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**Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Please be advised that the office will be closed  
 From 1.00pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020, and re-  
 open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**



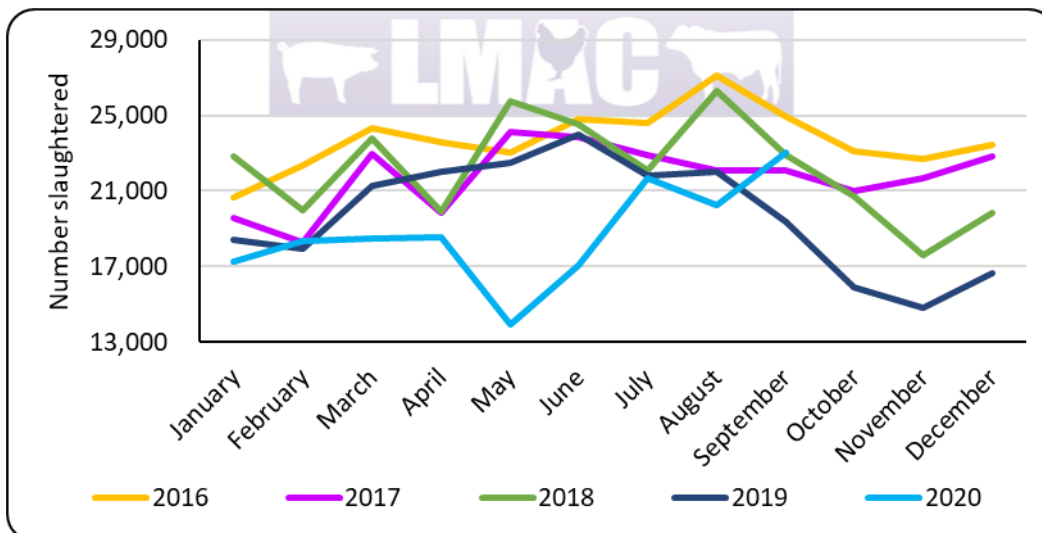
**Thank you for your valued support throughout 2020.**

**Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and a successful  
 2021**



**OVERVIEW**

LMAC has released the Beef Sector report for the third quarter. Cumulative slaughters from January to September 2020 were 161,307 head, decreases of 13 and 22% over the same periods in 2019 and 2018, respectively. Third quarter slaughters for 2020 were 64,940 head, 3% higher than the same period in 2019 and 53% higher than the second quarter and exhibiting significant recovery from the post-COVID-19 lockdown. Payment modalities are still a challenge for many abattoir operators as cattle producers are demanding payment in hard currency while meat sales are nearly 70% denominated in local currency.



**Monthly Cattle Slaughters, 2016 – September 2020**



### **Zimbabwe Herd Book**

The Herd Book continues to register new studs for a wide range of beef breeds while the Brahman Breeders Society of Zimbabwe is encouraging members to submit performance data to participate in southern African Brahman genetic evaluations together with South Africa and Namibia. In addition, the Herd Book has been invited by the Brahman Breed Improvement Forum to participate in meetings focussed on genotyping to facilitate inclusion of genomics in genetic evaluations and promoting the recording of residual feed intake, days to calving and docility and identification of common sires for linking herds.