

SAMIC Monthly Report



February 2025

Executive Summary

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In February 2025, SAMIC continued to address transgressions by abattoirs, service providers, and classifiers for various transgressions, including improper age determination, lack of correlation between heads and carcasses, and untidy or illegible roller markings.

During coordinated inspections, SAMIC identified boar pork carcasses incorrectly classified as “W” or sausage pigs, instead of the proper classification under PORCUS. Clarification was sought with the Department of Agriculture regarding the allowed deviation for boar pork carcasses between 100-110 kg. While not explicitly stated in the revised regulations, a 6% deviation will be allowed for the time being, pending review.

The 2024/25 wool selling season continued successfully with 7,211 bales offered at the 21st sale. Despite a limited volume of producer lots, only 23.5% of the merino wool offered was sustainably certified. The market maintained its positive momentum, achieving a strong overall sales clearance of 95.7%. The all-merino indicator rose by 0.4%, while the certified merino indicator increased by 0.8%.

SAMIC is very excited to announce the launch of its new corporate identity, marking the first step in implementing its updated strategy and direction of continuous improvement. Digitalisation efforts are progressing, with administrative systems fully completed and inspection-side digitalisation 33% complete. The full digitalisation project is set to be completed by 2026.

SAMIC remains driven to enhance its services through improved inspections and associated hardware and classification accessories.

Finally, we are also excited to share our new corporate identity and our functional office upgrade, which we hope to share with you in the coming months.



Dr L Simela (Chairperson) (Non-Executive Director);
Prof E Van Marle-Köster (Non-Executive Director); Mr SF Streicher (Non-Executive Director)
Mr PH Hlomendlini (Non-Executive Director)
Mr T Westphal (Executive Director)

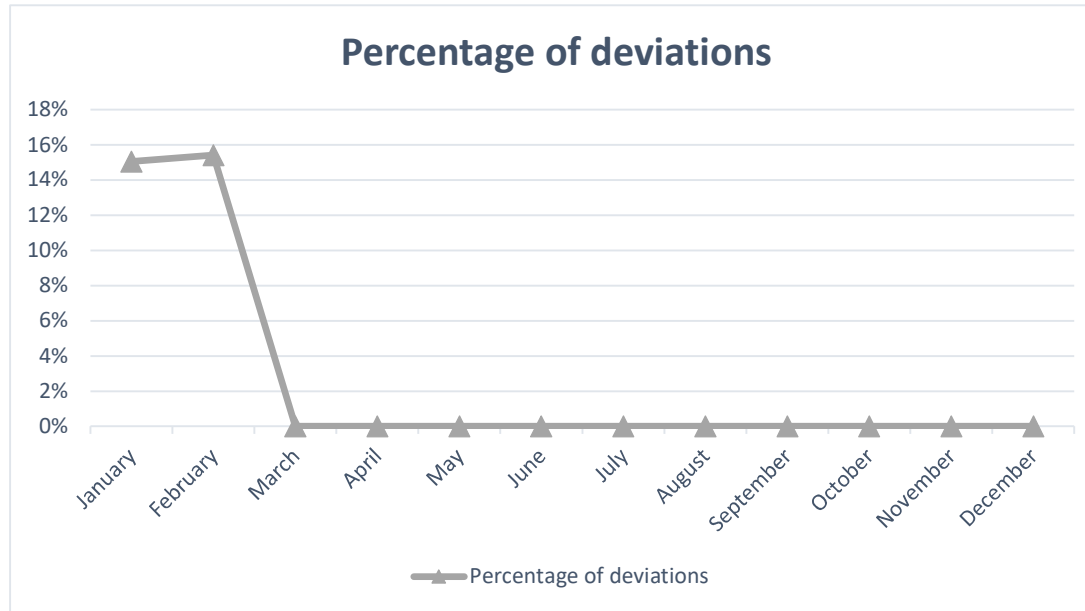
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STANDARD CONTROL & QUALITY ASSURANCE
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Inspector no	Legend	Name	Area	Document information from
1	TF	Tiaan Ferreira	Limpopo, Gauteng	Inspector1
2	MC	Marco Coetzee	Northern Cape, Free State	Inspector2
3	ADuT	Albertus du Toit	North West, Gauteng	Inspector3
4	PN	Patrick Neels	The Northern Cape	Inspector4
5	AR	Anthony Rahlaho	The Free State	Inspector5
6	SO	Selvan Odayan	KwaZulu-Natal	Inspector6
7	WJ	Wessel Jansen	The Eastern Cape	Inspector7
8	EG	Evan Gird	The Western Cape	Inspector8
9	WV	Willie Venter	Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng	Inspector9
13	DZ	Dirk Zandberg snr	Quality Indication Auditor	QIAuditor1
14	SvS	Steve van Schoor	Quality Indication Auditor	QIAuditor2
15	JJ	James Jeffries	Quality Indication Auditor	QIAuditor3
17	NvS	Natasha van Schoor	Quality Audits & Hides and Skins Nation	H&S Inspections
18	JM	Johan Maritz	National Manager	National

