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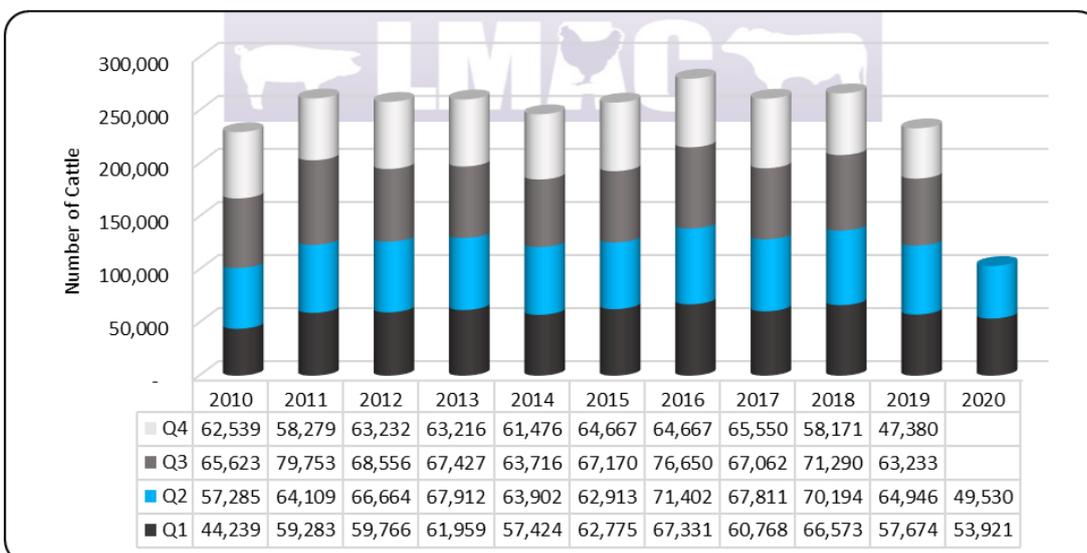
OVERVIEW

Global growth for 2020, initially estimated by the World Bank to contract by 3.9%, is now expected to decline by 5.2% on the back of disruptions caused by the global pandemic. This is the deepest global recession in eight decades, despite unprecedented policy support. Various mitigation measures, such as lockdowns, closure of schools and non-essential businesses, and travel restrictions have been imposed by most countries to limit the spread of COVID-19 and ease the strain on health care systems. The economies in sub-Saharan Africa is expected to contract by 2.8%.

The local economy, already experiencing economic headwinds resulting from the effects of inflation is under further strain in containing the outbreak and its consequences. The World Bank expects contraction of 4.9%, down 1 percentage point from the previous estimate.

Second Quarter Market Watch Report: Beef Sector

Cumulative slaughters for the first half of 2020 were 103,451, a decrease of 16% over the same period in 2019 and 6% down on the second half of 2019, while second quarter slaughters were 49,530 head, 24% below the same period in 2019 and 8% less than the first quarter. The suspension of mobile banking has severely impacted on procurement of slaughter stock from the communal sector.



Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme (ZAGP)

The 16th edition of the ZAGP Newsletter focuses on efforts by the Project to promote biosafety and biosecurity across all the value chains. Working with relevant government departments, the Project seeks to support implementation of appropriate measures to ensure public health, animal health and welfare, and animal productivity that will also improve market access.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project (IPVC)

Activities have focused on the forthcoming egg campaign and training on financial management at the Poultry Business Associations. Lead farmers are being identified to raise point-of-lays for the table egg sector.

Livestock Diary

Tuesday 8 th September	Open Virtual Meeting of the Pig Producers' Association of Zimbabwe
Thursday 10 th September	Virtual Annual General Meeting of the Zimbabwe Boran Breeders Society

Enclosures

- Second Quarter Market Watch Report for the Beef Sector