

A large, semi-transparent image of a flock of sheep grazing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The sheep are scattered across the field, some facing the camera and others with their backs to it. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with a line of trees in the distance.

# 2026 SAMIC Month Report

## January

## Executive Summary

2026 is a year marked not only by opportunity, but also by significant challenges within the South African Meat Industry. Economic pressure, rising input costs, logistical constraints, biosecurity risks and increasing regulatory scrutiny continue to test the resilience of the value chain. Against this backdrop, SAMIC remains steadfast in its mandate to uphold integrity, transparency and credibility within the Meat Classification System, and our other services to the meat and allied industries.

Building on the strategic direction approved in the previous cycle, 2026 is a year of focused implementation, refinement and accountability. We see 2026 as a year of consolidation, where we manifest and implement the many changes that SAMIC has made.

However, we also recognise that, with the ever-changing landscape of biosecurity challenges with multi-province biosecurity crises, with not only Foot and Mouth Disease, but also the devastating effects of African Swine Fever and other diseases and species facing similar challenges but also similar solutions, we must continually adapt. This brings to mind Clem Sunter's analogy of foxes and hedgehogs, highlighting the need to combine strategy with flexibility and to "pivot quickly when the environment changes". In the same vein, SAMIC will rise to the challenge as South Africa stands together in a whole-of-industry approach, offering and adding our unwavering inspection and industry experience and capabilities including but not limited to biosecurity inspection and reporting, to support the vaccination strategy of the national herd.

SAMIC will this year also complete the digitalisation transformation of our inspection systems, further enhancing data accuracy, strengthening reporting systems and improving stakeholder access to reliable information. Digitalisation is no longer a future goal, but an operational imperative that will come to fruition during 2026 at SAMIC. In a climate where market confidence is critical, trusted data and credible oversight have become more valuable than ever.

SAMIC will never falter in its mandate of driving and enforcing Meat Classification standards and carcass marking. This remains the core of our operations. In a period where traceability and food safety are under heightened scrutiny, accurate roller marking and consistent classification practices are fundamental to protecting both consumers and compliant industry participants.

SAMIC also remains steadfast in initiatives in leather and textiles industry where we continue the same unfaltering inspection and support of this critical industry offering much needed revenue to our country.

As the South African meat industry navigates volatility and structural change, collaboration and shared accountability remain essential. SAMIC remains committed to innovation and disciplined engagement to ensure that we continue to serve the entire value chain effectively. We thank all stakeholders for their continued resilience, cooperation and support as we move forward together through 2026.

**SAMIC**

**STANDARD CONTROL & QUALITY ASSURANCE**

**January 2026 REPORT**

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	JJ	James Jeffries	Quality Indication Auditor	QIAuditor2
15	SVS	Steve van Schoor	Quality Indication Auditor	QIAuditor3
17	NVS	Natasha van Schoor	Quality Audits & Hides and Skins Nator	H&S Inspections
18	JM	Johan Maritz	National Manager	National

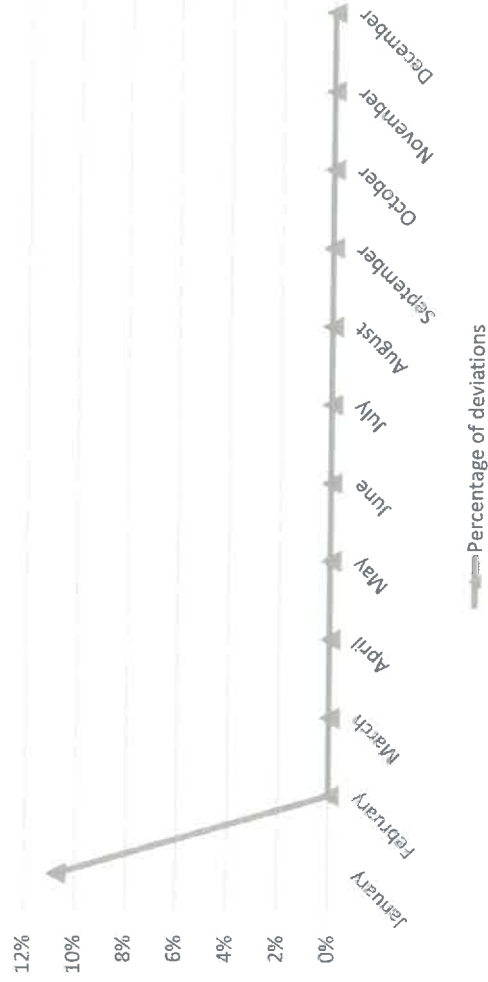
**1. CO-ORDINATION VISITS AT ABATTOIRS**

