



The Red Meat Sector:  
Through the Pandemic  
and Beyond

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A scenic landscape of a mountain valley with a winding road and a river, under a cloudy sky.

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# Red Meat Production in Scotland – a key economic sector

## Farm output



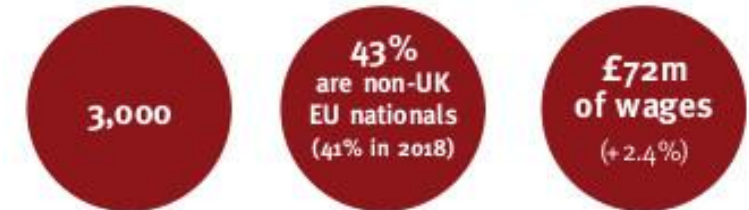
## Red meat processing sales



## Self-sufficiency



## Abattoir sector employment



## Abattoir output



## Scottish Government Type II Economic Multipliers, 2017 (National rank in brackets)

	Output	Income	Employment	GVA
Agriculture	1.6 (27)	2.2 (11)	1.5 (61)	1.8 (24)
Meat processing	1.9 (3)	2.3 (6)	3.0 (8)	2.9 (5)

# Red Meat Production in North East Scotland – a key economic sector

## Share of Scottish population, June 2019

- 19.7% beef cows
- 31% males 1-2 years
- 9.6% ewes
- 10.9% lambs
- 144.4% lambing rate (126.7% national)
- 61.3% sows
- 61.2% non-breeding pigs

Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire and Moray

Source: QMS analysis of Scottish Government data

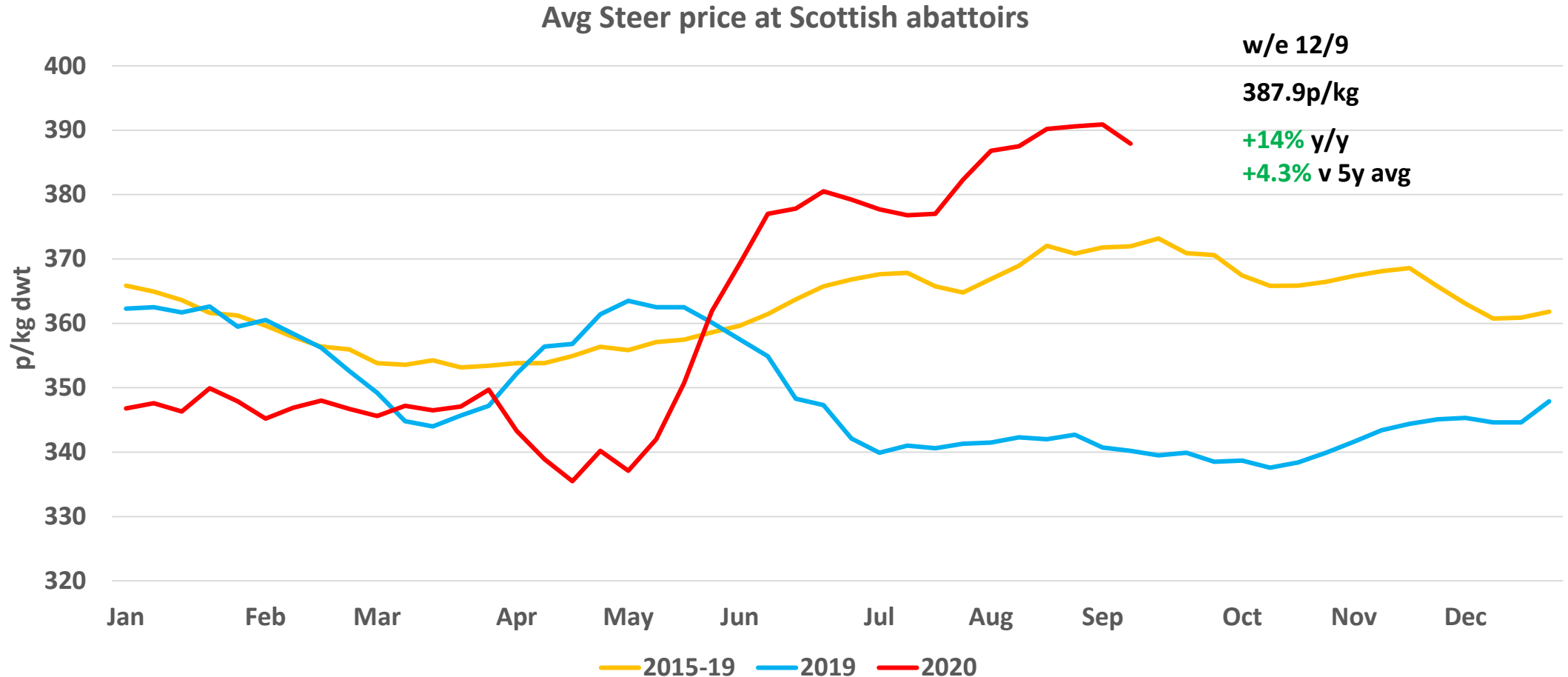
## Share of Scottish abattoir throughput, 2019

