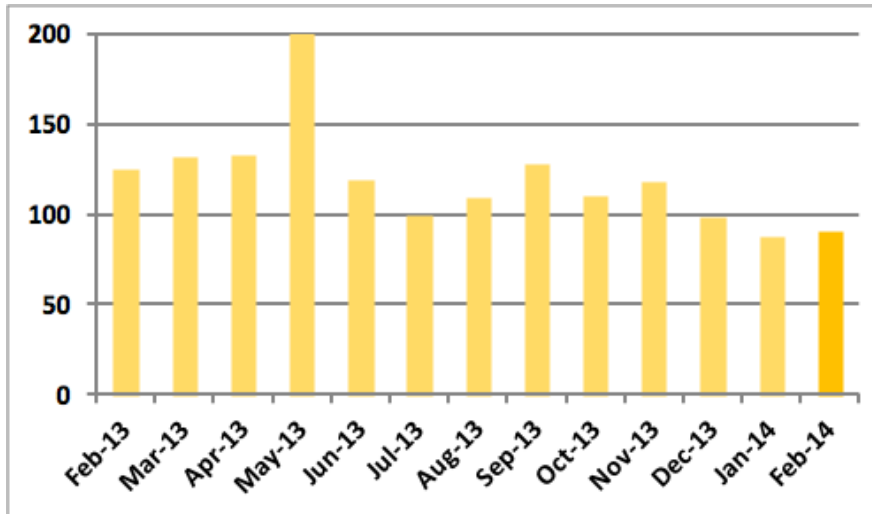




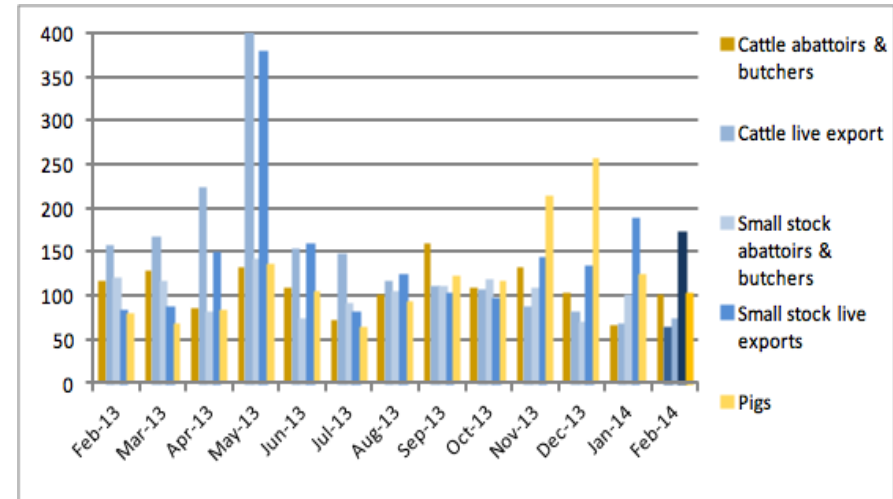
Chart 1. Livestock marketed index (respective month 2010 = 100)



The composite livestock marketing index consists of four components: cattle and small stock sold to export abattoirs and butchers, cattle and Small Stock exported on-the-hoof and pigs. The index depicts an upward trend in the second month of 2014. The index stood at 90 in February from 87 points registered in January 2014.

The upward trend was reflected in the total number of livestock marketed that rose from 84,196 in the preceding month to 116,790 in February 2014. Compared to February 2013 (143,576), the number of livestock marketed declined by almost 27,530 due to the transitory effects emanating from the drought during the 2012/13 season, when farmers had to sale more livestock as a mitigating measure.

Chart 2. Livestock marketed sub-sector indices (respective month 2010=100)



Note: The index for Cattle and Small Stock on hoof (live export) - stood at 439 and 379 in May 2013. In order to improve readability; we have limited the index value to 400.

The index of Cattle marketed to export abattoirs and butchers increased in February 2014, slightly outweighing the index of the reference month, Jan 2010 by 1 point (101). The index of cattle exported on hoof declined, recording only 64 points compared to 157 points recorded in the same month of 2013, and 68 points of the previous month. The number of small stock exported on hoof increased by 73 points (173) compared to the reference month. However, when compared to the previous month (189 point), the index declined by 16 points. Similarly, the number of Small Stock marketed to abattoirs and butchers increased to 58,451, as a result of a crucial high price increase of sheep/goat. On the other hand, the marketing of pigs showed a negative performance as only 3,570 animals were sold compared to 4,047 registered in the preceding month Jan 2014.

