



## Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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### OVERVIEW

2021 has started off on a sombre note with further lockdown restrictions as the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic becomes real. Many Zimbabweans are working from home once again as only essential services in some sectors of the economy have access to their work places.

Good rains have fallen across the country and run-off is flowing into rivers and dams and grazing for livestock is abundant. Gweru has reported exceptional rainfall, well above the annual average for the area.

Some dairy products such as yoghurt are not available on supermarket shelves and it has been reported that they have been exported to the detriment of Zimbabwean consumers. Eggs were also in short supply over the festive season and this situation is slowly rectifying.

ZIMRA have released a statement noting the challenges that customers are experiencing in obtaining their ITF 263 certificates for 2021. Please refer to the attached enclosure for further reference.

### Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project (IPVC)

In reviewing the year, the Project noted that Poultry Business Units (PBUs) - which act as administration and coordination centres for the collective action by small to medium-scale producers (SMPs) - have been established across five clusters in Bulawayo, Gweru, Harare, Masvingo and Mutare. Through collective action, the PBUs assist poultry farmer groups gain economies of scale in accessing extension, inputs, financial and market services leading to more profitable poultry farming and marketing.

Bulk purchases of day-old chicks and feed for the SMPs has been successfully negotiated and the costs of production have therefore been reduced and income improved. PBUs are also offering training and poultry information services.

### Enclosures

- ZIMRA: Public Notice Issuance of the 2021 Tax Clearance Certificates [ITF 263] and Fiscalisation



Livestock Identification Trust



Pig Producers' Association of Zimbabwe



Stockfeed Manufacturers Association



Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs



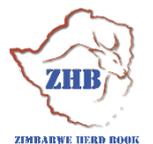
Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers



Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association



Zimbabwe Free Range Poultry Association



Zimbabwe Herd Book



Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork



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