- 33.7% cattle slaughter
- 46.1% sheep slaughter
- 81.2% pig slaughter

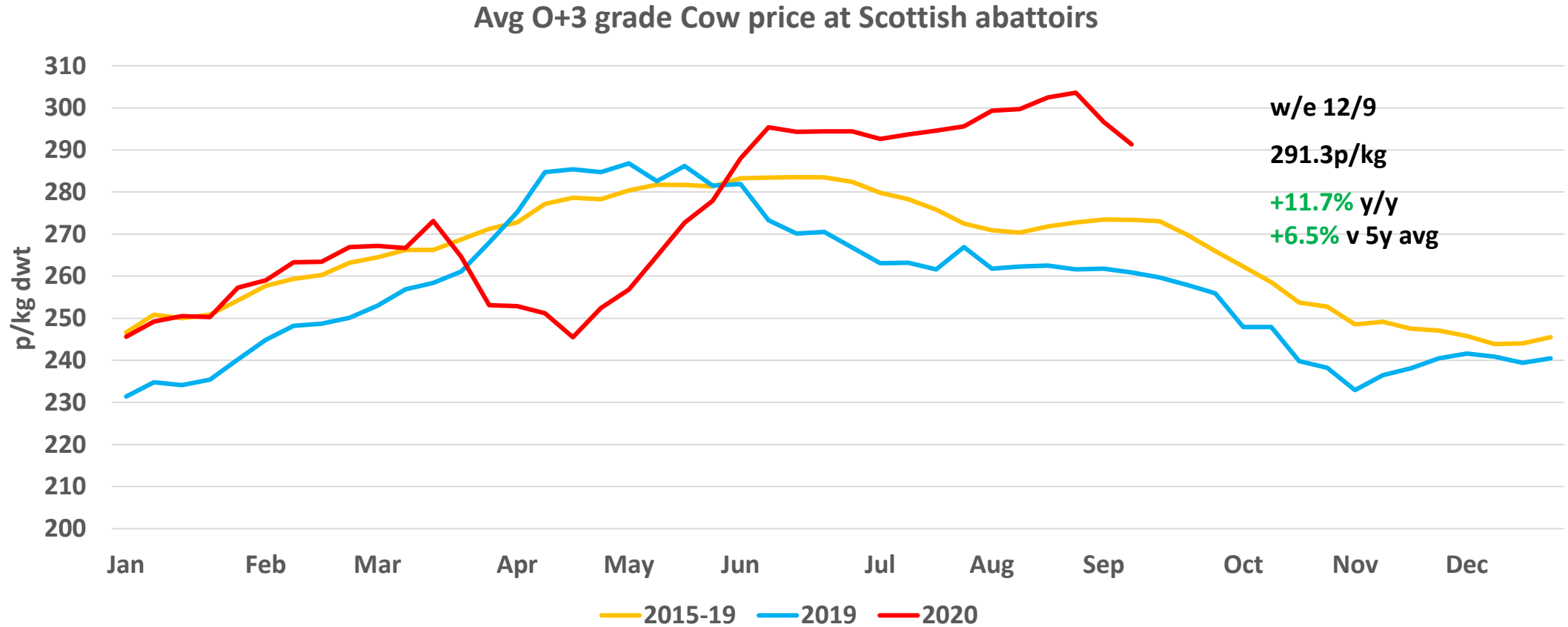
Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Angus, Moray and Speyside

