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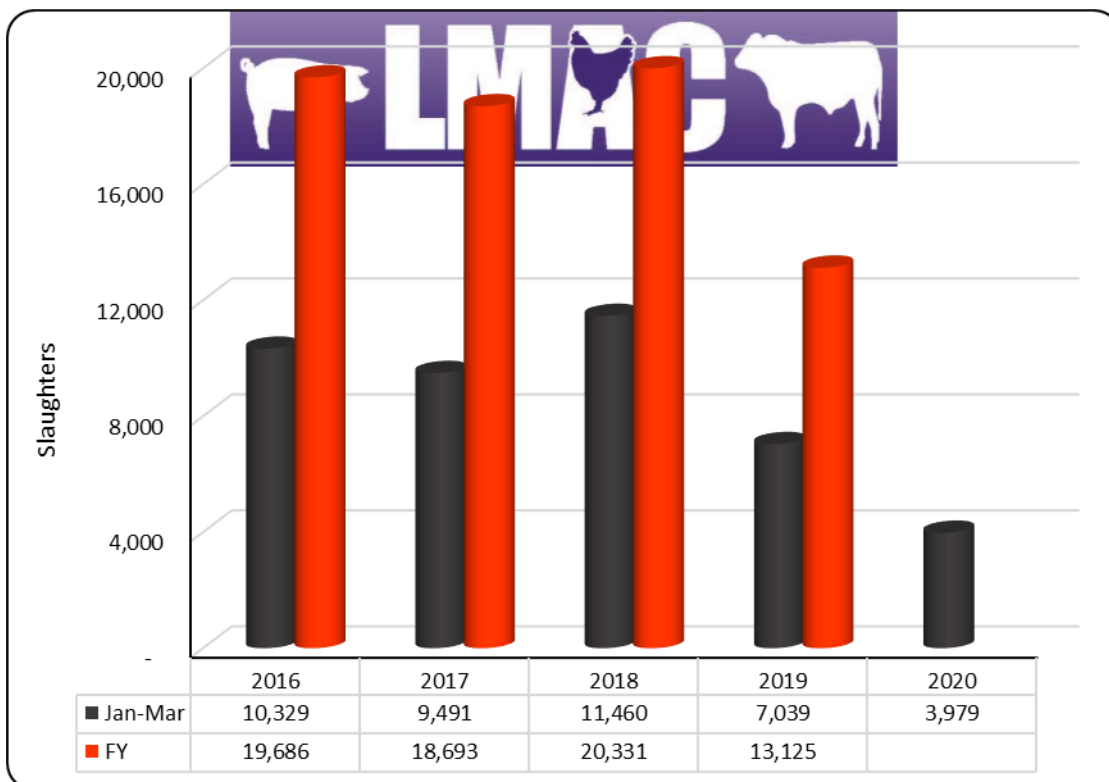
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**Market Watch Report: Second Quarter June 2020**

**Goat Sector**

Total goat slaughters at abattoirs monitored by the Department of Crop and Livestock for the first half 2020 was 3,979, a 43% decrease over the same period the previous year.

The first quarter 2020 slaughters were 65 and 58% down when compared to the corresponding periods in 2019 and 2018 respectively. Average monthly slaughters for Q1 2020 was 663 as opposed to the same period in 2019 that averaged 1,173. Direct and indirect cost of slaughters at formal abattoirs is believed to be a major deterrent to formalization of goat slaughter and processing. This is even more the case in incidences where a goat producer elects to slaughter a low number of goats.

