

CFU Calling

17 DECEMBER 2010

PRESIDENTS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas is 8 days away.

I would like to wish all the staff at CFU a well deserved break from the stress at the Union, and all members and ex members a Spirit filled Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful 2011.

2010 certainly has not fulfilled our expectations, yet there was progress made in many different ways. Although the GNU did not implement the full GPA and liquidity remains a problem, we saw fewer queues and more goods available.

However, the lack of separation of powers of the three main pillars of democracy (Executive, Legislative and Judiciary) remains our main concern. We see court rulings that are suspect, the selective application of bad laws, disrespect of property rights and the non compliance of Regional and International agreements.

The resilience of the farming community in surviving the atrocities that have been perpetrated against them is commendable, but does not ease the pain and hardship we are all experiencing as a result. We need to find a way forward, and as such CFU will continue to work for unity amongst all farmers, both farming and non farming.

I thank everyone that attended the EGM. The support we have received for the proposed way forward has been overwhelming. Constitutions, Policy Documents, Mission statements etc are fine, but it is the implementation of them that counts. The new structures should ensure full transparency and accountability.

My prayer is that we will be able to get compensation for all in the near future. It may be a dream at this stage, but if we do not drive it will remain a dream and not become a reality for many years to come.

At the same time I am really excited about the way forward for those that want to farm. We may be disillusioned and tired, but our children have the energy we all had many years ago when we too faced huge obstacles during the war. I believe that with perseverance, standing up for our rights and principles, and in submission to God, we will succeed.

2011 lies ahead with all its challenges. Let's have a good rest over the next few weeks and come prepared for whatever might come our way.

Thank you for the personal support so many of you have given me.

God Bless.

Deon Theron

EXECUTIVE NEWS

This will be our final bulletin for 2010 as the Union's offices will be closing down from this afternoon until **3rd January 2011** in order to give the staff and your elected leaders a chance to take a breather and a well earned break.

When reflecting back, although we are still unable to reach our intended goals, due to circumstances far beyond our control we can honestly say that we have made very significant steps in the right direction. We can only pray that the logjam will be broken during the coming year as the groundwork has been carefully laid out and almost completed. This does not mean however that you team will merely be laying back and

waiting for events which will change our future to just come about as there is still a huge amount of hard work and lobbying to be done on your behalf in the coming year to ensure our success.

If any of you have not seen the CD which we have produced on the way forward please contact us for a copy or have it saved on your memory stick as we would love to hear your views on it as well as encouraging as many people to see it as possible. We are currently working on a written document which would adequately explain what is projected in the film which will be distributed as soon as it is completed.

Our legal team are still mulling over and studying the judgment on the CFU application for a moratorium on continued land acquisition, prosecution and eviction of farmers but we are very confident that their subsequent advice will be both worthwhile and very significant indeed. Although we have our own positive views on the unfortunate judgment we remain guided by our learned counsel.

Over the last week there have been no significant problems or events occurring and we can only pray that the situation remains the same for an extended period, or at least over the holiday period. Should you encounter any problems please report them to us on mashc@cfuzim.org or contact the following:

Mike Clark 0772 337 226

Many of us will be travelling over the holiday period and we will obviously encounter many Police roadblocks along our journeys as the authorities do their best to stop the carnage on our roads during the holiday period. Although it has been publicly documented that the commencement date of SI 154/2010 has been amended from 1 December 2010 to July 2011, there has still been nothing published in the Government Gazette stating the same. We can only rely on the press article which is copied again below. We therefore suggest that you do make an effort to comply with the section regarding the red reflective triangles.

“Transport, Communication and Infrastructural Development Secretary Mr Partson Mbiriri yesterday said Statutory Instrument 154 on Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use) Regulations remained unchanged except for the effective date.

"I have indicated in two meetings that when Statutory Instrument 154 of 2010 was initially discussed within the ministry, our intention had been to give the motoring public as much as 12 months' notice.

"Regrettably, there were delays in having the Statutory Instrument gazetted resulting in an effective notice period of only three months," said Mr Mbiriri in an interview yesterday.

"Accordingly, it is the ministry's intention to defer the effective date of the Statutory Instrument by another six months so that the motoring public have reasonable time to relate to the Statutory Instrument. The provisions of the Statutory Instrument shall remain the same in toto," he added.

Mr Mbiriri said the regulations had been served to lawyers in the ministry as well as the Attorney-General's Office.

"We are not amending anything but merely deferring the effective date," he said."

