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1. EXECUTIVE NEWS

(To our readers – please note that the sections underlined in blue are links to articles on the Internet and that you should first be connected to the Internet to enable you to read them.)

FRANCIS MEDICAL SUPPORT FUND

During the course of the past two weeks our farming community have been shocked by the horrific assault and subsequent death of two members of the same family in the Guruve farming area. The elderly father and his young daughter were rushed to hospital in Harare where they spent a week and more in ICU in a coma. They both underwent delicate surgery in an attempt to save their lives but sadly it was all in vain as the injuries were far too great.

The end result of this is that the remaining family members have now been left with the burden of a huge debt of medical aid shortfalls and extra expenses which they simply do not have the funds to pay. There were also no insurance policies to assist.

The President of the Commercial Farmers' Union has therefore decided to send out this desperate appeal for donations to assist this grieving family. He has opened up a separate bank account which will be administered by the CFU all of whose accounts are properly audited every year. This special account will be open for inspection by any interested party on request.

All donations will be used for the following:

- Assist with medical bills;
- Pay funeral and memorial expenses;
- Assist with the relocation of the remaining family members.
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Should there be any surplus to the requirements of the Francis family this will be transferred to the Farm Families Trust, which is still operating today giving very valuable assistance to dispossessed and destitute farmers and their families to meet some of their medical expenses and also relies solely on kind donations from the public.

Both of the above are extremely worthy causes for which we appeal to you for your most generous support. Banking details are as follows:

FRANCIS MEDICAL SUPPORT
STANBIC BANK
MINERVA BRANCH
ACC. NO, 0240026089502
Branch Code: 3125
SWIFT/BIC Code: SBICZWHXAXX

Should direct deposits be made please ensure that you send us the full details by email to hanneli@cfuzim.org so that you may receive a receipt for the kind donation.

Thanking you all so much for your support.

Yours sincerely
Charles Taffs
President
Commercial Farmers' Union

1. EXECUTIVE NEWS CONTINUED

We must sincerely thank those of you who have so very kindly assisted the Francis family with their donations to help them pay the medical bills which resulted from the tragedy. Donations are still coming in and we will be able to give figures next week. Please remember that any surplus will be going towards another very worthwhile charity, being the Farm Families Trust, which helps many of our struggling farmers and families.

The Memorial Service for both Malcolm and his daughter Catherine will be held today as advertised.

This week of course started off with yet another public holiday on Monday although both Vice President Peter Steyl and Director Hendrik Olivier did not benefit from this as they flew out to attend the SACAU AGM on Sunday followed by quite a long road trip. This year it was held in Maseru, Lesotho.

However, despite their absence our work has continued making progress on the way forward to achieving our ultimate goals of the resuscitation of agriculture through the recognition of property rights and compensation.

News Headlines

Parliament wants farming inputs fraudsters named

via [Parliament wants farming inputs fraudsters named](#) May 28, 2014 by Veneranda Langa NewsDay
THE Public Accounts Parliamentary Portfolio Committee yesterday recommended that seed houses, Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe and officials responsible for Operation Maguta should release the names of people who benefited from farming inputs and equipment distributed under several government programmes.

Joseph Made must resign

via [NewsDay Editorial: Joseph Made must resign – NewsDay Zimbabwe](#) May 28, 2014
The clash between Agriculture minister Joseph Made and his deputy Paddy Zhanda over the Grain Marketing Board (GMB)'s lack of capacity to buy this year's maize crop is grand standing at its best.

Zimbabwe's Economy Heads for Recession as Factories Shut

via [Zimbabwe's Economy Heads for Recession as Factories Shut – Bloomberg](#)
Bloomberg, By Brian Latham May 27, 2014

Ephraim Takavarasha sits on the sidewalk outside Johannesburg's central bus station, wondering how long it will take him to sell his four cases of electrical sockets, mobile-phone chargers and alarm clocks when he returns to Zimbabwe.

Tongaat eyes increase in sugar cane supply

May 28, 2014 [Business](#)
Herald Business Reporter

South African sugar producer Tongaat Hullet anticipates cane supply from indigenous private farmers in Zimbabwe to increase to more than 1 800 000 tonnes by 2017-18 from 1 017 000 tonnes delivered during the current season. Indigenous private sugar cane farmers operating in the country's low veldt are expected to increase to 1 022 by the 2017-18 season from 813 in the 2013-2014 season due to current initiatives that the company is implementing together with Government and local communities.