Co-Ordination visits at abattoir	Number											Total for Month	Total for Year
	Meat classification												
TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV					
14	8	27	19	15	17	20	22	16				158	158
Assessments done on													
Beef	10	3	17	3	12	11	12	8				89	89
Sheep	4	5	8	14	9	8	15	3				67	67
Pigs	1	1	7	0	5	3	7	2				33	33
Instances where no assessments done due to no slaughtering of species													
Beef	4	3	5	7	1	6	5	7				39	39
Sheep	7	1	11	3	6	10	4	8				55	55
Pigs	5	1	8	1	2	4	1	7				30	30



<b>Total deviations at the abattoirs for the month</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total deviations at the abattoir to date for</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total abattoir visits for the month</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>158</b>	
<b>Actual total abattoir visits for the year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Total abattoir visits planned for the year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1902</b>	<b>1902</b>
<b>Total % abattoir visits done for the year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Percentage testing below/ (above) expected</b>		<b>3%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>-2%</b>	<b>2%</b>		

### Percentage of deviations



**3. ACTIVE NON-CLASSIFYING ABATTOIRS**

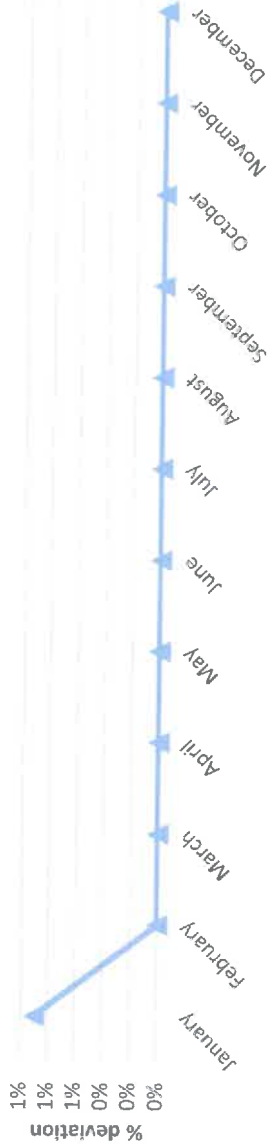
Active registered abattoirs and species slaughtered	Number of classification abattoirs										Total for	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month		Year
										Month	Year	
Active registered abattoirs in month	13	2	14	2	7	12	30	16	38	134	134	134
Beef	12	2	10	0	7	10	24	9	38	112	112	112
Sheep	3	2	4	2	6	7	27	12	27	90	90	90
Pigs	4	0	6	0	5	7	7	11	6	46	46	46

**4. ACTIVE CLASSIFICATION ABATTOIRS**

Active registered abattoirs and species slaughtered	Number of classification abattoirs										Total for	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month		Year
										Month	Year	
Active registered abattoirs in month	26	8	27	19	21	24	21	22	24	192	190	190
Beef	23	5	22	10	17	16	20	17	21	151	149	149
Sheep	16	6	19	17	20	10	20	19	17	144	142	142
Pigs	12	2	14	2	7	12	9	9	15	82	82	82



## % Trade deviations



### 6. DRESSING STANDARDS

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

### 7. ASSESSING

Persons qualified in classification	Number of persons qualified											Total for	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year		
Beef	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Sheep	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
Pigs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Number of persons tested during the month	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2		
Number of persons currently in training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Attended for classification	Number of persons attended refreshing											Total for	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year		
Beef	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	7	7		
Sheep	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	3	0	8	8		
Pigs	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	2		













Quality Marks	Number of audits performed														Total	Not complying	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	JJ	SvS	NvS				
0	Farm	0	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	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning Trade/ Outlet	0	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	0
	Feedlot	0	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	0
	De-boning Trade/ Outlet	0	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	0
	Feedlot	0	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	0
	De-boning Trade/ Outlet	0	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	0
	Feedlot	0	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	0
	De-boning Trade/ Outlet	0	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	0
	Feedlot	0	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	0
	De-boning Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>7</b>		





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	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			3	3
Actual total abattoir store audits for the year	0	3	17	6	1	13	3	6	7			56	56
Total audits done for the month	0	4	17	6	1	13	3	7	8			59	
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	1	1			2	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	3	17	6	1	13	3	6	7			56	56
Abattoir stores not interested for the year	0	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	3			13	13
Total abattoir stores visited for the year	0	3	20	6	1	20	3	6	10			69	69
Total abattoir audits planned for the year	68	18	68	44	54	54	100	68	118			592	592
Total % audits done for the year	0%	17%	29%	14%	2%	37%	3%	9%	8%			12%	12%
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	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			3	3
Intermediate stores not interested for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Total intermediate stores visited for the year	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1			3	3
Total intermediate stores audits planned for the year	0	4	8	10	0	6	0	0	4			32	32
Total % audits done for the year	0%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	25%			9%	9%
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	0	0	0	0			0	0
Abattoir stores registered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Total registrations done for the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
Total registrations done for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0