Source: QMS levy reports

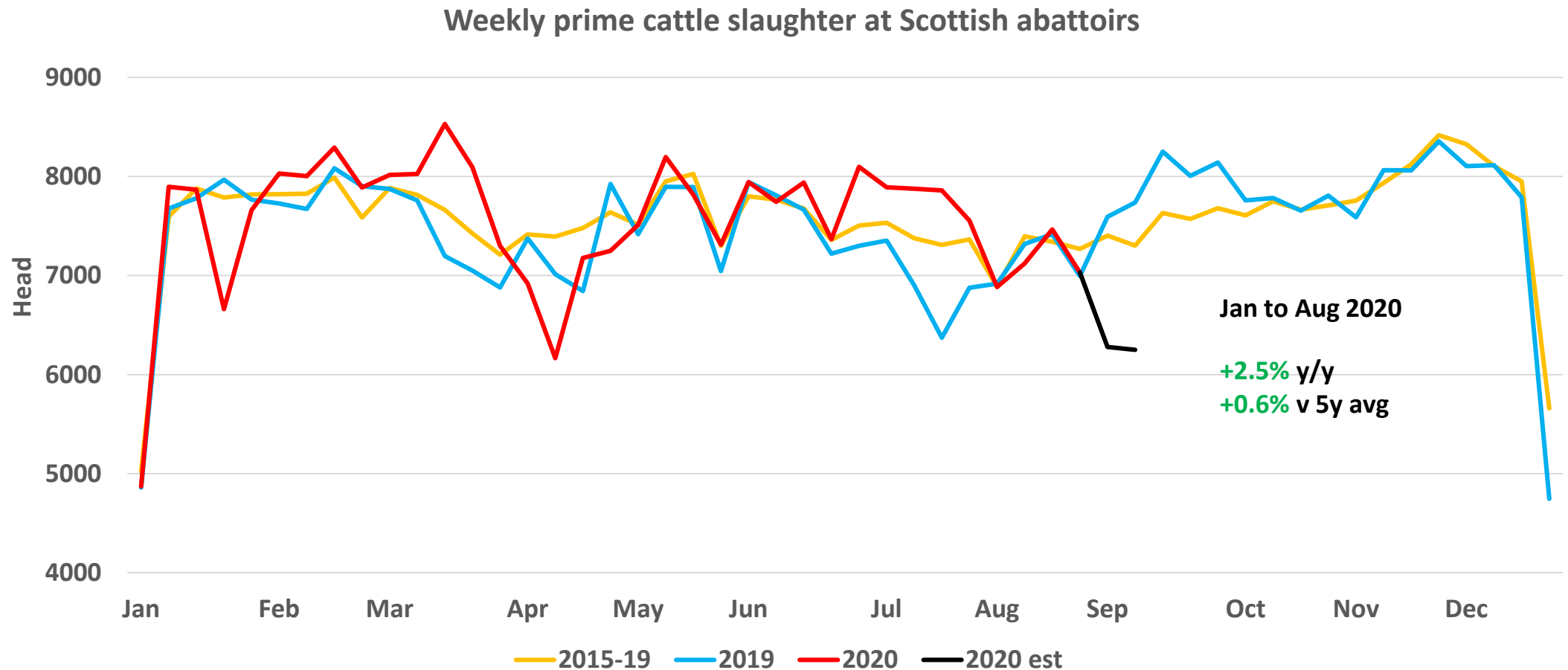
# Strong recovery in the cattle market



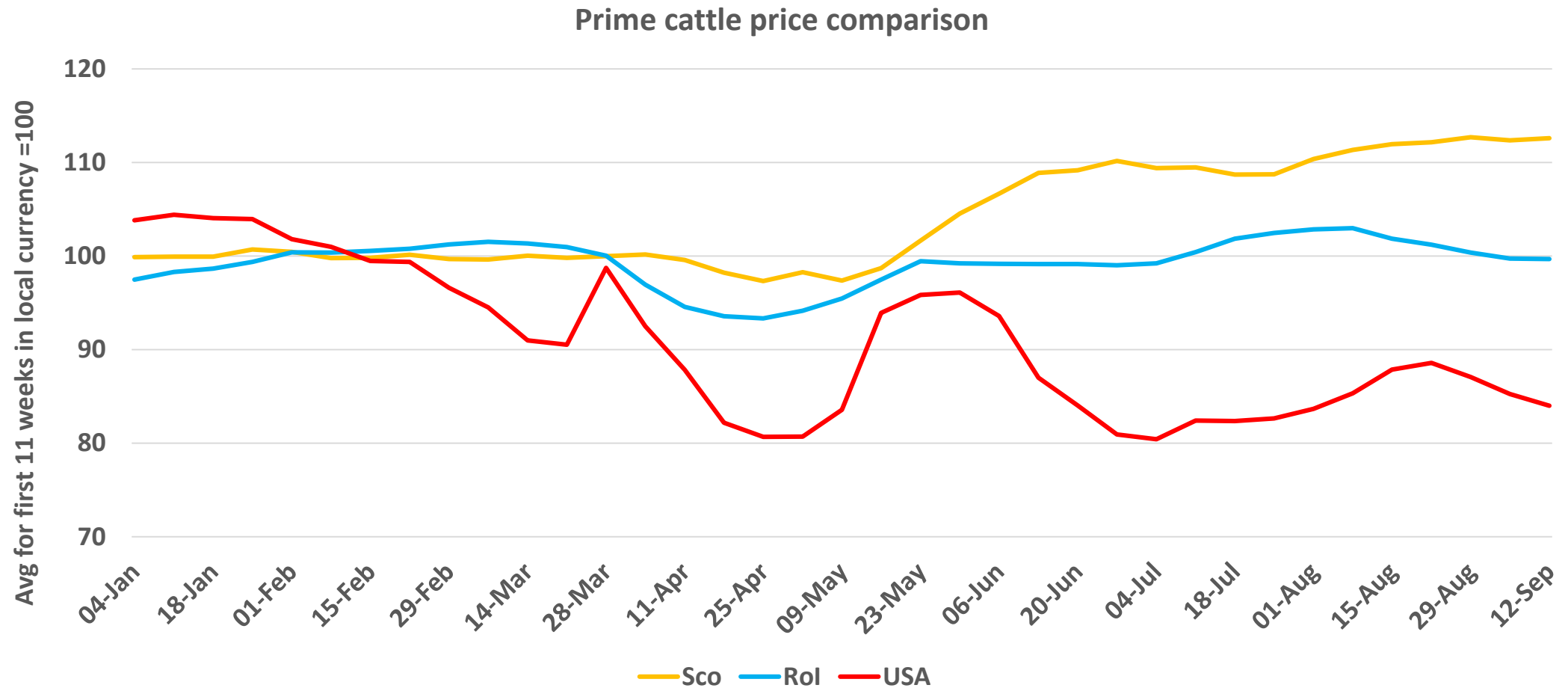
# Strong recovery in manufacturing grade beef



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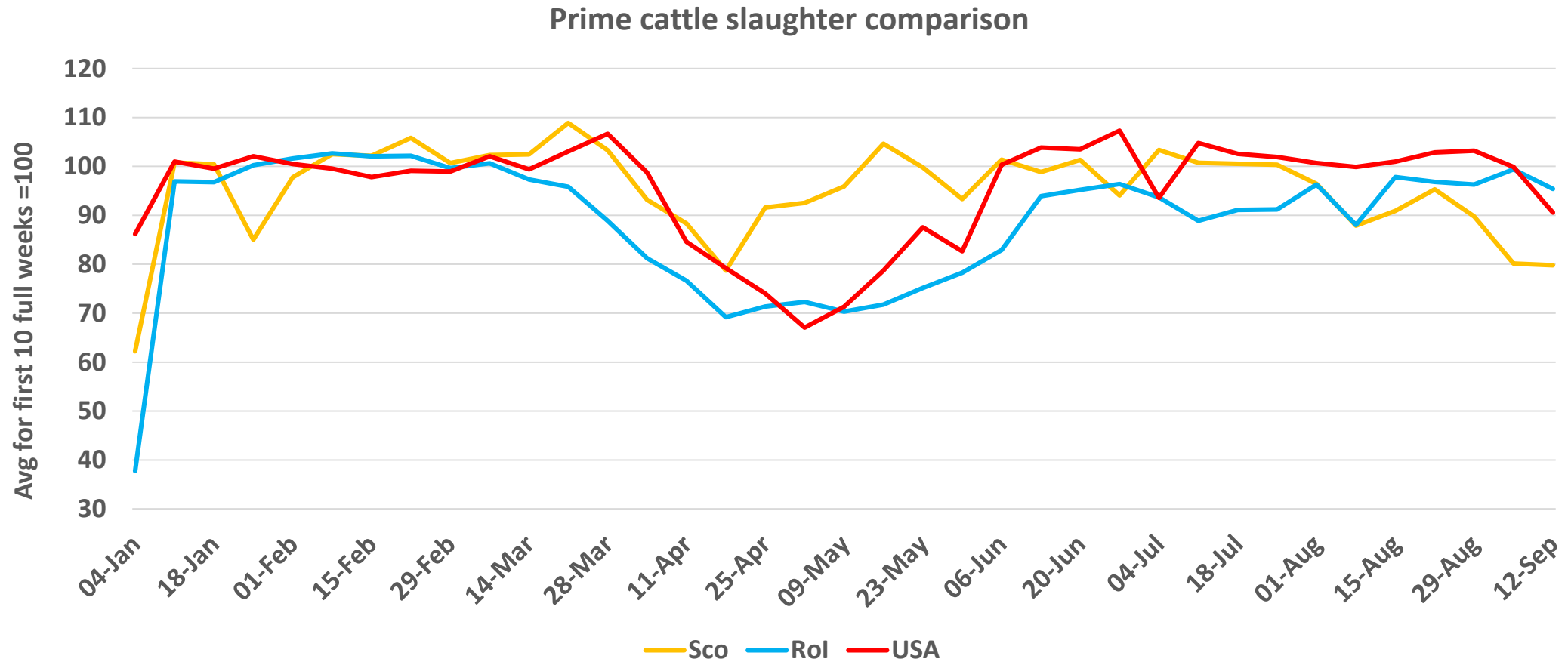
# Scottish Producers Fared Relatively Well



