



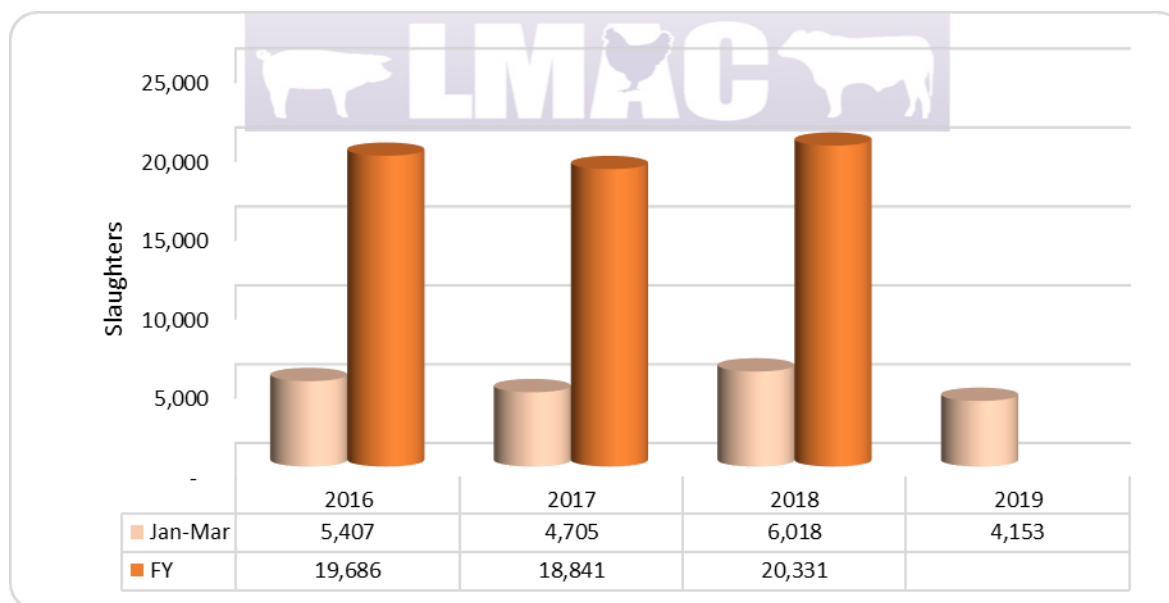
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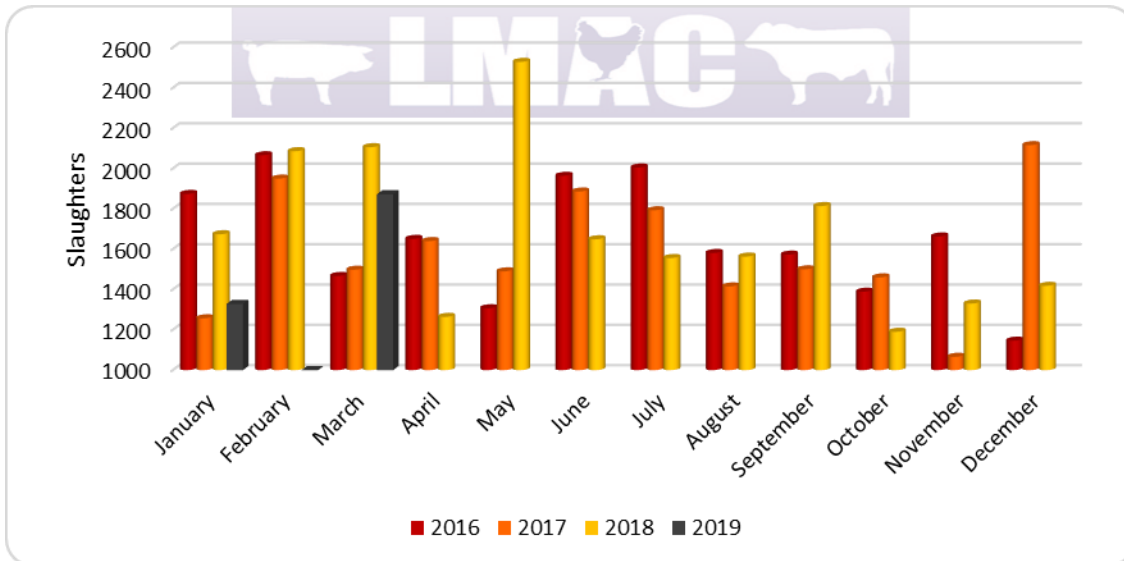
### Market Watch First Quarter 2019

#### Goat Sector

Total goat slaughters at abattoirs monitored by the Department of Crops and Livestock for the first quarter of 2019 were 4,153, a decrease of 31% over the period in 2018.



