



CFU CALLING

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1. From the President's Desk

The Commercial Farmers' Union welcomes the recent Government statements regarding BIPPA protected properties and see this as a very positive and constructive move on behalf of Government in re-establishing a strong investor environment in the agricultural sector.

However after 14 years of agricultural disturbance and upheaval in the commercial farming sector we unfortunately still see this trend continuing despite these recent statements by our Government.

Our farmers continue to be evicted despite presidential proclamations that the land reform programme is now complete. Our farmers continue to be extorted by politically connected opportunists, many forced into unfair partnerships based on racial prejudice, others forced into paying individuals directly in order for them to continue farming. Some of our farmers as we speak are having their crops reaped by third parties, who have not had anything to do with the costing or growing of these crops. Farming stoppages continue unabated, forcing the continued uncertainty surrounding agricultural production.

In recent weeks we have seen an increase in racial rhetoric and open threats been made to our members in many parts of the country and sadly in recent days we have seen the wholly unacceptable and brutal attack on two of our farming constituents resulting in the subsequent tragic passing away of one of them.

After 14 years this surely must come to an end. Government, through its own admission has made no real progress in settling long outstanding claims for the businesses compulsorily acquired during the land reform programme: neither has it made any progress in the establishment of new tradable tenure systems, leaving agriculture in a state of apprehension and under performance. The Government is currently trying to promote to international investors a climate of investment security in an attempt to attract the much needed foreign direct investment into our country. To this end we fully support these efforts, however through the continued actions on the ground particularly in our sector this flies in the face of such proclamations.

We have and continue to put forward pragmatic solutions to finally resolve the conflict surrounding land, land ownership and land usage which if implemented would settle the past and ignite the future, but unfortunately progress continues to be hampered by the ongoing, inappropriate and illegal actions of a few.

We urge Government as a matter of urgency and national interest to finalise this programme in a fair and pragmatic manner so that our country can once again build a strong economy around a robust diversified agricultural sector.

Zimbabwe generally and Zimbabwe agriculture specifically continues to stagnate as a result of the lack of clear investor friendly policies which would quickly recover if such policies were developed and adhered to.

It is high time that the people of this country from all walks of life unite and build our country with the focus of maximizing its great potential and to that end I challenge this Government to play its part.

Finally to all our members, stay safe during these most difficult times and rest assured that the CFU continues to work in a positive and robust manner with all stakeholders with the sole purpose of creating a positive future for us all.

Death Notice



It is with profound sadness that we learnt of the brutal attack on two of our farming community members on Saturday 10 May 2014, namely Malcolm Francis and his daughter Catherine of Guruve.

It is with deep regret that we announce the subsequent passing of Catherine Francis on the 14 May 2014.

We at the Commercial Farmers' Union together with our members offer our most sincere condolences to the family and pray for a quick and full recovery of Malcolm after having undergone delicate surgery.

We strongly urge the Government authorities to deal with this cowardly and barbaric attack with the full resource that it deserves, furthermore we condemn this attack in the strongest terms and we urge the authorities to act quickly and decisively in stabilizing our commercial farming subsector in the shortest possible time.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go to the Francis family and may Catherine's dear soul rest in peace. May the Lord be with them all through this very difficult time.

2. EXECUTIVE NEWS

Our bulletin this week again starts with another apology as some of our email groups were sent a repeat of the April 11 edition last week before the error was discovered and then followed by the correct one of May 9 2014. Obviously some finger problems with the distribution team so we apologise.

A few of our readers who were born before the computer age have written to us saying they are having problems reading CFU Calling in the Adobe format as the print is far too small. This can easily be remedied as the font (print) size can be increased, or decreased, by pressing the plus (+) or (-) minus signs directly above on the toolbar. If in trouble any member of the younger generation should be able to assist as the problem is merely a simple adjustment on your computer, and has nothing to do with the sender.

Today is the recommended final day for planting your winter cereal crops to achieve the best results but it will be interesting to hear just how many of you have planted the crop this season. Although the general situation is still of concern we continue in our efforts to seek a resolution and have, this week seen, some positive indications in the right direction.

President Charles Taffs, John Laurie and Graham Mullett flew down to Bulawayo this week to address our farmers there and reported on a well attended and successful meeting. Director Hendrik Olivier attending the NAMPO Agricultural Equipment Expo at Boethaville in South Africa this week, at the invitation of by Grain SA.

CFU Council and Meetings

Please note that the following meetings will be held this week and we request that all the relevant elected members should please make every effort to attend:

Audit Committee	Monday 19 May at 10.30 am
EXECO	Tuesday 20 May at 8.30 am
CFU Council	Wednesday 21 May at 8.30 am

Coghlán, Welsh & Guest Moving

This law firm has dealt with many farmers over land related matters. The firm is moving from Gordon/George Silundika Avenue after some 60years to the Mining Industry Pension Fund property between Second and Third Street. The new offices front faces Central Avenue behind the High Court. Access is off Central Avenue, first entrance on the left after turning into Central Avenue from Second Street.

