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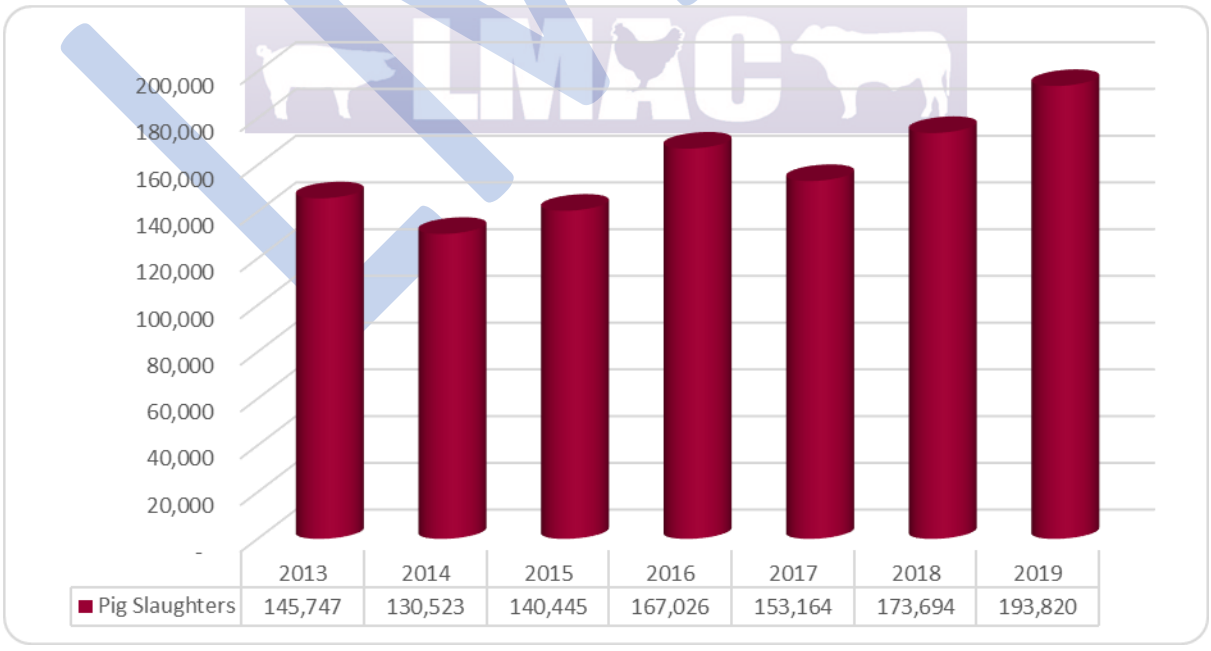
Market Watch 2019

Pork Sector

Cumulative pig slaughters for 2019 were 193,820 head, 12 and 27% higher than 2018 and 2017, respectively. The slaughters were also the highest since 2013 and may be due to destocking in the small to medium-scale sector which is the most vulnerable from the impact of a declining economy.

