



## **Livestock & Meat Advisory Council**

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### **LivestockZimbabwe Update: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Please note that the office will close on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The current producer price for maize is ZWL 4,000/mt and stocks at the Grain Marketing Board are reportedly less than 100,000mt although the exact quantities have not been ascertained as stock is spread over a large number of depots. Supply beyond December remains uncertain and it is understood that social welfare requirements are being prioritised, estimated at 40,000mt per month. Total monthly requirements are estimated at 120,000mt.

The outbreak of African Swine Fever in the Mt Darwin district is being driven in the main by free roaming pigs and the region remains susceptible given the proximity to the border with Mozambique where disease control is being compromised by the porous border. The Department of Veterinary Services have carried out awareness campaigns, established quarantine areas, set up a roadblock at Sohwe business centre and engaged with stakeholders to support their efforts.

With reference to the Ease of Doing Business review, a summary of recommendations regarding compliance issues has been submitted to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED). These are being addressed by a Working Party made up of Permanent Secretaries of thirteen Ministries whose resolutions are to be debated by the corresponding Ministers under the chairmanship of MOFED and their recommendation will be presented to Cabinet for final decisions.

#### **Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association**

At their meeting held last week, members of SMA established a sub-committee to lead dialogue with relevant ministries about the import of genetically modified yellow maize specifically and only for the manufacture of stockfeed. Strict protocols for the supervision of such imports are obligatory under the regulations of the National Biotechnology Authority and there is urgency to effectively progress this initiative.

The supply of soyabean and soyabean derivatives is limited. Concern has been expressed that local production for the forthcoming season of 60,000mt will be inadequate to cater for domestic requirements.

Wheat and maize bran are not available and the price of molasses has increased to ZWL 1,330/mt ex-factory before VAT and transport costs.

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

Validation workshops have been held Harare, Bulawayo, Gweru, Masvingo and Mutare to discuss the Value Chain Analysis report that was concluded on behalf of the Project. The workshops were exceptionally well attended by stakeholders in the poultry sector and discussions were lively and informative. Recommendations from participants will be included in the final report.

### **Livestock Diary: December**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association