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1. EXECUTIVE NEWS

With the cold weather setting in now the use of our limited power resource has increased and for farmers out there the dry weather needs more power to be used for the irrigation of our very limited cereal crop this winter, which is a record low.

The [load shedding](#) has therefore begun in earnest which is making life even more difficult for all Zimbabweans and what seems to dominate our lives is simply managing our limited power and water supplies available to each household or business. Although we have seen the load shedding schedule in the press this is not being strictly followed as the power supplies diminish. There are many problems with this which is becoming a very serious national issue.

President Taffs returned from Gabon on Sunday and your full team has been in the office all week kept extremely busy in our campaign to continue to lobby for a common sense solution for our industry. He said that the meeting in Libreville was extremely interesting and enlightening which he will speak **about in next week's bulletin.**

The agenda, content and presentations from the recent SACAU meeting attended by Vice President Peter Steyl and Director Hendrik Olivier [can be found on the link provided](#) but the general discussions followed the below format:

Agenda for collective action at the regional level

- Integrated regional (cross border) value chains
- Quality and availability of feed & drugs
- Disease control and tracking systems/surveillance
- International standards setting bodies and trade
- Regional trade laws/regulations/policies
- Research and development
- Access to formal markets for smallholder producers
- Extension systems and services, including veterinary support
- Bio-security and animal welfare
- Skills audit and database
- Statistics
- Genetic improvement
- Engaging with key players
- Indigenous breeds
- Regional competitiveness
- Development of a regional brand
- Sharing of successful models for the different value chains

Whilst we are just getting over the terrible tragedy of the double murder in the Francis family there was another terrible loss to the Riley family with the death of Johnny Riley in a terrible house fire over the weekend. The family has lost absolutely everything in this fire that also destroyed their home and contents so we ask for your support to assist them where possible.

1. EXECUTIVE NEWS CONTINUED

Death Notice

Johnny Riley

Dearly beloved husband of Cath and father of Sean and Michael, brother of Sherry and Andrew passed away tragically on Saturday 7th of June 2014. A wonderful father, brother and member of the Riley clan. A leading member of the Norton community who will be hugely missed by so many people.

John Riley Memorial at Mahobohobo at 11 am on Tuesday 17th.

After the Chisipite roundabout continue on the Enterprise Road for 10 kms to the Umwinsidale turnoff. Turn Left and continue 200m and Mahobohobo is on your right. Please also note there will be a cash bar after the service to allow the family to meet and greet their friends and so as to not impose any further financial burdens and to protect the funds so willingly donated already.

Riley Family Tragedy.

The generosity of the Zimbabwe community at this tragic time has been overwhelming. To this end Cath and the Riley family are immensely grateful. There are no words to express their deep sorrow at the loss of their beloved Johnny.

However, to meet the needs of their future, I was hoping you could all dig deep and contribute a spare dollar or ten so that they can meet travel expenses, funeral expenses, and all the obvious needs that will arise after having lost everything in the house fire.

Hopefully with your generosity, Cath and her boys will be able to soon start a new home and life and have some of their needs met.

To this end I have spoken to the family and they have given me an account for any deposits which any of you may be able to make, details as follows:

SL Riley
Barclays Bank Borrowdale
Account number: 2147 1033820.

Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity. Well done Zimbabwe, once again we have shown what a caring **community we are.....**

With regard to the Francis Medical Fund donations are still coming in slowly and any surplus will go to the Farm Families Trust **which continues to assist so many of our ailing farmer's medical expenses. We sincerely thank those who have** contributed to this worthwhile cause.

As with all direct bank payments, whether for the above donations or for membership subscriptions it is essential that the depositor emails our accounts at either hannelie@cfuzim.org or cfuaccounts@cfuzim.org with the full details of the payment as we have just under 20 deposits which have been done through company accounts which we cannot identify. Unfortunately **the banks cannot assist us any further than giving us the account's name, which in the above cases gives no indication of the individual's name.**

If you have not received a receipt for any direct bank deposits please contact the above email addresses of our accounts department.

Dam Levels

Here are the [dam levels from ZINWA dated 23 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 19 of 2014](#), which makes very interesting reading as usual.

2. SECURITY AND LAND

This week has seen another upsurge in threats to remove farmers in the north of the country again.

This has seen a group of people who claim to have the jurisdiction and authority to do so visiting the threats to evict people. This is the same individuals who have been at it a while ago and when reported to the powers that be we are told that those persons involved do not have the relevant authority therefore the farmers should not be intimidated and should remain put.

However, it is important that all such cases get reported to us.

Activities in the courts are again attracting some interest especially the recent decisions not to honour BIPPA agreements by supporting the acquisition of those properties at a time when compensation is unlikely to be available to be paid as instructed in the Constitution.

