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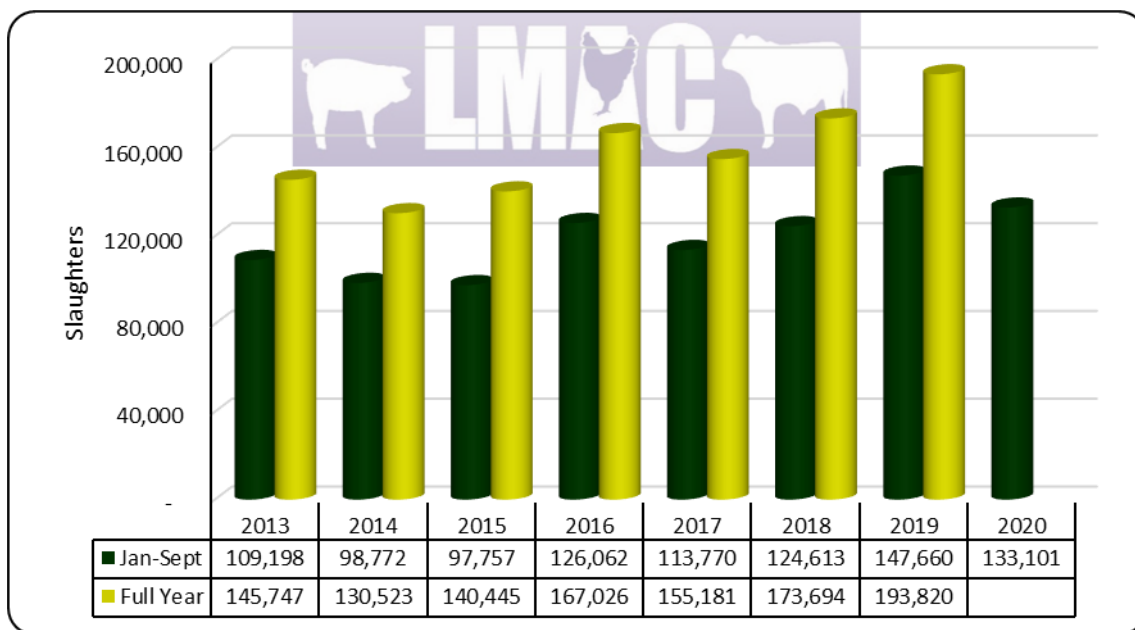
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Market Watch: Third Quarter 2020

Pork Sector

Cumulative pig slaughters for January to September 2020 were 133,101 head, 10% lower than the corresponding period in 2019 but 7% greater than in 2018.

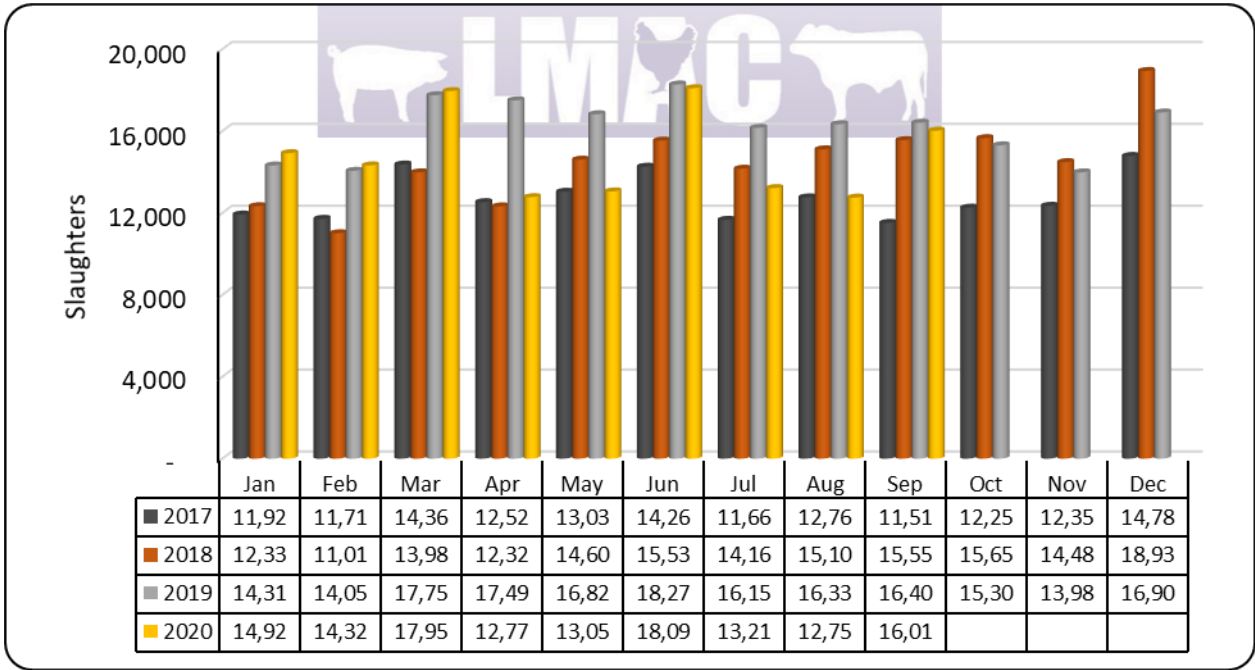
The third quarter witnessed recovery in economic activity from the second quarter although varying levels of restrictions were still in place which suppressed production in this sector.