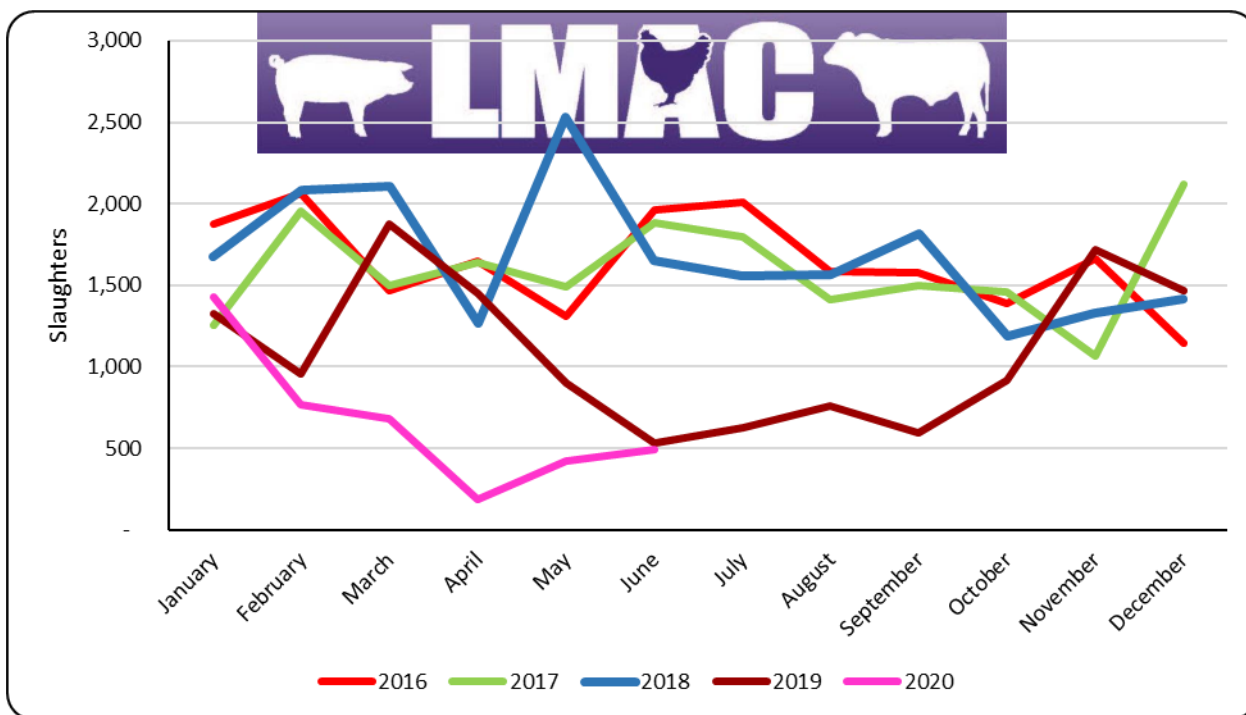


**Cumulative Goat Slaughters, 2016 – June 2020**

Patterns in monthly goat slaughters reflect a high rate of volatility, indicative of the absence of organised large-scale goat breeding in the country.

Most goat production is conducted at a subsistence level and the low number of slaughters processed by formal abattoir operators as a percentage of total slaughters, reflect a reluctance by goat producers to use formal channels as they seek to minimise costs through informal slaughters.

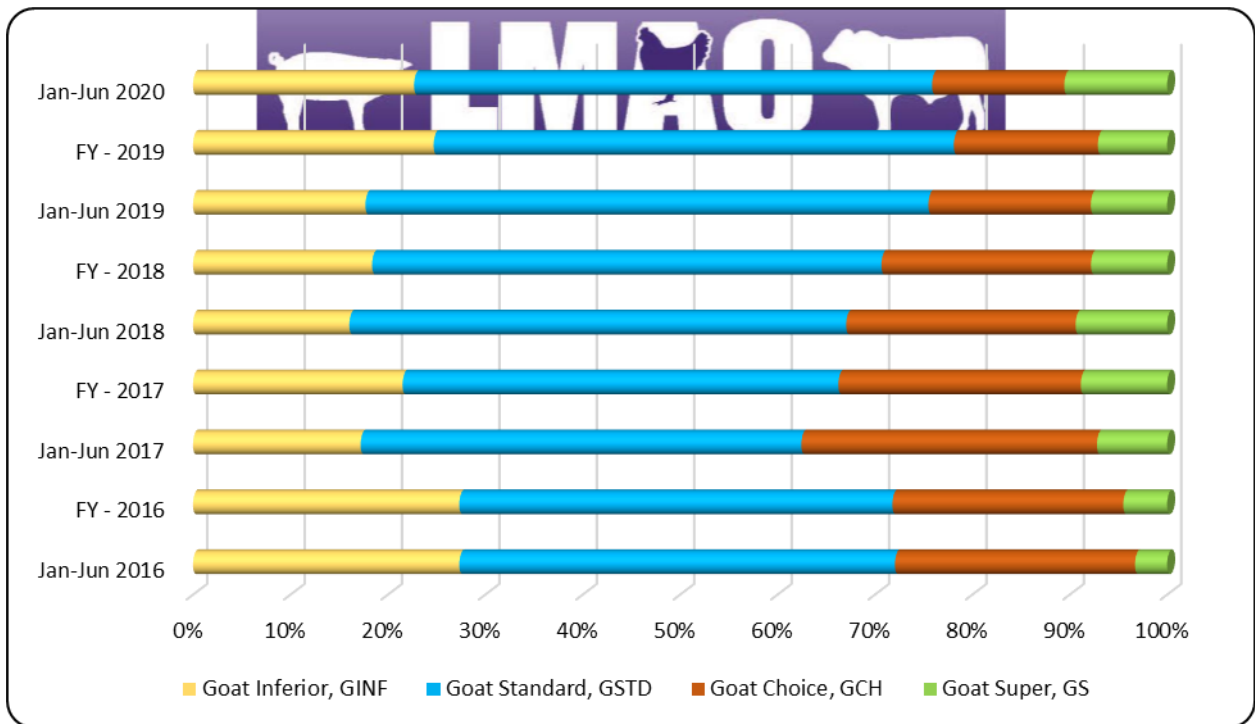
The lowest number of slaughters for the period under review was registered in April which is also the lowest monthly slaughter since January 2016.