1. CO-ORDINATION VISITS AT ABATTOIRS

Co-Ordination visits at abattoir	Number									Total for Month	Total for Year
	Meat classification										
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV		
Visits performed:	29	8	26	18	20	24	22	23	18	188	354
Assessments done on											
Beef	19	5	18	4	14	13	12	13	10	108	206
Sheep	8	6	9	15	15	3	12	16	4	88	168
Pigs	6	2	10	0	3	10	5	7	5	48	95
Instances where no assessments done due to no slaughtering of species											
Beef	4	0	3	4	2	3	9	3	4	32	57
Sheep	8	1	9	0	4	7	6	4	7	46	84
Pigs	5	0	6	1	3	2	3	2	7	29	55

Total deviations at the abattoirs for the month		4	0	4	0	7	7	2	4	1	29	54
Total deviations at the abattoir to date for	2025	7	1	6	1	8	14	5	7	5	54	54
Total abattoir visits for the month		29	8	26	18	20	24	22	23	18	188	
Actual total abattoir visits for the year	2025	43	17	52	33	33	48	41	46	41	354	354
Total abattoir visits planned for the year	2025	260	90	260	180	210	240	210	230	240	1920	1920
Total % abattoir visits done for the year	2025	17%	19%	20%	18%	16%	20%	20%	20%	17%	18%	18%
Percentage testing below/ (above) expected		0%	-2%	-3%	-2%	1%	-3%	-3%	-3%	0%		



3. ACTIVE NON-CLASSIFYING ABATTOIRS

Active registered abattoirs and species slaughtered	Number of classification abattoirs									Total for	Total for
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year
Active registered abattoirs in month	14	2	15	5	6	11	31	15	38	137	137
Beef	13	2	11	0	6	9	24	9	38	112	112
Sheep	4	2	4	4	6	6	29	12	27	94	94
Pigs	3	0	7	0	4	6	8	10	6	44	44

4. ACTIVE CLASSIFICATION ABATTOIRS

Active registered abattoirs and species slaughtered	Number of classification abattoirs									Total for	Total for
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year
Active registered abattoirs in month	26	9	26	18	21	24	21	23	24	192	192
Beef	22	6	21	8	16	16	20	17	21	147	147
Sheep	16	7	19	16	20	10	19	20	17	144	144
Pigs	11	2	16	2	6	12	9	10	15	83	83

