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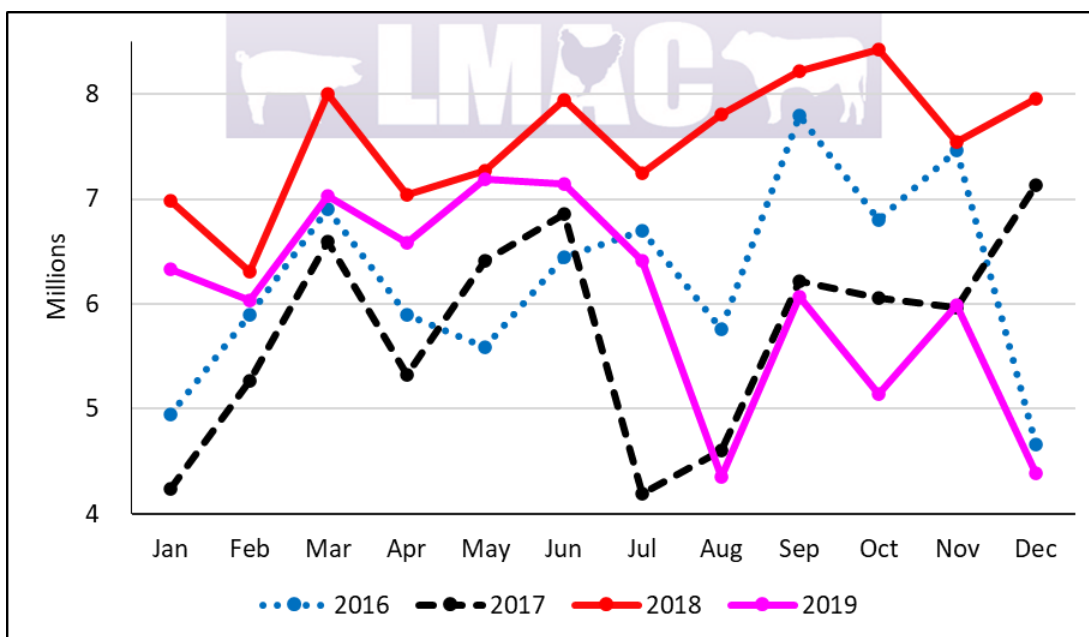
Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 13th March 2020

OVERVIEW

The economic situation continues to change and inflation has risen significantly as the local currency was floated on the interbank market. This will put pressure on the import of raw materials and veterinary supplies for the livestock sector. The management of Theileriosis is therefore also of concern as regular dipping of cattle is not being carried out.

The Zimbabwe Poultry Association released their newsletter this week and it was noted that total broiler growing and in-production breeding stocks continued to decline by 17% from a peak of 796,150 birds in May 2019 to 657,105 birds in December which is similar to previous peak stock levels in 2016. Total meat production in 2019 was estimated at 114.3 thousand metric tonnes, being 20% lower than that of 2018, but similar to total estimated production in the years 2014 to 2016.

However, going forward, reduced viability of local production is likely to lead to withdrawal from poultry production especially by small to medium scale farmers who depend on purchased feeds. This will likely lead to an upsurge in both legal and illicit imports of cheap poultry products.



Broiler day-old chicks, 2016 to 2019

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project

LMAC hosted students from the Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Science at Bindura University for an educational tour on 10th March 2020 and the Mobilisation and Business Development Officer, Tranos Muchinapaya, made a presentation on how the IPVC activities are helping small and medium producers improve their profitability.

Engagement with the private sector continues to obtain their input in developing the Poultry Application.

Livestock Diary:

Thursday 26th March

Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association

Friday 27th March

Open Meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs

****** The Fish Farming Indaba scheduled for Friday 27th March has been postponed to a date to be advised ******