



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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Industry Update for week ending 29th September 2017

OVERVIEW

Restructuring of LMAC is nearing completion, with all its allied associations having ratified the new Constitution. LMAC will now be run by a Board of Governors, made up of the Chairpersons of all livestock member associations and with the day to day administration provided by the Secretariat, housed at Exhibition Park.

The Livestock and Meat Advisory Council 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, based in Milton Park, which operates an extensive smallholder dairy extension and support programme, Auctioneers and Butchers are also members of LMAC.

Government has commissioned a study to assess the economic impact of the outbreak of Avian Influenza (AI). At veterinary level, epidemiological studies on the disease continue, as part of the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) control and surveillance programme on AI. No evidence of the virus has been found in other flocks in Zimbabwe which have been tested.

DVS regularly updates the World Organisation for Animal Health on the status of AI in Zimbabwe. There have been no further outbreaks since the single outbreak in Harare South in May, where viral reactivation occurred in July on the quarantined farm.

Meeting of the Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

LMAC continues to engage with Government and other organisations across the spectrum, providing information on the livestock industry and advice to interested parties for decision making and policy or programme crafting. The Council is contributing to the critical Ease of Doing Business rationalisation process (in both the Agriculture and Manufacturing working groups) and has provided an overview of the livestock industry for the Ministry of Trade and Commerce.

LMAC is also participating in the on-going meetings on Command Agriculture, ZimASSET, National Budget Consultations and the Zimbabwe Agriculture Growth Programme briefings. Other LMAC activities include participation in the validation process on the findings of the Study on the Zimbabwean Beef Industry, and co-hosting the Livestock Production and Business Forum in Bulawayo, in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organisation and the Department of Livestock Production and Development.

On the meat supply position, the Butchers Association reported that there is a shortage of beef, pork and goat meat on the market. Whilst the July outbreak of AI has affected the supply of chicken cuts, whole chickens are readily available and lamb is in plentiful supply.

The outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in Chipinge has affected production on two dairy farms in the area.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events: October

<i>Friday 13th</i>	World Egg Day
<i>Friday 13th</i>	Ministry of Finance and Economic Development Budget Consultations
<i>Wednesday 18th</i>	Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association
<i>Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th October</i>	Beef School 2017
<i>Friday 27th</i>	Meeting of the Meat Processors Association of Zimbabwe

Enclosures

- Agricultural Marketing Authority Bulletin Number 39 of 2017.
- Final Programme, Beef School 2017
- Notification of Portfolio Committee on Lands, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development: Budget Consultative Meetings
- Notification of the forthcoming Dorper Society Field day