There are so many contradictory statements coming out in the press at the moment that there is much confusion and uncertainty over both the BIPPA and Indigenisation issues that are adversely affecting foreign and local investment.

It is of interest to note however that the controversial CFU judgment of 2010 in the Supreme Court, which has been used against so many farmers in court to virtually steamroller their cases through courts with such devastating results, is now being challenged in the Constitutional Court. We follow this with great interest indeed.

There does appear to be some positive movement in the corridors of power with regard to recognition of conservancies and hunting permits etc. but we continue to search for a global solution as a permanent remedy for agriculture through the recognition of property rights.

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

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3. OPEN FARMERS MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Wingate Golf Club on Thursday 19 June 2014 at 2.30 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.

4. GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

In the Gazette of 6 June 2014 there was only one item of interest which may be of interest to our members. In today's newspaper there was no publication of any acquisition notices.

[Statutory Instrument 92 of 2014](#)

Environmental Management (Control of Alluvial Mining) Regulations, 2014

These new regulations will be useful to assist with the massive stream bank damage and pollution of our river systems which has already occurred through the uncontrolled exploitation of our precious resources and is in fact long overdue.

5. LEGAL AFFAIRS

(From the desk of Marc Carrie-Wilson)

Mining versus Farming - What does the law say

I have a perception that in the last few years the country has seen an increase in mining activities. I refer particularly to the upsurge in small-scale "illegal" miners and mainly Asian foreign mining speculators. **This is bound to have an impact on farming in the country. For this reason I have decided to put together an article that highlights what a farmer's rights and obligations** are in terms of the law when it comes to mining on or near his or her farm. In general, I note that in the history of this country the conflict between mining and farming has always been an issue.

In short I will try and address the most frequently asked questions:

Are my lands, Farm buildings, borehole and homestead protected from mining claims?

In summary the Act does not allow any prospecting and pegging to take place:

- within 450 metres of the Principal Homestead or the site of the intended homestead.
- within 90 metres of any area set aside on which housing constructed of brick or concrete has erected for occupation by farm employees. If the total of such housing is not less than \$5 000,00.
- within 90 metres of any permanent cattle dip tank or spray race.
- Upon any land under cultivation or within fifteen metres thereof. For purposes of section 31, "land under cultivation" means:-
 - land which has been cleared, or ploughed or prepared for the express purpose of growing farm crops.
 - Ploughed land on which farm crops are growing;
 - Ploughed land from which farm crops have been reaped, for a period of three years from the date of completion of such reaping. In other words, if a crop is reaped in November 1993, the ground can lie fallow for 3 years and no one can prospect on it until November 1996.
 - Land which has been prepared for the purpose of planting permanent crops such as orchards, tree plantations and land on which these are planted and are growing.
 - Ploughed land on which grass has been planted and maintained for harvesting, rotation of crops or stock feeding. This is for a period of 6 years from date of planting.
 - Note that if the land is not utilised for the purpose for which it was prepared within 2 years, the land will become open to prospecting and pegging.

5. LEGAL AFFAIRS CONTINUED

- Within 9 metres of any other permanent improvement *bonafide* farm building.
- Upon any site which is on town lands but outside the surveyed limits of any city town village situated thereon.
- Upon a rifle range of the Government, railway reserve or any cemetery.
- On a small holding which is less than 100 hectares, except with the consent of the owner in writing.

How does someone make a mining claim?

The Right to prospect and search for any minerals on land that is open in terms of the law is conferred on any person who holds a valid prospecting license. Note that prospecting does not include removing ore or disposing of any mineral discovered save for the *bonafide* purposes of having it assayed.

In addition a licensed prospector has the following rights:

- to peg one block of gold or other base mineral. Note that no drilling or excavation work whether at the surface or underground should take place at this stage.
- to take free of charge for primary purposes any public or private water from land not closed to prospecting and pegging only in so far as this does not interfere with the use of water for primary purposes by the farmer.
- To use dead wood for domestic use from the interested area but an arrangement must be made in advance with the farmer for the payment in respect of any wood
- to erect temporary accommodation for the miner and his/her workers in consultation with the farmer.

What is a Notice of Intension to Prospect (Section 38)

This has been confused with seeking permission to prospect. The Prospecting Licence holder is merely notifying the landowner that he intends to prospect within his farm. The farmer cannot refuse prospecting on his land that is open to prospecting and pegging as the mineral rights are vested in the State. It simply means that the farmer does not own what is underneath therefore cannot give permission.

There are two methods of delivering the notification:-

- a) by registered post (ordinary post not accepted).
- b) By hand to person.

It is probably better that the miner delivers the letter in person so that he/she can introduce himself to the farmer and establish good relations with him. Good farmer/miner relations cannot be over emphasized. Once the prospective miner has delivered or posted the notification, the miner is entitled to prospect on the property for a period of 120 days.

