

# Increasing self-sufficiency in poultry meat and eggs in Kinshasa

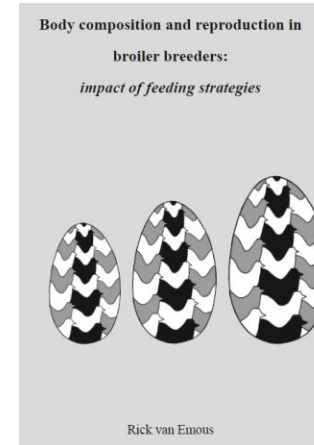
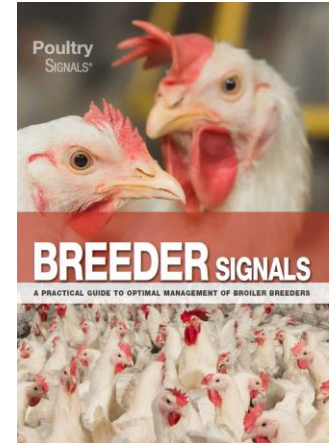
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# Introduction Rick van Emous

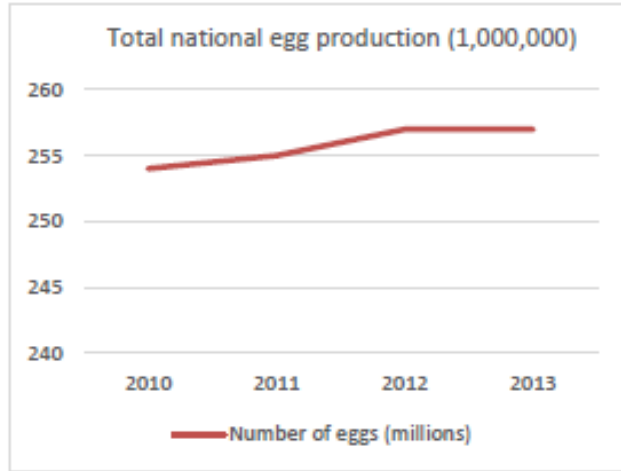
- Senior Researcher Poultry Wageningen Livestock Research:
  - Project leader of huge PPP's
- 35 years' experience in poultry (layers, breeders, and broilers)
- Specialised in broiler breeders:
  - Breeder signals
- PhD in broiler breeders:
  - Feeding the modern broiler breeders



# Report

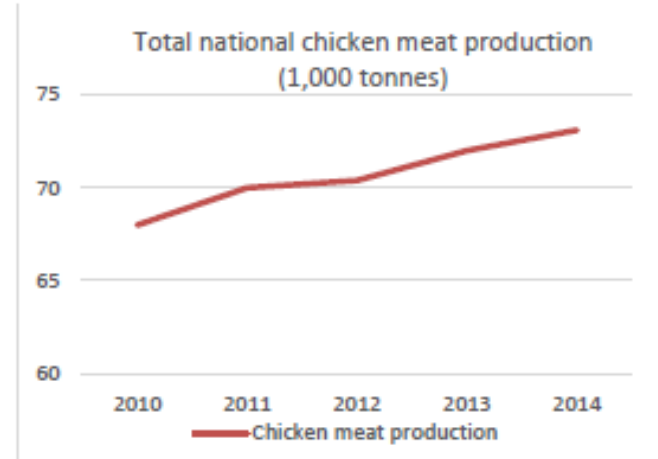
- A. Ndambi and A. Vernooij, 2018, Wageningen Livestock Research
- Funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign affairs
- Facilitated by Kumasamba Kabare and Hanno Kiezebrink of NEDCON
- Objective of the study:
  - Analysing the present situation of production, import and consumption of poultry meat and eggs in and around **Kinshasa**
  - To assess the social and economic benefits of increased self-sufficiency in egg production in this area

# Poultry meat and egg sector



**Figure 1: Egg production in the DRC (FAOSTAT)**

2021: 277 million  
2022: 243 million  
2023: 244 million



**Figure 2: Chicken meat production in the DRC (FAO STAT)**

2021: 105 (1,000 tonnes)  
2022: 100 (1,000 tonnes)  
2023: 100 (1,000 tonnes)

# Development poultry production

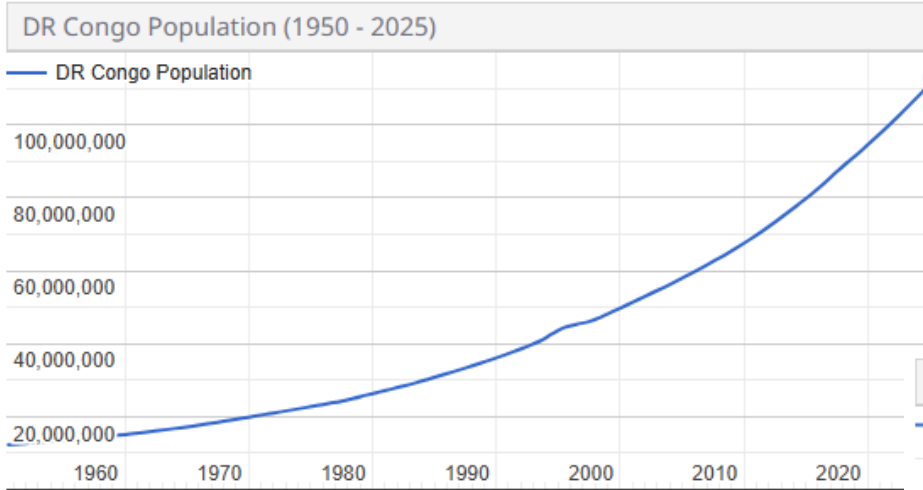
## Eggs:

