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**Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Please be advised that the office will be closed from 1.00pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020, and re-open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



**Thank you for your valued support throughout 2020**

**Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a successful 2021**

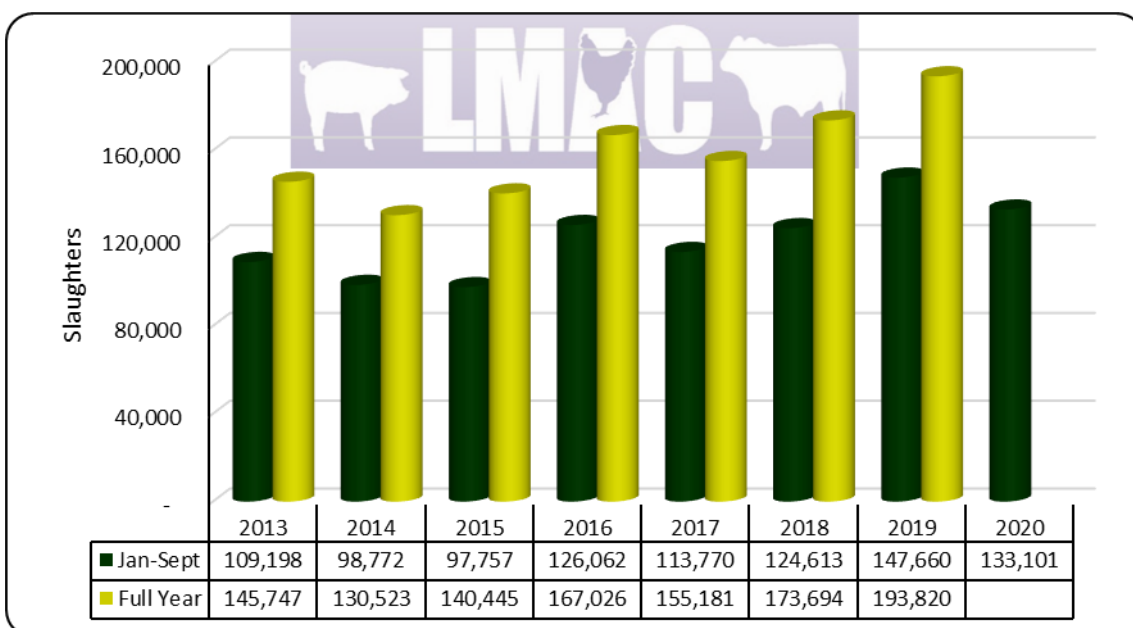


**OVERVIEW**

LMAC has released the Pork Sector report for the third quarter.

Cumulative pig slaughters for January to September 2020 were 133,101 head, 10% lower than the corresponding period in 2019 but 7% greater than in 2018.

The third quarter witnessed recovery in economic activity from the second quarter although varying levels of restrictions were still in place which suppressed production in this sector.



**Pig Slaughters, 2013 – September 2020**



### **Open Meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe**

PPAZ held its final meeting of the year on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 where issues affecting the industry were discussed. Pig Breeding Certification Standards are being drafted under the Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme VALUE Project and producers have been encouraged to review the Standards so that they can be finalised.

VALUE also tabled an update of its activities in the pig value chain and noted that considerable progress has been made in the weaner to finisher programme and the formation of the Pork Production Business syndicates is ongoing.

Producer and wholesale pork prices were discussed together with the need to ensure cost effective production to ensure that imports of meat and meat protein do not erode the progress that has been achieved on the local market.