

CFU Calling

11 FEBRUARY 2011

EXECUTIVE NEWS

Another week has passed, which has been equally as busy as the past weeks. Are we getting anywhere? Well we certainly think we are, as we were able to inform those who attended the Open Farmers' Meeting at HQ on Wednesday this week. There was certainly a very good turnout which is encouraging and makes all our efforts worthwhile.

At these meetings we are obviously able to speak in-depth on a number of issues which we are unable to present on this open medium. They also provide a good venue where old friends with common interests can interact before and after the meetings. The dates of the next meetings will be printed below and are also available on our website.

Following President Deon Theron's opening address there was a PowerPoint presentation By Mike Clark on CFIS (Commercial Farming Information System), which has been developed within the Union over the last 3 years to consolidate all the information in the building in a consolidated format on a developing database, which once complete would be an incredible tool in both rebuilding agriculture and on the compensation drive.

There have, in the past, been a number of misconceptions and hurdles hindering its initial development but these have generally now been overcome. The current work which has been done has been to accurately identify the names of land owners, contact details and title deeds, and slotting them into the correct districts, farmers associations, regions etc. Accurate records of incidents, which have adversely affected production on farms, have been entered since late 2007 until the current date.

However, it was reiterated that the system is only as good (accurate) as the information which is fed into it and it was appealed to everyone do dig up reports and information from their own archives from 2000 to provide as much detailed information that may be available out there.

Work is currently being done to fill in the gaps right from February 2000 when the violent acquisition of our homes and investments took place. Whilst we now have most of the CFU Sitreps, which were put out on the email system and Internet between 2000 and 2003 they in fact lack substance and important detailed information. In many cases the sitreps merely stated, for example, "10 properties invaded in Karoi today". We need to know – Which farms; who the owner was; who the invaders were; how did they arrive on the property; what damage was done; was anyone assaulted; was there theft; did the owner remain or was he evicted; did the Police assist; etc.

This is where we need your assistance to slot together all the information like a jigsaw puzzle to make this exercise accurate, credible and worthwhile. Any information, including court dates, should please be sent in to Mike Clark at the Union or mashc@cfuzim.org Every little scrap of information will be very useful.

Our DVD on The Way Forward was also shown at the meeting, copies of which are available at the Union. The DVD has also been uploaded onto the front page of our website www.cfuzim.org but it is suggested that only people with a very broad band width attempt to download it because it is 193 MB. It is more suitable for downloading overseas, so please let friends and family who are out the country know.

A number of other changes have also been made to the website to make it more user-friendly for researchers and interested people. The old, section on Press Clippings has now been upgraded to Press Articles, which has been divided into 9 sections for researcher's convenience. Some 800 articles are currently being sorted into the new format.

Deon Theron then spoke of the change in the makeup of Council as was agreed at the EGM to give greater representation from all the regions as has since been described in the below memorandum:

MEMORANDUM

URGENT ATTENTION: GUIDELINES FOR THE ELECTION OF REGIONAL CHAIRMEN

Ladies and Gentlemen

It would appear there is some confusion regarding the election of Regional Chairmen onto Council. You will recall that on the 30 November 2010 an Extraordinary General Meeting was held. At this meeting it was proposed to enlarge the Regional Chairmen onto Council and the mandate was given by the farmers present.

Last week the President called for existing Chairmen to act upon this mandate. There appears to be some confusion and therefore the following guidelines are to assist current Chairmen and farmers out there.