Slaughter figure visits non classifying	Meat classification											Total for	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Year			
	Beef											Year	
Number of visits performed for year	8	0	3	0	5	8	15	9	3	51			
Visits to perform	48	8	40	0	28	40	96	36	152	448			
Percentage visits performed	17%	0%	8%	0%	18%	20%	16%	25%	2%	11%			
Sheep													
Number of visits performed for year	2	0	3	0	4	5	17	12	3	46			
Visits to perform	12	8	16	12	24	28	108	48	108	364			
Percentage visits performed	17%	0%	19%	0%	17%	18%	16%	25%	3%	13%			
Pigs													
Number of visits performed for year	4	0	6	0	5	6	6	11	2	40			
Visits to perform	24	0	36	0	30	42	42	66	36	276			
Percentage visits performed	17%	0%	17%	0%	17%	14%	14%	17%	6%	14%			

**16. AUCTIONS**

Auction figures	Number of auctions													Total for Month/Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	JJ	SvS	NvS	
Auctions per month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Auctions per year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
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 Month/Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	JJ	SvS	NvS	
Audits per month	6	4	9	7	4	1	2	17	2	0	0	0	0	52
Audits per year	6	4	9	7	4	1	2	17	2	0	0	0	0	52
Not comply for year	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
No audits for year	3	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	10

## Summary

### Summary of audits conducted by the Regional Auditors / Inspectors during January 2026.

1. Amount of audits Classification Abattoirs :  
158 Abattoirs were visited for the month.  
17 deviations from the regulations were documented. It was addressed and / or rectified.
2. Total Trade Visits  
188 Meat traders were visited for the month.  
1 deviations from the regulations were noted as well as addressed and / or corrected.
3. Dressing Standards for the month  
2 Deviation of the norm appeared on beef carcasses.  
1 Deviations of the norm appeared on smallstock carcasses.  
No deviations of the norm appeared on pork carcasses.
4. Assessing of Classification Students  
1 Classification students were successfully assessed this month to independently classify beef at abattoirs.  
1 Classification student was successfully assessed this month to independently classify smallstock at abattoirs.  
0 Classification student was successfully assessed this month to independently classify pork at abattoirs.
5. Refreshing  
Classifiers were refreshed this month for deviations above 6% in terms of the Standing Regulations. 7 in beef, 8 in smallstock and 2 in pork.
6. National Carcass Competitions  
No commercial and no emergent farmer national carcass competition for beef was held during this month.  
No 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 :  
151 abattoirs that classifies beef.  
144 abattoirs that classifies smallstock.  
82 abattoirs that classifies pork.

8. Quality Indication Mark Auditing  
196 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.  
7 Non-compliances from the spesific quality indication mark specifications were noted.
9. Hides and Skins Audits for Export purposes  
3 Intermediate hides and skins stores were audited this month for export purposes.  
56 Abattoir stores were audited this month for export purposes.
10. Visits for slaughter figures  
157 Beef stats were recorded in January, and a total of 605 audits have been recorded for the year to date.  
142 Sheep stats were recorded in January, and a total of 565 have been recorded for the year to date.  
107 Pigs were recorded in January, and a total of 651 have been recorded for the year to date.
11. Withdrawal of abattoir identification codes  
No Abattoirs' code to classify were withdrawn for January 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  
3 Abattoirs received warnings from SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture's Directorate of Food Safety and Quality Assurance for lesser transgressiones of the Standing Regulations.  
No 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 transgressiones of the Standing Regulations.
13. Registration / Re-registration of Abattoirs  
No abattoirs were registered for the month of January to classify.
14. Trade Transgressions  
0 Meat traders received warnings from SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture's Directorate of Food Safety and Quality Assurance.
15. Auctions  
1
16. BLNS  
49

#### 17. Meat classification service

During January 2026 deviations at the classification abattoirs were very low. Only three minor non-conformances were recorded. No classification disputes were received during January 2026. We ask that red meat classifiers give special attention to inserts in the roller wheels when roller marking the carcasses. Broken and worn inserts must be replaced as soon as possible as it can have an impact on the quality of roller marking. The quality of roller marking is a very important aspect of classification. It gives the consumer and indication of the class of meat they buy but is also a part of traceability. When doing trade inspections, the SAMIC regional inspectors must be able to know where carcasses come from if deviations in classification is found. Roller marking is also forms part in quality indication mark audits.

#### 18. Wool and Mohair

The all-merino indicator gained 2,4% to close on R233,70 p/kg, whilst the certified indicator increased by 2,7% to close on R238,01 p/kg. A highest price of R291,74 p/kg (clean) (R191,00 p/kg greasy) was paid for a 7-bale lot of 18,2 micron merino wool.