



## **Livestock & Meat Advisory Council**

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### **LivestockZimbabwe Update: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

#### **OVERVIEW**

Similar to other sectors of the economy, the livestock industry continues to face severe challenges centred around inflationary pressures and the lack of foreign currency. Recent reports indicate that cattle and small stock producers are increasingly worried about the lack of grazing and water for their animals in the winter period and that timely interventions and the provision of survival stockfeeds is essential for the national herd.

Economic analyses indicate the progress made in addressing the fiscal situation and while opinions differ about long-term macroeconomic stability and how to get there, LMAC is contributing to policy discussions and integrative approaches to developing various value chains as well as preparing situation reports for submission to relevant authorities.

New Board members have been announced for the Pig Industry Board, Grain Marketing Board, Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board, Cold Storage Commission, the Zimbabwe National Water Authority and the Agricultural Rural Development Marketing Authority. The Council congratulates all the new appointees.

Craig Davenport, member of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe has been appointed as Chairman of the Pig Industry Board and Andrew Shoniwa, also a member of PPAZ, has retained his position on the same Board.

#### **Meeting of the Council of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association**

Sales of day-old chicks have slowed down, and prices are expected to rise to ZWL 3.00 in the near future on the back of an ever-increasing costs of feeds driven by the exchange rate.

However, despite the increasing costs, the poultry meat and egg markets have started to show signs of resistance and is forecast to shrink. As a result, the price of live birds has declined to ZWL 14 – 16 per bird in high density suburban markets over the past week.

#### **Open Meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe**

The establishment of pig producers' clubs is ongoing and a meeting in the Chegutu area was held last week to map the way forward on pig value chain development activities for the district.

Demand for breeding stock continues to increase, and the number of animals supplied by the Pig Industry Board to farmers from January to April 2019 was 42% higher relative to the same period in the previous year.

At the Pig Industry Board, 101 people have undergone practical training in pig husbandry to the end of April. Currently, the Board is running a 3-week programme parallel to their one-day courses, as well as outreach programmes. The next one-day course will be held in June and will focus on feeds and feeding.

### **Tuli Cattle Society of Zimbabwe**

For the first time, the Tuli Cattle Society with the support of The African Union – Inter-African Bureau for Animal Resources and partnered by Coopers Zimbabwe presented two field days of video presentations followed by practical sessions at the Oldonyo and Jambo Tuli studs of basic cattle handling and rearing and discussions about the benefits of using the Tuli breed in cattle breeding. Disease analysis and treatment, dosing, dipping, dehorning, castrating, vaccinations, and the importance of fencing and fire control were all discussed at the field days, both of which had excellent attendance.

### **Livestock Diary**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June: Dorper Society “Hands on Sheep Day”**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Zimbabwe Boran Breeders Society 4<sup>th</sup> National Sale**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Poultry Indaba 2019 hosted by the Zimbabwe Poultry Association**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July: First Goat Indaba hosted by the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July: National Breed Sale, Mt Hampden Sale Pens**

### **Enclosures**

- Dorper Society Newsletter
- Zimbabwe Boran Breeders Society flier