Please note :-

- 1) The current Regional Chairmen must call upon all farmers in his region to a meeting at a time and place suitable to everybody but well before Thursday 17 March 2011.
- 2) Where there are no Chairmen elected for example Matabeleland South, North and Manicaland we will call upon individual farmers who on behalf of the Union will call farmers together and see the election of office bearers.
 - 2.1 The Union has consulted with both Mr Hammy Hamilton and past President Trevor Gifford who will call a meeting for Manicaland farmers.
 - 2.2. Matabeleland South we hope to engage Mr Pat Maughn and for Matabeleland North Mr Denis Streak.
- 3) Where there is already one Regional Chairman elected, there is need to only elect one more to make the total two Chairmen representing that region. Where there is none as per note 2.1. and 2.2. above, two elected Chairmen must be elected.
- 4) All current and non farmers in that region can participate.
- 5) Current Regional Chairmen must liaise closely with the ARAC Chairman regarding any notices to all non farming farmers either residing in that region or elsewhere.
- 6) All members participating must be paid up members of the Union. Candidates for Regional Chairmen must be fully paid up members. Actively farming that of \$600.00 and non farming that of \$100.00 or should the over 70 year old farmers wish to stand as Chairman \$20.00 respectively. Anyone nominating or seconding must also be a paid up member. The Union can assist where possible to verify these nominations. However each fully paid up member should be in a possession of a licence card with a clear expiry date of 30 September 2011 which can be called upon when necessary.
- 7) At least one of the two Chairmen must be actively farming.
- 8) Non farming farmers qualify only on the fact that they previously held a title deed in that region. In the event of a farm manger, proof thereof must be supplied.
- 9) In the event of the non farming farmer living abroad or elsewhere for eg . in Harare and he cannot make it to the meeting, his name may be put forward for nomination to the Regional Chairmen before the election on the following conditions:-
 - 9.1. He is a fully paid up member of the Union
 - 9.2. A proper nomination and duly seconded by farmers whether farming or not from that Region is made.
 - 9.3. These farmers nominating and seconding must also be paid up members of the Union.
 - 9.4. No nominating and seconding by outsiders of that region will be allowed for example nobody from Matabeleland can either nominate or second somebody in Mashonaland.
- 10) All Chairmen either newly elected or not are requested to attend the Council meeting on the 17th February 2011 commencing at 08.30 hours. During the course of the same day there will also be a meeting with the South African Ambassador to which they are invited.
- 11) The following Chairman representing the following areas and vacancies exist.
 - 11.1. Matabeleland North - Vacant position of two Chairman exist.
 - 11.2. Matabeleland South - Vacant position of two Chairmen exist.
 - 11.3. Manicaland - Vacant position of two Chairmen exist.
 - 11.4. Masvingo - Chairman Mike Clark cell no. 0712 603 427
- Possible vacancy exists.
Both are non farming. At least one must be actively farming.
 - 11.5. Mashonaland East Chairman - Paul Grinham - Cell no. 0772 207 936
- One vacancy
 - 11.6. Mashonaland Central - Chairman Aiden Bruk-Jackson cell no. 0772 239 005
- One vacancy
 - 11.7 Mashonaland south West - Chairman Barry Lenton cell no. 0772 404 142 or 0772 511 204/6
- One vacancy

- 11.8 Mashonaland North West - Chairman Zane Van der Merwe cell no. 0712 418 969
- One vacancy
- 11.9 Midlands - Chairman Brian Pearce cell no. 0773 740 494
- Vice Chairman Doug Anderson cell no. 0712 414 070
- Both are legitimate and there is no need for further elections. However should any of the offices become vacant a replacement must be found.
12. The ARAC Chairman is currently Pete Steyl and he can be contacted on cell no. 0712 631 738.
13. A mandate was given that nominations and seconding of Chairmen can be done by proxy, on condition that the above measures are correctly followed.

Thank you for your co-operation on this very urgent matter.

DEON THERON
PRESIDENT
COMMERCIAL FARMERS UNION OF ZIMBABWE

Due to the importance of electing Regional Chairman and time constraints faced by regions and organizing meetings, I have moved Council from the 17 February to the **24th February**, starting at 8:30am sharp.

Please take this opportunity to use this extra time to conduct your meetings and election processes in order for us to have a full complement of representatives for all the Regions.

All existing Chairmen will be in possession of lists of all paid up members to the Union by close of business tomorrow.

Vice President Taffs further explained at the meeting how Crops Manager Richard Taylor has now been moved to create a Business Section of the Union, which he will now manage to generate more income to support your Union.

