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OVERVIEW

The newly appointed Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement, Honourable Dr Masuka hosted a meeting with the Chairpersons of the allied Associations on 31st August. He highlighted the objectives of Government as encapsulated in the Agricultural Transformation Strategy that seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

- Implement strategies that focus on value addition and beneficiation;
- Encourage increased import substitution, resulting in decreased import of raw materials for the livestock sector;
- Seek alternative feeds that do not compete with human consumption;
- Encourage diversified and increased exports from the agricultural sector;
- Create and sustain an enabling environment that supports activity in the agricultural sector; and
- Implement poverty alleviation strategies that increase employment creation opportunities.

LMAC and allied Associations have been invited to make a presentation to the Ministry of the key constraints hindering the ease of doing business in the livestock sector.

Zimbabwe Poultry Association

A request for a temporary suspension on duty for fertilised eggs imported from outside the SADC region has been tabled with the authorities. As a result of the impact of prevailing macroeconomic conditions and COVID-19 response measures, the demand for day-old chicks (DOCs) declined significantly and production dropped by 28% between the first and second quarters of 2020.

As the poultry business opens up again, the demand for DoCs is steadily increasing. The import of hatching eggs is therefore necessary to alleviate the short supply and ensure the availability of DoCs going into the festive season, where demand is usually the highest.

Agricultural Marketing Authority

AMA hosted a virtual consultative meeting for the livestock and poultry sub-sectors on 3rd September to discuss the current situation within the industry. LMAC was represented by members of the various allied Associations and the Secretariat.



Mr Clever Isbaya was introduced as the Chief Executive Officer who noted that AMA is undergoing a restructuring exercise that would see it adopt a value chain approach with a focus on export competitiveness and its activities being broken up into clusters including horticulture, livestock and poultry and fruit.

AMA opened the discussion to understand the key constraints affecting participants in the various value chains and how AMA can help in alleviating these challenges. Key outcomes included:

- Finalisation of outstanding policy issues such as Statutory Instruments 145 of 2019 and 129 of 2017;
- Clarity on import and export policies that affect the livestock industry;
- Greater interaction between private sector and public institutions;
- Focus on developing marketing infrastructure within the industry; and
- Review Rural District Council levies and how they impact upon marketing and the supply of raw material within the livestock sector.

Zimbabwe Herd Book

The Tuli Cattle Society will be hosting their Production Sale on Tuesday 22nd September. Five bulls, 5 bulling heifers, 16 pregnant cows and 8 cows and calves have been entered onto the Sale which is an online event only.



According to information posted on the website, www.tulicattle.co.zw,

“due to the hardships of the early African cattle breeds to which the Tuli owe their genetics and adaptability to harsh conditions, they are able to tolerate drought and heat extremely well; they have strong legs and hard hooves and can walk long distances in the blazing heat, without stress; they are robust, rugged and tough, yet still produce excellent quality beef with great flavour, tenderness and marbling”.

Livestock Diary

Tuesday 22nd September Production Sale of the Tuli Cattle Society – online Sale only

Enclosures

- Tuli Production Sale Flier