Earlier this year legislation did come out which gave us until December 31st 2010 to upgrade our vehicle number plates which were registered under the old system to the new system. Apparently, the authorities are very serious when they state that any vehicles carrying number plates from the old system would be impounded after the said date. In Harare the process is actually quite simple as all you need to do is to obtain the forms from Causeway Post Office, then obtain a Police Clearance from Southerton before returning to Causeway Post Office to complete the process and upon payment of \$160 you will receive your new number plate and registration book immediately. Don't spoil your holiday and get caught out unnecessarily.

We were certainly very pleased to hear that significant rain has finally fallen in some of the drier parts of the country and if the boffins are correct in their prediction for the coming week we are likely to receive good rain right over the whole country. Looking at the weather maps the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) has at last move down over Zimbabwe. For those who may be more interested check the sites indicated under "Weather" on our website www.cfuzim.org

Volume 5 of AgriZim is currently with the printers and unless anything untoward happens copies should be available for distribution from Monday next week. Should anyone be in Harare from other provinces they may contact **Richard Taylor** on **0772-311 704** to collect bundles of the magazine for distribution around the outside centres. It should also be available on the website in the next day or so.



Only 7 shopping days left to Christmas so take advantage of this offer and become a member of the Discounters Club.

The Discounters Club of Zimbabwe has been established and had its official opening on the 30 November 2010. Its focus is to boost Zimbabwe's businesses through free advertising for the companies that have joined and will be joining in the future by providing a discount mechanism to the general public of Zimbabwe.

All companies that join will pass on a discount to any customer using a valid Discounters Club Card. The Discounters Club Card will have the name of the member, ID number and a card number for verification purposes. Signage indicating participation will be given to each member of the Discounters Club who offers discounts to card holders.

The Discounters Club has a wide range of companies (with more coming into the fold) offering discounted prices on their products and services to the discount card members. There are a wide range of companies ranging from: Retail; Spares & Hardware; Manufacturing; Gyms; Restaurants; Hair & Beauty Salons; Catering; Groceries; and many others.

The advantages to the companies that come onboard are: Guaranteed and regular free advertising through the AgriZim Magazine, in the yellow pages which goes out to 600 members at present and expanding, advertising through the Classifieds network, with an email address list of over 4000 and growing and a broader customer base as word of the discounters club circulates. We are setting up a new Zim Discount Club Website which will reach many more people. Regular newsletters will keep the participating companies briefed as to the clubs growth. Companies can advertise this through their own websites if they so wish.

To the public who wish to become members, you will need to register through the office of Agriculture house. Once you have registered, it will take 4 – 5 days to process the Discounters Club Card. The cost to the member is \$60.00 for 6mths or \$100 for the year. The potential saving to you is huge through the various discounts on offer, yet the potential to the companies are greater through a bigger, broader customer base.

If you are a BUSINESS or a CUSTOMER and are interested, join the club today. Don't miss this opportunity as we would love to welcome you on board. We look forward to your support.

Sign up today or contact:

Hendrik 0772 235 640
June 0772 336 562
Michele 0773 434 925
Rich 0772 311 704
Email discountersclub@cfuzim.org / dir@cfuzim.org

You can take the family out for a meal and get discounts at the listed restaurants, or why wait to make your new year's resolution to get fit, join one of the gyms and start now. Treat your wife to a pre Christmas Spa. Power problems? Check out Lucky Brands and purchase a generator to brighten your Christmas day + many more great offers through these listed companies.

Adriennes Restaurant
Email:nicmandeya@gmail.com
DISCOUNT 20%

Amalgamated Motor Corporation (AMC)
E-mail:cshoniwa@amc.co.zw Tel:750431 Cell: 0772 775 400
DISCOUNT 5%

Antichcraft (Pvt) Limited
E-mail:antichoutdoor@zol.co.zw
DISCOUNT 2%

Artisan (Private) Limited
E-mail:laura@artisan.co.zw Tel: 480807 Cell:0772 755 786
DISCOUNT 5 - 10%

Barco Chemicals (Pvt) Ltd
E-mail:salesbcl@barco.co.zw Te:661438

Benco Agencies
E-mail:jeff@bencopaints.co.zw

Body Active
E-mail:bodyactive@zol.co.zw
Tel:852573 Cell:0772 230 709
DISCOUNT20%

Bolero Shop
E-mail:martymcc@mweb.co.zw
DISCOUNT 5%

Borehole Surveys
E-mail:h20drillsites@zol.co.zw [Tel:067-21555](tel:067-21555)
Cell:0772 261 936
DISCOUNT 10%