What are the obligations of the Prospector

Obligations of the Prospecting Licence Holder

- i. Leave the area in the original state;
- ii. Carryout prospecting in a manner which does not disturb the farmers operations;
- iii. On leaving the area fill in all trenches and excavations made,
- iv. Appoint a responsible person to be in charge of operations if the primary prospector is absent for more than 24 hours.

6. ARAC UPDATE

(From the desk of Ben Gilpin)

Should anyone be looking for property to rent in Harare I do have a list of one or two available cottages in my office so please feel free to contact me.

Indigenisation.

As Zimbabweans struggle to deal with the ongoing challenges to the economic, social and political dimensions of day to day life, **all are aware of the catch words “Empowerment” and “Indigenisation”**... both terms usually accompanied by percentages. These slogans are the root of national aspirations and policies and, like a pair of yoked oxen, are supposed to deliver prosperity from a partnership of investments in capital, human and natural resources. Regrettably, the current focus appears to be driven by simple equations not subject to the laws of economics or human relations but rather driven solely by political and emotional perspectives and objectives.

Yesterday I was for a few minutes seated in a foyer which had a glass sliding door at the entrance. I was waiting for someone to join me for a meeting and I positioned myself to observe as others approached. As I watched my attention was drawn to a sign pasted on the outside of the door. It was pretty translucent and with the bright sunshine outside I put my mind to deciphering the writing which was clear but unintelligible from inside. I was able with a little help from accumulated experience and some **mental adjustment to figure out that the sign read: “Door closed on account of the weather, please come in.” I guess the version from inside was at first anything but easily understandable.** So also, I suspect, for those trying to deal with the myriad laws and procedures relating to investing in Zimbabwe. What might appear clear to some, from another perspective looks more like a **sign reading: “Door closed on account of policy, enter with extreme caution.”**

Last Thursday the Minister of Indigenisation spoke at the SAPES Trust Forum and tried to clarify the policy and its criteria for implementation. He outlined the very real challenge in Zimbabwe that exists given the staggering number of unskilled young people cumulatively seeking gainful occupation every year. According to the latest census the country has 67% youth; notably over 33% are under the age of 15. Whilst there are around 6000 primary schools, there are only 3500 secondary schools and the vast majority of kids simply drop out after grade 7. This sector of the population now numbers around 4, 7 million and the **minister’s mandate is to try and improve their lot so that all can have a good life. Indeed this is no small ask for the country.**

The policy is guided by the Act and whilst it appears clear that there is no one-size-fits-all depending on the category of investment anticipated, there is considerable confusion. The minister gave some figures of the current compliance statistics of local **companies and said the policy was not aimed “to shut down or victimise” businesses or individuals. He went on to say that the government is looking for good partners to assist in the task of uplifting the people without discrimination.** I know for sure that his attempts to enlighten and promote to those present the parameters of engagement were received with scepticism. The general concern is that there is no policy consistency. Someone from the mining sector noted that internal rates of return would need to be around 40% in order to accommodate the 51% and still be economically viable; certainly a tall order! One of the senior foreign diplomats said that investors from his country who continue to make significant investments in the region, found little incentive to do so in Zimbabwe.

At question time I noted the fate of our own sector where the policy to indigenise had been pretty well 100% and had both victimised and shutdown most commercial farmers and their businesses. I suggested that the policy, which now regards our **sector “reserved”**, needs review. I firmly believe that the general uplift of the population could benefit from the engagement of many good and willing partners from within our constituency.

I often wonder what the situation would have looked like if we had been left with 49% or given options for some kind of **inclusive compliance rather than the brute reality of our exclusion. Sadly for us the sign still seems to read: “Door closed on account of history, no whites!”** Indeed it seems that we and our fellow citizens remain challenged by the reality of perspective and past experience and can only achieve the desired improvement for all if we are prepared to face honestly where we have been and where we wish to get to.

I will be out of office for the next few days but will be back at the end of next week. I hope that many of you will be able to join us at our next Open Farmers Meeting. Brendan Tiernan **will be our guest speaker. He was Head Master of St George’s College** for many years and is a wonderful speaker who I am certain will be able to will share a few valuable insights and amusing anecdotes from his perspective.

7. ECONOMICS REPORT

(From the desk of Antonnette Chingwe)

GMB

The Government has released at least US\$2.1 million to the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) for the payment of farmers who delivered grain to the parastatal over the last month. Agriculture, Mechanization and Irrigation Development Deputy Minister Dr Davis Marapira confirmed the development, adding that the money has already been released to the GMB and payments to farmers would start soon. He said the payments were meant to encourage farmers to deliver maize to the GMB. The Government, however, still owes farmers about \$1.7 million for maize delivered to the parastatal last season.

