

## **Livestock & Meat Advisory Council**

## **Market Watch First Quarter 2019**

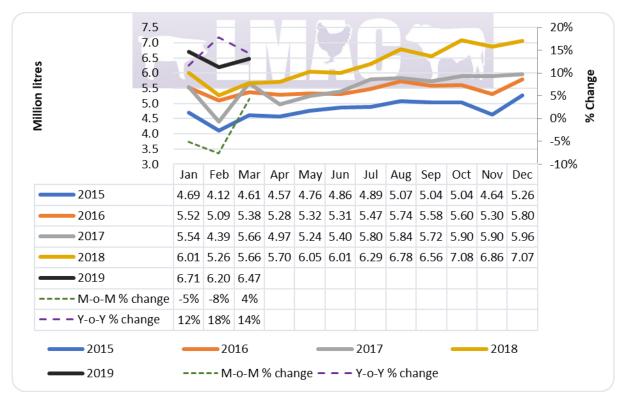
## **Dairy Sector**

Milk production for the first quarter of 2019 totaled 19.4 million litres, an increase of 14% over the same period in 2018. Positive growth of 12, 18 and 14% respectively has been recorded each month when compared with January, February and March in 2018.



Annual Milk Production, 2014 – March 2019

The annual demand for milk is currently 120 million litres, implying a deficit of 45 million litres in milk production in 2018. Government has partnered the private sector in the implementation of a strategic plan to boost milk production by growing the dairy herd to 30,000 animals by 2022 as well as supporting infrastructural development.



Monthly Local Raw Milk Production, 2015 – March 2019

Under the European Union funded Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme, the dairy sector, including milk collection centres and small-scale producers will be supported over a four-year period for equipment and infrastructural development. At least 1,000 in-calf dairy heifers will be distributed to farmers on a revolving basis