Alex Masterson advises that many records are destroyed after six years but he still holds old land case files for some farmers who were being displaced. If you want any of these papers, he may have some for you but please call early as much is being destroyed.

Contact: 04 758474 or masterson@cwg.co.zw

2. EXECUTIVE NEWS CONTINUED

Visas

Please note that all applications for Zimbabwe visas are now being processed using an online visa system and that the Department of Immigration will no longer accept hard copy applications

This online visa application system apply to all countries in the world using the following website: www.evisa.gov.zw

It will be most appreciated if you could circulate this important information to your colleagues and the tourism sector players

[Zimbabwe Council for Tourism](http://www.zimtourism.gov.zw)

Tel: +263 4250246/708872

Mobile: 0772 117 256, 0772 926 357

Email: ceozct@gmail.com

Agricultural Employer's Handbook

The **Agricultural Employer's Handbook** which has been recently updated by Marc Carrie-Wilson is now available from CFU at the following prices:

Members	\$20.00
Non-members	\$30.00

Friday Closing Time

Please note that on Fridays the CFU Office closes at 2 pm.

CFU Congress 2014

In terms of Clause 80.1 of the Commercial Farmers' Union's Constitution notice is hereby given that the Union's annual Congress is scheduled as follows-

Council has approved the rescheduling of Congress 2014 to TUESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2014 at CRESTA LODGE MSASA.

Please note that there will be NO Congress as previously advertised for 6th August 2014.

This serves as notice period as per the Union's Constitution.

Hendrik Olivier
Director
Commercial Farmers' Union

Dam Levels

Here are the [dam levels from ZINWA dated 2 May 2014](#) which have been uploaded onto our website.

Zambia National Farmers' Union Newsletter

Herewith is a hyperlink to the latest copy of the [Zambia National Farmers' Union newsletter Number 13 of 2014](#), which makes very interesting reading as usual.

BAZ Economic Update

We have uploaded the [Bankers Association of Zimbabwe's April Economic Bulletin](#) for you to read on our website.

2. EXECUTIVE NEWS CONTINUED

Valuation Consortium

We have passed the 4100 farms mark about 80% of those eligible. The remaining 20% will be drastically reduced over the next few months as we discover the reasons for this. Some have sold to Indigenous, others for their own reasons do not want to participate, some believe they are registered and are not and a number simply are unaware of the database and its role. The database will always be open to those wishing to register whatever the circumstances.

We are working at full pace to re-establish contacts, verify entries and register the remaining dispossessed owners. Please help if you are asked.

We reiterate our new contact details. Our new address is:

17 Rhodesville Avenue.

H a r a r e

Harare

Phones; Harare (+263) (4) 482039 and 482049.

Email and web address remain the same or itsupport@valconzim.com ; admin@valconzim.com

3. SECURITY AND LAND

Although a number of incidents have been reported this week we do feel that many cases are still not being reported for a number of reasons.

As you have read above we have had another tragedy in our farming community, which appears to be an isolated incident although we do urge you all to be vigilant during these sensitive times. We will keep you updated on this and any further incidents.

Although we held some positive meetings last week following threats of evictions which were made against a group of farmers we still await reports, either positive or negative, from those particular farmers. There still seems a certain stigma or fear of reporting incidents to the CFU and we feel that it is time this is overcome as unless we have the information we are not able to resolve any problems on the ground. You need to put your trust in us so we can assist.

The issue of the Save Conservancy raised its head in a different direction this week following a reported Politburo decision to remove all the military and political persons who were given 25 year leases a couple of years ago. Unfortunately this only affected the foreign owned properties but it is at least a step in the right direction in that BIPPAs have apparently been recognised. **Hopefully the next step will be recognition of Zimbabwean citizens' rights.**

There has been great concern expressed on the application for the AU Court not to prosecute its leaders for crimes against humanity etc and if adopted will have detrimental and far reaching repercussions.

All reports of incidents on farms or court cases should still continue to be sent to Mike Clark.

4. OPEN FARMERS MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Wingate Golf Club on Thursday 22 May 2014 at 2 pm. Please remember that this is an open meeting for all members and interested parties whether still operating or not – all are most welcome. The turnout at these meetings recently has been very good and involved a number of people from out of town as well, which is encouraging.

You need to become involved to be in control your destiny – as well as the viability, sustainability and profitability of any future farming ventures.

5. GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

In the Gazettes of 9 May 2014 there was nothing which may be of interest to our members.

However, [in today's Herald newspaper](#) the following properties have purported to have been acquired under section 293 (1) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe. They should please contact either Marc Carrie-Wilson or their lawyers.

1.	Brian Forster	Lot 13 of Lower Nondwene	Bulawayo
2.	Elmon Enterprises	R/E of Hobort	Bulilima Mangwe
3.	The Unity Trust	S/D F of Esmyangene Block	Insiza
4.	Elizabeth Emmet	Farm 17 Woollendale	Matobo
5.	Daphne Dyer	S/D 1 of S/D A2 of Wall Close	Selukwe

6. LEGAL AFFAIRS

(From the desk of Marc Carrie-Wilson)

Labour Issues Update

On Tuesday the 13th of May, 2014, I represented the CFU at the second meeting of the social partners (i.e. the Trade Unions and the Employers representatives) to bargain on the General Agricultural minimum wage.