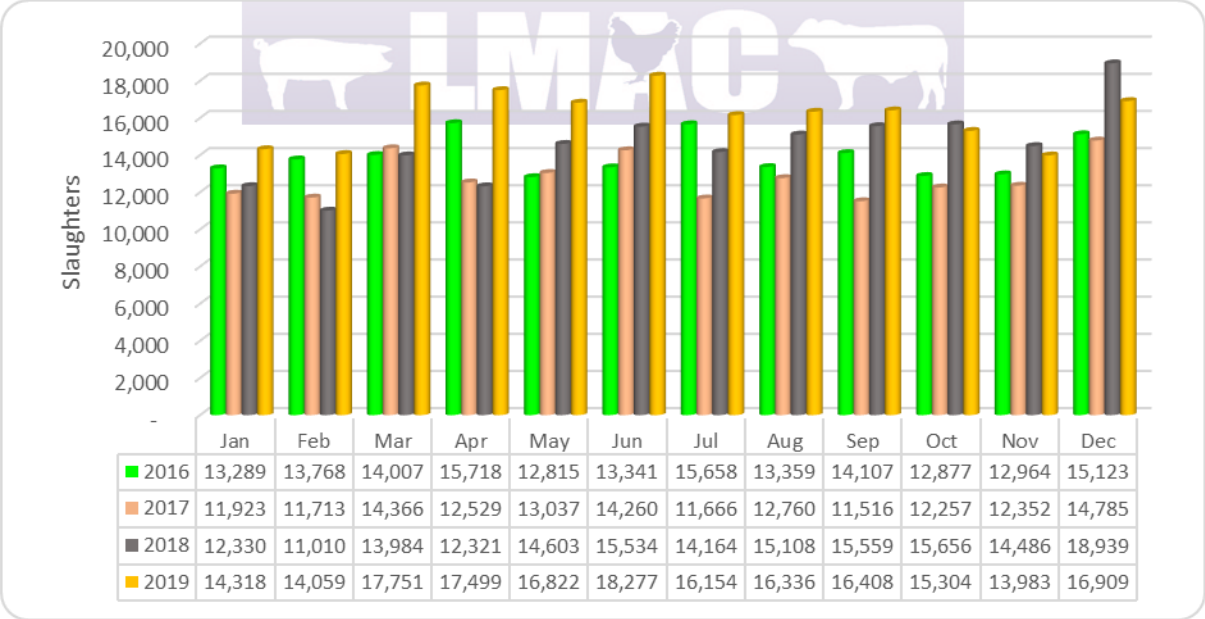
Dislocations in the supply of raw materials, along with the rising cost of stockfeed have been compounded by reduced spending by consumers whose purchasing power is being eroded by inflation. As a result, some producers are facing viability challenges and are either downscaling or closing their operations. It is estimated that a kilogram of pork costs between ZWL 35 and 40 to produce and at the end of 2019, the producer price was virtually the same.



	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Pig Slaughters	145,747	130,523	140,445	167,026	153,164	173,694	193,820

Annual Pig Slaughters, 2014 – 2019

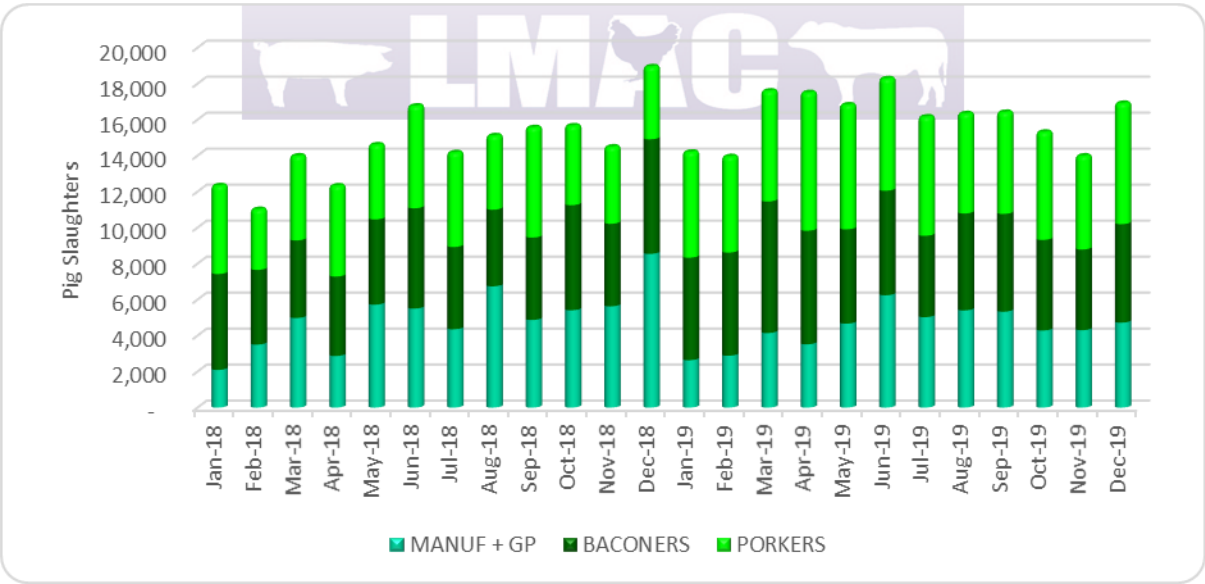
Monthly pig slaughters in averaged 16,152 head, against 14,475 in 2018. November and June recorded the lowest and highest slaughters of 13,983 and 18,277 head, respectively.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2016	13,289	13,768	14,007	15,718	12,815	13,341	15,658	13,359	14,107	12,877	12,964	15,123
2017	11,923	11,713	14,366	12,529	13,037	14,260	11,666	12,760	11,516	12,257	12,352	14,785
2018	12,330	11,010	13,984	12,321	14,603	15,534	14,164	15,108	15,559	15,656	14,486	18,939
2019	14,318	14,059	17,751	17,499	16,822	18,277	16,154	16,336	16,408	15,304	13,983	16,909

