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It is with great pleasure that the Board of Governors and the Chairpersons of the Allied Associations of the Livestock and Meat Advisory Council have learnt of the appointment of Dr Anxious Masuka as the Honourable Minister, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement. Dr Masuka is cordially offered our sincere congratulations and we wish you the very best in this new position.

OVERVIEW

At the end of July, local deliveries of maize to the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) were estimated at 100,000mt. Maize sales are subject to Statutory Instrument 145 of 2019, Grain Marketing (Control of Sale of Maize) Regulations, 2019, that makes GMB the sole buyer of locally produced maize, with the exception of contracted maize.

The majority of deliveries is being routed to the roller mealie meal subsidy and poverty alleviation programmes.

Competition and Tariff Commission

On 14th August, the Competition and Tariff Commission (CTC), the LMAC Secretariat and members of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association and the Zimbabwe Poultry Association met to discuss the results of the investigation by CTC into the conditional selling of day-old chicks (DoCs) by distributors of stockfeed.

The investigation showed incidents of some feed manufacturers selling DoCs to producers on condition that they also purchased minimum quantities of stockfeeds. It was highlighted that these practices violate the Competition Act of Zimbabwe.

CTC will contact feed manufacturers and poultry breeders to raise awareness about this provision in the relevant sections of the Act and to ensure compliance by stakeholders in the feed and poultry industries.

Report from the United States Department of Agriculture Global Agricultural Information Network

The USDA reports that for the 2020/21 marketing year, Zambia produced its second highest maize crop on record. This bumper maize crop of 3.4 million mt is 69 percent higher than the previous season's crop of 2.0 million mt.



However, in the 2020/21 marketing year, maize exports are expected to be limited, despite the bumper crop, as the Zambian government plans to stock 1.0 million mt of maize as strategic reserves due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, maize exports to neighbouring countries are expected to only be about 270,000mt.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project

The Golden Enterprise Poultry Business Association (PBA) in Masvingo is in the process of selecting a substantive Committee and the Project has facilitated the Bulawayo PBA to acquire day-old chicks.

All the PBAs (Bulawayo, Gweru, Masvingo, Mutare and Harare) have also acquired bulk-discounted stockfeeds, facilitated by the IPVC.

Tools are being developed to ensure the financial accountability and smooth operation of each PBA.

Enclosures

- Raw Materials Supply, July 2020