You will recall that the formal position of the Trade Unions is US \$ 120.00 for Grade A1 effective from the 1st of March, 2014, and our formal position is to offer no increase at all. During the negotiations many informal offers were discussed, but no agreement was reached and the parties have again deadlocked meaning the matter is likely to be referred to arbitration. Although there is still hope that an agreement can be reached.

For the sake of prudence, my own view is that in order to ensure there is no sudden stress to the cash flow, farmers should begin to budget for about a 7% increase effective the 1st of May, 2014. This is not to say that we will concede, but if the matter is sent to arbitration it will be taken out of our hands.

7. ARAC UPDATE

(From the desk of Ben Gilpin)

This week has been sadly broken by the news of yet another farm family assault and the death of one of the victims today. We offer our condolences to those who mourn and our prayers for the recovery of the other family member who remains in a critical condition.

This awful incident and a renewed spate of farm disturbances around the country demonstrate a lethargy and antipathy by our **country's leaders to acknowledge the real state of our nation. We continue to deny that the primary cause of our national isolation and economic decline rests firmly on the impact of encouraged and rewarded bad behaviour. The robust defence of entitlement has seen the promotion of a one sided "win –win ", where the loss of the common good is not a factor in the pursuit of selfish gain so long as some targeted people are seen to lose; we fail to see that the suppression of inclusion only broadens the boundaries of exclusion.**

One asks then:" In this time, is there hope....can this country find broad prosperity and what part can agriculture play this? What part can we play?" Perhaps the question should be rephrased, "Can agriculture and Zimbabwe recover if we don't play a part?" I suspect the answer is simple and relates more to natural justice than anything else, it starts with the currently vexed question... who is a citizen and who has a right to interpret and give effect to the rights that go with it?

At this time we are faced by a subjective application of a narrow definition that justifies the continuous and progressive exclusion of selected groups. The rationale behind this process finds questionable grounds to extend this further to other sectors **having once decided that so and so can have no access to the land because In other words, so and so cannot be a farmer because he is not one of us. I am encouraged in the fundamental knowledge that such logic is flawed and by its very indifference to the truth of man's diversity and shared existence, will not deliver sustainability in recovery and growth.... exclusion , as in another age in our history, was the source of past un-doings.**

7. ARAC UPDATE CONTINUED

What then is the way forward whilst we wait for a change in attitude and an end to denial and the adoption of a perspective that **is inclusive? Somehow in the pain we now experience, as a result this determinedly applied policy of: “We must win and you must lose and that is OK in and on the land”, comes the understanding of the baton of passed-on-wounds that has the power to shape one’s choices; choices that can lead to further injury or decisions that pick up another’s pain and through empathy find healing for one’s own.**

Somehow I believe that in the grief of a shared and painful history, Zimbabwe’s people and each of us has an option to help lead ourselves out of the difficult times by a broader embrace of our common identity and circumstances. We all at times look to others for leadership , but it is in the small decisions we make that we influence others and encourage the process towards a better future that is more inclusive .

Farming in the future needs a fresh vision that embraces our diversity and employs all the human skills and capacity available. An attitude attuned to this vision will deliver in time but for many of us, it asks that we let go the pains of our present and recent experience and embrace all with a deeper understanding.

8. ECONOMICS REPORT

(From the desk of Antonnette Chingwe)

Grain

According to a research by Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWSNET), households in Zimbabwe are currently experiencing minimal acute food insecurity. These outcomes are expected to continue through September. Most households have started consuming their current harvest in both the northern and southern areas of the country.

While the results of the second round national crop and livestock assessment are not yet published, the first round results indicate that there are increased chances of an above average harvest, especially for maize, millet, and sorghum. This assumption is based on an estimated 16 percent increase in cropped area for cereals this season in comparison to the 2012/13 season. Maize alone this season accounts for approximately 1.3 million hectares, which is an 18 percent increase from the previous season. This increase in area planted for cereals is due to fairly well distributed rainfall patterns this season.

Grain price

As households begin to access cereal from their own production there have been significant reductions in monthly maize grain price trends. Since March, national maize grain prices have dropped by 11percent, but in comparison to national averages during the same period last year the prices are still 16 percent higher. For maize meal the national average stands at \$0.66/kg and has decreased by 2percent in comparison to the same time the previous month, but remains 4 percent higher than the national average for same time last year.

Tobacco

The tobacco curing and selling season is currently at its peak in most parts of the country. To date actual tobacco sales have increased by 19 percent compared to same period last year. However, average prices currently \$3.19/kg remain 15 percent lower than in the same month last year. Despite this current decrease in average prices, total incomes from tobacco remains slightly higher than last year due to the increase in the volumes (21 percent) of cropped tobacco in comparison to the previous year. This will be the second consecutive year of increased production of about 20 percent.

