



## Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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## Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### Overview

An Agribusiness Forum meeting was held with the Minister of Finance on 17<sup>th</sup> September to discuss financing for the key agricultural commodities for the forthcoming 2020/21 season. The meeting focussed on how the private sector could partner government in the pursuit of private sector-led value chain financing. The meeting was attended by various groups including stockfeed manufacturers, millers and oil expressors. The Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI) presented a discussion paper that was deliberated upon by participants. LMAC was tasked to come up with a paper focusing on the same, a draft of which has been tabled with CZI. The paper is expected to be presented to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development next week. Further meetings that review the finer details of this initiative are expected to take place in the near future.

### Meeting of Stockfeed Manufacturers Association of Zimbabwe

Stockfeed manufacturers held their meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September to review recent developments within the industry. Among the issues discussed were reports tabled by some importers that VAT is being charged on the imports of soya beans. A process to determine whether VAT is also being charged on other raw materials is underway, together with a coordinated industry response to this development. An appeal has already been lodged with relevant authorities.

### Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project (IPVC)

The printing of posters, information fliers and recipe brochures for the Egg Campaign has now been completed and distribution is underway. Training of the Gweru and Bulawayo Poultry Business Association (PBA) on the Financial Policy Manual and the Input Revolving Fund Policy has been completed. The same training programme is scheduled for the first week of October for the Masvingo PBA. Following this training, the PBAs will be expected to submit monthly financial statements (profit and loss) as a way of tracking and monitoring financial performance.

The lead farmer has been identified to produce 6,500 point of lay hens per cycle for the benefit of PBA members through improved access to affordable PoLs.



### Livestock Diary

- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association

### Enclosures

- Poultry Industry Market Price Bulletin, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020
- Raw Materials Report, September 2020