- Report (2010-2013): +0.5% annually
- Actual (2013-2023): -0.5% annually

## Poultry meat:

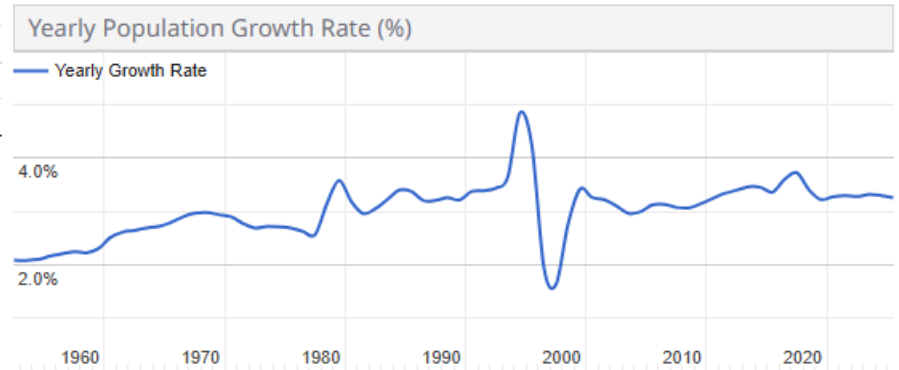
- Report (2010-2013): +1.5% annually
- Actual (2013-2023): +3.4% annually

# Development DRC population

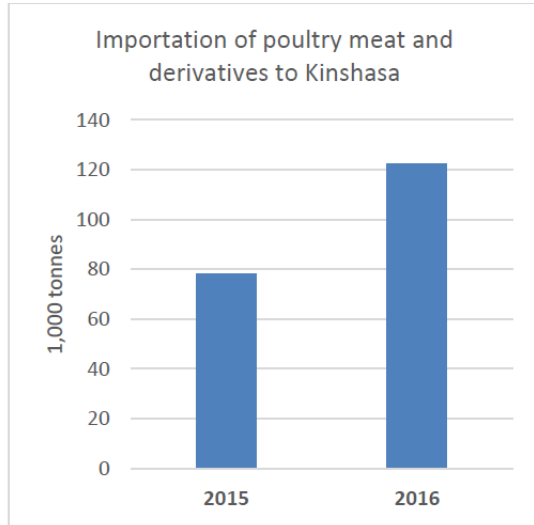


2025: 113 million

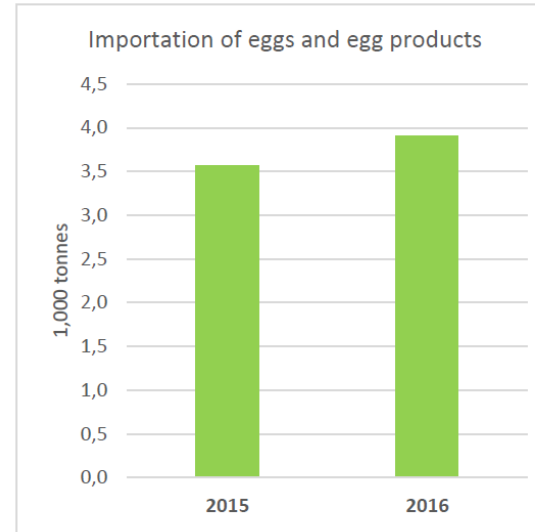
➤ Increasing demand for poultry products!



# Poultry imports



**Figure 13: Poultry meat imports to Kinshasa in 2015 & 2016**



**Figure 11: Egg imports to Kinshasa in 2015 & 2016**

➤ Replacing imports by local production in Kinshasa: 3,200 poultry farms and 30,000 jobs !

# Self-sufficiency is hindered by 3 factors

- Imports are cheaper than local products:
  - Eggs (tray large sized eggs): DRC: \$ 3.75 and import: \$ 3.0 (-20%)
  - Poultry meat (dressed broiler): DRC: \$ 5.50 and import: \$ 3.8 (-31%)
- Consumers don't consider egg and meat quality but only price:
  - Quality of imports are lower
- High costs of feed and feed concentrates:
  - Because of the price: \$ 0.60 vs. 0.50 / kg



# Recommendations

- More control on the quality of the import products
- Increasing the local production of raw materials as maize, wheat, millet, and soybeans
- Policies and support projects are needed to favor the production of local poultry equipment
- The Netherlands can support the growth of local products, veterinary knowledge, poultry education and Dutch-Congoles joint ventures (feed and production)
- Stimulating consumers to buy local products to increase the demand for locally produced poultry products

# End

## Discussion