Cotton

Cotton production this season is 16 percent below last year’s levels. The processing of cotton is ongoing in cotton growing areas but incomes are likely to remain low. The reduction in the area under cotton is due to marketing price uncertainty given the low marketing prices offered during the previous season.

Livestock

Livestock condition in most areas including Matabeleland South and Masvingo Provinces have significantly improved and are in good shape. Despite the improved pasture and water access for cattle, the calving rate included in the recent first round crop and livestock assessment report remains low at 49 percent, and only 2 percent higher than last season. *(Source: Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWSNET))*

8. ECONOMICS REPORT

Regional Maize production

South Africa

According to South Africa's department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries' crops assessment report, the total output expected of maize crop has been set at 13.029 million tonnes from an area planted estimate of 2.688 million ha, with an expected yield of 4.85 t/ha.

The area estimate for white maize is 1.551 million ha and for yellow maize the area estimate is 1.137 million ha. The production forecast of white maize is 7.067 million tons with a yield of 4.56 t/ha. In the case of yellow maize the production forecast is 5.962 million tons with a yield of 5.24 t/ha. (Source: South Africa; Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)

Zambia

According to Zambian Government's crop forecast report, total maize production for 2013/14 season will be 3.35million tonnes. Zambia's Agriculture and Livestock Minister Hon. Wilbur Simuusa attributed the good maize output to an increase in total area planted this season of 1.42million ha.

9. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

(From the desk of Richard Taylor)

Field Notes:

May 12, 2014

Which row spacing is best for soybeans?

By: Ernie Flint, Ph.D., CCA, Regional Agronomist
Mississippi State University Extension Service

The question of which row spacing is best for soybeans is one most people avoid since the answer always seems to get around to **"It Depends"**. **We have to admit that this is an important question for a lot of people, and there is a definite need for serious discussion about it.**

The issues involved include soil capability, rotation program, variety and maturity group, capability for irrigating, tillage system, equipment availability, planting date, wildlife damage issues, weed control program, and others. Eventually it gets too complicated to make a really logical decision so the grower usually does what is the simplest.

If you look at a lot of the research that has been done through the years you will find that 15 inch (380mm) drill spacing has a **slight advantage over 38, 30 and 7.5 inch spacing's (965, 760, and 178mm)**. **I could spend all day trying to explain why that** might be true, but just as sure as you accepted all of my theories and planted everything in 15 inch drills you would have that **occasional year when one of the other spacings would be the best. That's how elusive this subject can be.**

A very important consideration for our region is that in general the narrower 7.5 and 15 inch spacings survive deer pressure better than the wider row systems. The narrower rows also form a closed canopy sooner than the wider ones, helping with **"normal" weed management, but if you have resistant weeds and need to cultivate or use directed sprays the wider rows are necessary.** And for growers who want to do as much of their spraying as possible the row systems are best, even though a **"tram line" system can work well in drilled beans.**

Wider rows are usually best if you are in a no-till system since the best trash management devices are available for planters. Planting beans no-till following a high yielding corn crop may be very difficult with a drill, but planters with good trash managers and coulters can cope with it very well. If you are furrow irrigating then rows with distinct furrows are necessary, but when centre pivot irrigation is used either spacing can work well.

As for diseases and insects, sunlight is their mortal enemy. Rows take advantage of this fact better than narrow spacings, and applications made for pests and diseases can get into the canopy best in rows. Dew dries off faster in wider spacings, discouraging both of these problems.

Equipment capability can be a big issue, with most farms needing both a drill and a planter since most of them also plant crops like wheat. Being able to plant with both will speed up planting but will complicate management of the crop all season long.

9. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

Confused yet? It's easy to get confused. Since you probably have again decided that I'm nuts I will tell you what my preference is. I believe the 30 inch single drill system is the most flexible of all since it will work for beans, corn, and even skip row cotton. Ground application is easy, and cultivation or directed sprays are possible. Sunlight can penetrate the canopy until midseason, and a consistent traffic pattern can be maintained to reduce compaction problems. Furrows can be maintained for irrigation, and something very important for people like me is that you can actually walk your fields all season long.

I realize that the larger operations have more options, but the principles are the same. Study the subject for yourself. I expect **you will come up with a similar conclusion, but then that's just my opinion.**

Thanks for your time.

Figure 1: Planting beans into heavy corn or wheat stubble is a job for a planter with aggressive trash managers. Even the best no-till drill would have trouble with this.



CalSap and Cropping

CalSap is an alkaline liquid calcium source that provides significant benefits when applied to acidic, sodic and saline soils. CalSap helps remediate the production limiting levels of harmful and toxic elements such as Aluminium and Sodium that can be associated with these soils.