GMB general manager Mr. Albert Mandizha confirmed the release of the money. Farmers have so far delivered 10 000 tonnes to GMB valued at \$3.9 million and no payments have been made. Last year GMB received only 33 000mt of grain from farmers, a huge decline from the previous season deliveries of 81 000mt. The reduction in delivery levels was a result of failure by GMB to pay farmers on time. (Source: Herald)

Tobacco

Virginia tobacco deliveries have surpassed the 185 million kg target set for this year with indications that the figure could reach 200 million kg before the marketing season ends. According to the Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board 185 million kg of tobacco worth \$588.6 million was sold so far. This is a 31.7% more than the 140.4 million kg that was sold during the same period last year.

However, average prices for the year at \$3.18 per kg lower than the \$3.70 per kg for the same period last year. Of the 185 million kg a total of 137.8 million kg worth \$458.7 million was sold under the contract system at an average price of \$3.33 per kg while 47.1 million kg valued at \$129.8 million was sold under the auction system at an average price of \$2.75 per kg.

Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board chief executive Dr Andrew Matibiri said that there is about 18 to 20 million kg that are still to be delivered to the floors before the season ends soon. If deliveries reach the 200 million mark they will be just 36 million kg shy of the country's peak production figure of 236 million that was achieved in 2000. (Source: TIMB)

8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

(From the desk of Richard Taylor)

Of huge concern to farmers now is the price crash that is happening with Maize and Soya Beans. It is a train smash, and once again it is the farmer who will be taking the hit. Below will give you a fair idea of what your cost will have been and what you will need in price to make any money. Prices for Soya are now at \$500/t and below where maize is now at \$280/t and below.

Soya Beans

		1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
TVC (excluding interest)		829.24	847.73	938.36	1,208.41	1,226.90	1,245.38
Overhead Costs @ 40%		331.70	339.09	375.34	483.37	490.76	498.15
Total (excluding interest)		1,160.94	1,186.82	1,313.70	1,691.78	1,717.65	1,743.53
Return At \$/t	\$/t						
	500	750	1,000	1,250	1,500	1,750	2,000
	510	765	1,020	1,275	1,530	1,785	2,040
	520	780	1,040	1,300	1,560	1,820	2,080
	530	795	1,060	1,325	1,590	1,855	2,120
	540	810	1,080	1,350	1,620	1,890	2,160
	550	825	1,100	1,375	1,650	1,925	2,200
	560	840	1,120	1,400	1,680	1,960	2,240
	570	855	1,140	1,425	1,710	1,995	2,280
	580	870	1,160	1,450	1,740	2,030	2,320
	590	885	1,180	1,475	1,770	2,065	2,360
	600	900	1,200	1,500	1,800	2,100	2,400
	610	915	1,220	1,525	1,830	2,135	2,440

8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION CONTINUED

		1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4
Profit & Loss	\$/t						
	500	-411	-187	-64	-192	32	256
	510	-396	-167	-39	-162	67	296
	520	-381	-147	-14	-132	102	336
	530	-366	-127	11	-102	137	376
	540	-351	-107	36	-72	172	416
	550	-336	-87	61	-42	207	456
	560	-321	-67	86	-12	242	496
	570	-306	-47	111	18	277	536
	580	-291	-27	136	48	312	576
	590	-276	-7	161	78	347	616
	600	-261	13	186	108	382	656
	610	-246	33	211	138	417	696
Maize		3.5	4.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	8.5
TVC (excluding inter-Overhead Costs @ 40%)		982.82	1,113.43	1,199.85	1,561.02	1,647.53	1,744.61
		393	445	480	624	659	698
Total (excluding in-		1,376	1,559	1,680	2,185	2,307	2,442
Return At \$/t	\$/t						
	310	1,085	1,395	1,705	2,015	2,325	2,635
	320	1,120	1,440	1,760	2,080	2,400	2,720
	330	1,155	1,485	1,815	2,145	2,475	2,805
	340	1,190	1,530	1,870	2,210	2,550	2,890
	350	1,225	1,575	1,925	2,275	2,625	2,975
	360	1,260	1,620	1,980	2,340	2,700	3,060
	370	1,295	1,665	2,035	2,405	2,775	3,145
	380	1,330	1,710	2,090	2,470	2,850	3,230
	390	1,365	1,755	2,145	2,535	2,925	3,315
	400	1,400	1,800	2,200	2,600	3,000	3,400
	410	1,435	1,845	2,255	2,665	3,075	3,485
	420	1,470	1,890	2,310	2,730	3,150	3,570
Profit & Loss	\$/t						
	310	-291	-164	25	-170	18	193
	320	-256	-119	80	-105	93	278
	330	-221	-74	135	-40	168	363
	340	-186	-29	190	25	243	448
	350	-151	16	245	90	318	533
	360	-116	61	300	155	393	618
	370	-81	106	355	220	468	703
	380	-46	151	410	285	543	788
	390	-11	196	465	350	618	873
	400	24	241	520	415	693	958
	410	59	286	575	480	768	1,043
	420	94	331	630	545	843	1,128

8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION CONTINUED

Not a pretty picture.