Irish R3 steer price sourced from EU Commission  
US dressed delivered steer price sourced from USDA



# Scottish abattoirs adapted relatively well

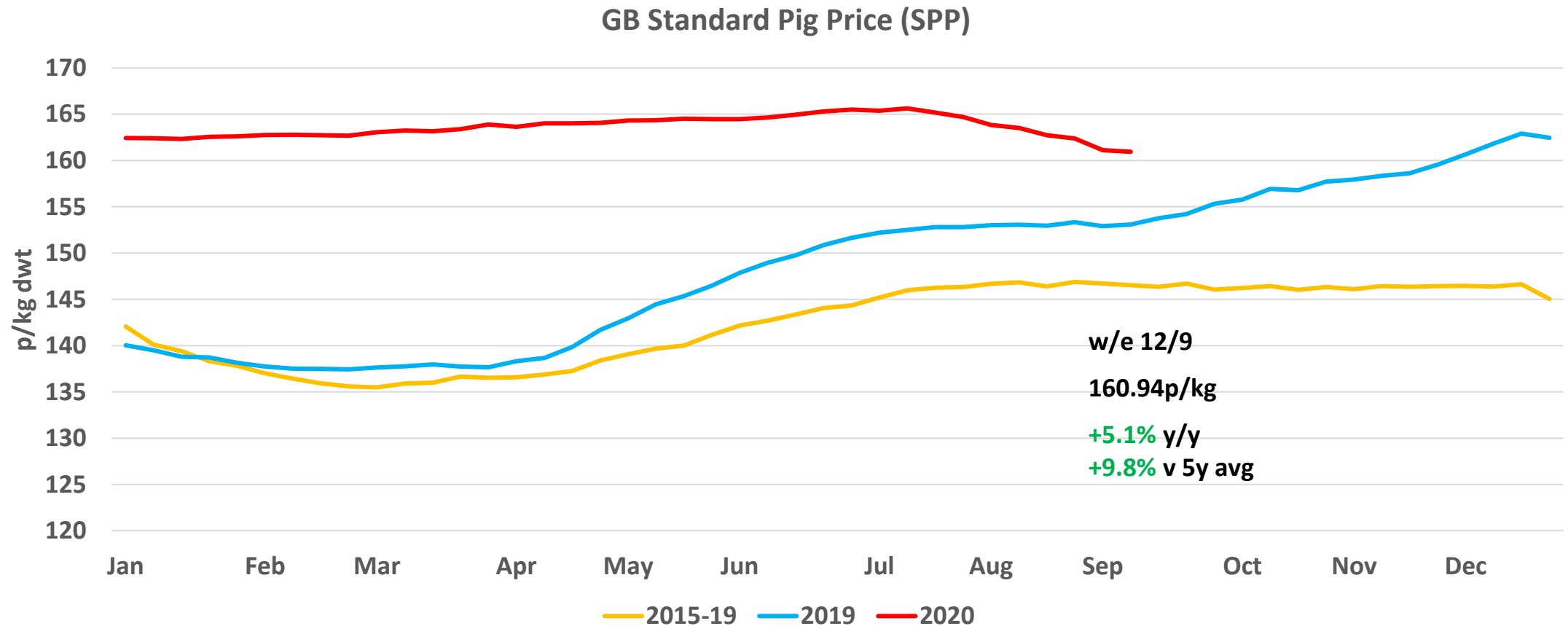


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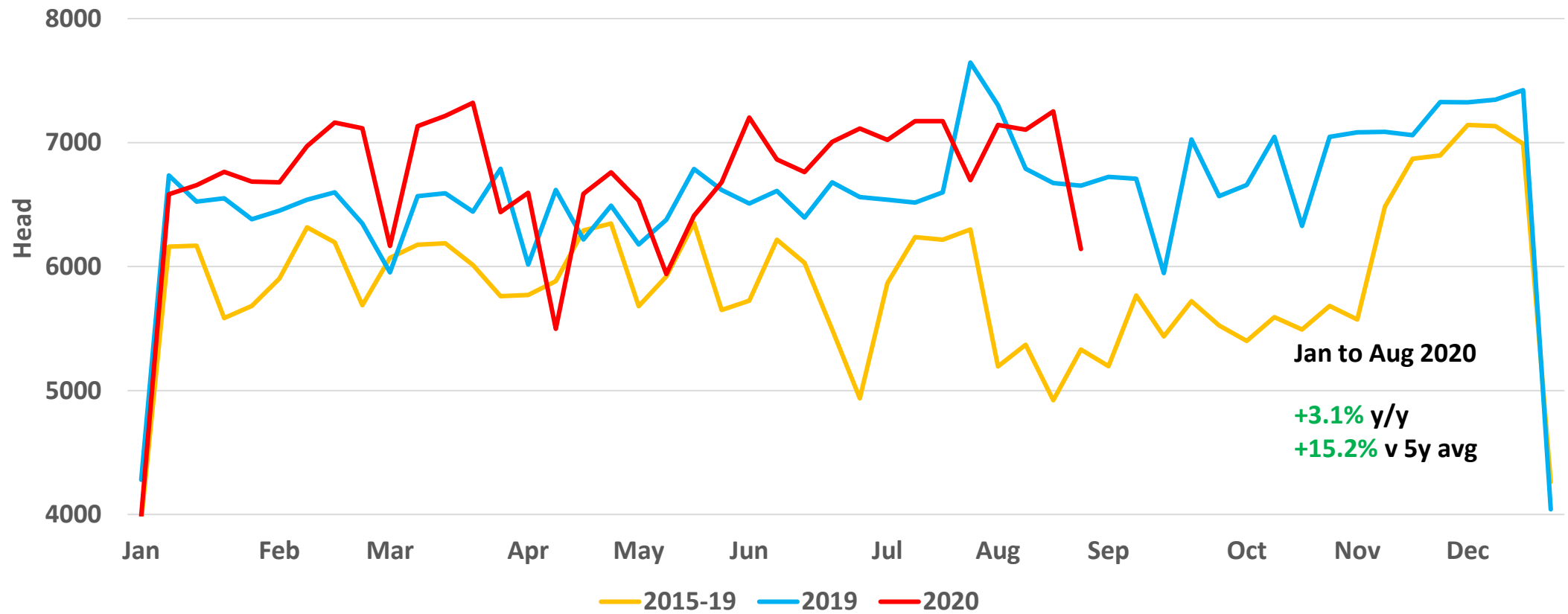


