



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

The Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water and Rural Resettlement have held stakeholder meetings in recent weeks to discuss opportunities for smallholder development through value addition and market linkages and to launch the development of agricultural sub-sector policies, namely Agricultural Research, Education and Extension policy and the Agricultural Trade and Marketing policy.

The Ministry of Industry and Commerce have also held a second stakeholder meeting to launch their Roadmap for the USD 10 billion industrial and manufacturing sector economy by 2023.

Zimbabwe Economic Policy Analysis and Research Unit have also organised a dialogue meeting to discuss the Successful Implementation of Devolution in Zimbabwe.

Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

At their meeting, producers noted their grave concern about the theft of fish from their operations and when reporting these incidences to the police, there is difficulty in quantifying fish stolen for valuation purposes. There is also a need for the courts to appreciate the seriousness of fish theft, including breeding stocks, from aquaculture operations. The Council are gathering information about specific cases to address the lack of provision under existing legislation to sufficiently address theft of farmed fish as well as the lenient penalty fines.

The Regional Fish4ACP Value Chain Tilapia aquaculture project under the Food and Agricultural Organisation is currently recruiting an international consultant in anticipation of implementation of the project in the countries that successfully tendered and won the bids. Zimbabwe also successfully tendered for the project and it is expected that the project will start within the next six months.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project

A visit to Mbare Poultry Market has been undertaken to appreciate the concept of a simple fence and gated poultry market and how the model could be improved and replicated in the project.

Discussions about the Poultry Industry App are ongoing, and Data Consultants under the Project have been assisting in developing this product.

Biosafety and biosecurity issue across the dairy, beef, pig, goat and poultry value chains were discussed at a meeting held by the Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme. These two components are part of Good Agricultural Practices and Good Manufacturing Practices to ensure healthy animals and safe food products. To promote biosafety and biosecurity, promotional materials need to be developed as well as specific training targeted at small and medium sized producers.

Livestock Diary:

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

Enclosures

- Press statement on roller meal;
- Raw Materials Supply, January 2020