Pig Slaughters, 2013 – September 2020

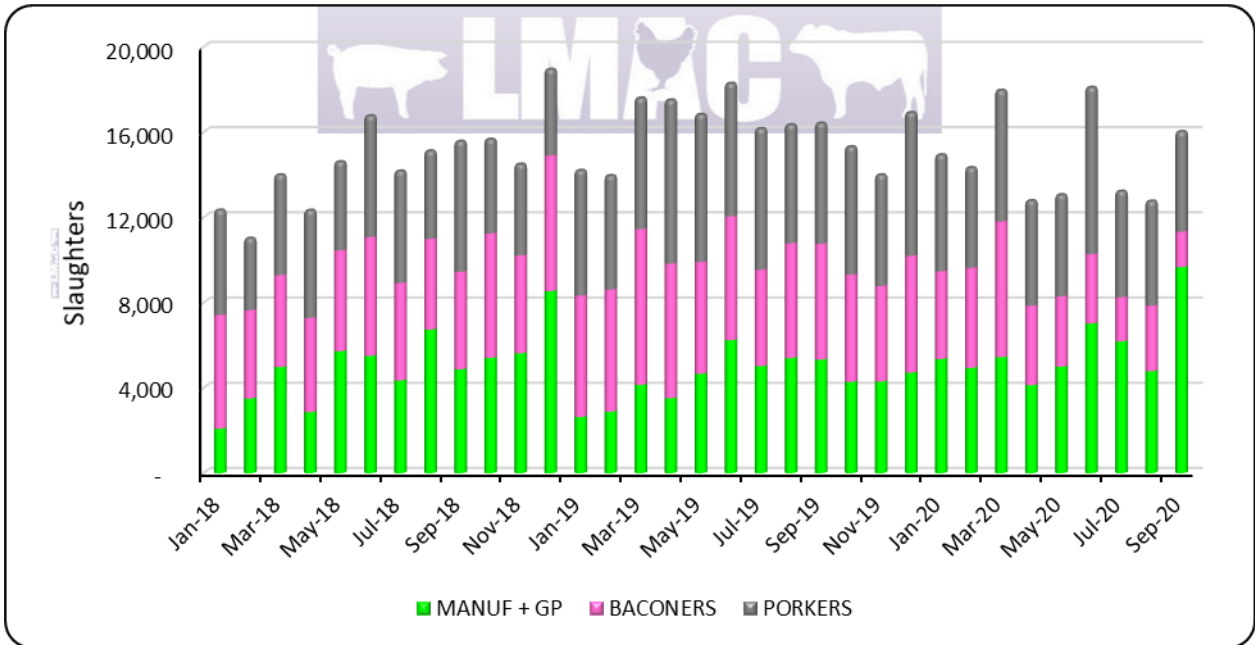
Monthly slaughters were highly variable and in the period under review, August recorded the lowest number of slaughters of 12,751 while 16,017 slaughters were recorded in September, an increase of 25% over August.





