



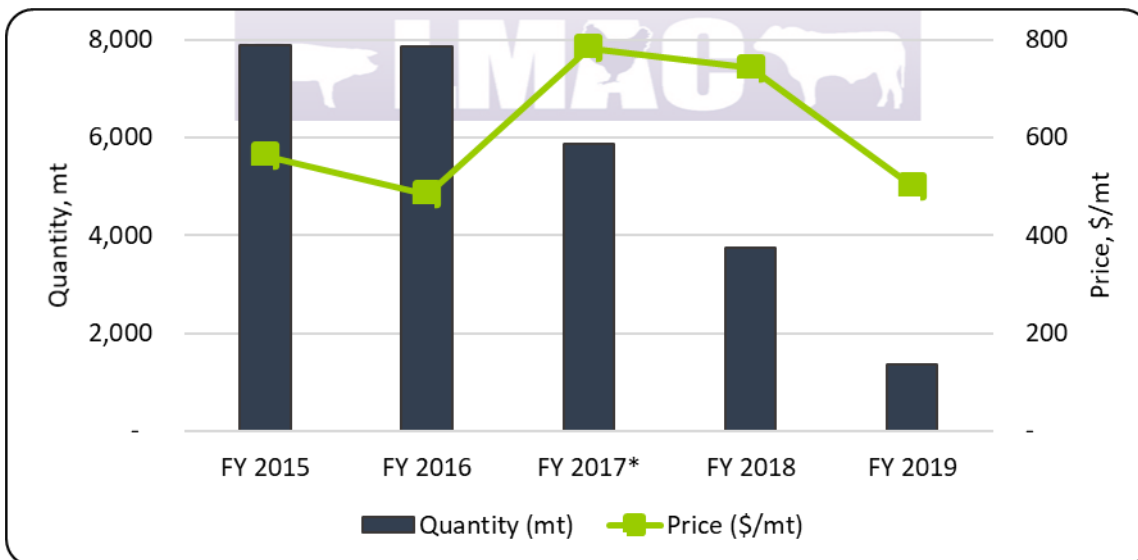
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**Market Watch: 2019**

**Meat Processing Sector**

Cumulative imports of mechanically deboned meat (MDM) for 2019 was 1,352mt, a decline of 64% on imports in 2018 and the average cost decreased by 33% from USD 743/mt to 501/mt. 425mt was imported from Brazil at an average price of US\$719/mt while 927mt was sourced from Namibia at an average price of US\$404/mt.

