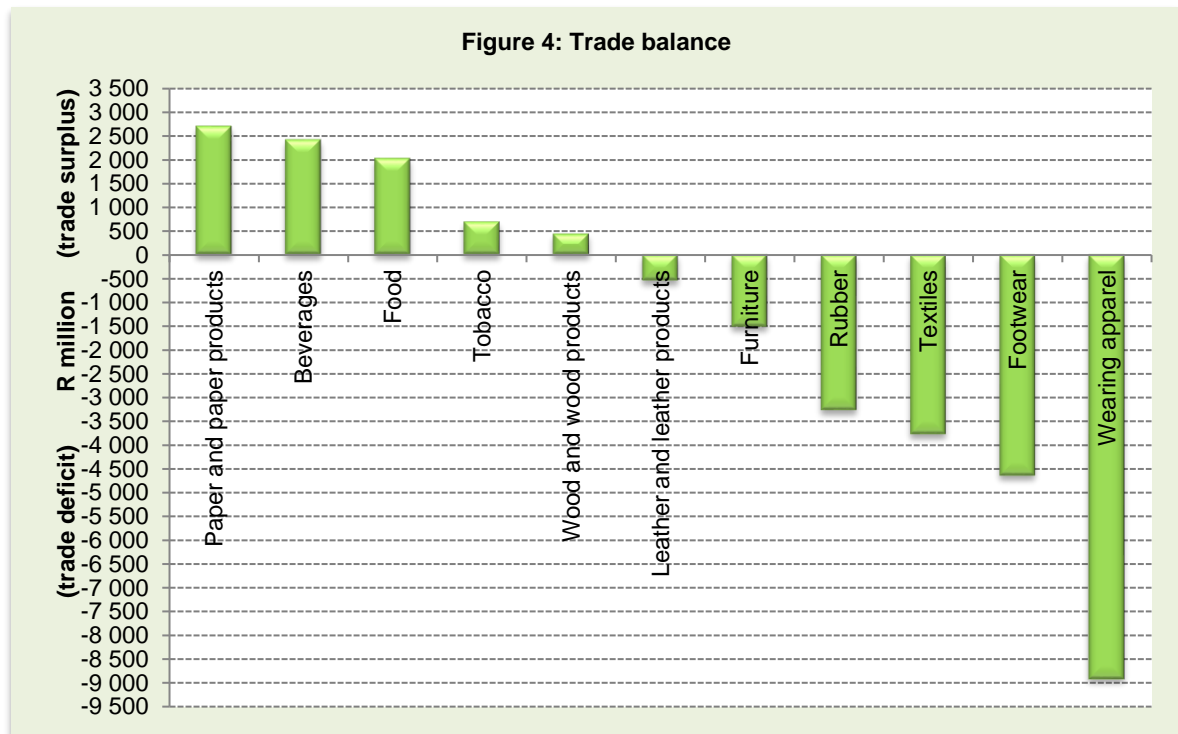
## Value of sales



Source: Statistics SA, 2024

Figure 3 above shows the seasonally adjusted value of sales for the agro-processing divisions in 2024: Q3. The seasonally adjusted value of sales for the agro-processing industry rebounded by 1,3% in 2024: Q3 from a 1,6% contraction in the last quarter. This represented an increase in nominal value of sales from R275 737,6 million in 2024: Q3 to R279 189,7 million in 2024: Q2. The seasonally adjusted value of sales contracted for the following divisions: textiles (0,7%), furniture (1,1%), footwear (2,7%) and wood and wood products (4,2%). Food division rebounded by 2,6%, beverages division moderated by 2,0%, rubber division contracted further by 1,4%, while paper and paper products division decelerated by 1,9% in 2024: Q3.

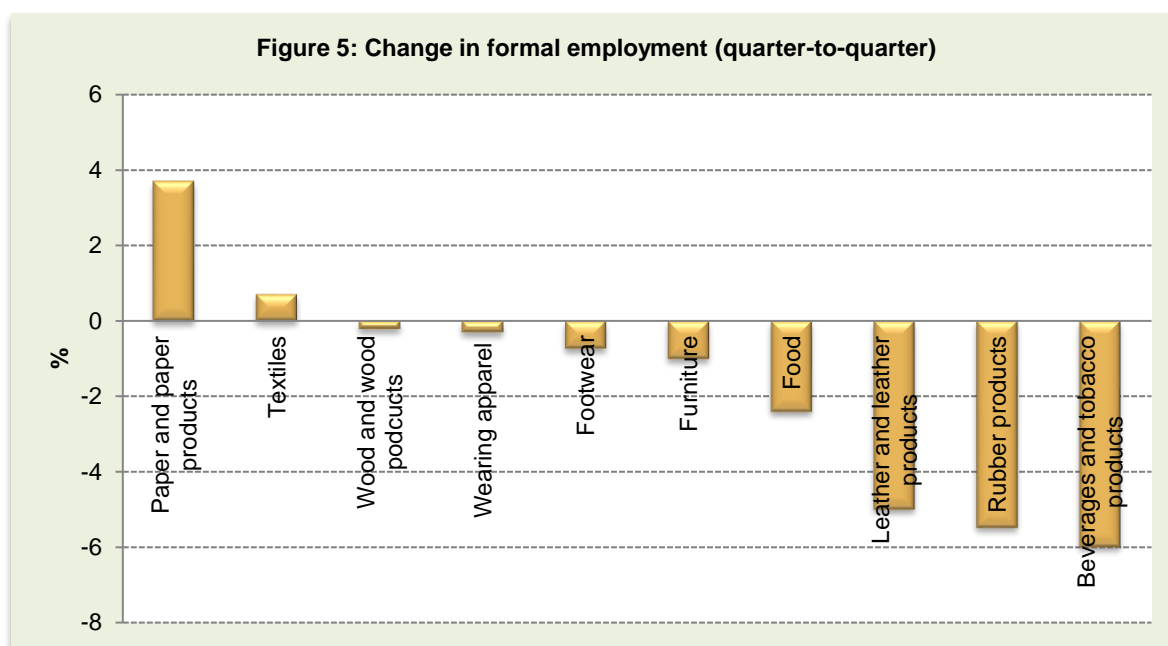
## Trade



Source: Quantec, 2024

During 2024: Q3, the trade deficit of the agro-processing industry widened from R8 920,3 million in 2024: Q2 to R14 395,9 million in 2024: Q3, which represents a rebound of 61,4% from a 32,1% contraction in the last quarter. The divisions that recorded a trade deficit during the period were wearing apparel (R8 909,8 million), footwear (R4 639,6 million), textiles (R3 773,3 million), rubber (R3 267,8 million), furniture (R1 517,4 million) and leather and leather products (R549,3 million). However, the following divisions registered a trade surplus during the period under review: paper and paper products (R2 695,5), beverages (R2 418,6 million), food (R2 022,1 million), tobacco (R689,0 million) and wood and wood products (R436,0 million) (see Figure 4).

## Formal employment



Source: Stats SA, 2024

During 2024: Q3, the agro-processing industry recorded about 466 601 jobs from 474 585 jobs in 2024: Q2, representing 7 984 jobs shed in 2024: Q3. This can be attributed to job losses in the following divisions: food (5 609), beverages (2 777), furniture (317), leather and leather products (259), rubber (192), wearing apparel (110), wood and wood products (97) and footwear (39). However, the paper and paper products (1 211) and textiles (205) divisions created jobs during the period under review (see Figure 5).

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