Croco Motors
E-mail:enochg@crocomotors.co.zw
DISCOUNT 5%

Dickinson & Henley Bottle Store
Tel:752786
DISCOUNT 5%

Eazyfile Systems (Pvt) Ltd
E-mail:eazyfile@utande.co.zw
Tel:305045 Cell:0772 305 705
DISCOUNT 10%

Executive Health Spa
DISCOUNT 10%

Focus Fitness
DISCOUNT 10%

Heaven Is
E-mail:lance@maxidor.co.zw
DISCOUNT 5%

Iron Clad Security
E-mail:ironclad@mweb.co.zw
DISCOUNT 5%

Lifestyle Interiors
E-mail:paul@lifestyle-interiors.co.zw [Tel:744053](tel:744053)
Cell:0772 495 060
DISCOUNT 5%

Maiden Public House Harare Sports Club
E-mail:admin@millersgrill.co.zw
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Mojo's Restaurant
E-mail:julie@zol.co.zw Tel:705993 Cell:0772 499 486
DISCOUNT 10%

Noshio Motors Incor
[Tel:486371-2](tel:486371-2) or 446284
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Paint & Painter
E-mail:paint@ecoweb.co.zw
DISCOUNT 5%

Recruitment Matters Employment Consultants
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Road Rescue & Recovery
E-mail:roadrescue@gmail.com
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Statprint
E-mail:lesliekas@gmail.com
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The Kraal Nyamachoma
E-mail:thekraalnyamachoma@yahoo.com
Tel:0772 951 308 Cell:0712 724 068
DISCOUNT 5%

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DISCOUNT 10%

Veterinary Centre
Tel: 773657037 Cell:0772 351 976
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Tel:707712 Cell:0773 273 575
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E-mail:gliding@mweb.co.zw Tel:780645/7 Fax:780648
DISCOUNT 5%

Incorporated Tools & Hardware
E-mail:sales@incorporatedtools.co.zw Tel:755543/4 or 749749
DISCOUNT 10%

Leisure Living & Maxidor
E-mail:lance@maxidor.co.zw
DISCOUNT 5%

Lucky Brand
Email: lucky@lucky.co.zw Tel: 480784/5, 485718/9-21
Fax: 480781
DISCOUNT 5%

Mass Mart Pvt Ltd
E-mail:gary@massmarthyper.com

Montana Meats
DISCOUNT 5%

Oxcode Pest Control
DISCOUNT 5%

P M Manufacturing
E-mail:cathy@pmman.co.zw Tel:663282/4/6 Cell:0774350 762
DISCOUNT 5%

Reflections (All branches)
E-mail:wmuzvidzwa@gmail.com
DISCOUNT 5%

Rooney's Hiring Service
E-mail:niall@rooneys.co.zw
DISCOUNT 5%

Tayana Health Spa
E-mail:tayana@mweb.co.zw
DISCOUNT 5%

The Market
E-mail:lfick@zol.co.zw

Tree Tops (Putt Putt, Bar & Restaurant)
Enterprise Road, Harare
DISCOUNT 5%

Village Rock
DISCOUNT 5%

ARAC UPDATE (from the desk of Ben Purcell Gilpin)

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE !!

As the old year closes and the New Year approaches, it is a good time to take stock of where we have come from and where we are headed. Often times we focus on the outward and the things we observe which are not necessarily within our span of control, frequently we forget just how much we are able to influence simply by our own choices and attitudes. Life is a gift that is daily renewed for each of us and frequently we spend rather too much of our time focused on either the past or the future and miss the prompting to cherish and engage in the present. Sometimes that present is not what we would like to deal with; equally there are times that pass all too quickly.

Two themes that are close at this time of Advent when we prepare for the coming of Christ as a truly vulnerable person in our midst are those of Exile and Exodus: the pain of separation from a cherished home and a homecoming to a promised land. I suspect that most of us who have gone through the upheaval of our lives in Zimbabwe over the past few years will have some understanding of the very real emotions that accompany a journey through these experiences. Journeys are always times of uncertainty, embedded in such periods, is a profound need to trust that we will indeed reach our desired destination.

