



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

Agriculture and its key role in the economy took centre stage at the Harare Agricultural Show this year and livestock is an important part of this.

This year's Annual National Agribusiness Conference, co-hosted by the National Economic Consultative Forum and the Zimbabwe Agricultural Society which was held at the Harare Agricultural Show, featured both President Mnangagwa and Vice President Chiwenga and was very well attended by agricultural sector stakeholders including the leadership of LMAC's allied associations. As the united voice of livestock associations, LMAC supports the national debate on livestock development. The National Agribusiness Conference was especially significant this year, to define the way forward for agribusiness to play its role in the economic turnaround of Zimbabwe.

Livestock breeders brought some of Zimbabwe's top livestock genetics to the Show and the judging of cattle, sheep and goats was a highlight. For the livestock industry, the Show is an important platform for farmers, emergent farmers, animal breeders and industry service providers to interact.

Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association

In a two-pronged plan to secure the annual soya requirement for stockfeed production (165,000mt), SMA is exploring options to stimulate soyabean production in Zimbabwe, whilst ensuring that the required balance is secured through importation.

The industry is exploring a proposal put forward by Grain Marketing Board (GMB), for national bulk importation of the soyabean required to supplement local production. Under this arrangement, GMB would undertake the procurement of soya imports and allocate these according to prearranged agreements with SMA, Oil Expressors Association of Zimbabwe and the Zimbabwe Small Oilseed Processors' Association (ZISOPA). This would ensure that the stockfeed industry can obtain sufficient soyabean meal.

Also being explored by SMA, to support the expansion of national soyabean production, is participation in a contract grower scheme.

It was noted that the national drive to build up cotton production again is paying off. Increased cotton production in 2018 has also translated into increased availability of cotton cake for stockfeed production.

Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

Warmer weather heralds the start of the fish production cycle and the stocking of fish projects. ZFPA will produce a fish production calendar with recommended stocking times for different parts of the country, according to temperature variation.

Members of ZFPA who are breeders assure fish farmers that they have the ability to supply strong and healthy fingerlings reared in a disease-free environment. It is recommended that fish farmers only source broodstock from registered fish hatcheries, as these have biosecurity in place and practice the globally recognized genetically improved and farmed fish Tilapia (GIFT) fish breeding programmes. However, it is important that farmers place orders in advance to ensure that the required number of fingerlings are ready for them at the required time.

The Department of Veterinary Services has produced an informative leaflet alerting fish producers to the danger of the fish disease Saprolegniasis, and simple management precautions to take to prevent fish from succumbing to this disease.

Zimbabwe Poultry Association: Poultry Ndaba



The Council of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association cordially invite all chicken producers and stakeholders in the poultry sector to a Poultry Indaba

Date: Wednesday 19th September

Venue: ART Farm, Calgary Close, Pomona

Time: 08.30am

**Cost: \$15 per person which includes teas and a hot lunch
Swipe, ecocash and transfer options are available**

The draft programme is attached.

Dorper Sheep Society

The Summer 2018 issue of Wild & Woolly is now available as a PDF file (for download) or via ISSUU.

https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/aded98_35507a48314e43ca8ed9244ff408143e.pdf

<https://issuu.com/mdsheepgoat/docs/summer2018>

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events: September

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| Thursday 13 th | Open meeting of the Pig Producers Association |
| Wednesday 18 th | Poultry Indaba |
| Wednesday 26 th | Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association |
| Friday 28 th | Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association |

Enclosures

- Programme, Poultry Indaba
- Fish Health Extension Brochure on a fish disease, Winter Saprolegniasis