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Industry Update for week ending 15th September 2017

OVERVIEW

The on-going Beef Industry Validation Workshops, organised by the Competition and Tariff Commission provide a valuable forum for reviewing constraints and other imbalances in the beef industry value chain. The final Beef Industry Validation Workshop is scheduled for Thursday 21st September in Harare.

This validation process is critical in highlighting inefficiencies and other impediments to efficient and competitive production of beef, along the whole value chain. Production efficiency, ease of doing business and competitiveness, are critical to building a strong beef sector, improving livelihoods, and meeting the goals of ZimASSET.

Registration for the Zimbabwe Herd Book Beef School 2017, the annual learning forum for breeders and commercial producers of beef cattle, is now in full swing. Modelled on the *Breeder School* concept operated in all the top beef producing countries of the world, the Beef School is designed to keep Zimbabwe's beef cattle breeders up to date with global developments in beef production and highlight regional success stories.

Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

Fish industry stakeholders noted the growing interest in smallholder fish production and the need to nurture and support this and ZFPA was tasked to devise a standard for accredited aquaculture training. The International Labour Organisation model on training and harnessing skills and capabilities was identified as a possible model for this training programme.

It was noted that aquaculture training must incorporate animal health and biosecurity. Some of the training currently on offer to emergent fish farmers is not sufficiently comprehensive, or correct.

The need to coordinate efforts across the fish sector was also noted. ZFPA is playing a key role in the process of drafting a comprehensive National Fish Policy, and has been tasked by Ministry of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development, alongside the Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate to contribute to this process to fully develop the fish sector.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events: September and October

Thursday 21st September

Beef Study Validation Workshop hosted by the Competition and Tariff Commission

Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October

Beef School 2017

Enclosures

- Poster on Antimicrobial Resistance