For some of us the destination seems defined by where we have come from and is perhaps shaped in a desire to return to a state or situation that we recall with a deep sense of loss, perhaps there is still anger at the process that wrought our transition from that time and place. For others perhaps there is the expectation that no wrong will be deemed as righted until certain pre conditions are met, some neither realistic nor attainable; yes for many of us there are so many wrongs that we have experienced we question whether they can ever be righted. Do these anchor us and deprive us of an ability to move on? Are we stuck in a place of pain and unable to let go and find in the changes that now face us fresh challenges that can empower us and restore in us what really makes us human and alive?

Every day we meet people and are called to respond to them in some way that recognizes our universal connectedness. We are challenged to see and develop relationships that are life- giving and sustaining. Sometimes this is difficult but it is a sure route to a fulfilled life, sometimes we focus on what we have lost and not enough on what we still have ...are there people we take for granted? Do we fail to experience the goodness of others because we blind ourselves with an over emphasis of their faults? I often think about the farm and livelihood that I lost but I rejoice in the treasure I still have... my family! This time of Christmas will indeed be a time when family and its core values are recharged and renewed. As we refocus for a coming year on what's truly important let us dedicate ourselves to values and attitudes that restore hope to those we meet and love. I hope that we will all take time this Christmas to cherish the good and recognise how we can bring the positive into the lives of those around us.

The past year has seen a renewed effort to build bridges with those who have become estranged from the union and a particular effort to explore practical ways to assert our rights in a way that can bring closure to a painful chapter in our country's development. We have much to offer and at the same time our attitude towards ourselves and those around us will I am sure have a profound effect on the outcomes we can anticipate.

I am confident that the team that is here to serve you will return refreshed , focused and determined to work effectively and efficiently to achieve positive change in Zimbabwe. We recognise that what can restore dignity and respect for our constituency is the same entity needed for all the citizens of Zimbabwe: the recognition of and respect for fundamental rights of all people and not simply the appropriation of such by a few. We shall risk, we shall explore and we shall endeavour with determination to end the exclusion and injustice that has deprived us of opportunity and livelihood. We recognise that whilst the past is gone, the present has not delivered justice and prosperity; the future that we create is determined by the incremental commitment that we make each step along the way.

May you experience the true Peace and Joy of rebirth this Christmas wherever you are be it in Exile or Exodus!

Our sincerest greetings and best wishes from all the ARAC Team.
Ben Gilpin

COMMODITY UPDATE

ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (from the desk of Richard Taylor)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Would just like to wish you all a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

R6.84 to the \$

Local as at 10 December 2010 US\$

Commodity	GMB	Agrifoods	Intergrain	Staywell	Croplink
White Maize	275	285	250	N/A	270
Yellow Maize	275	285		N/A	250
Maize Bran	150	165		N/A	150
Soyabeans	300	550	500	N/A	560
Soyabean Meal		750			700
Wheat	466		440@30 Days 400@7 Days	440	440 (imported)
Wheat Bran		155		(selling)	150
Groundnuts	450 (unshelled)		(shelled)	700 (shelled)	650 (shelled)

South African Foreign Exchange (SAFEX) as at 5 November 2010

Commodity	Rand/Tonne	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity Rand/Tonne	Import Parity US\$/Tonne
White Maize	1341	194	1501	218
Yellow Maize	1411	204	1571	228
Wheat	2765	401	2925	424
Soyabeans	3327	482	3487	505
Sunflowers	5040	730	5200	754

International Gulf

Commodity	US\$/Tonne			Import Parity US\$/Tonne
Wheat	324			474
Maize	247			397
Soyabeans	510			660

Source: South African Grain Information Service (SAGIS)

Just a reminder that we have this scheme available and a number of these are now on display at the CFU for anyone interested to come and see.

The below items are now available through the Radzim Agri-Power, CFU scheme. Please get hold of me at CFU rtaylor@cfuzim.org or contact Radzim directly: Sean Bell 0912 515 920; Keith Lowe 0912 515 919; Office 744 759, otherwise pop in to Radium Africa, 17 Pichanick Drive, Alex Park, Harare for a chat with Sean or Keith.