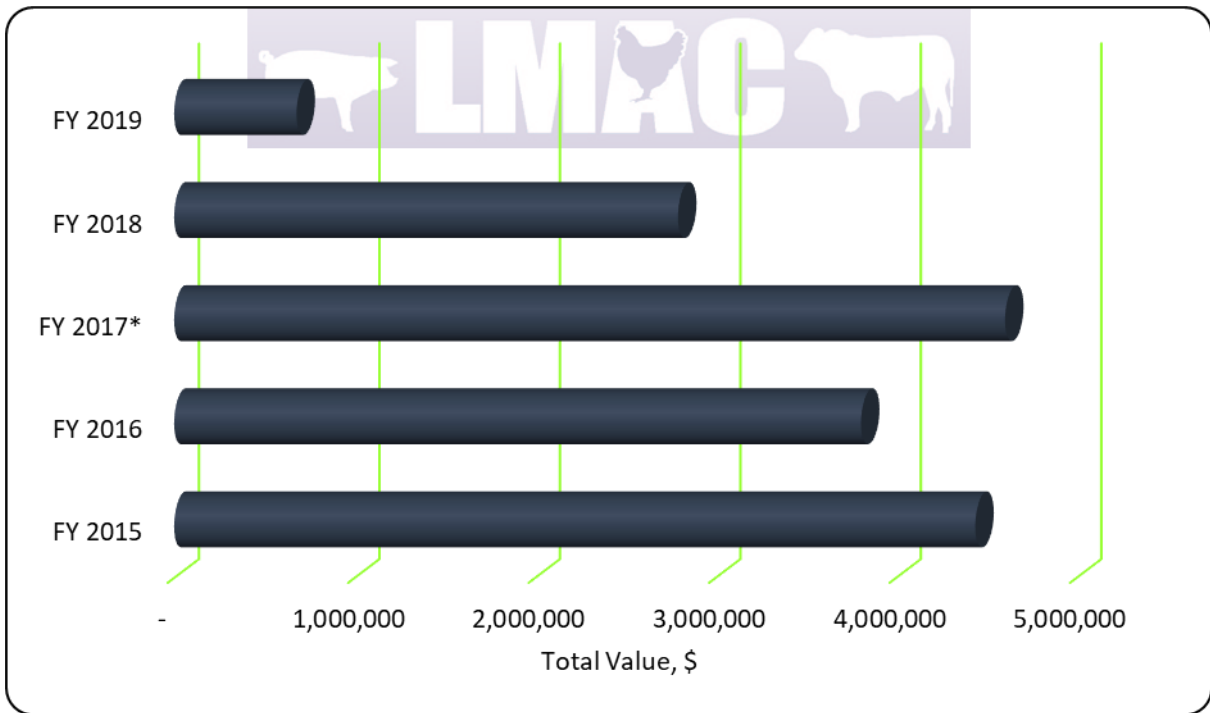


**Imports of Mechanically Deboned Meat, 2015 – 2019**

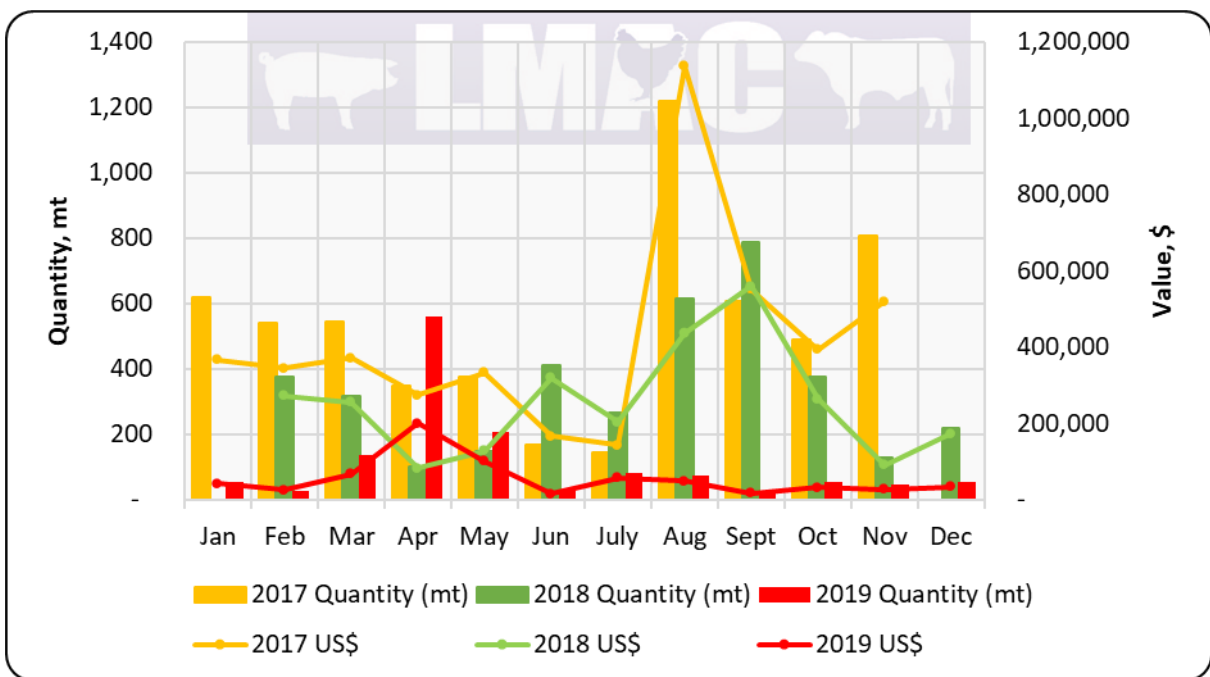
The average monthly imports in 2019 was 113mt, compared to average monthly imports of 313mt in 2018. The depreciation in foreign exchange continues to shrink the relative cost differential between imported MDM and locally sourced animal meat protein alternatives.

The value of MDM imports in 2019 amounted to USD 678,122 whereas in 2018, total imports amounted USD 2,8 million.