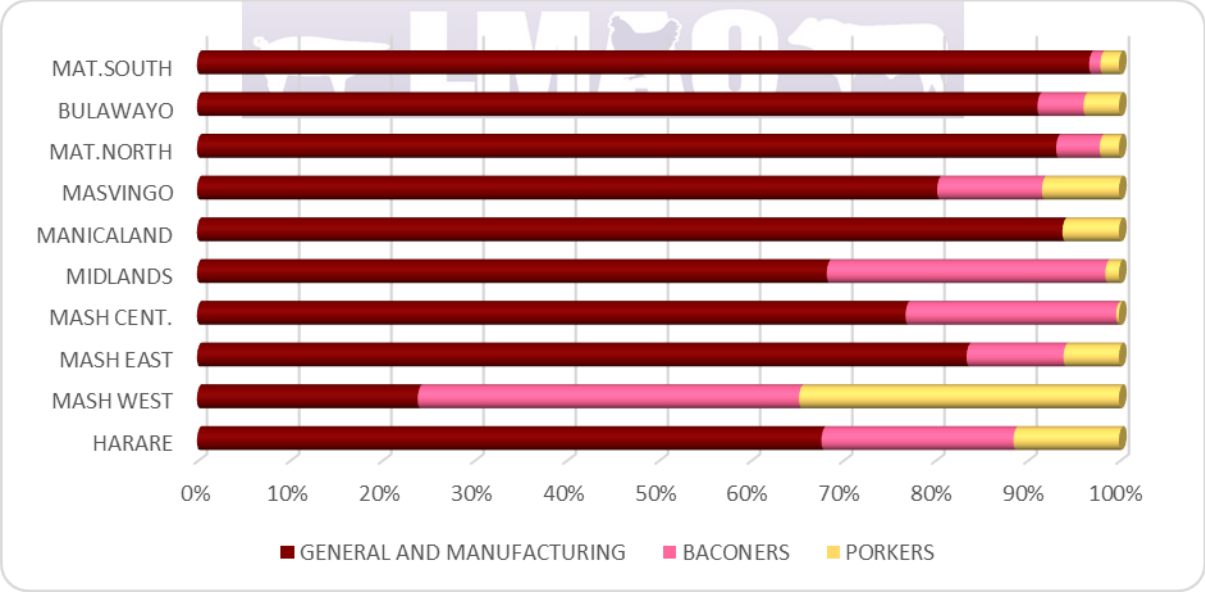
Monthly Pig Slaughters, 2016 – 2019

The graph below illustrates the monthly breakdown by grade for 2018 and 2019. December 2018 showed the highest composition of Manufacturing and General Purpose grades and also the highest monthly slaughter.



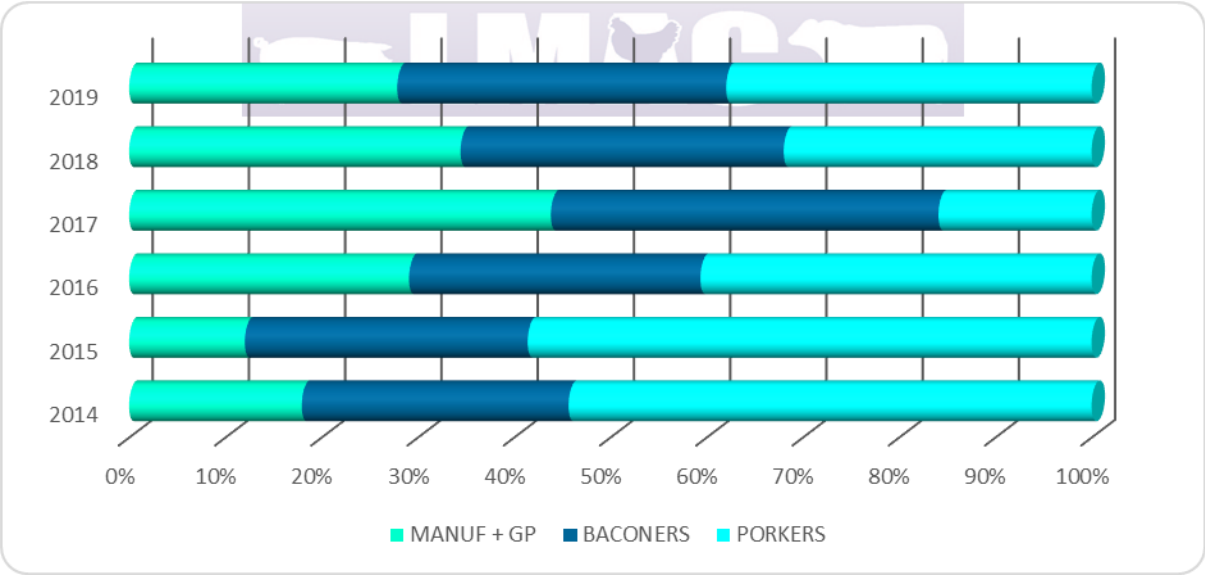
Monthly Pig Slaughters by Grade

The dominance of General and Manufacturing grades in all provinces except Mashonaland West may point to the high incidence of small to medium-scale producers both entering and exiting pig farming in that province.



Proportionate Provincial Slaughters by Grade, 2019

On a national scale, in 2019 the average composition of grades was 28% for both Manufacturing and General Purpose and 34% for Baconers while Porkers made up 38% of the total slaughters.

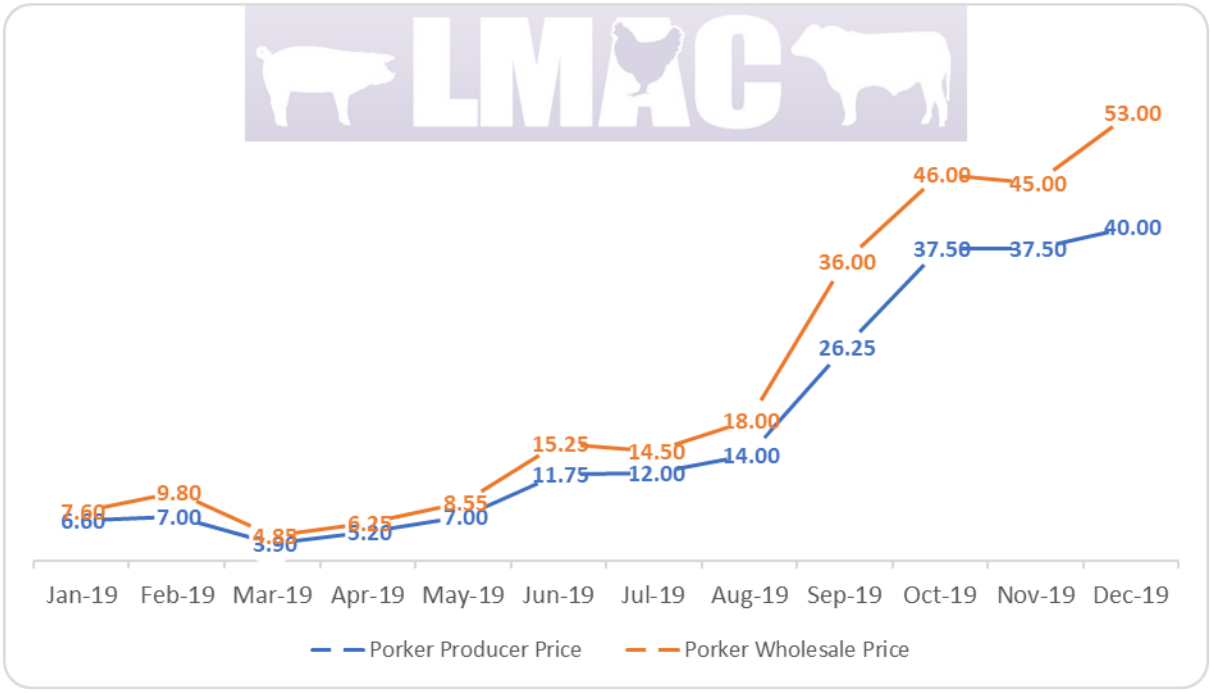


National Slaughters by Grade, 2014 – 2019

Pig producer and wholesale prices for 2019 rose by 648% and 762%, respectively while in 2018 they rose by 30% and 23%, respectively.

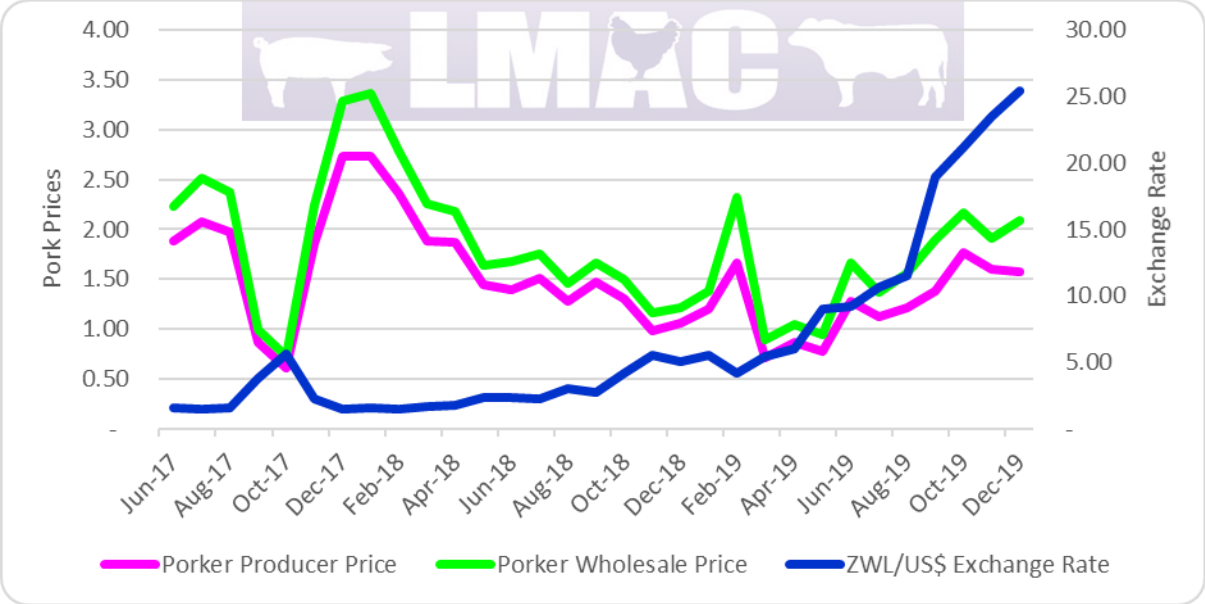
The ZWL depreciated by 400% in 2019, while in 2018, it depreciated by 235%.

Wholesale prices in 2019, when compared to producer prices, carried margins ranging between 15 – 40%, reflecting an improvement in margins for wholesalers over the same period that ranged between 13 – 20%.



Pig Producer and Wholesale Prices $/kg, 2019

In real terms and using the Old Mutual Implied rate, pork producer and wholesale prices declined from January through to May 2019 before a muted recovery for the rest of the year. Producer prices ranged between USD 1.05 – 1.57/kg while wholesale prices traded between USD 1.21 – 2.09/kg.



Pig Producer and Wholesale Prices, USD/kg, 2017 – 2019