5. MEAT CLASSIFICATION DEVIATION - TRADE

In 214 visits performed there were

5 deviations from the regulations

Code	Deviations from regulations at trade	Number of deviations											Total for	Total for	
		TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	SvS	JJ	Month	Year
Deviations at abattoir															
1	Classified carcasses not roller-marked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	No stamp of approval.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	No abattoir-identification code on Beef, Sheep or Pork.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Carcasses wrongly roller-marked.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Untidy - smudged roller-marks.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
6	Deviations on fatness classification, conformation and damage codes.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
7	No measurement on pig carcasses.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Non registered abattoir/ classifier performing classification.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Teeth not marked on atlas bone.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Measurement position for pork classification incorrect.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Non-classification Abattoir performing/ referring to classification.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deviations at butchery															
1	Imported meat not marked/ indicated. Regulation 21(2) and (5).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	Classified mutton sold as lamb. Regulation 22(1) and (2) for goat.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
3	Unclassified sheep sold as lamb. Regulation 22(1) and (2) for goat.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Unaudited Quality Indications on meat- Free Range, Grass-Fed, Karoo, etc. Regulations 23(1),(2) and (3). Definition for "Quality Indication".	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Treated meat not correctly labelled. Regulation 21(7).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Meat treated with more than 10%. Regulation 21(7).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Prohibited and Restricted Particulars on meat (Super, Prime, Grade, etc.). Regulations 23(1) and (2).	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
8	Meat from other species sold as meat from cattle, sheep, goats and pigs. Regulation 23(4).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	The above-indicated deviations used in relation to advertisements, noticeboards and other means. Regulation 23(5).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Total deviations at the trade for the month		2	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	8
Total deviations at the trade to date for 2025		3	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	8
Total trade visits for the month		15	7	31	15	9	41	27	21	20	0	0	28	214	
Actual total trade visits for the year 2025		42	16	60	25	19	60	50	37	20	0	101	49	479	479
Total trade visits planned for the year 2025		250	125	250	125	250	250	250	250	250	120	250	250	2620	2620
Total % trade visits done for the year 2025		17%	13%	24%	20%	8%	24%	20%	15%	8%	0%	40%	20%	18%	18%
Percentage testing below/ (above) expected		0%	4%	-7%	-3%	9%	-7%	-3%	2%	9%	17%	-24%	-3%		



6. DRESSING STANDARDS

Dressing Standards	Number of abattoirs outside the norm									Total for	Total for
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year
Norm	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2		
Beef	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	3
Sheep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pigs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7. ASSESSING

	Number of assessments in classification									Total for	Total for
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year
Beef	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	4
Sheep	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	8	9
Pigs	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Number of assessments during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	13	14
Number of persons currently in training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

	Number of refreshings									Total for	Total for
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year
Beef	2	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	10	21
Sheep	2	0	1	0	4	0	1	3	0	11	17
Pigs	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	11

9. CARCASS COMPETITION

Carcass competitions evaluated	Number evaluated																		Total for	Total for
	Commercial farmers									Emergent farmers										
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV		
Beef	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheep	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Goat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pigs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for the year	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	6

Quality Marks		Number of audits performed													Total	Not complying
		TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	SvS	JJ	NvS		
Pick 'n Pay Free Range Beef/ SCF/ Wagyu	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	1	0	2	0	0	5	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	3	11	2	0	12	2	3	0	0	68	110	0	211	2
Pork 360	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quality Veld Beef	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roelcor Free Range Beef & Pork	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	10	0	0	12	0
Sernick Bonsmara	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South-African Angus Beef	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0

Quality Marks		Number of audits performed													Total	Not complying
		TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	SvS	JJ	NvS		
0	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		1	4	19	6	0	31	5	30	0	111	185	187	0	579	2

Hide and skin audits for export at abattoirs/ stores	Number of audits performed									Total for month	Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV		
Intermediate stores	0	1	1	0	1	4	0	1	0	8	12
Actual total abattoir store audits for the year	0	5	4	0	5	2	2	2	0	20	78
Total audits done for the month	0	6	5	0	6	6	2	3	0	28	
Total intermediate stores not comply for the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total abattoir stores not comply for the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

Abattoir stores	Number of audits performed									Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	
Actual total abattoir store audits for the year	0	5	18	13	7	16	4	15	0	78
Abattoir stores not interested for the year	9	0	11	5	0	11	2	1	29	68
Total abattoir stores visited for the year	9	5	29	18	7	27	6	16	29	146
Total abattoir audits planned for the year	72	20	70	44	52	54	100	70	118	600
Total % audits done for the year	13%	25%	41%	41%	13%	50%	6%	23%	25%	24%

Intermediate stores	Number of audits performed									Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	
Actual total intermediate store audits for the year	0	1	1	2	1	4	0	3	0	12
Intermediate stores not interested for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total intermediate stores visited for the year	0	1	1	2	1	4	0	3	0	12
Total intermediate stores audits planned for the year	2	2	4	10	0	8	4	10	4	44
Total % audits done for the year	0%	50%	25%	20%	0%	50%	0%	30%	0%	27%