These prices include interest and insurance. You will be required to pay a 30% deposit and then equal monthly instalments. As security for these loans Radzim will require:

1. Personal Guarantees from the directors
2. Facility letter from their bankers and/or Tobacco company
3. For the 12 month deals, Radzim will require a pledge of title deed or by negotiation
4. CR14 (confirmation of directors), Certificate of Incorporation
5. Introduction letter by CFU and recommendation

Item	Price US\$	Months
Harrow 18 disc	12000	6
Harrow 24 disc	15225	6
Harrow 28disc	17350	6
Planter 4 row	20900	12
Planter 6 row	31000	12
Planter 7 row on 4 row frame	36000	12
Spreader Fert and Lime Single Disc	3015	3
Spreader Twin Disc 12001	6850	6
Spreader Fert and Lime Trailed 4.3m	16000	12
Spreader Lime attachment 6m boom	6750	12
Spreader Manure and Lime 6m3	23100	12
3 Furrow Plough Hydraulic	5800	6
Single Row Silage Machine	11050	6
Double Row Silage Machine Trailed	29500	12
Double Row Silage Machine Mounted	23700	12
4 Wheel Metal Trailer with Sides	8000	6
Radium Unigrader	8000	6
Electric Maize Mills with Cyclone	TBA	3
Montana Boom Sprayer 6001 10m	6300	6
Montana Boom Sprayer 6001 12m	6500	6
Montana Canon Sprayer 4001	6700	6

The above scheme varies in time span according to price.

We have a 12mth facility for 2 x 40hp 4x4 tractors; 2 x 45hp 2x4 tractors and 2 x 45hp 4x4 tractors at present but are negotiating for more and bigger HP tractors. These are of Chinaman manufacture but based on the ford engine (\$ 12,000 each with a small admin fee. 25% deposit with 11 equal installments). Please note that I will be away from Tuesday next week and will be back in the office on the 11th October. For details on these tractors for those who are interested please contact me on the rtaylor e mail address or phone 04 309862 / 0912 311 704

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY FARMERS (from the desk of Rob Van Vuuren)

We wish all our members a very happy Christmas and a wet, productive and prosperous 2011.

Dr Rachel Stewart would like to thank all farmers, suppliers and members for their support during the year at Dairy Forums and meetings.

STABEX '95 VACCINE PROGRAMME

NADF is circulating a form via e-mail for completion by those farmers who have benefited under the vaccine programme to enable us to try to evaluate the success of the programme. We will also have hard copies available at the office, so if you are dropping in to CFU, please could you fill one out. Hardcopies will also be given to ZFU and ZCFU for distribution. Your comments etc. will help us with our final reporting and data capture to the E.U. Please could you assist us by completing this form and returning it to NADF either to Debbie Mylroie at livestock@cfuzim.org or the Marilyn Taylor at livestock2@cfuzim.org This will also assist us with information as to whether we should seek funding for the vaccine project to be continued. Many thanks for your assistance and cooperation.

FIVET ANIMAL HEALTH

Fivet Animal Health Centre (2 Telford Road) and The Poultry Centre (Fourth Street) will be closed for business over the festive season from 12.00pm Tuesday, 21 December 2010 and will reopen their doors for business 8.00am Monday, 3 January 2011. With this in mind please make sure you place all your orders and collect your vaccines by no later than Wednesday, 15 December 2010 to avoid disappointment.

MILBORROW CHANGE OF ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Milborrow will be **closed** for the Christmas period on 17 **December 2010**, and will re-open for business on 3 **January 2011**. In the case of emergencies, please feel free to contact Gordon on [04] 301 729 or [0772]

346 991. When they re-open on **3 January 2011**, they will be in their new premises at **33 Craster Road, cnr. Manchester Rd.,** Southerton. Their telephone numbers have changed and the new numbers are **04 - 663231 & 663232**. Whilst the '66' numbers are not always easy, Milborrow urges you to keep trying or failing this you can use **[0772] 346 991, or email gg@milborrow.co.zw**.

STABEX '95 MARKETING PROGRAMME

Sue Bell and Linda Nielsen would like to wish everyone a restful stress-free break, a merry Christmas and a prosperous 2011. See you in the New Year !

CATTLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

WEEKLY CATTLE PRICES

GRADE	AVERAGES PER KG/LIVE WEIGHT PRICES		
	HARARE	GWERU	PLUMTREE
SUPER	-		
COMMERCIAL	1.98		
CHOICE	-		
ECONOMY	1.87		
COMMERCIAL ECONOMY	-		
MANUFACTURING	1.44		
BULLS	1.96		
WEANER HEIFERS	1.64		
BULLING HEIFERS	2.16		
LONG WEANER HEIFERS	-		
COW & CALF	1.60		
WEANER STEERS	1.72		
LONG WEANER STEERS	-		
FEEDER STEERS	2.14		
COMMERCIAL WEANER STEERS	-		
COMMERCIAL WEANER HEIFERS	-		
STANDARD MUTTON	-		

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