



Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

Rainfall in most areas of the country has been very welcome and lifted the spirits of livestock producers. A reasonably normal rainfall pattern is forecast for the 2020/2021 agricultural season which will encourage the recovery of the cattle sector.

LMAC was invited to make submissions to the 2021 pre-budget consultations and submitted a comprehensive document lobbying on behalf of the livestock industry for a number of reviews. It was proposed that the IMT Tax of 2% be reviewed as this has a significant impact on the cost of doing business in the formal sector. The removal of VAT on wheat bran used as a raw material in the manufacture of stockfeed was also proposed as well as the removal of customs duty on all equipment and machinery used for value-addition in agricultural production and market infrastructure development.

It has also been proposed that to create a regionally competitive stockfeed industry that will positively impact upon the livestock sector and increase the prospect of increased exports from the sector, that a preferential retention quota be imposed on essential raw materials such as molasses, wheat and maize brans and low protein cotton cake.

The submission also highlighted the limited availability of appropriately tenured loans for the livestock industry and it was proposed that a guarantee scheme be extended to remedy the current situation.

Zimbabwe Herd Book

The Brahman Breeders Society of Zimbabwe held their Annual General Meeting on 9th October and was very well attended by members from around the country using virtual technology.

In his report tabled at the AGM, Dirk Odendaal, outgoing President, noted that 2020 has been very disruptive as total lockdown had derailed a lot of projects, for example the training of Brahman breeders. It is anticipated that field days will be arranged once breeders from South Africa can travel to Zimbabwe to host training sessions. The website has been revamped and he also reminded breeders that bulls entered onto the 2021 National Breed Sale must be DNA typed.



LIT
Livestock Identification Trust



MPAZ
Meat Processors
Association
of Zimbabwe



PPAZ
PIG PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE



SMA
Stockfeed Manufacturers Association



ZAA
Zimbabwe
Association
of
Abattoirs



ZADF
ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY FARMERS



ZFPA
Zimbabwe
Fish Producers
Association



ZIMBABWE FREE RANGE
POULTRY ASSOCIATION



ZHB
ZIMBABWE HERD BOOK



ZPA



ZQAP
Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork

The Council is made up of Messrs Odendaal, Maguta, Briers, Sommer, Erasmus, Reed, Bezuidenhout, Makomva, Pilosof and van Breda. Mr Ndlovu was co-opted.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project (IPVC)

The IPVC Project is currently training farmers to use the Kurima Mari Poultry Application, a tool that will help them access information along the poultry value chain.

Livestock Diary: October 2020

- Wednesday 21st Open Meeting of members of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association
- Thursday 22nd Open Meeting of members of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs
- Tuesday 27th Open Meeting of members of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe