



Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

Stakeholders in the livestock sector met online to discuss the draft Livestock Growth Plan that is being co-ordinated by the Ministry. Discussions were robust and focussed on further engagement to create a strategy that addresses the many challenges in the industry by rolling out sustainable solutions.

Currently, low offtake and fertility, high mortality and morbidity, poor quality and low carcass weight and an inability to effectively compete on export markets characterises production in the cattle industry. Animal health, nutrition, improved genetics and accessing cattle markets have been identified as the major opportunities as well as need for adequate financial resources.

Aquaculture and Meat Processing Market Watch Reports

Market Watch Reports for the Aquaculture and Meat Processing sectors for January to April 2020 have also been released.

Exports of fish for the first four months of 2020 was 3,233mt, valued at USD 6.5million, an increase of 28 and 12% in quantity and value, respectively when compared to the same period in 2019.

The exports were dominated by frozen fresh water fish and frozen tilapia that made up 51 and 47% in quantity and 44 and 46% in terms of value.

In the meat processing sector, cumulative imports of mechanically deboned meat for the four months to April 2020 was 370mt, a decline of 53% on imports compared with the corresponding period in 2019 while the average procurement cost increased by 72% from \$433/mt to \$743/mt.

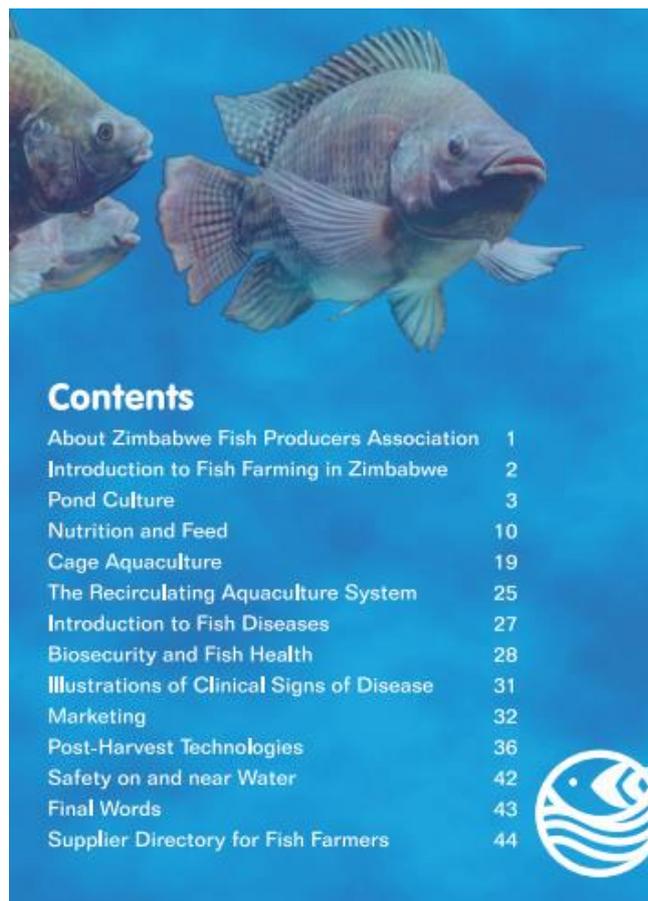
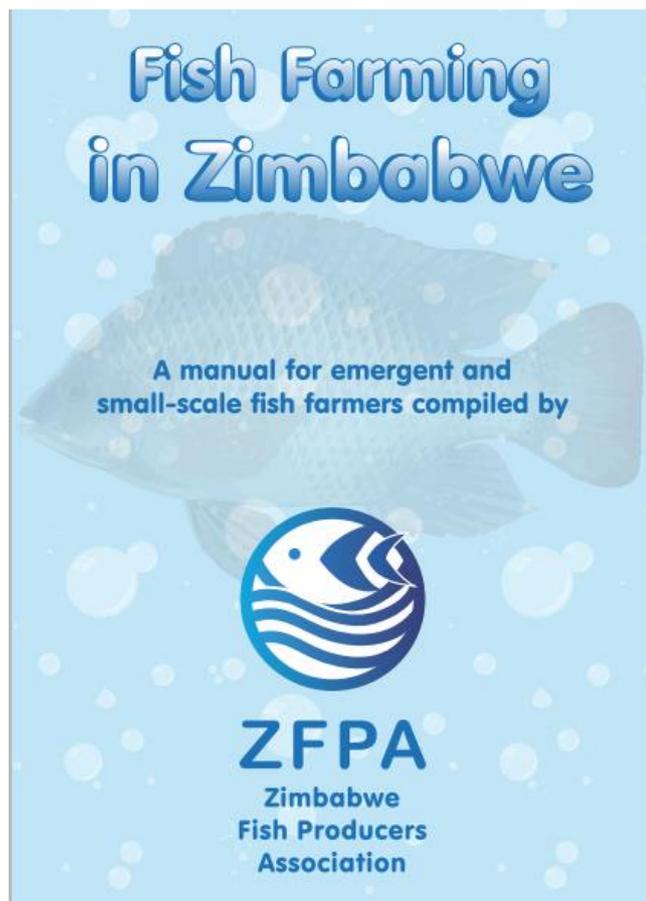
Average monthly imports from January to April 2020 was 93mt compared to 195mt over the same period in 2019.

Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

ZFPA have completed the first draft of the Fish Farming Manual which covers all the basic principles and practices needed by the budding fish farmer to ensure good yields and a profitable business. Pond and cage culture, feeding fish and nutrition as



well as biosecurity and fish health are all topics that have been discussed in the Manual. A Suppliers Directory will also be included.



Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project

The Project continues to collect information on regulatory cost of compliance in the poultry sector. World Egg Day will be celebrated in October and a mini egg consumption survey has been undertaken whose findings will inform the message of the 2020/21 campaign material. The Constitutions of five Poultry Business Associations are being reviewed by legal consultants for further guidance and registration with the relevant Ministry.