

In the main we see that independent retailers need 12- month access of supply security. We have seen examples of independent retailers miss out on supply due to larger retail groups forward buying of stocks and the efficiencies of their supply chains.

This is often driven due to wider market and producer influences, such as seasonal production and export demand, as well as imported product accessibility.

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All fresh foods and proteins supplied to market are influenced by producer challenges, be it disease, virus, breeding, drought, natural disasters.

Recent examples of supply pressure to domestic retail supply have seen aggressive processing advance 3 months ahead of product availability to export market demands. There are many examples of when a particular product item is suddenly not available due to retail groups buying up stock, storing for future promotions and then flooding the domestic market. This affects independent retailers with not having the product available their customers for a period of time, and then in turn questioned why some weeks later their product considered overly expensive in comparison to a larger retail group offering”.

Does this relate toto “have reliable and cost-effective wholesale supplies of groceries?

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