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OVERVIEW

The supply chain for the poultry, pork and beef sectors have experienced minimal disruptions in providing retail outlets with meat and meat products during the current COVID-19 lockdown. While lockdown procedures have been tightened, the lessons learnt from restrictions in 2020 have stood both suppliers and retailers in good stead.

It was reported in a local newspaper on 13th January that a stockfeed shortage had hit the market. This has been strongly refuted by members of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association who have assured members of the public that all product lines are available and their retail outlets are open for business.

However, the import of raw materials is being severely delayed, often between 10 and 14 days, at both Beitbridge and Chirundu border posts due to COVID-19 protocols. This is putting pressure on restocking at manufacturing plants and the cost of haulage has also skyrocketed as a result of the delays.

Zimbabwe Herd Book

Zimbabwe Herd Book released its January 2021 newsletter for pedigree breeders and noted that both stud registrations and the number of cattle registered in 2020 had remained stable. The Zimbabwe Boran Breeders Society and Brahman Breeders Society of Zimbabwe recorded new members in 2020. However, the Tuli Cattle Society is still the only society that records and submits weights and traits for their breed evaluations. Preparations for Zimbabwe Brahman data to be included in southern African breed evaluations are being finalised.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project (IPVC)

Activities in the Project have had to be re-defined due to the lockdown and most work is being done on-line and using social media platforms. Mobile feed mixing units to support the manufacture of stockfeed in the Poultry Business Units are being investigated and if successfully implemented, will further reduce the cost of production amongst small-scale producers.

Work continues for the next Poultry Market Price Bulletin which provides poultry market updates on the availability and price of major poultry inputs such as stockfeeds and day-old chicks as well as the availability of poultry meat products.

Enclosures

- AMA Agro Inputs Issue 10 of 2020.



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