CalSap is a relatively new product (7 years old), which has been subjected to a significant amount of field-testing and industry scrutiny in that time. CalSap has been trialed extensively around Australia since 2005, predominantly in broadacre crops which have shown that CalSap has proven results in improving fertilizer efficiency, reducing levels of sodicity, and acidity, increased root development and remediating soil pH. Since its inception, CalSap has continued to be improved through extensive research & development that now has CalSap leading the market with its levels of soluble calcium and its handling and **flowability characteristics', especially when compared against its competitors calcium products.**

Please click on the below which is three separate papers on the product:

[CalSap and cropping](#)

[Calsap Application Rates and Direction for Use](#)

[Potato CalSap Trial Results](#)

Producer Prices

Commodity	GMB 04-7940799	Kurima Gold 04-662392 0772 382 028 / 0772 235 588	Agrifoods 04-775623 0712 601528 0712600588	Staywell 04-303021 307868 0774 175 974	Profeeds 04-667173 or 661048
White Maize	N/R	Grade A/B 355 7 days transfer delivered to Harare & Bulawayo Grade D 345 7 days transfer delivered to Harare & Bulawayo Grade A/B 350 24 hrs textacash delivered to Harare for 10mt & below Grade D 340 24 Hrs textacash delivered to Harare for 10 mt and below	380	350 14 Days	384 Cash at gate 82 Woolwich Road
Yellow Maize	310	350	380	n/a	384 Cash at gate 82
Maize Bran	-	-	200	n/a	160
Soya beans	580	530	530	520 7 Days	550
Soya bean Meal	-	520	650	n/a	700
Wheat	466	Premium 440 14 days transfer October & November Bulawayo Bulk and bagged Standard 415 14 days transfer October & November Bulawayo Bulk and Bagged Utility 395 14 days transfer October & November Bulawayo Bulk and bagged Premium 385 14 days transfer November Bulk Only Standard 415 14 days transfer November Harare Bulk Only Utility 395 14 days transfer November Harare Bulk and bagged Premium 450 14 day transfer November Harare Bagged Standard 425 14 days transfer November Harare Bagged Utility 400 14 days transfer November Harare Bagged Premium 455 14 days transfer December Harare Bulk Only Standard 420 14 days transfer December Harare Bulk Only Utility 385 14 days transfer December Harare Bulk Only	-	440 21 Days	-

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Soya bean Meal	-	520	650	n/a	700
Wheat Bran	-	-	200	-	200
Groundnuts	570 unshelled		-	n/a	-
Sugar Beans	1300	n/a	-	n/a	n/a
Sorghum	310	-	n/a	n/a	-
NOTES :	-	-	Raw Materials Prices	Prices subject to contract availabil- ity Feel free to call them and discuss market	All prices are negotiable de- pending on ton- nages and pay- ment terms

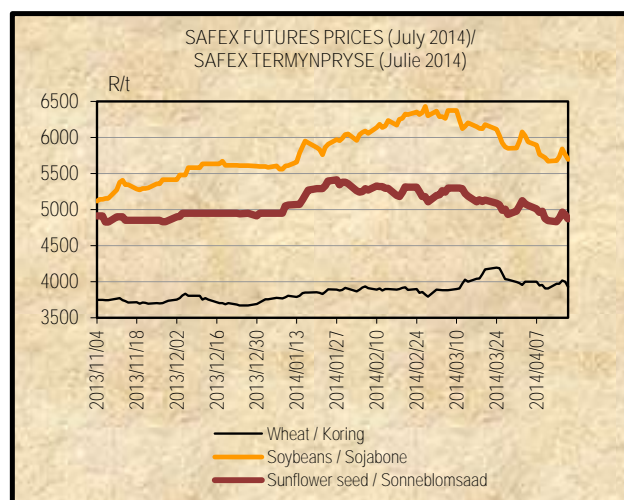
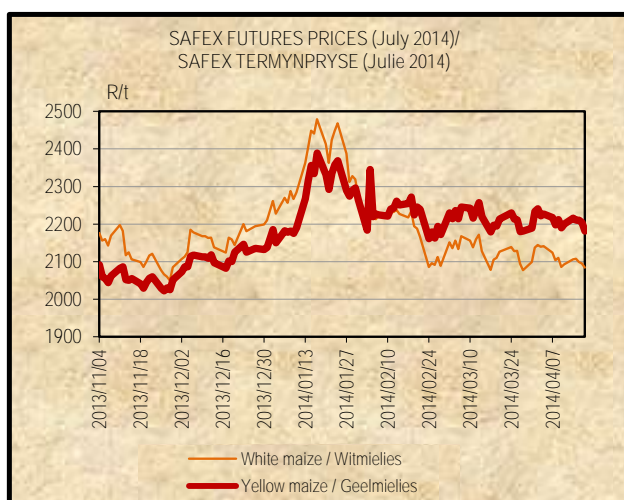
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Producer Prices

South African Grain Information Services (SAGIS)

