



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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LivestockZimbabwe Update: 14th September 2018

OVERVIEW

On 6th September 2018, His Excellency, President Mnangagwa, announced Zimbabwe's new Cabinet. The Livestock and Meat Advisory Council and Chairmen of its allied Associations welcome the appointment of Chief Air Marshal Perence Shiri (Rtd) as the new Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Resettlement and his Deputies, Hon Douglas Karoro and Hon Vangelis Haritatos.

The Chairman of LMAC express commitment to working closely with the new leadership of the Ministry to tackle the many challenges currently faced by the livestock sector and to craft strategies to grow the agriculture sector in general.

Open Meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe

PPAZ was represented at the South African Pork Producers Organisation Symposium and Annual General Meeting by Vice Chairman Ian Kennard. The size of the pig sector in SA currently stands at 103,000 sows. A new system of pig grading is being developed and its possible application for Zimbabwe will be explored. This grading system reflects the production shift to heavier pig carcasses in South Africa over the last ten years and is also designed not to penalise small-scale farmers producing lighter carcasses.

South Africa has also experienced an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in recent months. ASF is reported to be affecting pigs in China in an outbreak of the same strain which appeared in Georgia (Europe), some ten years ago.

The joint collaboration between PPAZ and the Pig Industry Board (PIB) on small-scale pig producer mentorship continues to attract interest, with the pilot project to be extended to Chegutu. PIB will enlist the assistance of Agritex in conducting training for the smallholder pig cluster groups and a precondition for farmer participation is registration with DVS for ASF certification and compliance.

PIB will be holding a Research Symposium on 16th October. A highlight of the day will be the trial work on the Mukota – an indigenous pig breed, and its suitability for crossbreeding.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events: September

Wednesday 26th Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association

Friday 28th Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers
Association

Enclosure:

- Stockfeed Manufacturers Association: Returns, June 2018
- Programme, Beef School 2018