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**Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020**

**OVERVIEW**

By all accounts, the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Breed Sale hosted by Zimbabwe Herd Book and held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020 was a tremendous success. For the first time, the Sale was both a simultaneous live and online event, accommodating buyers that could not attend the sale in person.

An exceptional yarding of four Boer Goat bucks, 55 bulls and 87 heifers representing five beef breeds were sold.

**Number of stud animals and average prices obtained by breed at the Zimbabwe Herd Book National Breed Sale 2020**

Breed	Bulls		Heifers	
	Number	Price	Number	Price
Beefmaster	5	375,000	13	203,846
Boran	8	260,625	2	190,000
Brahman	37	348,243	72	166,972
Simmental	2	437,500		
Tuli	3	316,667		



The top priced bull at the National Breed Sale 2020, Lot No 67, ID 17/84 VR, Ruvale BeefMaster



## **Agricultural Marketing Authority: Grain and Oilseeds Marketing and Production Review**

### **Meeting**

On 19<sup>th</sup> August, LMAC and members of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association attended a stakeholder meeting convened by the Agricultural Marketing Authority on the grain and oilseed situation.

Farmers lamented the erosion of the value of grain deliveries quoted in local currency as a result of the rapid depreciation against the United States Dollar and the option was discussed to allow users of grain and soyabean to purchase directly from farmers in USD to mop up the remaining commodities still being held by farmers.

Local production is estimated at 100,000mt and the cotton expressing industry requires between 130 – 150,000mt of ginned cotton seed for optimal operations. Oil expressors have requested that the ban on imports be relaxed so that 30 – 50,000mt of cotton seed from the region can be imported to ensure full capacity utilisation of their plants.

### **Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project**

The proposed stock book, purchase order and invoice books devised for the Poultry Business Associations to ensure their smooth running are being reviewed by project partners. Coordinating bulk purchase of day-old chicks by the five PBA's is also being undertaken.

The Good Agricultural Practices framework is being finalised and collection of data to inform the Poultry Industry Market Price Bulletin is ongoing.

### **Enclosures**

- Report on the National Breed Sale, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020