



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

The commissioning of a new dairy processing plant in Ruwa this month brings into operation the third UHT (long life milk) processing plant in the country. This is targeting around one million litres of raw milk per month, bringing more value addition to the dairy value chain. 2018 national milk production at the end of the third quarter stood at 48 million litres, against annual demand of 120 million litres. Total milk production last year was 67 million litres. Zimbabwe is targeting milk sufficiency by 2022.

In a keenly awaited announcement, the Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme has identified innovative projects in three livestock sub-sectors - dairy, poultry and beef. The Livestock and Meat Advisory Council, Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers and Zimbabwe Poultry Association will work in partnership with the project consortia on implementation of the projects which focus on inclusive value chain development.

Open meeting of the Pig Producers' Association of Zimbabwe

Inspired by the impact of the World Egg Day promotion in Zimbabwe last month, PPAZ has proposed the introduction of a special day to celebrate and promote pork every year. The Association will also explore other opportunities to promote pork, which - like the egg - is a high quality and versatile protein that can be enjoyed at breakfast, lunch and dinner and in a variety of tasty snacks.

PPAZ has been invited to join the Zimbabwe Agricultural Society in initiating *The Pig Producer of the Year* competition. The Association will draw up suitable criteria for evaluation of pig enterprises in this annual competition, which will serve as an important extension tool for the pig industry. It is envisaged that judging will be conducted at district, provincial and national level with the winner of the coveted *Pig Producer of the Year* title being announced at the Harare Agricultural Show.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events

<i>Wednesday 14th</i>	Annual General Meeting and Field Day of the Dorper Sheep Breeders Association
<i>Thursday 15th</i>	Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association
<i>Friday 16th</i>	Annual General Meeting of the Mashona Cattle Society
<i>Wednesday 21st</i>	Open Meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs
<i>Thursday 22nd</i>	Open Meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe

Enclosures:

- Review of Fall Army Worm management options
- Notification of the Annual General Meeting and Field Day of the Dorper Sheep Breeders Association
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