Below, an article which illustrates common problems faced worldwide by farmers.

Field Notes:

June 9, 2014

Crop damage by animals is a big problem.

By: Ernie Flint, Ph.D., CCA, Regional Agronomist

Mississippi State University Extension Service

The production of crops is a very expensive activity and farmers can't afford to have their fields damaged by wildlife such as deer and wild hogs. Other species participate in damage to crops, but few can come close to the level of destruction we see where these two species are abundant.

Most of us who work with crops will agree that pound for pound the feral hog is the most destructive animal for crops, especially for corn. In many cases the planting of this crop is futile since it will likely not be able to emerge before hogs dig up and consume the seed that have been planted. At least for the present, hogs are only in some localities, but each year they seem to spread to new areas. In a few more seasons, farmers may not be able to plant corn unless they invest in expensive electric fences, and even then they will likely break through.

Although hogs are not as interested in soybeans and cotton, deer seem to specialize in these crops and only feed on corn fields around the edges. Deer are most destructive in soybean fields, beginning their feeding as soon as new seedlings emerge from the soil. They seem to enjoy the tender seedlings that are still in the cotyledon stage. We have learned to quickly look for where the seedling is bitten off, and we have come to accept a situation in which the deer only bites off the terminal. This type of damage is better than that in which the plant is bitten off below the cotyledons since when this is done the plant is finished.

Farmers have tried many things to discourage the feeding of wildlife on their crops. These include scarecrows, propane canons, predator scents, reflective devices, moth balls, lights, dogs, and the shooting of animals after obtaining a permit to do so. In some cases one would think farmers are preparing for an invading army, which in a sense they are.

Within the last couple of years I have observed the damage of deer in soybeans and cotton fields and I believe there are some basic things that can be used to discourage their damage. I doubt that any of this will work on wild hogs, but where deer are the main issue it may help.

The use of cover crops such as wheat is good for the land since these crops reduce soil loss and retain nutrients, but an added benefit seems to be that deer do not like to feed on young emerging seedling where desiccated cover crops are present and where the new crop is planted without tillage into the standing stalks of these plants. I believe that I have mentioned this in the past, but there seems now to be another part of the story.

Recently I witnessed a situation in which the standing cover crop had been cut down and left on the soil surface. Soybeans were then planted into it. Deer feeding was reduced to a very low level compared with other beans in the area that were on bare soil. This seems an ideal combination in which the cover crop of wheat provides its usual benefits while at the same time allowing newly emerged seedlings to avoid damage by deer. It seems that deer either do not like to walk on this layer of straw **or they don't like to put their noses down into the mulch to feed. Regardless of which it seems to work. How long it will take before deer overcome their fear of mulch is anybody's guess, but for now it may be a way to protect young seedlings.**

The problem now is how to get people to avoid burning their wheat straw so that it can protect their beans from deer. Sure, **burning makes planting easier, but why plant if deer arrive to eat the crop before it's made?**

Thanks for your time.

8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION CONTINUED

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	390	Grade A/B 280 7 days transfer delivered to Harare & Bulawayo Grade D 275 7 days transfer delivered to Harare & Bulawayo Grade A/B 270 24 hrs textacash delivered to Harare for 10mt & be- low Grade D 265 24 Hrs textacash delivered to Harare for 10 mt and below	380 Con- tracted Price	310 14 Days	290 Cash at gate 82 Woolwich Road
Yellow Maize	310	310	380 Contracted	n/a	290 Cash at gate 82 Woolwich Road
Maize Bran	-	-	200	n/a	160
Soya beans	580	500	530	510	500
Soya bean Meal	-	500	650	n/a	600
Wheat	466		-	440 21 Days	-
Wheat Bran	-	-	200	-	190
Groundnuts	570 unshelled		-	n/a	-
Sugar Beans	1300	n/a	-	n/a	n/a
Sorghum	310	-	n/a	n/a	-
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— Decrease
— No Change

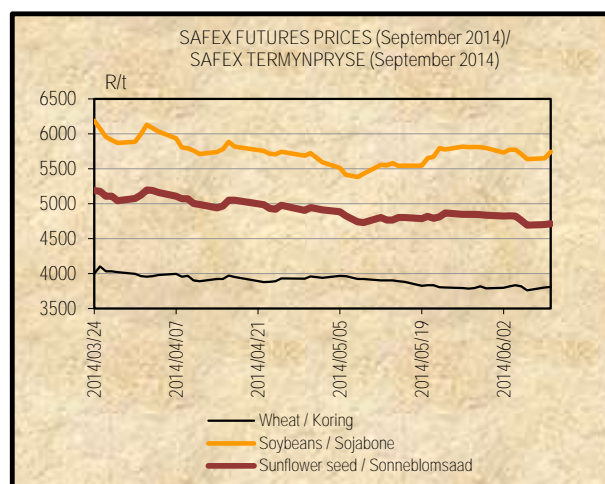
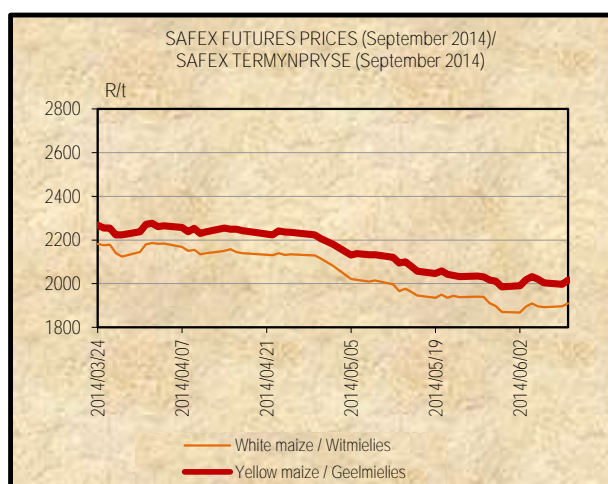
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Producer Prices

South African Grain Information Services (SAGIS)

South African Foreign Exchange (SAFEX 6th June 2014)

Commodity	Rand/tonne	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity	Import Parity
			Rand/Tonne	US\$/Tonne
White Maize	1851	173	2701	252
Yellow Maize	1956	184	2806	265
Wheat	3843	362	4693	443
Soyabeans	4560	430	5410	510
Sunflowers	5650	533	6500	613

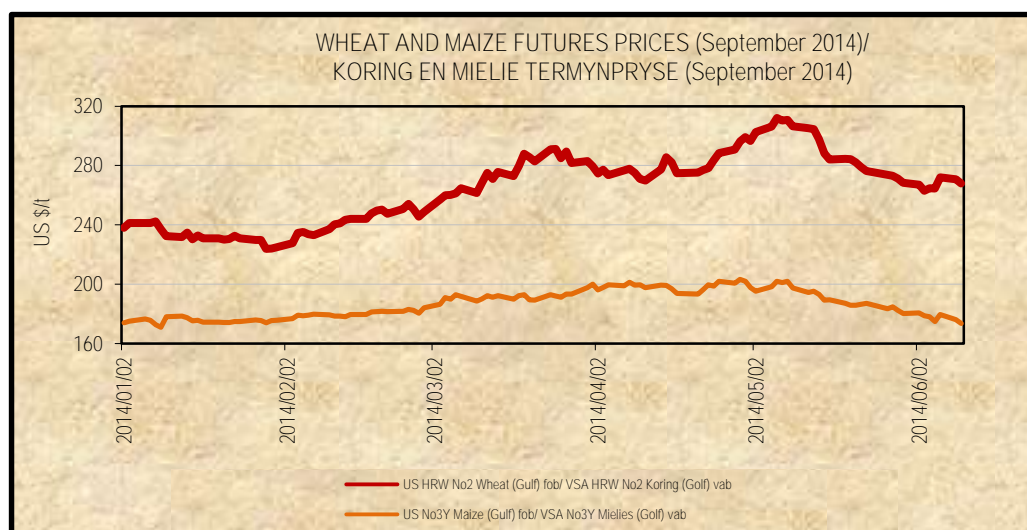
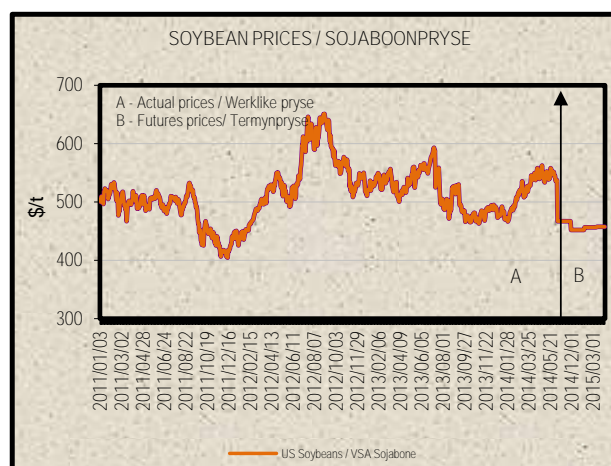
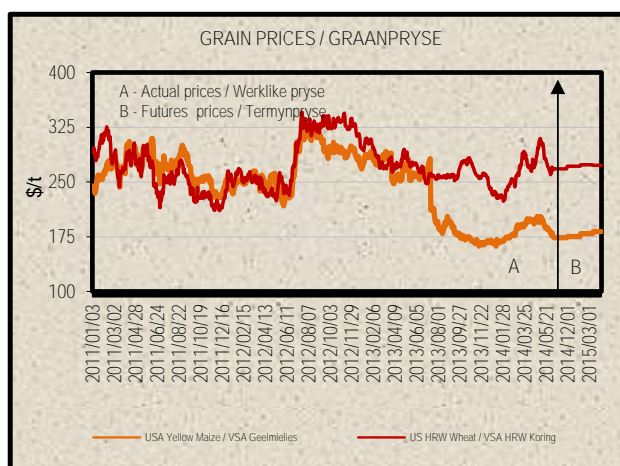