# Steady seasonal upturn continued

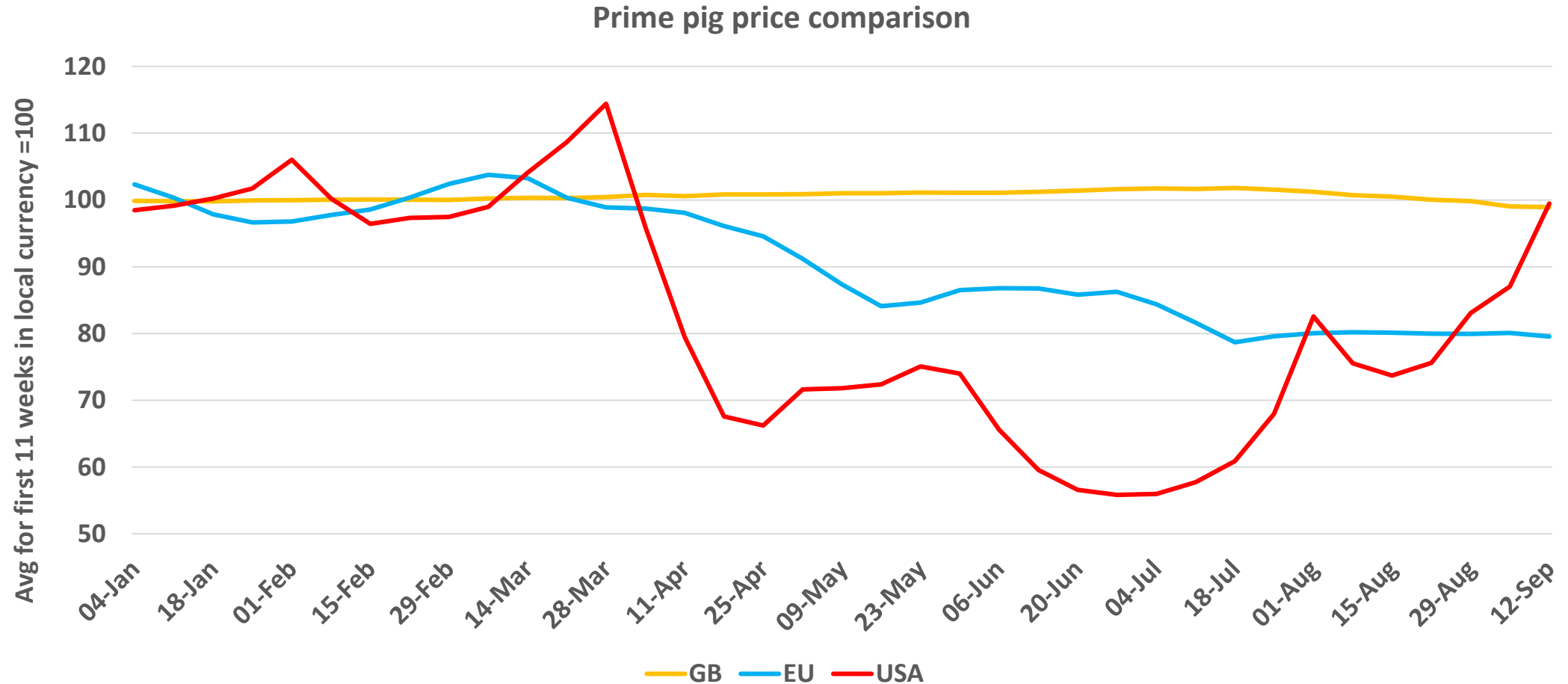


# Processors adapted operations well

Weekly prime pig slaughter at Scottish abattoirs



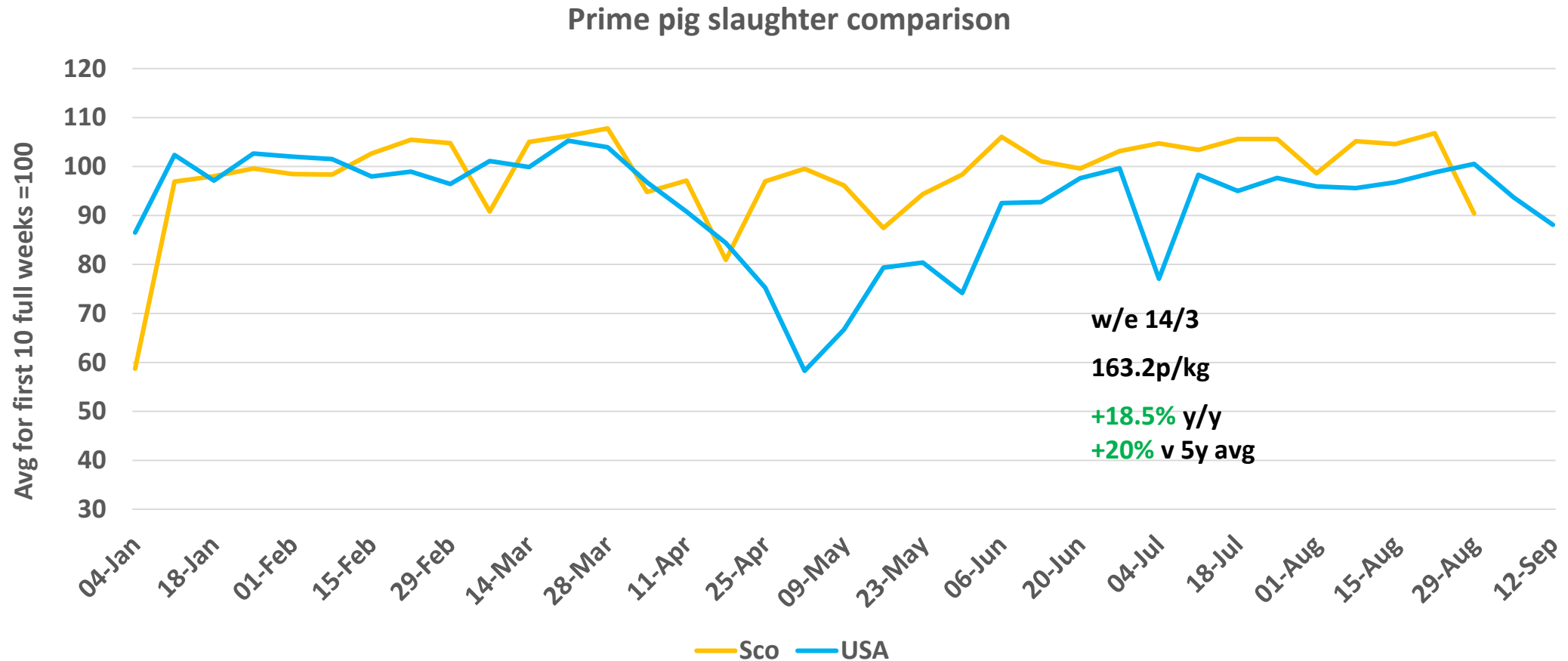
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EU average grade E carcass price sourced from EU Commission  
US barrows & gilts price sourced from USDA



