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OVERVIEW

This week has been dominated by meetings in the livestock sector to discuss the dire drought situation and the severe impact it is having on livestock. Thousands of cattle are believed to have already perished because of drought-related grazing shortages. Raw materials for the manufacture of survival stockfeed rations are also in critical short supply. Discussions spearheaded by the Zimbabwe Farmers Union and the Commercial Farmers Union have focused on immediate and longer-term interventions to assist producers such as promoting leasing arrangements on areas with good grazing, facilitating livestock movements, resuscitating market days, preparation and dissemination of awareness brochures and in the longer-term, adopting measures to improve the veld.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project

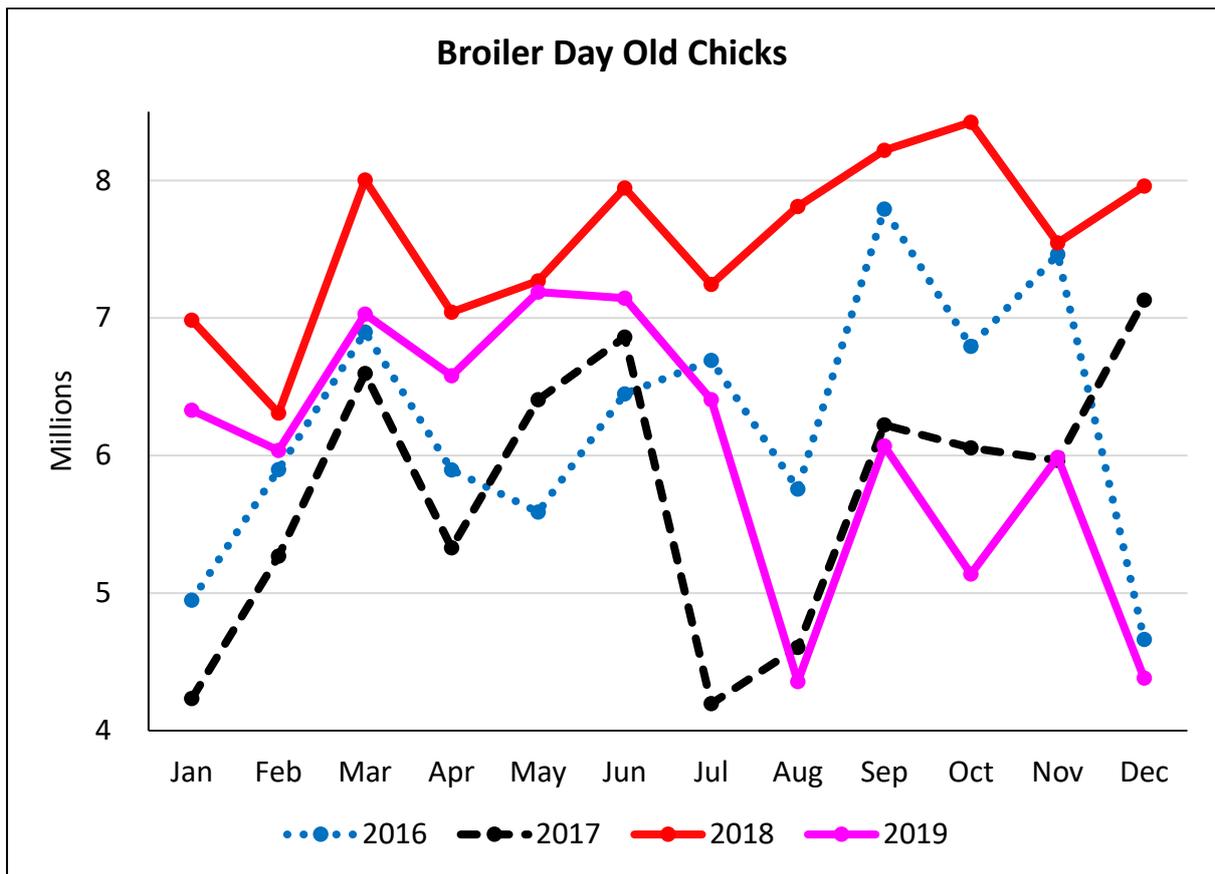
Visits were made to informal markets in Gweru and 6th Avenue in Bulawayo to assess table egg, live chicken, maize and soya markets and some very interesting data was collected for collation as background information.

The selection of the consultant for the Egg Consultancy is being finalised and the assignment is expected to start in February to assess the the table egg industry as well as draw up innovative strategies to promote the production and consumption of table eggs.

Further discussions have been held about the development of the Poultry App and what kind of market, veterinary and general information will be useful to poultry producers. Opportunities for companies to advertise poultry products and feed via the App are also being explored.

Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association

Fourth quarter Returns for 2019 have been collated and the graph below show the trend for broiler day-old chicks for the period 2016 – 2019. The year started off firmly but the impact of the cost of stockfeed caught up with the industry most noticeably in August and day-old chick production plummeted, recovering only marginally before dipping again in December to a low of 4 million chicks produced.



Livestock Diary:

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| Thursday 13 th February | Annual General Meeting of the Tuli Cattle Society |
| Wednesday 19 th February | Annual General Meeting and Council meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association |
| Wednesday 26 th February | Council meeting of the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe |
| Thursday 27 th February | Annual General Meeting and Open meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe |