



## Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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## Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### OVERVIEW

LMAC is arranging Association meetings with stakeholders in the cotton industry to secure low protein cottonseed meal required in the formulation of feeds for feed lotting and drought survival rations for rural cattle.

It is now a requirement that **ALL** fish farmers buying fingerlings for their farmed fish enterprises must obtain a Breeder's License at a fee of USD 500. Discussions and policy advocacy efforts to convince National Parks to rollback this requirement have been undertaken by the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association and further information will be circulated in due course.

Consolidated policy advocacy efforts are ongoing in partnership with the broader alliance of business organisations such as the Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries and Zimbabwe National Chamber of Commerce as well as farmers unions.

### Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association

The Council met on 29<sup>th</sup> September to review recent developments within the industry. Statutory Instrument (SI) 129 of 2017 formed part of the discussions as the Agricultural Marketing Authority had requested that ZPA participate in the Livestock Disbursement Committee in terms of section 6(1) of SI 129 of 2017.

The current shortage of day-old chicks is a national crisis and was discussed at length. LMAC has tabled a proposal with the Ministry of Agriculture to suspend the duty on the import of fertilised eggs and similar correspondence was tabled with the Ministry of Finance.

### Value Chain Alliance for Livestock Upgrading and Empowerment

The Value Chain Alliance for Livestock Upgrading and Empowerment (VALUE) Project falls under the Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme, funded by the European Union.

Its main objective is to transform and promote the goat and pig value chains in Zimbabwe and VALUE will be implemented in 20 districts (12 for the goat value chain) in Manicaland, Matabeleland South and North and Mashonaland Central and East provinces.

The Project seeks to improve the capacity of smallholder farmers, especially women and youth to improve their goat and pig breeds, production and productivity, facilitate access to viable markets and organisational efficiencies. VALUE seeks to



LIT  
Livestock Identification Trust



MPAZ  
Meat Processors  
Association  
of Zimbabwe



PPAZ  
PIG PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE



SMA  
Stockfeed Manufacturers Association



ZAA  
Zimbabwe  
Association  
of  
Abattoirs



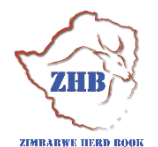
ZADF  
ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY FARMERS



ZFPA  
Zimbabwe  
Fish Producers  
Association



Zimbabwe Free Range  
Poultry Association



ZHB  
ZIMBABWE HERD BOOK



ZPA



ZQAP  
Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork

upgrade the value chains to supply safe, quality-assured pork and goat meat products to Zimbabwean consumers.

In the goat sector, VALUE has imported 224 purebred goats (151 and 31 Boer Goat does and bucks, 32 Kalahari Red does and 10 Saanen does) from Namibia which have been entrusted to Matopos and Grasslands Research Institutes and the two integrators, Zvikomborero and Michview as they are mandated to improve the gene pool in the country. Breeding has commenced and does are expected to start kidding from November. The offspring will be sold at 12 months of age to farmers who will then breed them with F1 and F2 generations to produce and supply commercial goats that have improved carcass weight and fetch more value in the market.

The Project also targets to set up 12 Goat Improvement Centres which will be physical hubs to provide primary business support services to goat farmers including a demonstration farm offering hands-on training to farmers and goat breeding services to stimulate development of the rural economy. Construction works have commenced across all sites.

The Project has initiated establishment of Goat Producers Business Associations and undertaking the development of breeding standards for the Mashona and Matabele Goat.

#### **Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project (IPVC)**

Small and medium scale poultry producers continue to report shortage of broiler day-old chicks and prices have increased significantly to between USD 0.75 and 0.95 per chick.

The distribution of posters, information fliers and recipe brochures for the Egg Campaign is ongoing to commemorate World Egg Day held on 9<sup>th</sup> of October.

Monthly financial statements from the five Poultry Business Associations show that the associations are generating income with the potential to break-even in less than six months.

#### **Livestock Diary: October 2020**

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Open Meeting of members of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Meeting of members of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Meeting of members of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Open Meeting of members of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe

#### **Enclosures**

- Second Quarter Market Watch Report for the Meat Processing and Aquaculture Sectors