Intermediate stores and abattoirs registered for export	Number of audits performed									Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	
Intermediate stores registered	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3
Abattoir stores registered	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total registrations done for the month	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	4
Total registrations done for the year	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	4

13. REGIONAL AND NATIONAL INSPECTIONS

Details	Number of audits performed												Total for Year
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
National	8	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
Total													34
Total planned													193
Percentage complete													18%

14. CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE WOOL/ MOHAIR

Details	Number of audits performed												Total for Year	Not			
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		comply	Plan	TBD	% done
RWS/RMS	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0		0	0
Cape Wools/Abelusi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Sustainable Cape Wools Standard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
RWS	86	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	168	0		0	0
RMS	14	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	26	0		0	0
Shearer Vendor Declaration	69	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	137	0		0	0
Segard Mesurel Desk Top	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Nativa	77	63	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	151	0		0	0
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0

15. VISITS FOR SLAUGHTER FIGURES

Slaughter figure visits total	Number Meat classification									Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	
Beef										
Number of visits performed for year	31	6	32	8	22	26	44	23	56	248
Visits to perform	118	26	107	24	72	88	156	87	215	893
Percentage visits performed	26%	23%	30%	33%	31%	30%	28%	26%	26%	28%
Sheep										
Number of visits performed for year	17	6	22	20	26	17	48	28	42	226
Visits to perform	64	29	73	64	84	58	173	108	159	812
Percentage visits performed	27%	21%	30%	31%	31%	29%	28%	26%	26%	28%
Pigs										
Number of visits performed for year	14	1	23	2	10	19	17	16	20	122
Visits to perform	84	12	138	12	60	114	102	120	126	768
Percentage visits performed	17%	8%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	13%	16%	16%

Slaughter figure visits classifying	Number Meat classification									Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	
Beef										
Number of visits performed for year	19	5	21	8	16	16	20	17	20	142
Visits to perform	66	18	63	24	48	48	60	51	63	441
Percentage visits performed	29%	28%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	32%	32%
Sheep										
Number of visits performed for year	14	6	19	16	20	10	19	20	16	140
Visits to perform	48	21	57	48	60	30	57	60	51	432
Percentage visits performed	29%	29%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	31%	32%
Pigs										
Number of visits performed for year	11	1	16	2	6	12	9	10	15	82
Visits to perform	66	12	96	12	36	72	54	60	90	498
Percentage visits performed	17%	8%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	16%

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Slaughter figure visits non classifying	Meat classification									Total for
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Year
Beef										
Number of visits performed for year	12	1	11	0	6	10	24	6	36	106
Visits to perform	52	8	44	0	24	40	96	36	152	452
Percentage visits performed	23%	13%	25%	0%	25%	25%	25%	17%	24%	23%
Sheep										
Number of visits performed for year	3	0	3	4	6	7	29	8	26	86
Visits to perform	16	8	16	16	24	28	116	48	108	380
Percentage visits performed	19%	0%	19%	25%	25%	25%	25%	17%	24%	23%
Pigs										
Number of visits performed for year	3	0	7	0	4	7	8	6	5	40
Visits to perform	18	0	42	0	24	42	48	60	36	270
Percentage visits performed	17%	0%	17%	0%	17%	17%	17%	10%	14%	15%

16. AUCTIONS

Auction figures	Number of auctions													Total for
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	SvS	JJ	NvS	Month/ Year
Auctions per month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Auctions per year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not comply for year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

17. BLNS AUDITS

BLNS audits	Number of BLNS													Total for
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	SvS	JJ	NvS	Month/ Year
Audits per month	7	4	12	0	4	4	2	15	1	0	0	0	0	49
Audits per year	13	8	23	8	8	8	4	30	3	0	0	0	0	105
Not comply for year	2	0	6	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
No audits for year	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	9

Summary of audits conducted by the Regional Auditors / Inspectors during February 2025.