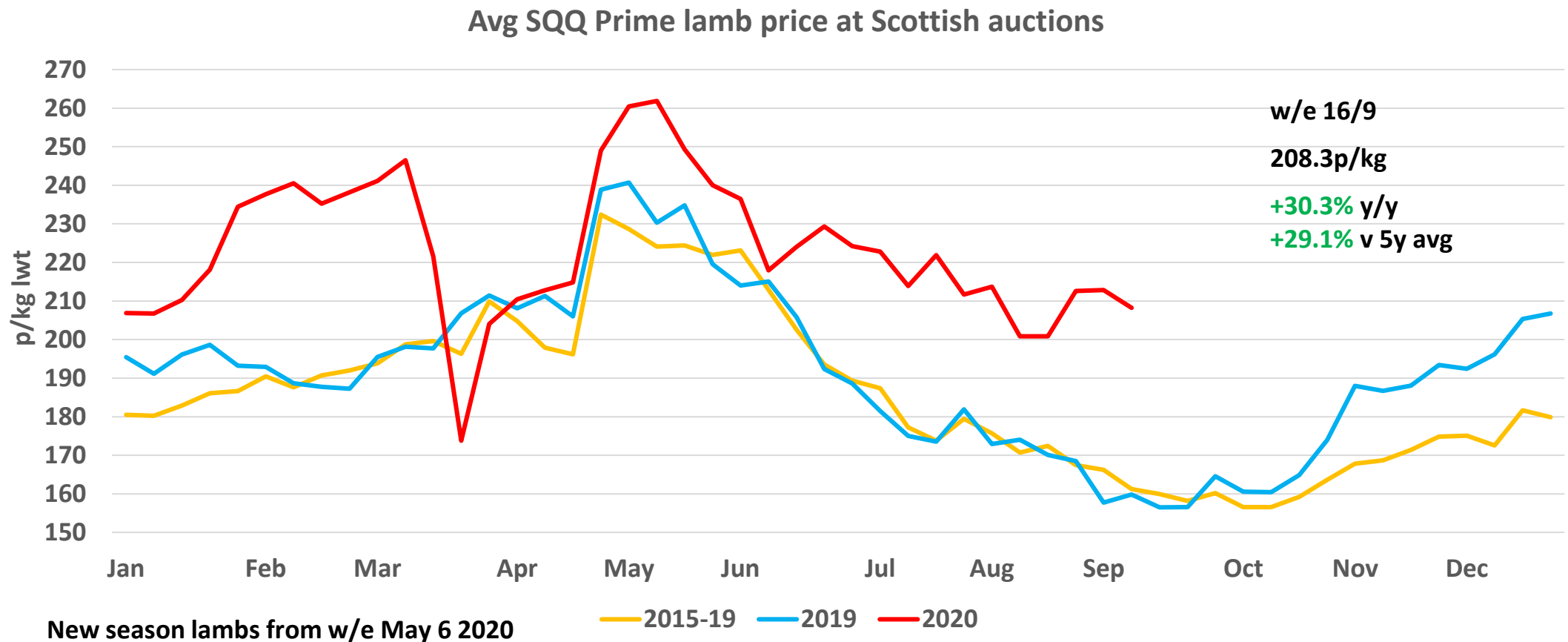
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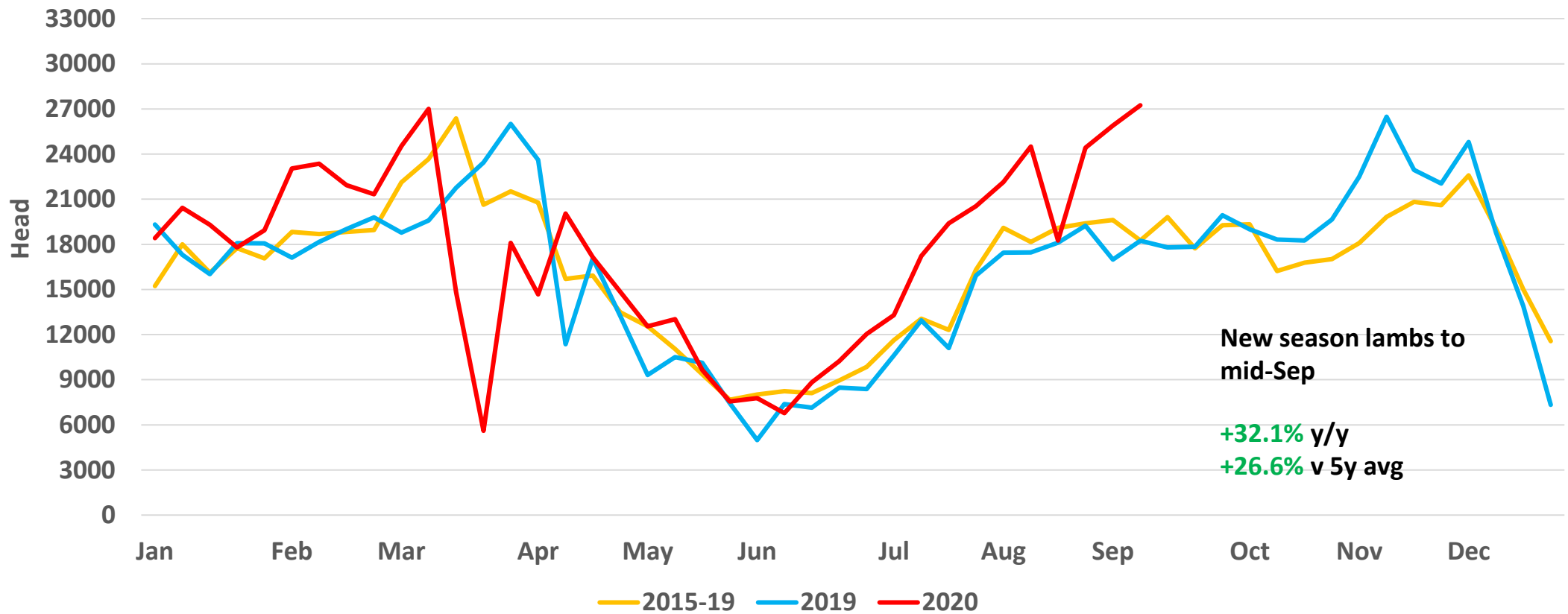
# Exceptional lamb market before and after late-March collapse





# Auctions adapted operations well

Weekly prime sheep sales at Scottish auctions

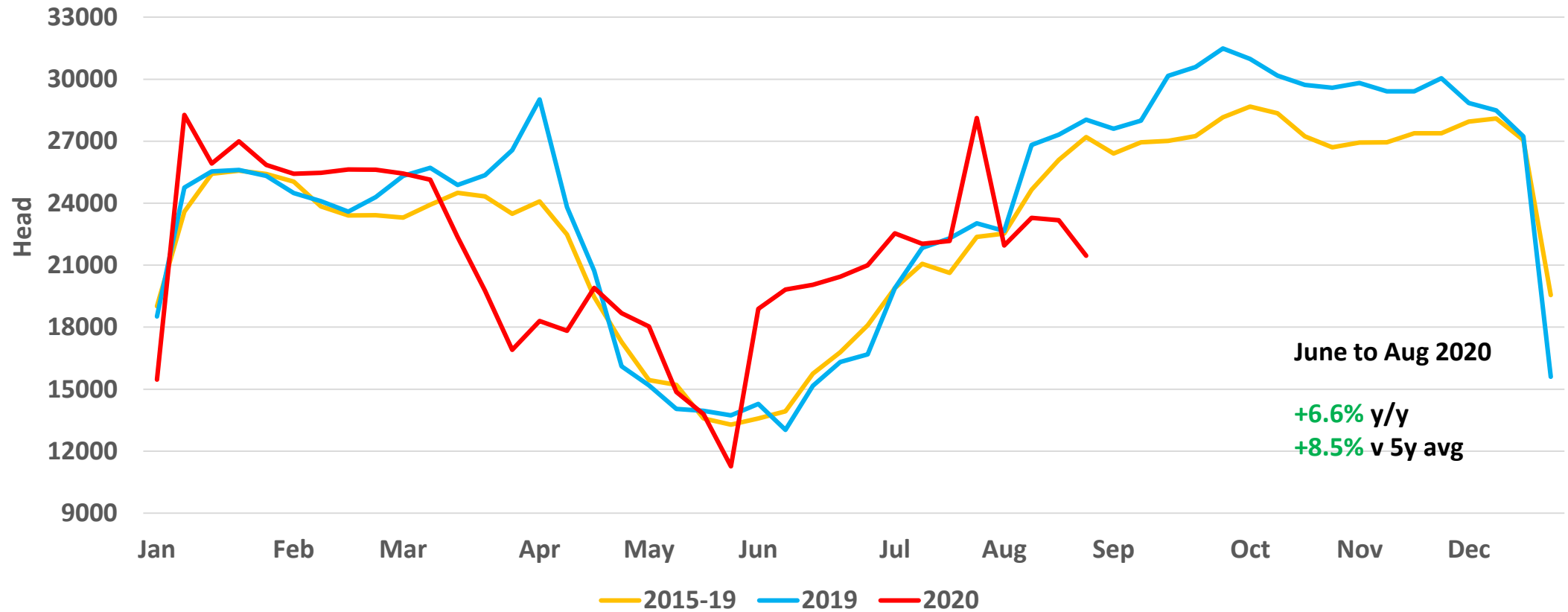


Source: IAAS/AHDB



# Some impact on sheep slaughter

Weekly prime sheep slaughter at Scottish abattoirs



# Domestic Demand

## Estimated Split of GB Sales Volumes by Outlet Category in the year to June 2019

	Retail sales (fresh, frozen and processed products)	Foodservice (e.g. Fast food, takeaway, restaurants, contract catering)	Rise in retail sales needed to offset 50% reduction in Foodservice
<b>Beef</b>	79%	21%	13.1%
<b>Lamb</b>	85%	15%	8.9%
<b>Pigmeat</b>	86%	14%	8.2%