South African Foreign Exchange (SAFEX) 16th May 2014

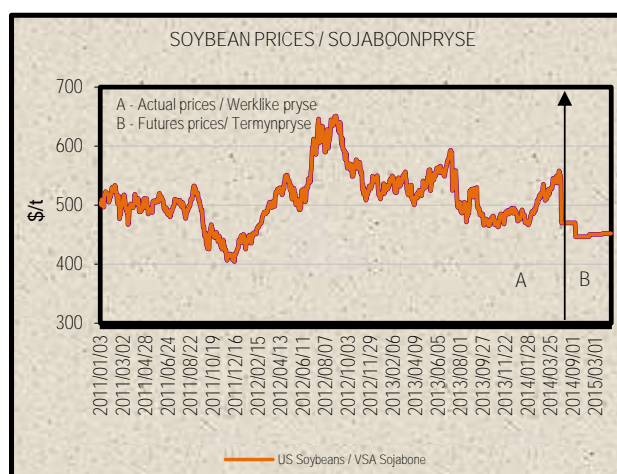
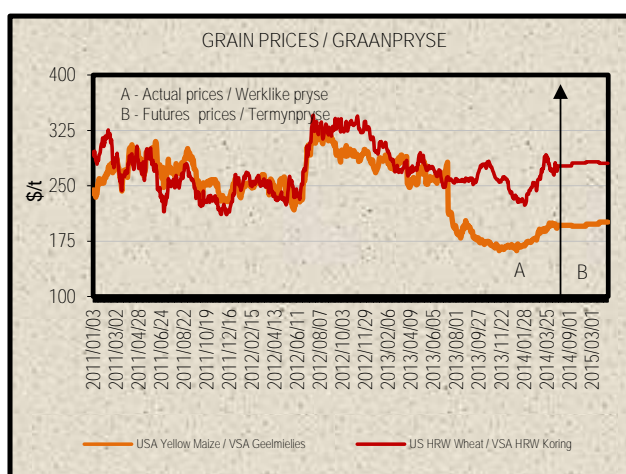
Commodity	Rand/tonne	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity	Import Par- ity
			Rand/Tonne	US\$/Tonne
White Maize	2068	199	2918	281
Yellow Maize	2115	199	2965	280
Wheat	4015	379	4865	459
Soyabeans	4570	431	5420	511
Sunflowers	5423	511	6273	592



International Prices

Commodity	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity US\$/Tonne
Wheat	356	506
Maize	236	386
Sorghum	267	417
Soyabeans	584	734

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— Decrease
— No Change



FERTILIZER	Profert 04-303054 or 0774 699 625	ZFC Limited 04-753882 or 753890
Double 'D' Blend	901	14-28-14 ~ 910.00
Tobacco Blend	940	6-28-23 ~ 980.00
Potato Blend	875	Comp "S" 7:21:8. 0.06B ~ 970
Sugar Blend	787	16:16:16 ~ 840
J Blend	753	15:5:20 ~ 750
Cotton Blend	752	Comp "L" - 680
S Blend	786	Comp "S" 7:21:8. 760
Lawn Fert	900	Lawn Blend 25:05:05 ~ 750.00
Urea	781	720
Black Urea	820	Not in stock
AN	690	34.5% N ~ 700
Potassium Nitrate	1655	1400
Calcium Nitrate	816	840
NOTES	Prices are quoted per tonne	Prices are quoted per tonne

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10. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

The new Practical Guide to Rearing Beef handbook compiled by Rob Jansen-van Vuuren is now available from CFU at the following prices:

Members	\$ 5.00
Non-members	\$10.00

The Director of Veterinary Field Services has published the following service charges related to permits, vaccinations etc. These have [been uploaded onto the website](#) for your convenience.

The below article was circulated by LMAC which we publish for your interest:

REGULATORY ISSUES FROM THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE APRIL 2014

Leather

According to the Finance Act, 2014, Part III, Value Added Tax subsection (2), it is stated that *...tax at the rate of seventy five cents per kilogram of unbeneficiated hides shall be levied on a supplier of such raw hides for export from Zimbabwe.* This implies that exporters of raw hides are to pay 75c per kg as tax, and there is no exemption on raw crocodile hides. Crocodile hides exported from Zimbabwe have secured niche markets overseas that require raw hides for value addition in the manufacture of high value products such as handbags, belts, shoes etc. It is required by these markets that raw hides are sold so that value can be added to certain standards. It has not been established whether there is an external market for Zimbabwean beneficiated hides or if the current market is prepared to purchase hides that have already been beneficiated in Zimbabwe. If the latter does not hold true, Zimbabwean exporters of raw crocodile hides stand to miss out on these markets as buyers may make a choice to source raw hides elsewhere. The Zimbabwean market, which is currently too small and illiquid, might not be able to absorb the products from this industry and it is yet to be ascertained whether proceeds from the export of beneficiated Zimbabwean hides will facilitate an increase in employment in the leather sector as envisioned.

Powdered milk

It is stated under the Customs and Excise (Suspension) (Amendment) Regulations, 2014 (No.107) 9(Q) that *With effect from 1st January, 2014 to 31st December, 2014 duty is suspended on powdered milk imported by approved importers....* This implies that local manufacturers of powdered milk are exposed to competition from imports. According to the Zimbabwe Association for Dairy Farmers (ZADF), the local supply of fresh milk in Zimbabwe only supplies 50% of demand. This means that an increase in the price of fresh milk necessitated by the increase in demand will result in consumers perceiving powdered milk as a viable option. Local manufacturers of powdered milk will have to set lower prices despite the higher cost of production due to challenges in the business environment, as imported powdered milk land at a lower cost. Thus, if price becomes a determinant of consumer tastes and preferences, there might be a shift towards the purchase of powdered milk instead of fresh milk. Consequently, milk producers shall also be forced to slash their prices in spite of the high costs incurred in maintaining the cold chain. ZADF indicated that levies paid for the development of the sector are only paid by milk producers and processors while importers of milk are exempted. As a result, in the medium to long term, levies paid as result of this change in regulation are expected to plummet and employment in the sector is set to decline.

Budgetary allocations

The following budgetary allocations were made to the Ministry of Agriculture Mechanization and Irrigation Development:

TABLE 1: EXPENDITURE TO BE DEFRAYED FROM THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND: AGRICULTURE

	Allocation USD\$	Percentage of allocation to agriculture budget
Administration and General	51 501 000	30.40%
Division of crop and livestock Research	10 318 000	6.09%
Agricultural technical and extension services	36 183 000	21.36%
Veterinary and technical services	2 716 000	1.60%
Veterinary field services	19 393 000	11.45%

10. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

	Allocation USD\$	Percentage of allocation to agri-
Tsetse control services	4 303 000	2.54%
Research services	4 167 000	2.46%
Agricultural engineering and mechanization	4 760 000	2.81 %
Irrigation development	15 218 000	8.99%
Livestock Production and Development	6 697 000	3.95 %
Lands and Rural Resettlement	14 115 000	8.33%
TOTAL	169 371 000	100%
NATIONAL BUDGET TOTAL	3 640 311 000	
PERCENTAGE OF NATIONAL BUDGET ALLOCATED TO AGRICULTURE		4.65%

Adopted from the Government Gazette Appropriation Act (2014) No.2 pp33

As illustrated in the table above, the budgetary allocation to agriculture in 2014 amounts to 4.26% of the total budget. This is hardly sufficient given that agriculture is set to be one of the drivers of the economy as indicated in the ZIMASSET economic blueprint. Since government intends to engage development partners that have been rendering technical and financial assistance to different sectors of the economy as well as fostering private-public partnerships (PPPs), the budgetary allocations to agriculture indicate that a significant burden for agricultural development in the form of finance has been placed in the hands of these development partners and the private sector. In addition, in 2003, African heads of state and government pledged to allocate 10 percent of their national budgets to the agricultural sector as part of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP). This commitment, also known as the Maputo Declaration Target, rallied African governments to increase spending in the sector to stimulate agricultural growth, reduce poverty, and build food and nutrition security. It is evident from the agriculture budgetary allocation of 4.65% that Zimbabwe is still lagging behind and efforts need to be made to meet or exceed the 10% target achieved by other countries in the regions such as Zambia and Malawi.

Synopsis of the Development Process of the Animal Welfare Standards Proposal (from LMAC)

In a bid to foster good agricultural practices internationally, a working group of the International Standards Organisation (ISO) tabled the New Work Item Proposal (NWIP) in July 2013. In essence, this is a working draft of the proposed international Animal Welfare standards in collaboration with national standardization bodies of countries, and in Zimbabwe, with the Standards Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ). The NWIP proposes the development of an ISO animal welfare standard that references, facilitates and is consistent with the implementation of World Organisation of Animal Health (OIE) animal welfare principles of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Chapter 7.1).

The review of NWIP is currently ongoing and stakeholder meetings having been called for by the SAZ to define Zimbabwe's position on the document as well as vote on it. A detailed analysis of the results, conclusion and recommendations on NWIP were circulated to 52 countries and 33 approved the NWIP, 13 of which are African countries, 5 disapproved and 14 abstained. The results show strong interest from developing countries to participate in the definition of standards while there is no consensus in Europe.

There has been discussion about the type of document the standards shall be and whether or not it should be based on Animal Welfare management principles or on a Management System Standard (MSS) on Animal Welfare. Zimbabwe's mirror committee were in favour of developing the former option as it is more accessible for developing countries and will enable organisations with little background on management systems such as farmers, small and medium sized companies to comply as opposed to developing a complex MSS which may be rigid and restrictive when complying with the standards.

It is important for stakeholders in the livestock industry to participate in this process as this input will be forwarded to ISO by SAZ. All over the world, animal welfare issues are in the forefront, with rising consumer concern about how food is produced and what goes into it. Zimbabwe is also a signatory to a number of trade agreements and it is pertinent to have standards in place to promote trade and address trade barriers put in place by other countries.

Livestock Prices

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)_08-05-2014-HEADLANDS

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AMTKG/AVGKG
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	1	246.00	1.79
12	WEANER HEIFER	4	188.00	1.81
15	BULLS	5	479.80	1.48
3	COMMERCIAL	2	404.50	1.35
4	ECONOMY	17	378.76	1.47
5	MANUFACTURING	4	264.25	1.18
7	FEEDER STEER	7	348.29	1.62
8	LONG WEANER STEER	8	235.00	1.65
9	WEANER STEER	3	181.67	1.69

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)_06-05-2014-GWERU

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AVG_AMT	AMTKG/A
10	BULLING HEIFER	9.00	278.33	535.56	1.92
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	1.00	230.00	480.00	2.09
12	WEANER HEIFER	2.00	150.00	380.00	2.53
15	BULLS	5.00	450.20	768.00	1.71
2	CHOICE	4.00	412.50	800.00	1.94
3	COMMERCIAL	42.00	483.57	835.71	1.73
4	ECONOMY	32.00	403.13	570.94	1.42
5	MANUFACTURING	14.00	327.69	369.23	1.13
7	FEEDER STEER	55.00	336.22	596.73	1.77
8	LONG WEANER STEER	8.00	255.63	441.25	1.73
9	WEANER STEER	10.00	195.60	313.00	1.60
	TOTAL HEAD	182.00			

SOMABHULA 08 MAY 2014

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AVG_AMT	AMTKG/A
10	BULLING HEIFER	16.00	374.38	643.13	1.72
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	1.00	250.00	400.00	1.60
12	WEANER HEIFER	4.00	198.75	363.75	1.83
15	BULLS	6.00	528.33	809.17	1.53
3	COMMERCIAL	32.00	479.69	754.84	1.57
4	ECONOMY	8.00	439.38	631.88	1.44
5	MANUFACTURING	2.00	340.00	360.00	1.06
7	FEEDER STEER	30.00	334.33	613.00	1.83
8	LONG WEANER STEER	15.00	250.33	427.33	1.71
9	WEANER STEER	4.00	221.25	317.50	1.44

Livestock Prices

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)_13-05-2014-MT-HAMPDEN-

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG. KG	AMTKG/AVGKG
10	BULLING HEIFER	31	326.03	2.00
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	23	243.30	2.08
12	WEANER HEIFER	59	172.59	2.16
15	BULLS	14	593.57	2.03
3	COMMERCIAL	68	490.68	1.69
30	COMUN WEANER STEER	1	203.00	1.67
4	ECONOMY	36	378.67	1.71
7	FEEDER STEER	25	309.24	1.99
8	LONG WEANER STEER	12	219.92	2.00
9	WEANER STEER	86	177.95	2.04

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PRICE PER Kg	SLAUGHTER	YOUNGSTOCK		
	14.05.14	09.05.14	06.05.14	29.04.14
BULLS				
SUPERS		\$2.15		
CHOICE	\$1.95			\$1.66
COM	\$1.75	\$1.73	\$1.65	\$1.57
COM/ECO	\$1.65	\$1.65		\$1.43
ECO	\$1.55	\$1.47	\$1.38	\$1.32
MAN	\$1.20	\$1.10		\$1.00
BULLS	\$1.67	\$1.65	\$1.53	
F/STEERS		\$1.80	\$1.70	\$1.62
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W/STEERS		\$2.20		
W/HEIFERS		\$2.60		
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YOUNG BULLS				
LONG W/HEIFERS				

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MT HAMPDEN CATTLE SALE EVERY TUESDAYS @ 12 NOON

HEADLANDS CATTLE SALE EVERY 2 WEEKS @ 11AM

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10. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

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DATE OF SALE

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[Take note of course content in attachment.](#)

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Cost \$ 500

Venue Highlands Sports Club.

Date. May 27th/28th/29th.

Time. 0800hrs.

Tea 0800/1000/1530hrs

Lunch 1300hrs

Notes provided

Please contact me (Mark Hook, ph 0772 236491, email mombe@zol.co.zw) to book places and help with catering.

Dorper Society Update 2014 Courses

The following courses are now open for bookings.

Basic Course Harare

Date: 19th - 22nd May \$150. Ideal for those starting out in sheep farming or wanting to increase their level of knowledge. Further details to follow.

Contact: rosevdr@gmail.com

Advanced Course Harare

Date: 21st – 24th July \$150 Further details to follow

To secure a place, the fee needs to be paid in advance.

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15 May 2014

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2 acre plots available for just US\$90,000 between Arusha and Moshi in secure residential community. Roads, water and electricity laid on. Great investment or retirement opportunity. For all details contact mnmilbank@gmail.com

29 May 2014

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Reminder of Dates

CFU Council and Meetings

Audit Committee	Monday 19 May at 10.30 am
EXECO	Tuesday 20 May at 8.30 am
CFU Council	Wednesday 21 May at 8.30 am

CFU Congress 2014

TUESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2014 at CRESTA LODGE MSASA.

Open Farmers Meeting

Thursday 22 May 2014 at 2 pm at Wingate Golf Club

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