



## Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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## Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### OVERVIEW

Precautions and advisories about the health threat from the outbreak of COVID 19 have been widely circulated and the repercussions and impact upon businesses is already been felt. Staff complements and working hours have been reduced and all meetings are being held using virtual reality platforms. This is an unprecedented time in the history of the world, including Zimbabwe.

At the meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association, it was reported that government has contracted several entities to import an estimated 760,000mt of maize, but payment delays have caused intermittent interruptions in the supply of maize to the Grain Marketing Board.

The large requirement for maize has created a logistical challenge as the majority of current imports are from South Africa while the remainder is from Mexico through Beira and Maputo.

### Board of Governors of the Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

The Board of Governors held their Third Annual General meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> March and Blessing Ndoro and Solomon Zawe were unanimously elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively.

### Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs

Following the recent misrepresentation of the beef industry in the local news and on social media, it was noted that DVS had carried out investigations and found no evidence supporting the allegations. There is a need to reassure the public that the regulations governing livestock and meat trade are robust and that livestock movements and abattoir operations are monitored by DVS health officials.

### Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project

The outbreak of COVID 19 has impacted upon the IPVC project and the Team attended a workshop to be briefed on guidelines prepared by the European Union for all staff employed by the various Projects.



LIT  
Livestock Identification Trace



MPAZ  
Meat Processors  
Association  
of Zimbabwe



PPAZ  
Pig Producers' Association of Zimbabwe



SMA  
Stockfeed Manufacturers Association



ZAA  
Zimbabwe  
Association  
of  
Abattoirs



ZADF  
Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers



ZFPA  
Zimbabwe  
Fish Producers  
Association



Zimbabwe Free Range  
Poultry Association



ZHB  
Zimbabwe Herd Book



ZPA



ZQAP  
Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork

### **Livestock Diary:**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Virtual Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Virtual Open Meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs

**\*\*\*\* The Fish Farming Indaba scheduled for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March has been postponed to a date to be advised \*\*\*\***

### **Enclosures**

- Advert and editorial prepared by the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs and published in the Herald.
- Raw Materials Supply, March 2020
- Statutory Instruments 76 and 77, Civil Protection and Public Health Regulations in response to the outbreak of COVID 19