



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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Industry Update for week ending 27th October 2017

OVERVIEW

With its new organisational structure, the Livestock and Meat Advisory Council of Zimbabwe is better able to serve Zimbabwe's diverse and growing livestock sector. The process to streamline and transform the LMAC into an apex organisation for its nine livestock member associations is now complete and has been ratified by all the associations. LMAC is now run by a Board of Governors made up of the Chairpersons of its constituent associations.

The Livestock and Meat Advisory Council was established in 1994, to provide policy guidance and recommendations to the livestock sector. It will continue to serve the livestock industry in this advisory role as well as continuing to provide advocacy and information to its membership.

The newly restructured and consolidated LMAC will focus on value chain development for inclusive and sustainable livestock production. A new arm has been set up within the organisation to identify development opportunities, produce sustainable production models and drive project development across the livestock sector.

LMAC comprises the Zimbabwe Poultry Association, Stockfeed Manufacturers' Association of Zimbabwe, Pig Producers' Association of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe Fish Producers' Association, Meat Producers' Association of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs, Zimbabwe Herd Book and Livestock Identification Trust. The Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers and Auctioneers are also members of LMAC.

ZHB Beef School 2017, rated as one of the best ever, attracted over a hundred participants in a year of renewed confidence in cattle production following good rains and bullish buying of top cattle genetics at the National Breed Sale held in July.

Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association

Members of SMA noted that preparations are underway for the 2017/18 agricultural season. Command Soya is now in place, which, together with the continuation of Command Maize, is expected to ensure self-sufficiency of the two chief ingredients for stockfeed manufacture. Soya meal, a by-product of the oil expressing process, provides the protein component in livestock feeds. Agronomically, production of soya also has multiple benefits, the nitrogen fixing potential of this summer crop also yields benefits for winter wheat, when grown in rotation with this grain.

The meeting commended the initiative by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to address the emergence of a new transboundary maize pest, the Fall Army Worm which appeared in Zimbabwe for the first time last season. FAO held a pre-season meeting on the Fall Army Worm, which has now spread to Southern Africa from the Americas to collectively strategise and devise effective control measures to prevent widespread maize crop losses in the region.

Schedule of November meetings and events:

<i>Wednesday 8th</i>	Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association
<i>Thursday 9th</i>	Dialogue Forum of the Livestock and Meat Advisory Council
<i>Friday 17th</i>	Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association of Zimbabwe

Enclosure

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