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Industry Update for week ending 22nd December 2017



Please be advised that the offices will be closed for business from **Wednesday 20th December 2017** and re-open on **Monday 8th January 2018**

We wish you all a truly Zimbabwean festive season spent with family and friends and a wealth of hope and promise in the New Year

Festive greetings

ACHIEVEMENTS and MILESTONES OF 2017

2017 saw the first good agricultural season in several years, and third highest rainfall recorded in Zimbabwe. It was a year of an abundant maize crop, herd rebuilding and record stud animal prices and many other achievements.

For livestock producers and processors, it was also a year of unprecedented challenges, accessing money and inputs at a high price, and having to contend with other procurement and operational challenges. Foot and Mouth Disease reared its ugly head and a single outbreak of Avian Influenza had a devastating impact on the poultry industry.

2017 was also a year of milestones and other highlights in the livestock sector:

- Command Livestock is launched.
- Dairy industry commits to self-sufficiency by 2020.
- Record prices achieved at the Zimbabwe Herd Book National Breed Sale.
- Crafting of a national fish policy begins.





- Rapid Results Initiatives launched to reduce production costs by at least 50% and create a one-stop shop for permit application.
- Best attended Beef School is hosted by Zimbabwe Herd Book.
- The Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe launches a pilot pig production project in Goromonzi, together with the Pig Industry Board.
- A strategy to rebuild the poultry industry after an outbreak of Avian Influenza is now bearing fruit.
- Local production of hatching eggs increases for the first time in several years.
- The Livestock and Meat Advisory Council is restructured as an autonomous organisation under a Board of Governors, comprising its allied association chairmen.
- The Council launches the Livestock Dialogue Forum to foster wide-ranging discussion of key livestock issues.
- LMAC is working closely with the European Union funded Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme (ZAGP). The organisation will play a role in advising on all-inclusive projects across the value chains. The wide-ranging ZAGP encompasses cattle, pigs, fish and feeds and preparation of concept notes is now underway.

**The Council wishes all members
and livestock stakeholders
a productive 2018**

