



## Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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## Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

### OVERVIEW

The Minister of Finance and Economic Planning Professor Mthuli Ncube, on Thursday 25 November 2021, presented his 2022 budget. The government expects to spend ZWL\$927.3 billion budget while raising revenues of ZWL\$850.8bn. The deficit of ZWL\$78.1 will be funded mostly from domestic borrowings. The government expects the economy to grow by 7.8% in 2021 and 5.8% in 2022.

The Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Fisheries, Climate and Rural Development received an allocation of ZWL124,049,100,000 representing 12.8% of total budgeted expenditure. In line with interventions proposed in National Development Strategy to improve performance in the dairy value chain, the minister proposed to introduce a levy of 5% on the value of imported dairy products. The funds will be disbursed from the Consolidated Revenue Fund to smallholder farmers at a concessionary interest rate, in order to ensure sustainability of the Fund, as well as optimizing growth of the sector. Furthermore, to guarantee growth of the sector, a minimum of 80% of the funds will be utilized towards procurement of the dairy herd.

### ZPA

The Zimbabwe Poultry Association Council Members held a meeting on Tuesday where the main thrust was the assurance that with the release of SI 262 of 2021, that suspended duty on fertilised eggs for approved importers there will be enough chicken for the nation, during the festive season.

### TRADE TARIFFS DAY

Livestock and Meat Advisory Council (LMAC) in collaboration with the Competition and Tariff Commission (CTC) hosted a half day workshop at a local venue on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021, where the National Tariff Day was commemorated in a unique way. Presentations on status of implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), export opportunities created by AfCFTA, potential threats and remedies under the AfCFTA and treatment of livestock in trade agreements were made.

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## **GOAT BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE (GBAZ)**

An open Online Seminar on Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR) Disease and Biosecurity Management was held for GBAZ Members. Attendants got an appreciation of what the situation on PPR Disease is in Zimbabwe and received a brief refresher on some key Biosecurity factors that may affect commercial goat breeding and how to handle them.

### **Livestock Diary**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Council meeting for the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Council meeting of the Goat Breeders Association