JOINT PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL OF THE AGRICULTURAL UNIONS
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25th October, 2012

The Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Finance
New Government Complex
Cnr. Samora Machel Avenue / 4th Street, Harare

Dear Sir,

Re: Meeting to Discuss Major Financial and Tax Issues Affecting Agriculture

We, the Presidents of the four agricultural unions that make up the Joint President's Council, are concerned about present developments in the agricultural sector and negative financial and taxation elements that affect our farming operations and productivity. We therefore would like to meet with yourself and your officials to discuss ways of rectifying this situation. In particular we want to deal with the following topics:-

- Financial market illiquidity and the inability of farmers to access sufficient credit
- The high cost of borrowed working capital
- Late payments for produce delivered
- Indirect Taxes that negatively affect agriculture (e.g. VAT on primary produce like soyabeans and on some inputs and capital items)
- Retroactive tax payments and the effect of these on production

We should be grateful if the meeting with you could be held as a matter of urgency to discuss these issues.

Yours faithfully

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PRESIDENT, ZIMBABWE FARMERS' UNION

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