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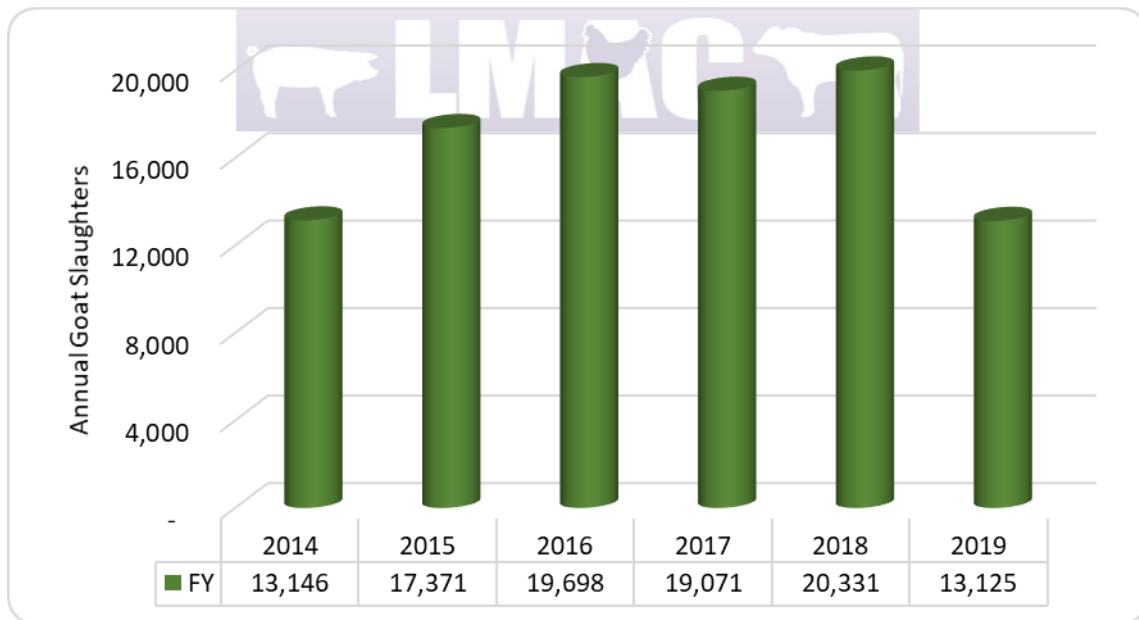
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Market Watch 2019

Goat Sector

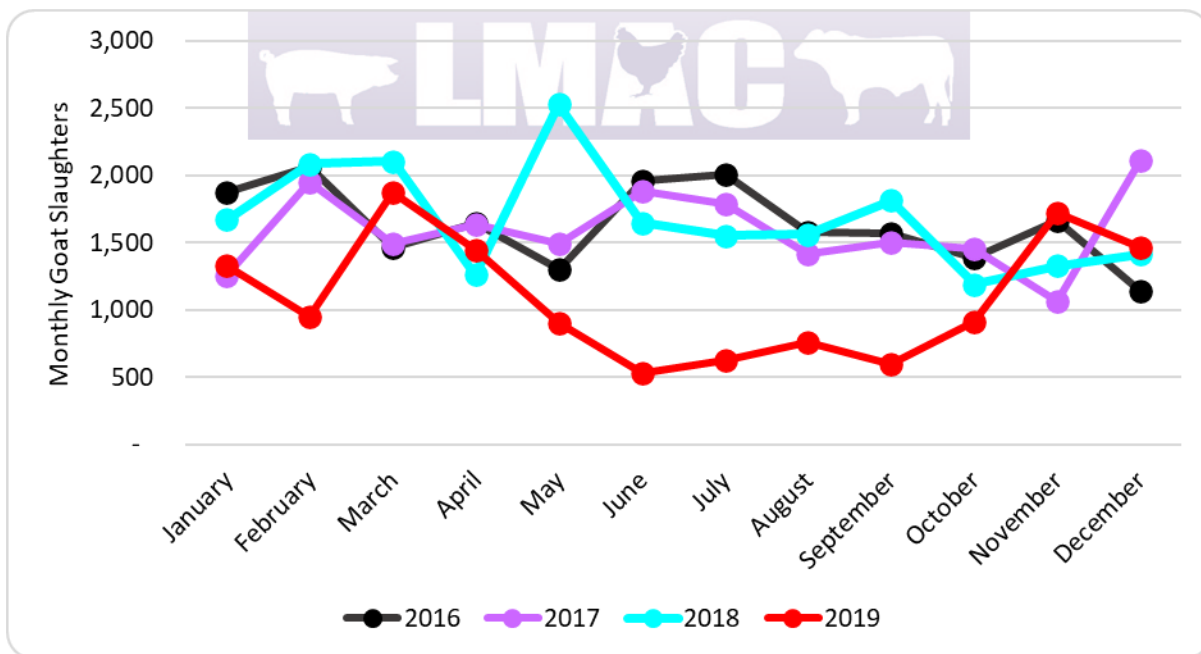
Total goat slaughters at abattoirs monitored by the Department of Crop and Livestock for 2019 was 9,022 head, a decrease of 35, 31 and 33% over 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Average monthly slaughters in 2019 was 1,094 head compared with 1,694 head per month in 2018.