Source: AHDB (2019); QMS calculations

## GB Retail Sales Growth, 12 weeks to July 12 2020

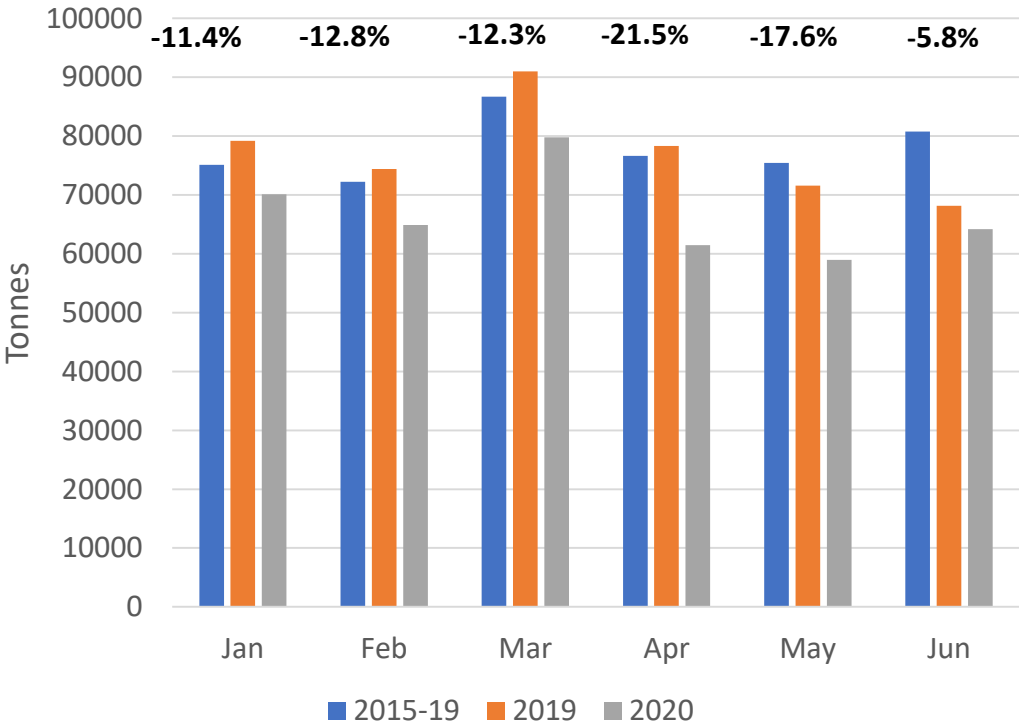
	Retail spend	Retail volume	Share of households buying	Frequency of purchase
<b>Beef</b>	+24.4%	+21.3%	+4.0 percentage points (72.7%)	+9.1% (4.8 times)
<b>Lamb</b>	+19.2%	+10.0%	+3.7 percentage points (32.2%)	+4.4% (2.5 times)
<b>Pork</b>	+29.0%	+21.8%	+4.8 percentage points (52.2%)	+9.4% (3.3 times)

Source: Kantar Worldpanel; QMS calculations

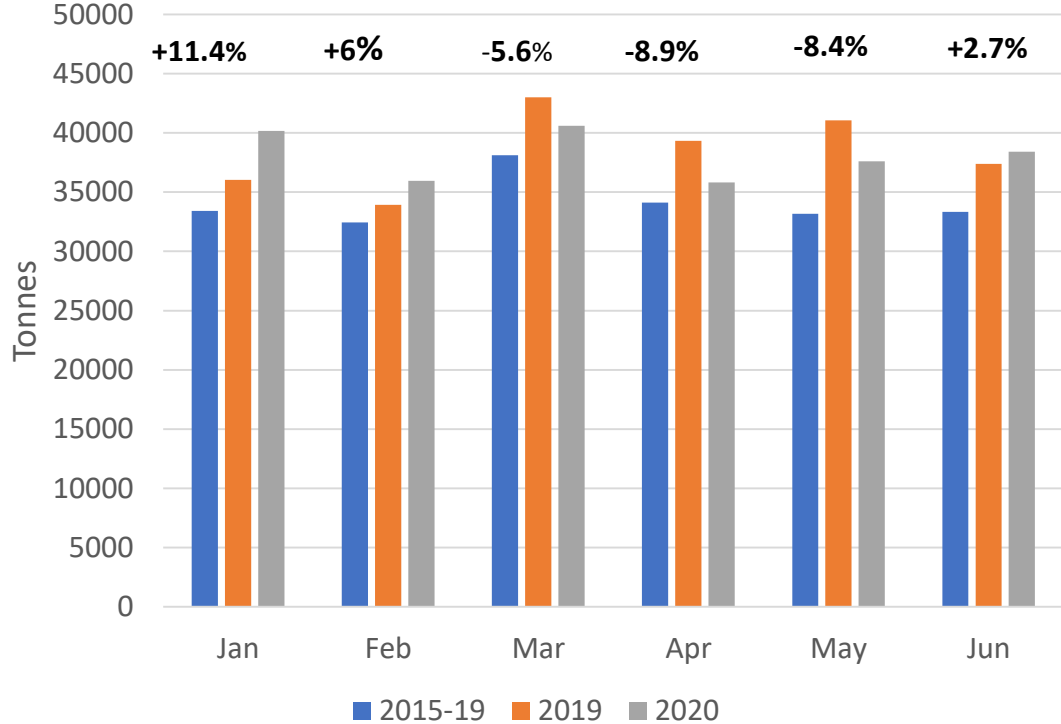


# Lower Foodservice Activity = Reduced Imports

UK imports of beef, sheepmeat, pork, bacon & ham



UK exports of beef, sheepmeat, pork, bacon & ham



# Q4 2020 Outlook – Beef Sector

	y/y change
Calf registrations in 2018	-2.6%
Male cattle 12-24 months, December 2019	-5%
Jan to mid-Sep estimated prime slaughter	+1.4%



# 2021 Outlook – Beef Sector

- Calf registrations recovered slightly in 2019 (+0.1%)
- Brexit – will Irish beef face UK Global Tariff?
- If so, without rise in GB beef price, Irish price needs to halve to stay 10% cheaper (based on R3 steer carcass of 390kg and prices in w/e 13/9/20)
- As a net importer, beef price likely to rise, so would UK introduce a quota to limit retail price inflation?

# Pig Sector - Outlook

- UK production growth of 3.7% in 2020 forecast by AHDB, followed by 3.1% in 2021
- China pork shortage to continue
- ASF in Germany – uncertain impact
- Brexit – net importer from the EU, so tariffs could push up farmgate prices

# Outlook – Sheep Sector

- Breeding flock in December +0.5% y/y, good weather in spring
- Store lambs +91,500 y/y (+42%) to w/e 12/9
- Brexit – UK sheepmeat exports exposed if face EU tariff shield
- 36.7% reduction in price needed to stay competitive after tariff (based on €6/kg wholesale carcass price at Rungis market in Paris 21/9/20)
- Exports 29.5% of Scottish sheepmeat processing sales in 2019
- 30% of UK mutton carcass production exported before accounting for cuts
- Scotland extra-exposed in 2021 due to later lambing and slower finishing
- Exposure may be lower than when modelling work carried out in 2016 and 2017 due to sharp reduction in imports, higher baseline prices, and weaker £

# Key factors for outlook across all sectors

- Economic outlook – end to furlough scheme, redundancies
- Change in meat demand channels – some more permanent
- Brexit – deal or no deal?
  - non-tariff barriers irrespective of FTA
  - technical details being left very late
- Labour supply in processing sector