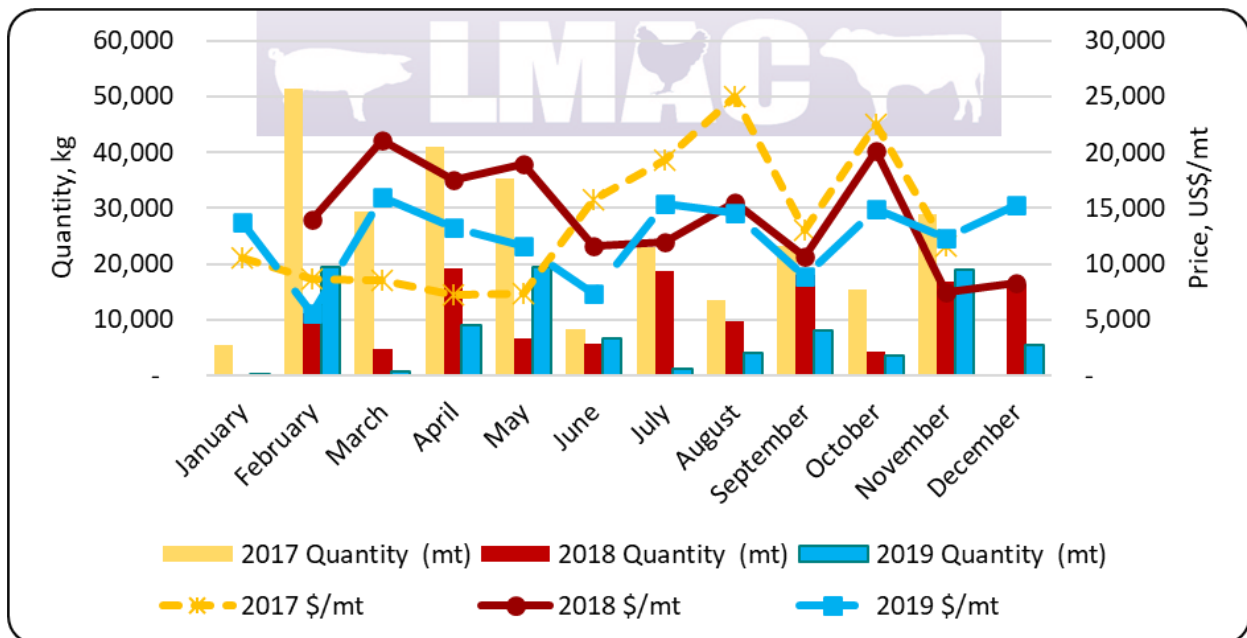
**Total Value (USD), 2015 – 2019**



**Monthly Imports of Mechanically Deboned Meat, 2017 – 2019**

**Sausage Casings**

Imports of sausage casings in 2019 amounted to USD 1 million, a decline of 39% on imports in 2018 at a value of USD 1.7m. In 2019, the quantity imported was 97mt compared with 132mt in 2018, a decline of 27%.

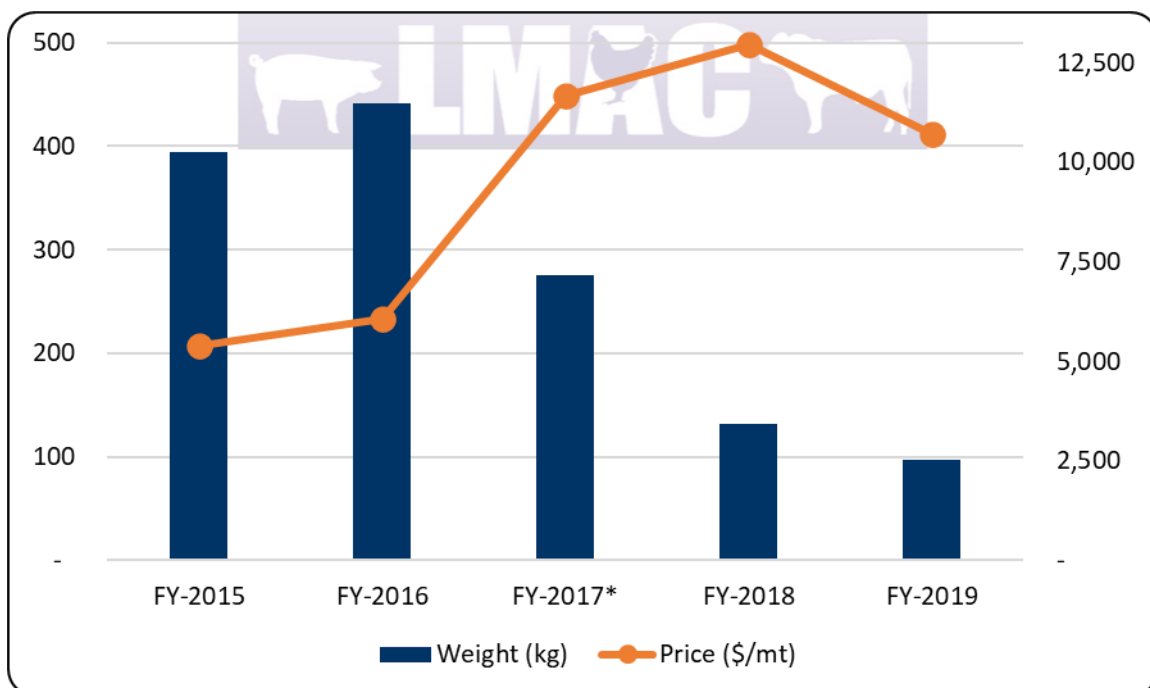


**Monthly Imports of Sausage Casings, 2017 – 2019**

The average import cost of sausage casings in 2019 was USD 10,704/mt, a decrease of 17% over 2018 and 8% lower than the average cost in 2017.

With the rise in consumption of processed meat worldwide, the demand for sausage casings is increasing. Currently, the demand for natural casings is high. However, because of the increasing cost of production of natural casings, artificial casings are experiencing growth in demand at a significant pace.

On the domestic market, supply is largely driven by the availability of foreign currency and cost of locally sourced raw materials.



**Average Price and Weight of Sausage Casings Imported, 2015 – 2019**