International Gulf

Commodity	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity
		US\$/Tonne
Wheat	318	468
Maize	211	361
Sorghum	234	384
Soyabeans	570	720

— Increase
— Decrease
— No Change

8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION CONTINUED



FERTILIZER	Profert 04-303054 or 0774 699 625	ZFC Limited 04-753882 or 753890
Double 'D' Blend	780	14-28-14 ~ 910.00
Tobacco Blend	920	6-28-23 ~ 980.00
Potato Blend	816	Comp "S" 7:21:8. 0.06B ~ 970
Sugar Blend	714	16:16:16 ~ 840
J Blend	753	15:5:20 ~ 750
Cotton Blend	679	Comp "L" - 680
S Blend	734	Comp "S" 7:21:8. 760
Lawn Fert	858	Lawn Blend 25:05:05 ~ 750.00
Urea	694	720
Black Urea	765	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

9. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

'Levies cripple livestock industry'

June 10, 2014

NewsDay

PLAYERS in the livestock industry said government should harmonise the Environmental Management Authority (EMA), Agriculture Marketing Authority (AMA) Veterinary Public Health (VPH) and the Rural District Councils (RDC) laws as they were impacting negatively on the competitiveness of the livestock value chain.

Business Reporter

Presenting challenges faced by the livestock sector in Zimbabwe, the pig value chain group representative Berean Mukwende said levies charged by the different organisations were too high in comparison to the service they offered back to the industry.

"The movement permit and police clearance is important for disease control and stock theft control, but they need to revisit police clearance of pigs and access whether it is necessary.

"African swine fever (ASF) certification is necessary for disease control but there may be need for a two tier system where small-scale producers pay a lesser fee to encourage compliance," Mukwende said.

He, however, said there was also need for EMA to conduct wide stakeholder consultations to understand the logic for the regulations, review its fees and raise awareness of its programmes. Speaking at the same event, beef group representative Nyasha Chishakwe said the RDC fees were very unrealistic to the industry.

"Especially in Matabeleland distances are too long to collect police and the veterinary department to move cattle from home to the auction. Vet charges at the auction were another duplication of services," Chishakwe said.

He said the RDC land taxation collection was also ineffective as currently no services were being provided to the tax payers.

"Players are not motivated to pay RDC levies because lack of service provision such as unfenced plots and encroachment into plots by non-beneficiaries and lack of control on breeding," he said.

He added that government should remove multiple levies at the abattoirs which were being charged per animal.

The dairy sector group representative said government should streamline the process for the dairy players, saying that currently the players require three permits for the livestock movement which includes police clearance, vet clearance and RDC levy.

The group added that the milk processors require multiple registrations with Veterinary Public Health, Dairy Services, Local Authority, EMA and all these were for a fee.

Commenting on the poultry sector challenges, the group representative said the sector was happy with the laws on animal health, but there was need to lobby the government to ensure that agriculture and specifically for animal health obtains a fair dispensation from the National Budget, this will ensure that the Veterinary Services department will have adequate resources.

However, the stock feed group representative said fees paid for registration and import and export permits, specifically AMA, District Valuer Services (DVS), registration fees for feed formulation, premix and fees for testing of feeds was too high.

"We fully appreciate role of levies, fees, but what is lacking is consultation at fee formulation and use of services for the benefit of the value chain," said the group.

The group, however, recommended that there was need for transparency and accountability, issues of enforceability of disclosing fees and levies collected and how they are used for both private and public sector.

9. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)_22-05-2014-HEADLANDS

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AMTKG4AVGKG
12	WEANER HEIFER	3	129.33	2.06
3	COMMERCIAL	4	405.25	1.51
30	COMMUNAL WEANER STEER	1	177.00	1.81
4	ECONOMY	19	340.00	1.32
5	MANUFACTURING	2	205.50	1.24
7	FEEDER STEER	7	283.57	1.77

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)_03-06-2014-GWERU

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AVG_AMT	AMTKG4AVGKG
	LONG WEANER HEIFER	4.00	260.00	550.00	2.12
	WEANER HEIFER	11.00	166.36	406.36	2.44
	BULLS	11.00	500.91	747.73	1.49
	COMMERCIAL PLUS	4.00	522.50	876.25	1.68
	COMMERCIAL /GOOD ECONOMY	29.00	497.93	781.03	1.57
	ECONOMY	48.00	338.00	455.73	1.34
	MANUFACTURING	6.00	319.17	363.33	1.14
	FEEDER STEER	9.00	348.89	555.00	1.59
	LONG WEANER STEER	11.00	246.91	394.55	1.60
	WEANER STEER	4.00	226.25	386.25	1.71
	COW AND CALF	1.00	465.00	670.00	1.44

SOMABHULA 16 MAY 2014

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AVG_AMT	AMTKG4AVGKG
10	BULLING HEIFERS	78.00	344.04	760.06	2.21
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	12.00	236.67	510.00	2.15
12	WEANER HEIFERS	95.00	184.05	418.25	2.27
15	BULLS	8.00	495.63	1,076.25	2.17
3	COMMERCIAL	81.00	487.65	875.80	1.80
4	ECONOMY	136.00	399.41	692.87	1.73
7	FEEDER STEER	19.00	392.26	772.63	1.97
8	LONG WEANER STEER	57.00	255.19	492.28	1.93
9	WEANER STEER	84.00	184.05	361.43	1.96
CC	COW AND CALVES	20.00	480.70	857.50	1.78

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)_10-06-2014-MT-HAMPDEN-

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG KG	AMTKG4AVGKG
10	BULLING HEIFERS	6	334.00	1.77
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	89	256.06	1.97
12	WEANER HEIFER	72	192.39	1.99
14	COWS & CALVES	5	394.20	1.81
15	BULLS	6	515.83	2.42
2	CHOICE	1	355.00	1.92
3	COMMERCIAL	44	436.34	1.80
30	COMMUNAL WEANER STEER	1	161.00	1.55
4	ECONOMY	51	345.49	1.72
5	MANUFACTURING	1	343.00	1.43
7	FEEDER STEER	50	308.90	2.00
8	LONG WEANER STEER	75	241.11	2.03
9	WEANER STEER	131	191.56	1.95

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PRICE PER Kg	SLAUGHTER	YOUNGSTOCK		
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BULLS				
SUPERS				
CHOICE				
COM	\$1.47	\$1.46	\$1.65	\$1.45
COM/ECO	\$1.32	\$1.35		\$1.31
ECO	\$1.25	\$1.27	\$1.38	\$1.28
MAN		\$1.07		
BULLS	\$1.39	\$1.41	\$1.53	\$1.39
F/STEERS		\$1.57	\$1.70	\$1.34
B/HEIFERS		\$1.54		\$1.33
W/STEERS		\$1.86		
W/HEIFERS		\$2.46		\$2.29
BULLED HEIFERS				
YOUNG BULLS				
LONG W/HEIFERS				

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9. **CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION CONTINUED**

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Announcement of a three-day course in

THERMAL USE OF SOLAR ENERGY

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Contact: Mr. Wilson Banda on +263 772 881 050, <wilson@zie.co.zw>
Mr A Schwarzlmuller on <sundrum@zol.co.zw>

Wednesday, 2014-06-18

08:00	Registration and welcome
09:15	Energy crisis despite solar thermal technology
10:00	Tea
10:30	Solar radiation
11:00	Components of solar thermal systems (collectors)
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Components of solar thermal systems (collectors cont.)
14:30	Components of solar thermal systems (storage tanks)
16:00	End of first day

Thursday, 2014-06-19

08:30	Other components
09:00	Designing and dimensioning solar thermal systems
10:00	Tea
10:30	Designing and dimensioning solar thermal systems (cont.)
11:30	System concepts and applications
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Working examples of solar thermal systems in industry and commerce
15:00	Demonstration of RETscreen simulation programme
16:00	End of second day

Friday, 2014-06-20

08:30	Field trip to solar thermal system in Harare
11:00	Introduction into solar cooling and air conditioning
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Introduction into solar solar cooling and air conditioning (cont.)
13:30	Solar drying and solar cooking
15:30	Awarding of Attendance Certificate
16:00	End of third day

PLEASE NOTE: PRESENTATIONS WILL START ON THE MINUTE !!!

SYNOPSIS

The three-day course focuses on the applications of solar-thermal technologies suitable for Zimbabwe. New developments on the solar market will be highlighted and several reasons will be brought out as to why Zimbabwe has no choice but to go SOLAR. Different types of components and the design of complete solar hot water systems will be explained and their potential benefit to various industrial sectors as well as to hospitals, homes, schools and households. Offering alternatives to conventional energy sources, attendants from agriculture, industry, commerce and tourism will be introduced to methods of solar process heating and to solar refrigeration and air conditioning.

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11. Reminder of Important Dates

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FRIDAY 25 JULY 2014

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