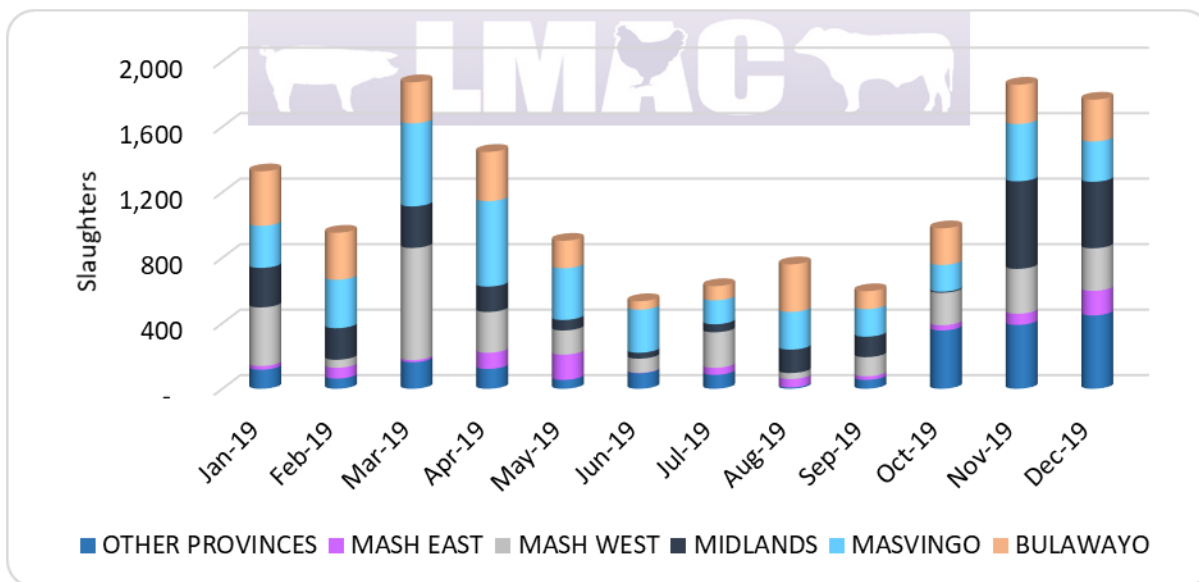


Annual Goat Slaughters, 2014 – 2019

The lowest and highest numbers of goat slaughters of 535 and 1,872 head were recorded in June and March, respectively.



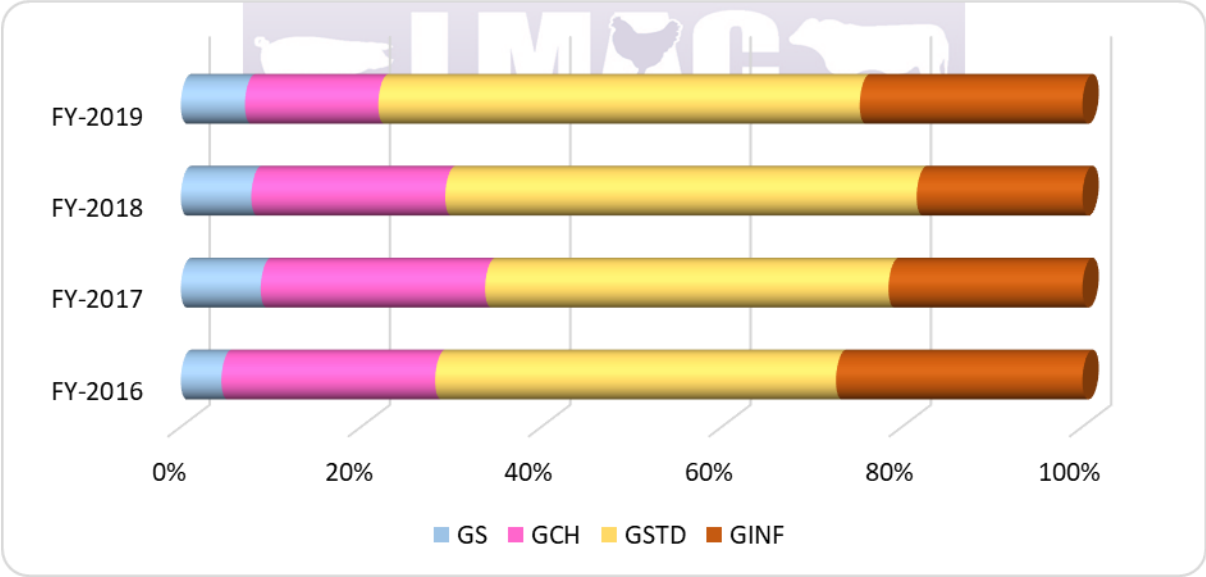
Monthly National Goat Slaughters, 2016-2019



Monthly National Slaughters by Province, 2019

The graph below illustrates the breakdown in meat quality of goats slaughtered through the formal abattoir system. In 2019, Goat Super grade accounted for 7% of total slaughters, a decline of 1% on 2018 although there has been a general growth from 3% to 7% since 2016.

This trend can be contrasted with the decrease in Goat Inferior as a percentage of total goat meat slaughtered. In 2016, slaughters comprised of 27% of Goat Inferior, declining in 2017 and 2018 and increasing to 25% in 2019.



Proportionate Goat Slaughters by Grade, 2016 – 2019

(GS = Goat Super; GCH = Goat Choice; GSTD = Goat Standard; GINF = Goat Inferior)