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OVERVIEW

An alert has been received from the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) about the risk from H5 highly pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) spreading to Africa.

FAO recommends that countries in Africa be on alert for incursion of H5 highly pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), following increasing reports from European countries of detections in wild birds over the past week.

Countries and farms should have in place enhanced measures for prevention, early detection and diagnosis, and for outbreak response. Given the extent of infection in wild birds in Europe, the Middle East, the Russian Federation, and Kazakhstan, the risk of disease introduction into other countries along wild bird migratory paths is regarded as high. Moreover, it is likely that the virus has already arrived in parts of West and North Africa but remains undetected so far.

Please refer to the attachment for the full report from FAO.

Dr Nyika, Chief Director, Department of Veterinary Services has encouraged all producers to be ready, to activate early warning systems, be on high alert, advise outgrowers and other actors in the poultry value chain of the impending danger and to strengthen their biosecurity and critical need for early reporting of any unusual increase in mortalities.

Zimbabwe Poultry Association

ZPA has released its newsletter for the third quarter of 2020. Broiler growing and in-production breeding stocks have shown strong recovery following the low attained in March this year of 592,539 birds, increasing by 26% to 746,934 birds in September.



LIT
Livestock Identification Trust



MPAZ
Meat Processors
Association
of Zimbabwe



PPAZ
Pig Producers' Association of Zimbabwe



SMA
Stockfeed Manufacturers Association



Zimbabwe
Association
of
Abattoirs



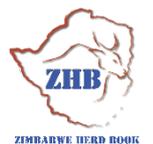
ZADF
Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers



ZFPA
Zimbabwe
Fish Producers
Association



Zimbabwe Free Range
Poultry Association



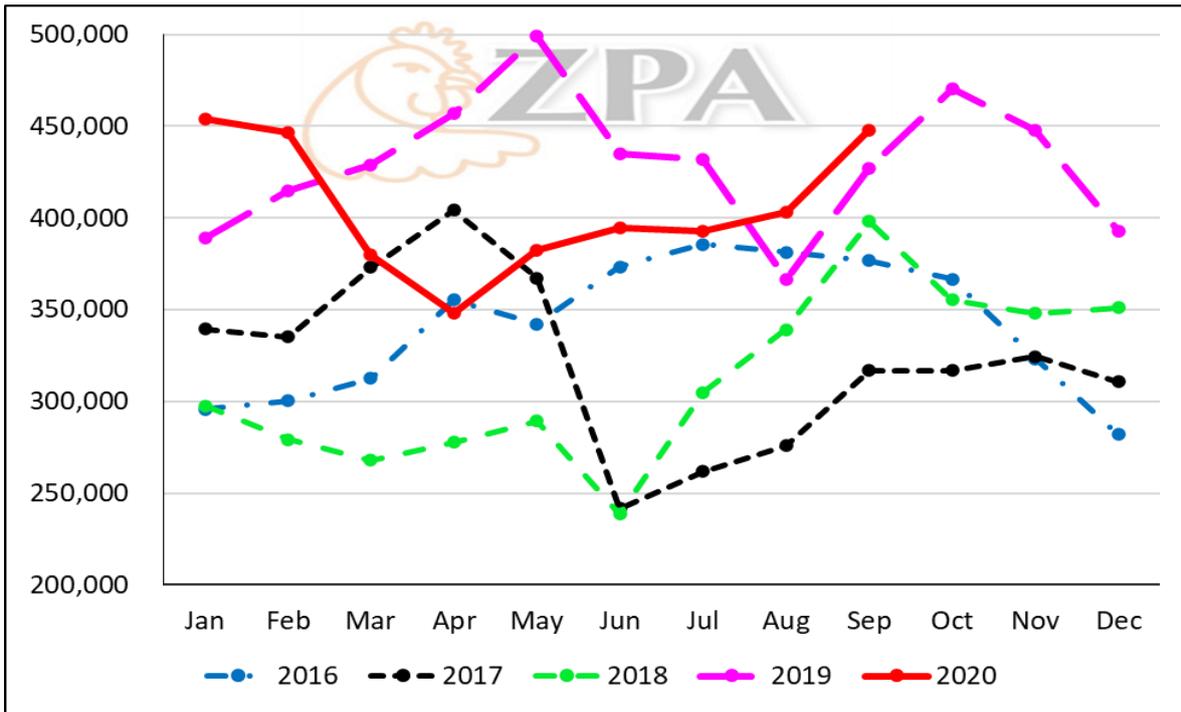
ZHB
Zimbabwe Herd Book



ZPA
Zimbabwe Poultry Association

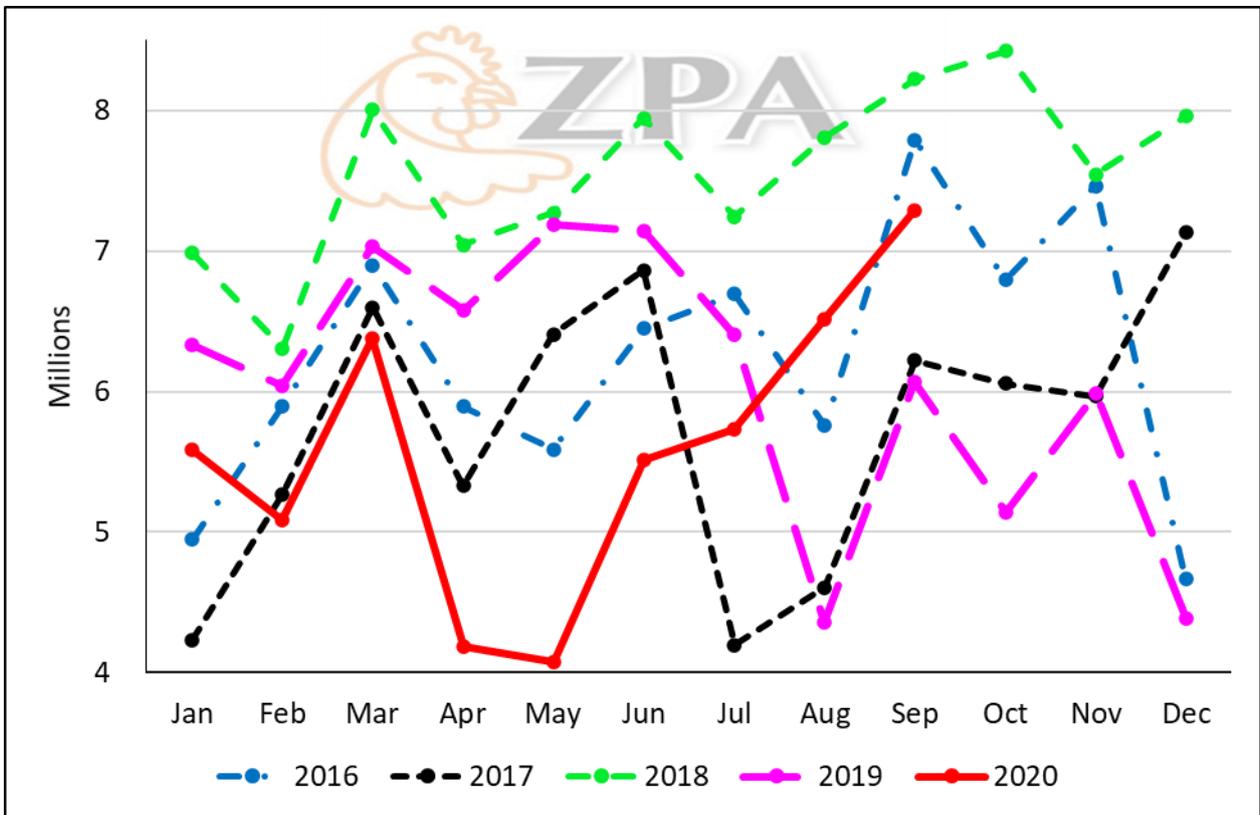


ZQAP
Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork



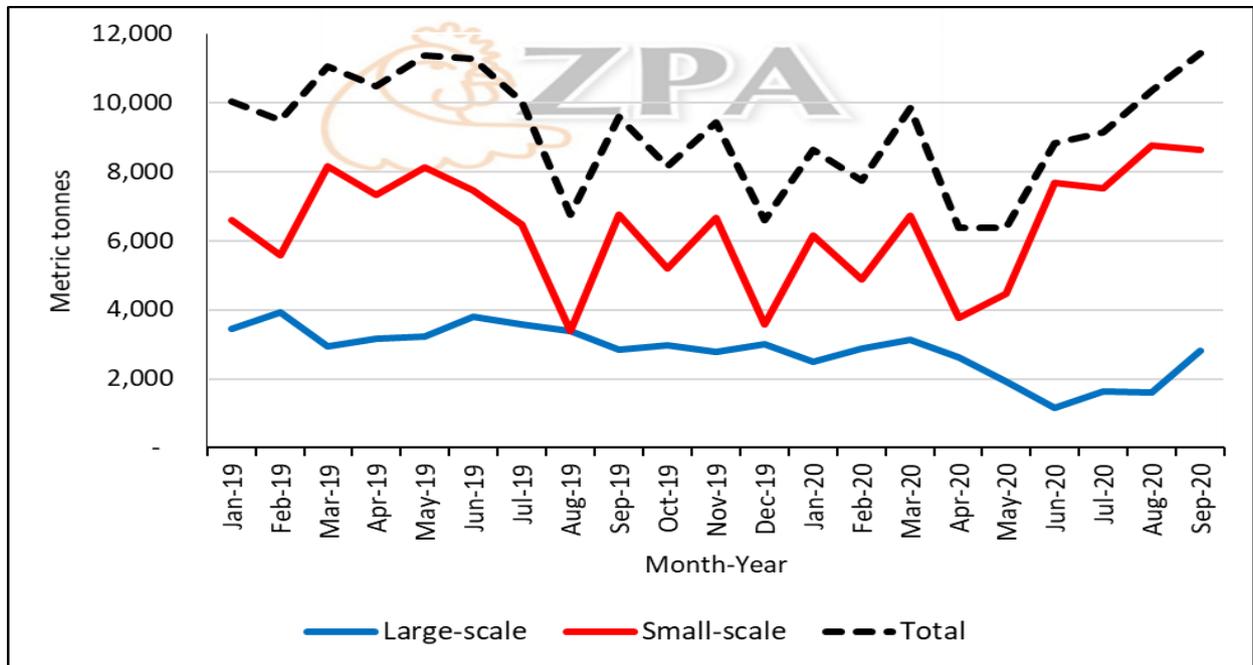
Broiler breeder in-production stocks, 2016 to September 2020

In September, local production of hatching eggs peaked at 9.3 million, slightly below the high achieved in March 2020 of 9.57 million. As with breeder stocks, production of broiler day-old chicks (DoCs) has rallied from lows of 4.1m in April and May, increasing to 7.3m in September.



