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OVERVIEW

The Zimbabwe Boran Breeders Society held their fifth Annual Production Sale on 1st July. The online bidding process was interactive and encouraged buyers from the diaspora to participate, an encouraging sign of investment for the pedigree cattle breeding sector. All in all, it was a very successful event. A total of 30 animals were sold and while some lots on offer were not sold, the Society was happy with the outcome of the day.

Class	No Sold	Avg Price (ZWL)
Bull	7	246,500
Cow + calf	8	148,750
Pregnant cow	6	122,500
Pregnant heifer	4	117,500
Heifer	5	112,000

The Poultry Market Price Bulletin Number 8 has been released and it was noted that markets have begun to recover from the slow down brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak and containment measures. At the date of release, day old chicks were selling at between ZWL 50.00 and 60.00 each.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project

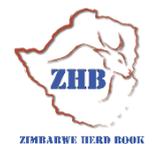
Work is ongoing to review and finalise the Constitutions for the respective Poultry Business Associations (PBAs). In Masvingo, attendance was excellent at a feedback meeting and valid contributions were made to discussions about the Constitution. A financial policy manual template for the PBAs is also being developed.

Zimbabwe Herd Book

Preparations are underway for the National Breed Sale to be held on Wednesday 29th July. The re-formatting of this prestigious event has been necessary due to healthy and safety protocols and based on the success of the Boran production sale, online bidding is being considered. Further information will follow in due course.

Beef and Dairy Market Watch Reports

Market Watch reports have also been released for the beef and dairy sectors. The COVID-19 pandemic and resultant lockdown period has created major dislocation in the day to



day activities in the beef sector and business conditions are expected to deteriorate further on the back of weakening macroeconomic fundamentals exacerbated by the global pandemic.

In the dairy sector, milk production for the first quarter to March 2020 amounted to 19.2 million litres, a marginal decline of 1% over the same period in 2019.

Enclosures

- Poultry Market Price Bulletin Number 8, 25th June 2020