**Monthly National Goat Slaughters, 2016 – June 2020**

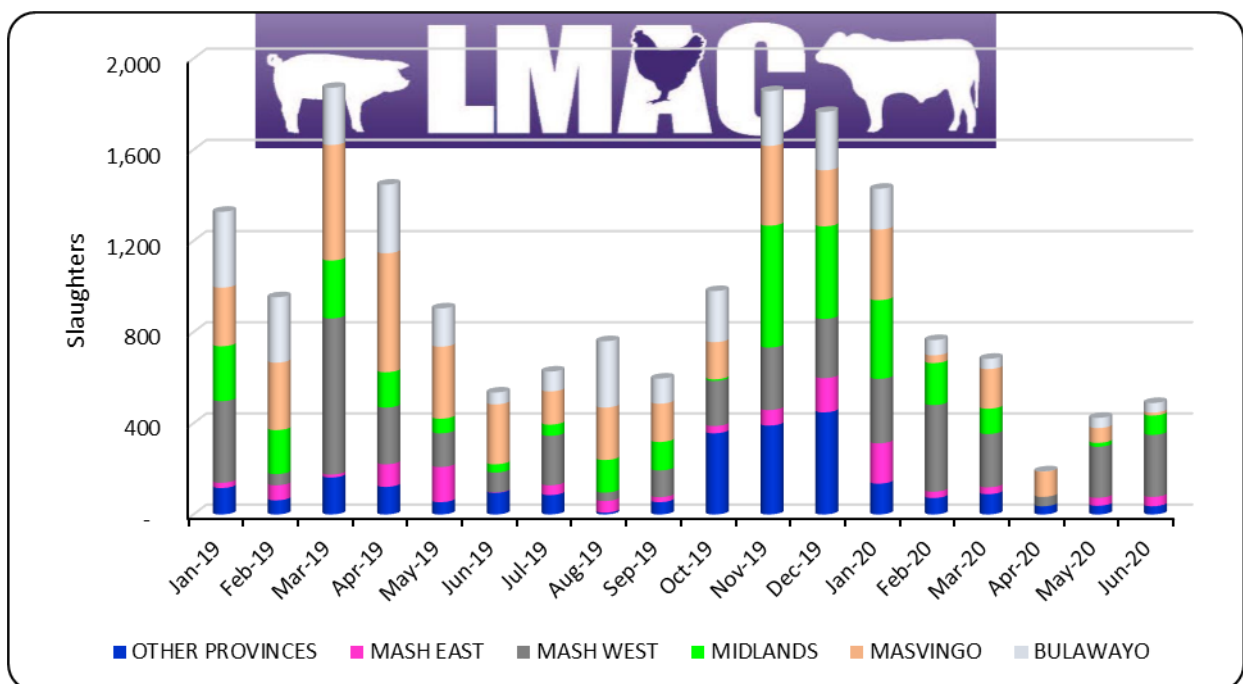
The graph below illustrates the breakdown in quality composition of meat from goats slaughtered through the formal abattoir system. For the six months to June 2020, Goat Super accounted for 11% of total slaughters, an increase of 3% over the corresponding period in 2019.

This trend can be contrasted with the decrease in Goat Inferior as a percentage of total goat meat, compared with 2016 where it comprised 27% of total slaughters.



**Proportionate Goat Slaughters by Grade, 2016 – June 2020**

The graph below illustrates the monthly slaughters by province. For the period under review, Mashonaland West dominated slaughters, making up 22, 53 and 56% in April, May and June respectively. Cumulatively to June 2020, Mashonaland West also made up 36% of total slaughters. Other provinces that made significant contributions were Midlands and Masvingo of 19 and 18%, respectively.



**Monthly Goat Slaughters by Province, 2019 – June 2020**