One of the other points which came from the floor at the meeting was the request for accommodation in the main centres. Every now and again there are still farmers being violently evicted from their properties and we need to be in a position to identify suitable accommodation for them as soon as possible. Harare seems to be the destination of choice but the very high rentals are generally out of reach of many of the farmers whose income has been severely curtailed over the last few years.

Please let us know, through ARAC of any suitable properties which may be available and affordable by affected farmers and their families.

The dates for the next few months are as follows;

9 March 2011
6 April 2011
11 May 2011
8 June 2011
6 July 2011

SOUTH AFRICAN FARMERS' GROUP

Louis Fick has sent out the following emails to remind his members of the following meetings:

Dear Farmer,

The meeting with Ambassador Makalima has been confirmed 11H00, 17 Feb 2011, CFU Harare, a light lunch will be served afterwards and there will be a cash bar.

Please support us with :

- 1) Informing as many as possible SA Nationals to attend this meeting.
- 2) If distance is a problem try get a farmer(s) to represent your district.
- 3) Prepare a report to hand to the SA Embassy about your situation and a copy for our office.
- 4) If possible let us know by Friday 11 Feb 2011 if you will attend – for planning lunch / drinks chairs etc.

We as SA Nationals have worked very hard this last year and I believe slowly but surely we are seeing some results, this meeting is your opportunity to meet with our ambassador and other staff members, you will be given the opportunity to share your views with them in this meeting.

Looking forward to your support.

Dear SA citizen,

I met with ambassador Makalima and Mr. Makola today re problems faced by SA citizens re any form of document applications.

They have agreed to a special meeting with SA citizens belonging to the SA club on the 21 & 22 Feb 2011. The only condition is they would like to have some form of correspondence like receipt no's and dates plus a short explanation of your problem(s). This is to be handed to them, by the SA club office, before meeting them. Mr. Makola will personally meet with individuals facing problems on these two days provided they work through our office to prevent disorder. We will try to manage these days at best to fit everyone in a time slot. I think this is a golden opportunity to sort some of your problems.

Please get in touch with Rudolph de Wet - rudolph.dewet@gmail.com – with your details and preferred day to meet Mr. Makola.

Please get this email out to as many as possible SA citizens.

URGENT LABOUR AFFAIRS BULLETIN

We have been advised by the Legal Practitioner acting for ALB that an application for review of SI 101 of 2010 has been filed at the Labour court yesterday. Please see scanned copies of the court papers on the website www.cfuzim.org . Alternatively we can email them to you upon request. The case number is LC/rev/H/11/11.

Those Agricultural Businesses threatened with Prosecution for failing to pay NEC dues are once again advised that whist the matter is pending before the Labour Court (which has the equivalent status of the High Court) criminal proceedings in the Magistrates Court in terms of the Labour Act should not be instituted against them.

Lawyers' Meeting

Next week there will be a gathering of lawyers who have been defending farmers on Land and Equipment cases over the years, so they can exchange ideas to meet the new challenges. We will report back to you any pertinent issues in next week's bulletin

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

Local as at 11 February 2011 R7.29 - US\$

Commodity	GMB	Agrifoods	Intergrain	Staywell	Croplink
White Maize	275	275	255	260	250
Yellow Maize	275	275	185	250	250
Maize Bran	150	165			165
Soyabeans	300	700	580	680	600
Soyabean Meal		750		700	750
Wheat	466		440@30 Days 400@7 Days	470	440 (imported)
Wheat Bran		155		(130 Buy)	140
Groundnuts	470				650

	(unshelled)		(shelled)	(shelled)	(shelled)
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South African Foreign Exchange (SAFEX) as at 21 January 2011

Commodity	Rand/Tonne	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity Rand/Tonne	Import Parity US\$/Tonne
White Maize	1543	212	1703	234
Yellow Maize	1645	226	1805	248
Wheat	3358	461	3518	483
Soyabeans	4117	565	4277	587
Sunflowers	4870	668	5030	690

International Gulf

Commodity	US\$/Tonne			Import Parity US\$/Tonne
Wheat	355			515
Maize	274			438
Soyabeans	540			705

Source: South African Grain Information Service (SAGIS)

BUSINESS SECTION (from the desk of Richard Taylor)

Discounters club is up and running hard. We now have just over 100 companies as partners offering varying discounts with more and more companies interested. If you are interested in joining the discounters club as a member and benefit from these discounts then please come on board. For more info on the discounters club, contact myself or Shayne in the ARAC office. The application forms will be with Shayne.

The AgriZim Magazine grows from strength the strength and has improved on a monthly basis. One of our problems here is getting these out to our members so we will have to come up with a plan for this. Look out for the Feb edition as it is the best to date. If you have an agribusiness that is interested in advertising in the magazine, they can contact me.

Win a trip for two nights at Kariba on the Zambezi Trader:

Winner will receive 2 nights free whole ship use for up to 44pax. Including everything except drinks (cash bar) cruising up to Elephant Point. Departing Marineland on Sat 30th April and returning Mon 2nd May at 12h00 (long weekend Workers day 1st May).

The Zambezi Trader is currently the largest ship on Zimbabwe Waters. She has carried up to 170 people on a day cruise and has a cabin capacity of 52 people. The cabins range from 16 x Twin cabins, 2 x 4 sleeper bunk cabins, 4 x Double suites, 1 x King suite and 1 x Honeymoon suite. All cabins, dinning room, conference and games rooms are air conditioned.

Money raised by this raffle will go to elderly welfare. The draw date will be 30th March 2011
Raffle Tickets are available at the CFU Offices. See Shayne to buy yours and stand the chance of winning what should be a memorable trip for yourselves, family and friends.

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.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAIRY FARMERS

Our first Executive Meeting for 2011 is planned for 22nd February. Should you have any queries or concerns, please bring these to the attention of your Regional Chairman so that these issues can be discussed at this meeting. A proposed programme of events, forums and meetings will be discussed at this first Executive Meeting so we urge you to attend your regional meetings to "stay in the loop" of what is planned for 2011.

NADF held a regional meeting in Mutare on 9th February and this was well attended and informative. Main issues of concern and topics discussed at this meeting were :

- Producer milk price
- Central independent milk testing laboratory
- Zesa power cuts
- NADF cost of production model

STABEX '95 VACCINE PROGRAMME

As this programme is now officially closed, we urge all farmers who applied for and were granted vaccines under the Vaccine Programme to please collect your outstanding Vaccine Draw Down Authorisation Forms from NADF and also your vaccine orders from Fivet URGENTLY. Fivet desperately need their cooler room space.

STABEX '95 MARKETING PROGRAMME

The EU funded Stabex '95 Trade and Marketing Program ended on 31 December 2010. Final reports have been written and the audit required by EU is currently underway. Final results are very encouraging, showing a 700% increase in milk production, an increase in membership of the 7 dairy associations and a marked increase in the number of women in leadership positions. The 7 Centres now contribute 2% towards the National Milk Intake, which was the ultimate goal of the program.

In the meantime, NADF has been lucky to be granted a small sub-award and partnered with Land O Lakes (USAID) for the 3 months January, February and March 2011. Sue Bell and Linda Nielsen continue to work

with the same seven Centres as they did with Stabex, but with the inclusion of Dowa and Chikwaka; both starting from 'ground zero'.

In January, we visited Guruve, Marirangwe, Umzingwane and Gokwe, where we conducted Committee training on Strategic Planning and SWOT Analysis, staff training on standard milk quality platform tests and inspected the demonstration plots planted last year. These silage maize and forage sorghum crops are exceptionally good, especially in Guruve, Gokwe and Umzingwane. Maize seed used was SC 608 (yellow, long season) and the sorghum Sugargraze.

Our scope of work covers training, mostly in Planning and Budgeting, Forage, AI scheme and the continuation of the Accounting Bureau System.