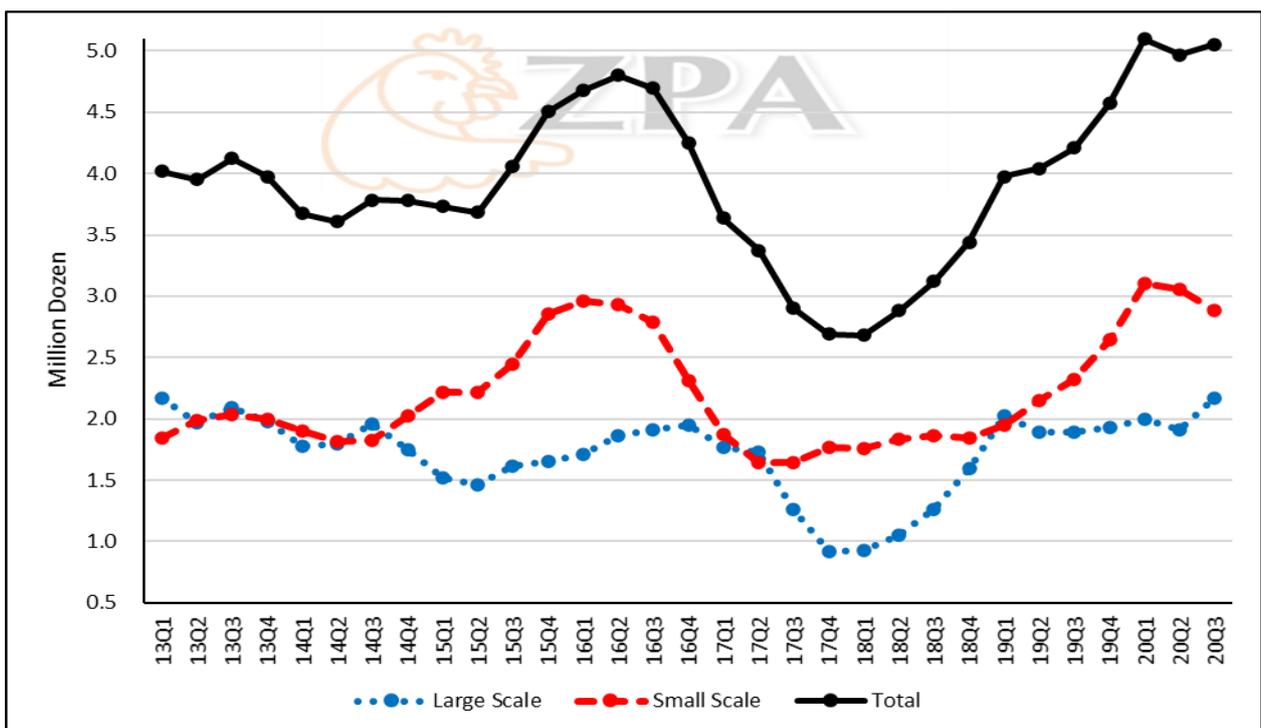
Broiler day-old chicks, 2016 to September 2020

In June, the number of birds processed by large-scale abattoirs had plummeted to 0.69 million birds, yielding 1,150mt of meat in June. In Q3, an average of 1.25 million birds were processed by large-scale abattoirs producing 2,019mt per month, an increase of 5% on Q2 of 2020 but 37% down on the same period last year. Total meat produced in the third quarter was estimated to be 10,323mt per month, being increases of 43 and 17% compared with Q2 of 2020 and Q3 of 2019, respectively.



Broiler meat production, 2019 to September 2020

Egg production for the first nine months of 2020 is estimated to be 5,0 million dozen per month, being an increase of 24% compared with 2019.



Average monthly table egg production by quarter, 2013 to September 2020

Poultry feeds continue to dominate the stockfeed industry and in the third quarter of 2020, accounted for 67% of all feeds produced by weight and 74% by monetary value, closely tracking broiler day-old chick production.

The critical shortage of day-old chicks (DoCs) experienced during Q3 in 2020 due to destocking of breeding stock at the height of the lockdown restrictions has been exacerbated by export restrictions from Zambia and Malawi. The import of duty-free hatching eggs from outside the SADC region has recently been approved by government but it is expected that the costs of production of DoCs will increase. High demand for DoCs for the festive season has resulted in shortages and a spike in prices of DoCs.

[Livestock Diary: November 2020](#)

Wednesday 25th Open Meeting of members of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

Enclosures

- FAO alert on highly pathogenic Avian Influenza, November 2020