- 1. Amount of audits conducted by the Regional Auditors / Inspectors - Classification Abattoirs :**
 - 188 Abattoirs were visited for the month.
 - 29 deviations from the Regulations were documented. It was addressed and / or rectified.
- 2. Total Trade Visits done by all the Regional Auditors / Inspectors :**
 - 214 Meat traders were visited for the month.
 - 5 deviations from the Regulations were noted as well as addressed and / or corrected.
- 3. Dressing Standards for the month :**
 - 3 Deviations of the norm appeared on beef carcasses.
 - No Deviation of the norm appeared on smallstock carcasses.
 - No deviations of the norm appeared on pork carcasses.
- 4. Assessing of Classification Students**
 - 5 Classification students were successfully assessed this month to independently classify beef at abattoirs.
 - 10 Classification student was successfully assessed this month to independently classify smallstock at abattoirs.
 - No Classification student was successfully assessed this month to independently classify pork at abattoirs.
- 5. Refreshing :**
 - 10 refreshments this month for deviations above 6% in beef, 11 in smallstock and 5 in pork, in terms of the Standing Regulations.
- 6. National Carcass Competitions :**
 - No commercial and no emergent farmer national carcass competition for beef was held during this month.
 - 6 commercial and no emergent farmer national carcass competition for lamb was held during this month.
 - No commercial and no emergent farmer national carcass competition for goat was held during this month.
 - No commercial and no emergent farmer national carcass competitions for pork were held during this month.
- 7. Total amount of abattoirs participating in the Meat Classification System :**
 - 192 abattoirs is currently participating, consisting of :
 - 147 abattoirs that classifies beef.
 - 144 abattoirs that classifies smallstock.
 - 83 abattoirs that classifies pork.
- 8. Quality Indication Mark Auditing :**
 - 581 Quality indication mark audits were so far done for the year.
 - There are 30 different quality indication marks represented. Audits includes farms, abattoirs, deboning plants and meat traders.
 - 2 Non-compliances from the spesific quality indication mark spesifications were noted.
- 9. Hides and Skins Audits for Export purposes :**
 - 8 Intermediate hides and skins stores were audited this month for export purposes.
 - 20 Abattoir stores were audited this month for export purposes.
- 10. Visits for slaughter figures :**
 - 248 Visits on Beef were so far done for the year
 - 226 Visits on Sheep were so far done for the year
 - 122 Visits on Pork were so far done for the year

11. Withdrawal of abattoir identification codes :

No Abattoirs' code to classify were withdrawn this month by SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development due to the non compliance of the Standing Regulations.

12. Warnings to Abattoirs :

9 Abattoirs received warnings from SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture's Directorate of Food Safety and Quality Assurance for lesser transgressions of the Standing Regulations.

1 Abattoir received a final warning from SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture's Directorate of Food Safety and Quality Assurance for lesser transgressions of the Standing Regulations.

13. Registration / Re-registration of Abattoirs:

No new abattoirs were registered for the month to classify and 1 abattoir was re-registered to classify after initial code withdrawal.

14. Trade Transgressions :

2 Meat traders received warnings from SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture's Directorate of Food Safety and Quality Assurance for among other things, incorrect labelling and imported meat which was not marked according to the Regulations.

15. Wool and Mohair

The 2024/25 wool selling season continued , with 7 211 bales on offer on the 21st sale of the season. There was once again a small volume of producer lots on offer, resulting in only 23,5% of the merino wools on offer being sustainably certified. The market continued its positive trend, despite the stronger ZAR against the US\$ and achieved a very good overall sales clearance of 95,7%. The all-merino indicator increased by 0,4% to close R173,25 p/kg, with the certified indicator gaining 0,8% to close on R178,03 p/kg. A highest price of R254,93 p/kg (clean) was paid for a single bale lot of 15,7-micron merino wool.

16. Meat classification service

During February 2025 five written warnings were issued to abattoirs, service providers and classifiers. These transgressions include incorrect age determination, no correlation between heads and carcasses, as well as untidy and illegible roller marking. One dispute was received for incorrect fatness classification. The classifier was just outside the norm of 6% and will receive refreshing. With co-ordination inspections SAMIC found some boar pork carcasses classified as "W" or sausage pigs, that should have been classified according to PORCUS. The allowed percentage deviation on boar pork carcasses more than 100 kg but not more than 110 kg was clarified with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development. It is not stipulated in the amended regulations. This is open for review, but for now SAMIC must allow a 6% deviation.