LIVESTOCK INFORMATION

We have in stock and available at our offices at present :

Animal Foods of Central Africa Technical Handbook @ US\$10,00 each

Stock Registers @ US\$5,00 each

Daily Milk Records of Individual Cows @ US\$5,00 each

Recommended Guide to Good Dairy Farming Practices @ \$2.00 each

Dairy Handbooks @ US\$40,00 each

Cattle Producers' Association Beef Production Manual @ US\$40,00 each

Should you be interested in purchasing any of the above manuals, please call at Commercial Farmers Union, Agriculture House and see Debbie Mylroie.

CATTLE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

GRADE	AVERAGES PER KG/LIVE WEIGHT PRICES		
	HARARE	GWERU	BULAWAYO
SUPER	-	-	-
COMMERCIAL	1.93	1.68	1.65
CHOICE	-	-	1.90
ECONOMY	1.63	1.44	1.45
COMMERCIAL ECONOMY	-	-	1.60
MANUFACTURING	1.56	0.61	1.15
BULLS	1.37	-	1.55
WEANER HEIFERS	1.91	2.12	2.10
BULLING HEIFERS	1.91	1.63	1.90
LONG WEANER HEIFERS		1.86	
COW & CALF	1.52	1.29	-
WEANER STEERS	1.96	1.79	1.85
LONG WEANER STEERS	2.03	1.84	-
FEEDER STEERS	1.98	1.83	2.00
COMMERCIAL WEANER STEERS	-	-	-
COMMERCIAL WEANER HEIFERS	-	-	-
BREEDING COWS	-	-	-
BREEDING BULLS	-	-	-
STANDARD MUTTON	-	-	-

ARAC Update #3/2011

11 February 2011

Dear Farmer

COMPENSATION INITIATIVE UPDATE

INTRODUCTION

- All farmers have to produce some form of claim to be awarded Compensation.

- If you have no documentation there can be no valuation and therefore no compensation.
- Each individual has the right to claim for whatever they feel that they have lost, however if we all do it as individuals each claim must be assessed and accepted or rejected individually and this process will be expensive and take a long time.
- ARAC has launched a Compensation Initiative that will assist farmers to standardise the process of documentation for all farmers to claim Compensation.
- This template or model is based on the specifications as laid down in International Law that includes all the losses that you as a farmer have the right to claim for.
- This model can be used by farm Owners, Lessees, Contractors or any other persons that were commercially active producing agricultural products on farms, who suffered losses as a result of the Fast Track Land Resettlement Exercise.

THE DOCUMENT

The Standardised document is made up of ten Sections

Section One

- Deals with ownership and links the property to the owner who has right to claim. This section includes
- Copies of Title Deeds
- Copies of Certificate of Incorporation
- Copies of Form CR 6
- Copies of Form CR 14

Section Two

Historical Back Ground – Describes the events that led to the losses and determines the date of affect.

Section Three

This section contains copies of financial Statements and identifies the production that took place in normal years. This proves loss of income.

Section Four

This section contains a valuation Certificate for land and fixed improvements

Section Five

This section deals with the Disturbance Losses that consists of three groups.

1. Moveable Assets – What implements and breeding stock did you lose?
2. Loss of Income - What was your normal income in one year?
3. Consequential Costs – What direct costs did you suffer as a result of the process?

Section Six

This section contains the Notices from Government and Assist to determine date of affect

Section Seven

This section contains your response in the form of letters or legal action to the notices from the government.

Section Eight –

Contains Affidavits and supporting documentation

Section Nine

This section contains photographs.

Section Ten –

This section is a summary of all the losses.

THE PROJECT

The purpose of the project is to:

- Standardise Procedure

- Standardise Documentation
- Standardise Valuation
- Reduce Time
- Reduce Costs

PARTICIPATION

If you would like to be part of this initiative you are invited to contact the ARAC office at the CFU in Harare at your earliest convenience.

All farmers are urged to participate and will be required to answer the following basic questions:

- Who are you?
- Where did you farm?
- What did you produce?
- How much did you produce?
- When were you affected?
- What other losses did you suffer and when?

Where farmers do not have the relevant information you will be assisted by the application of standardised statistics from the database.

Regards
Wynand Hart

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