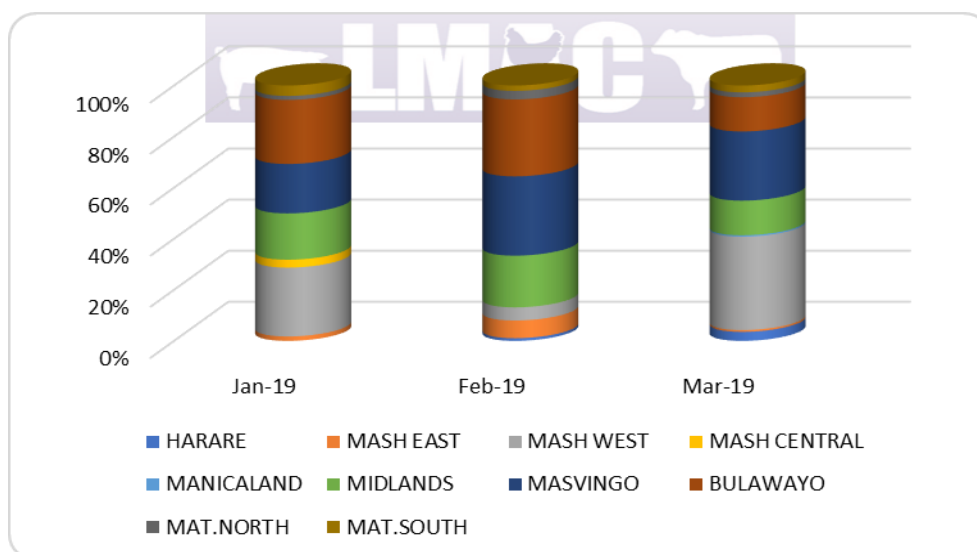
**Cumulative Goat Slaughters, 2016 – March 2019**



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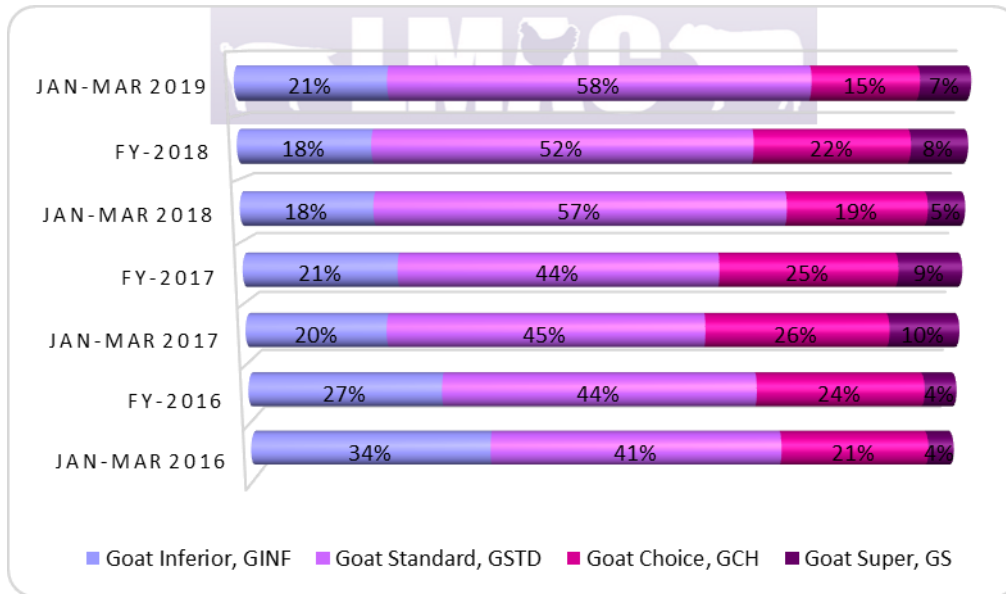
Provincial monthly goat slaughter trends show unpredictability on the market and may also reflect the subsistence nature of goat production patterns as well as the low number of slaughters captured by abattoirs in the formal sector as a percentage of total slaughters.

Goat slaughters from formal sector abattoirs in Mashonaland West were 27, 5 and 35% of total national slaughters in the first three months of the year while Masvingo province recorded 19, 31 and 27% of national slaughters.



**Monthly Goat Slaughters Disaggregated by Province, January – March 2019**

Goat Standard and Goat Inferior grades for meat classification increased by 6 and 3% respectively for total national slaughters in the first quarter of 2019 when compared with the same period in 2018. Goat Standard grades continues to be the dominate grade in slaughtered goats.



**Proportionate Goat Slaughters by Grade, 2016 – March 2019**