



Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 20th November 2020

OVERVIEW

The foreign exchange auction held on 17th November resulted in an average weighted rate of USD 1: ZWL 81.71. 268 bids worth nearly USD 30 million were accepted on the main auction and 40% was allocated for the import of raw materials.

Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe

PPAZ held their Open meeting where a number of issues affecting the pig industry were discussed. It was noted that considerable progress has been made in establishing producer groups in both Mashonaland East and West. Meetings have been held across the eight districts to train group and district committee members on governance, constitutional development, legal registration, leadership skills and operationalisation of collective action.

Training manuals have been improved following recommendations and comments by key stakeholders and stakeholder meetings will be facilitated to finalise them.

The pork producer price is currently ZWL 210 – 215/kg.

The number of head slaughtered in 2020 is 10% lower than slaughters in 2019 and the quantity of pork produced through registered abattoirs is 11% lower than that produced in 2019.

Period	Jan – Dec 2019	Jan – Sept 2019	Jan – Sept 2020
Number slaughtered	194,152	147,956	133,084
Kg produced	14,502,221	11,193,913	10,333,544

Value Chain Alliance for Livestock Upgrading and Empowerment Project (VALUE)

LMAC partnered with Mercy Corps and Action Aid to hold meetings with pig farmers in Murehwa, Seke, Goromonzi and Marondera districts under the Mashonaland East cluster. Issues discussed included the setting up of district level business syndicates so that farmers can aggregate a number of their activities such as stockfeed and veterinary drug purchases in an effort to create efficiencies that will result in cost savings. District committees have been set up to coordinate activities among farmers.



The VALUE project facilitated a presentation by Mr Joseph Sikosana on breed standards for indigenous Matabele and Mashona goats to the Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe. These standards pave the way to promote goat production from well adapted and highly productive genetic resources in the country.

Zimbabwe Herd Book

The Brahman Breeders Society of Zimbabwe held its Annual General Meeting in October and at the Council meeting held on 13th November, Phil Reed was elected as the Incoming President of the Society and takes over from Dirk Odendaal.

It was noted that 66 Brahman studs are registered with Zimbabwe Herd Book (ZHB), representing 7,033 animals. ZHB is facilitating the participation of Zimbabwean Brahman breeders in the southern African Brahman evaluations, an important development for genetic analyses of the breed.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain

The Management Committee of the Manica Poultry Business Association (PBA) have been trained on the Financial Policy and Procedure manual to strengthen financial performance tracking and monitoring systems for the Association. The training also recommended that credit facilities be availed to organised poultry farmer groups where farmers guarantee each other to reduce the risk of defaulting. The credit facility is expected to allow the poultry producers to increase their capacity utilisation. The PBA showed interest in becoming a chapter of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association (ZPA) after a detailed presentation of the benefits associated with being a member of the ZPA.

Livestock Diary: December 2020

Thursday 10th Open Meeting of members of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe