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Raw Materials Supply: September 2020

Important! Retrospective spot prices for small volumes traded are being quoted.

Maize

Limited quantities of maize from Zambia are landing in Zimbabwe at USD 255 – 260/mt, while the local supply of maize is presently being traded at USD 230 – 260/mt. Spot prices on the South African Futures Exchange (SAFEX) are quoted within the range of USD 280 – 290/mt. Statutory Instrument 145 of 2019 remains in force, necessitating letters of exemption from the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) for farmers transporting contracted maize from one location to another and adding another layer of bureaucracy.

Soyabean/Meal

Soyabeans imported from Zambia are trading at an estimated price of USD 470/mt which does not factor in the VAT that ZIMRA has imputed onto new consignments from the region. The SAFEX spot price is currently quoted at USD 550/mt and as South Africa are currently net importers of soyabean, limited exports into Zimbabwe can be expected.

Traditional Grains

The nutritional value of traditional grains is less than those obtained from maize. However, the GMB pricing policy for traditional grains is almost the same as that of maize. Ideally, the pricing for white sorghum should be about 80 - 85% of white maize

while red sorghum should be about 70% as its quality is more variable, prompting users to fortify with maize. This results in uncertainty in trading. Currently SI 145 of 2019 does not affect trade in traditional grains.

Maize Bran

This product is not available.

Wheat Bran

GMB has announced selling prices of ZWL 52,524.61/mt and 43 778.84 for Grade A and Ordinary Grade wheat, respectively and significant deliveries to GMB are expected. However, when indexed to the USD, both prices are more than 600/mt.

Landed prices for imports of wheat bran are between USD 380 – 407/mt.

Wheat bran is available in limited quantities and trading at between USD 150 – 180 /mt.

Molasses

Molasses is currently trading at USD 85.59/mt ex-factory. Suppliers are no longer offering allocations to companies but are now selling on a cash first-come-first-served basis. Current transport prices to Harare are USD 50/mt.

Cotton Cake

High protein cotton meal is available at USD 340/mt.

Premixes

The availability of premixes is determined by foreign currency allocations. International prices have stabilised after a period of uncertainty driven by shortages of raw materials from source markets.