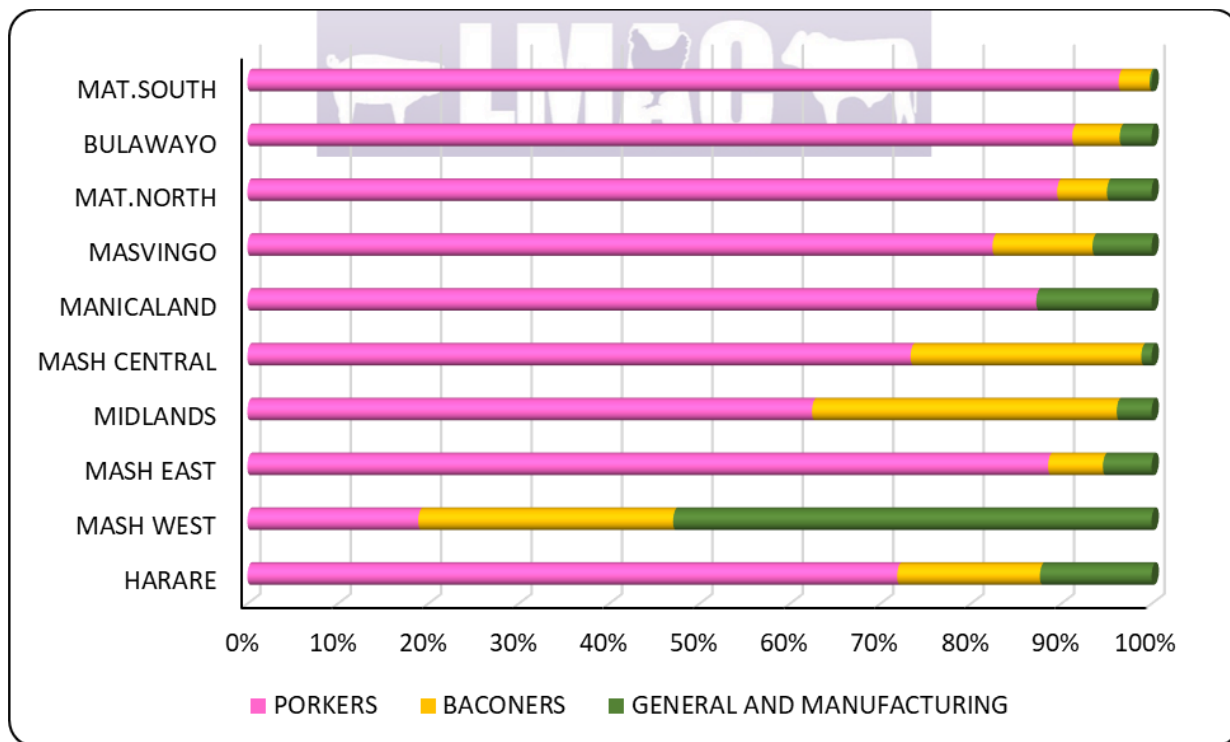
Monthly Pig Slaughters, 2015 – September 2020

The graph below illustrates the monthly breakdown by grade since January 2018. In September, the Manufacturing and General Purpose grade dominated slaughters at 60% while Baconers and Porkers made up 10 and 30% respectively.



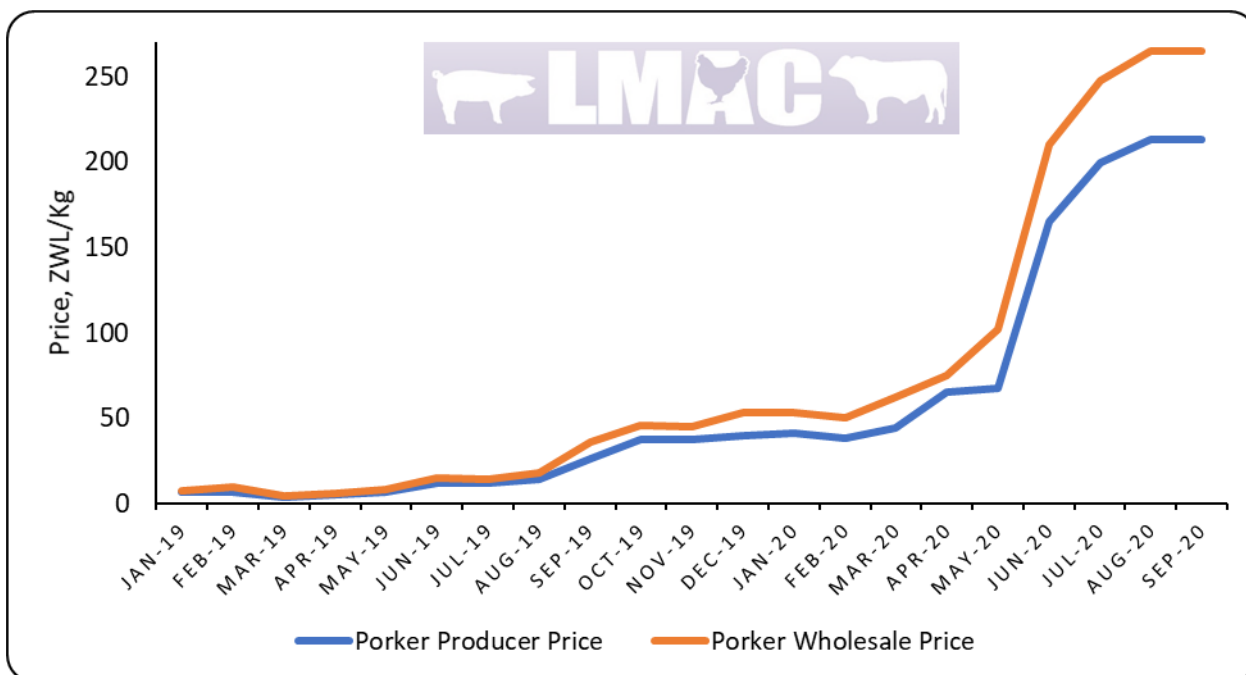
Monthly Pig Slaughters by Grade, 2018 – September 2020

With the exception of Mashonaland West, Porkers and Baconers make up 80% of the pork meat grades in the other provinces.



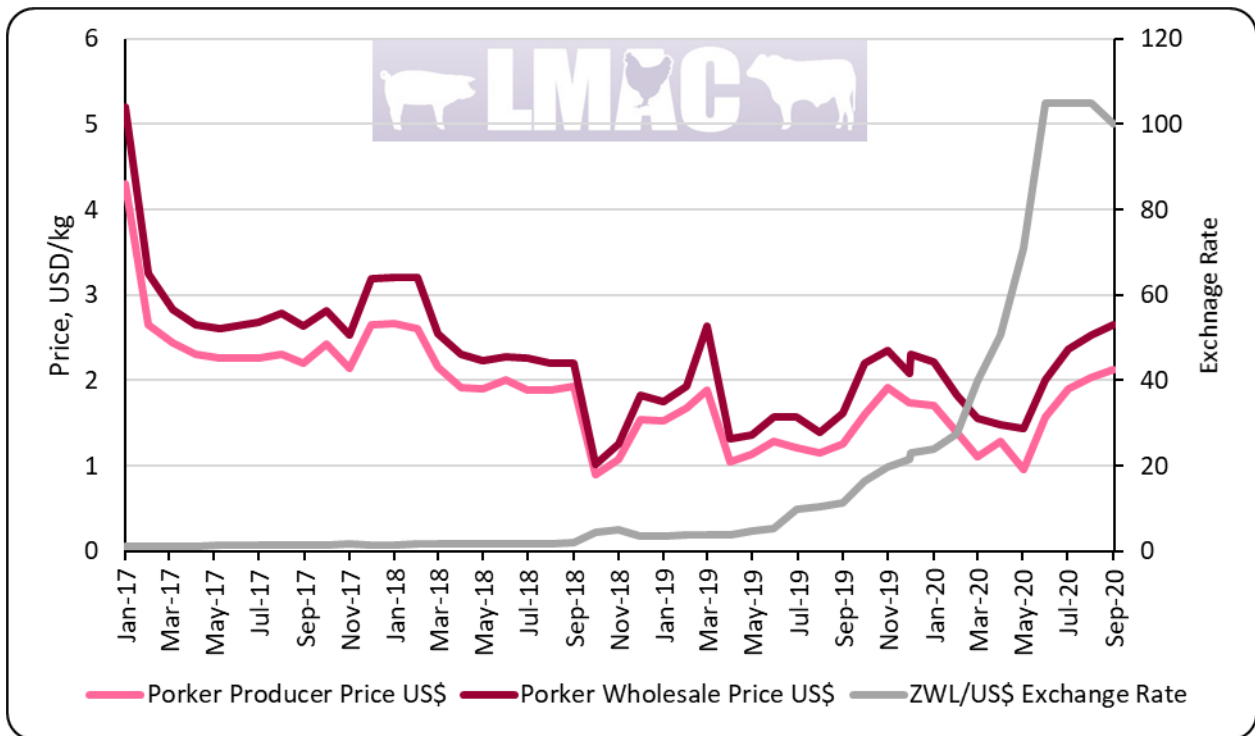
Proportionate Provincial Slaughters by Grade, January – September 2020

Pig producer and wholesale prices for the third quarter registered increases of 29 and 26% respectively compared to prices in the second quarter which are less than the third quarter Consumer Price Index inflation rate of 52%. However, prices are expected to rise due to increased demand during the festive season.



Pig Producer and Wholesale Prices, ZWL/kg, 2019 – September 2020

In USD terms, producer and wholesale prices increased from the beginning of July through to September 2020. The producer price increased by 36% from USD 1.57/kg in the second quarter to USD 2.13/kg in the third. The wholesale price also increased by 33% from USD 2.00/kg to USD 2.65/kg.



Pig Producer and Wholesale Prices in US\$/kg, 2017 – September 2020