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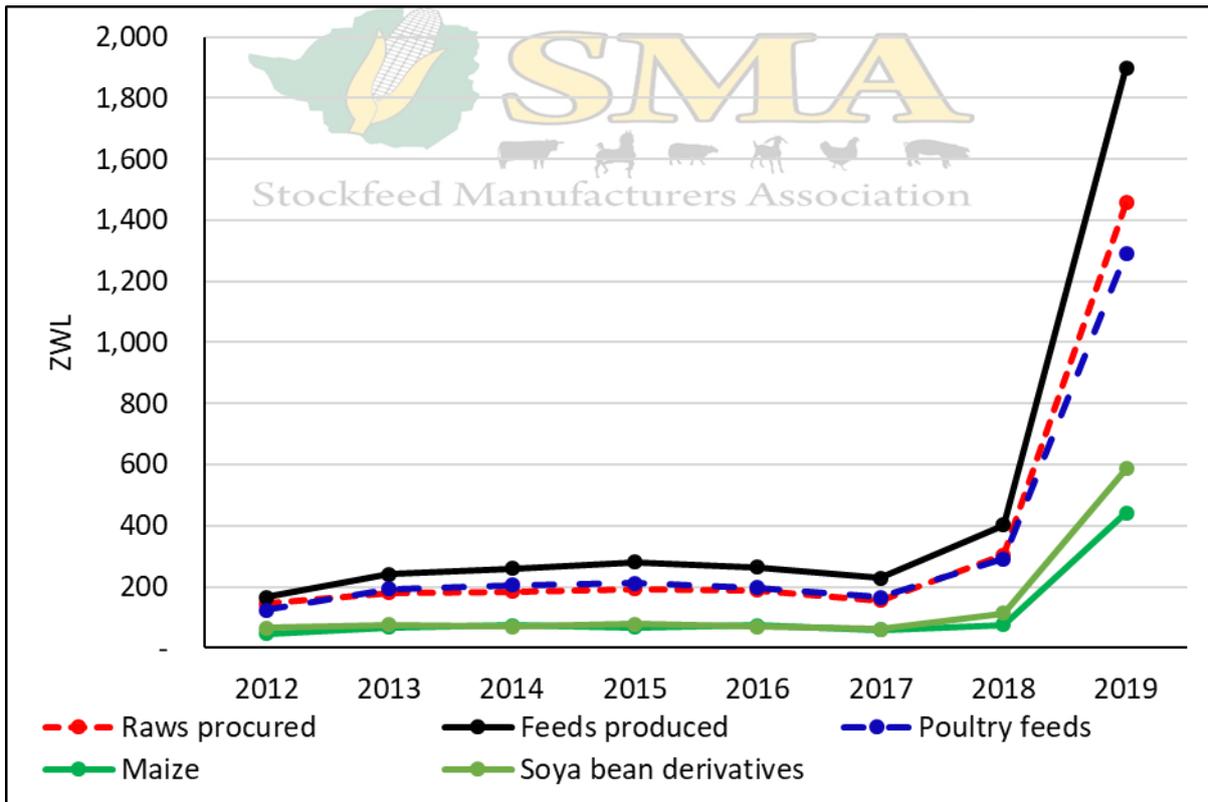
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OVERVIEW

Domestic production forecasts for both maize and soyabeans for the new season remain subdued. Some regions have reported excessive rains and it is expected that the majority of the country’s tradeable maize crop will come from the commercial sector.

Maize and wheat brans as well as molasses are also in short supply and the cost of stockfeed has increased dramatically in recent weeks.



Total Annual Cost of Raws Procured and Feeds Produced

Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association

The Stockfeed Manufacturers Association held their Annual General Meeting recently and Mr Israel Muchuchu and Ms Brenda Kandiero were elected as Chairman and Vice Chairperson, respectively.

The continuing challenges in procuring raw materials, premixes and vitamins dominated the discussion as well as the reduced maize and soyabean harvest for the 2019/2020 agricultural season. Imported genetically modified (GM) yellow maize is currently trading between USD 340 – 360/mt. With a new South African crop expected on the market mid-year - which is estimated to be 3 to 4 million mt greater than that for the 2019 marketing season – this price is expected to decrease to around USD 300/mt. However, it is subject to the cost of rail and road transport which is likely to increase on the back of the huge demand from importers of maize.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project

Meetings were held with individual farmer groups in the Gweru cluster of Zhombe, Silobela, Shurugwi and Chiwundura to discuss the establishment of Poultry Business Associations to organise farmers for collective action for the purchase of stockfeed and other inputs.

Livestock Diary:

Thursday 5 th March	Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Herd Book
Friday 6 th March	Annual General Meeting and Council meeting of the Simmental and Simbrah Cattle Breeders Association
Thursday 12 th March	Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association
Wednesday 18 th March	Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association
Friday 27 th March	Fish Farming Indaba hosted by the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

Enclosures

- Raw Materials Supply, February 2020