



## **Livestock & Meat Advisory Council**

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### **LivestockZimbabwe Update: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The World Bank *Study on Zimbabwe's Stockfeeds Industry*, now underway, has been welcomed as an important part of the Ease of Doing Business reform in the country. With stockfeed accounting for around 80% of the total cost of livestock rearing, efficiency in stockfeed manufacture impacts significantly on livestock production in Zimbabwe and on the price of animal protein to the consumer. Any unnecessary costs or inefficiencies in the feed production pipeline will ultimately drive up the cost of meat and other livestock protein products.

For this reason, the Rapid Results Initiative being carried out across the economy by government for business efficiency and price stabilisation, has targeted the stockfeed industry as a key area of focus. Here the World Bank *Study on Zimbabwe's Stockfeeds Industry* will examine efficiencies in the stockfeeds production chain.

#### **Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers' Association**

The Chairman of SMA, Israel Muchuchu is one of ten Zimbabwean business leaders invited to the 2019 Turkish Business Forum. This is a unique opportunity for exchange with the Turkish business community and to view production efficiencies and other innovations in feed manufacture, as well as explore areas for business cooperation.

SMA is playing a key role in the initiative by the Standards Association of Zimbabwe to craft guidelines on animal feed production to link into the SADC Standard on Animal Feeds.

The stockfeeds industry is exploring bulk procurement of soya beans through the Grain Marketing Board as an option to secure the requirements of the industry as local supplies of soya are now exhausted. Modalities, such as the quality of beans required, specified fat content, storage conditions and payment arrangements are being discussed.

#### **Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association**

With indications that small-scale fish production is expanding in the new fish season, ZFPA is supporting this in a number of ways:

- At national policy level, ZFPA has produced an all-encompassing framework on aquaculture for inclusion in a unified National Strategy for Fish, being prepared in conjunction with the Department of National Parks.
- Drawing on the expertise of its membership, ZFPA is producing a Fish Production Manual for emergent small-scale aquaculture farmers.

**Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events: October**

***Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>*** Open meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe

***Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>*** Beef School 2018.