



## Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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## Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Open Meeting of Members of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe

A virtual meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe was held on 8<sup>th</sup> September and in the report tabled by the Pig Industry Board, it was noted that there has been a decrease in the demand for breeding stock this year. This has been attributed to high production costs and viability challenges affecting the industry.

Two provincial and twelve district and ward level meetings were held with champion, anchor and small to medium farmers and stakeholders to discuss the syndicate model and update stakeholders on progress under the Value Chain Alliance for Livestock Upgrading and Empowerment (VALUE) Project as well as obtain feedback on emerging issues in the groups. An emerging issue is the continued reduction of the size of sow units at small-holder farmer level due to the high cost of feed.

### Annual General Meeting of the Zimbabwe Boran Breeders Society

Members from around the country as well as from outside Zimbabwe attended this meeting, both at the Livestock Centre Boardroom as well as via a virtual link. The Society pioneered the first online Annual Production Sale and local and international buyers were able to bid for and buy animals via a mobile App. The Sale was a great success and obviated the need to move animals to the auction centre and they were transferred directly from the breeder to the buyer.

In his report to the AGM, the outgoing Chairman Mark Hook, noted that of all the breed societies registered with Zimbabwe Herd Book, the Boran Society posted the largest increase in breeders and number of pedigree animals registered and is now second only to the Brahman Breeders Society. The Council was unanimously re-elected to stand for another two years.

### Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project (IPVC)

The Egg Campaign officially kicked off on 9<sup>th</sup> September, a month away from World Egg Day (WEG) commemorations on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. The campaign is on course and the planning Committee is in the process of finalising the printing of poster, information fliers and recipe brochures. A jingle has also been developed and will air on radio two weeks prior to WEG.



Livestock Identification Trust



Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe



Stockfeed Manufacturers Association



Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs



Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers



Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association



Zimbabwe Free Range Poultry Association



Zimbabwe Herd Book



Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork



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Capacity building of the Poultry Business Associations and creation of linkages with financial institutes to foster good financial management is underway. Visits to the lead farmers for the production of point-of-lay hens to assess capacity are on schedule.

### Livestock Diary

- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September Open Meeting of Members of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs  
Production Sale of the Tuli Cattle Society – online Sale only
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association

### Enclosures

- Tuli Production Sale Flier