Dairibord unveils new product line

May 28, 2014 [Business](#)
Herald Business Reporter

Dairibord Zimbabwe Limited has unveiled a new product line to exploit an opportunity identified in the market and to increase the contribution of non-milk products to the group. The new product called Dairibord Pfuko/Udiwo Maheu falls in line with its "More Than Just Milk" strategic thrust. Pfuko/Udiwo Maheu is a nutritious and filling beverage ideal for the health conscious consumer.

1. EXECUTIVE NEWS CONTINUED

Govt plans to re-establish CMB

May 27, 2014 [Business Herald](#)

Government is considering re-establishing the Cotton Marketing Board to bring sanity to the cotton industry. Government is working on re-establishing the Cotton Marketing Board (CMB) as it seeks to bring about order in the production and marketing of the crop in the country, a Cabinet minister said yesterday. Cotton is one of the top export crops in Zimbabwe after tobacco.

Coghlan, 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 Mininf 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

VISAS

Over the past two weeks we have circulated visa information for Zimbabwe and the United Kingdom and this week it is the turn of the South African visa requirements as seen in the linked address to the information on our website.

[New SA visa rules for Zimbabweans - 6 major changes](#)

Beit Bridge Border Post

The Zimbabwe Tourism Authority have staff stationed at the Beitbridge border specifically to assist any visitors or tourists coming into Zimbabwe.

They are positioned at the end of the bridge in the car park as you cross into Zim, and will assist you right through the border, sorting out all the formalities, Road toll, Customs, Road tax, Immigration, Visas, Interpol, etc. and then see you right through to the exit gate, they will handle everything for you at absolutely no charge whatsoever.

That is their job and they are very proud of it, and it is to show the tourist that you can enter Zim without any problems and at no unforeseen costs.

The Area Manager is Bertha Mutowembwa on 00263-286-23640/1 office, or 00263-772 344317 or 00263-712 320428 email. berthamuto@gmail.com and the Marketing Executive is Lindarose Ntuli on 00263-772 409373 or the above office No. email. lindarosentuli@gmail.com

All you have to do is drop them a mail the day before you expect to cross and then phone them before you cross over and they will meet you at the bridge to sort you out.

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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 1 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 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 17 of 2014](#), which makes very interesting reading as usual.

2. 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.

Although a lot has been said about the reversal of the Indigenisation Policy and BIPPAs we are yet to see anything substantial in the form of Statutory Instruments to repeal and replace existing legislation there it is difficult to advise on those important subjects which are severely restricting investment as well as income generation. The latter is of course the [conservancies who have been denied an income](#) for a third season in a row. There have been several high-level meetings on seeking clarification the result of which we eagerly await.

We have recently also seen a few court cases in the lower courts going against farmers where the prosecutors continue to use the controversial judgment of the CFU Supreme Court Case in 2010. Whilst these cases have generally been referred to the higher courts there is great concern that the same precedent may simply be used there too. It is for this very reason that we are again appealing to Government for a moratorium on land acquisition so that those on the land can continue farming and be as productive as possible.

3. SECURITY AND LAND CONTINUED

The issue of [fake offer letters](#) is starting to be a point of discussion in the press recently and anyone who has any evidence of this occurrence should contact us with their details please.

“A SENSE of déjà vu has engulfed the countryside as a spate of land invasions continue to take place right under the nose of President Robert Mugabe’s administration. [Nearly 14 years after the first land invasions](#) catapulted Zimbabwe onto the international stage for the wrong reasons — agitation for land by landless blacks is still continuing — with no signs that this could be coming to an end anytime soon.”

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 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.

5. GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

In the Gazette of 23 May 2014 there was nothing of particular interest to farmers apart for the publication of the new medical rates. **In today’s newspaper there was no publication of any acquisition notices.**

5. ECONOMIC REPORT

(From the desk of Antonnette Chingwe)

Sugarcane

Production of sugar cane in Zimbabwe is projected to drop by 3% to 3.8 million tonnes this year due to a [12% decline in the area](#) harvested, though the yield per hectare is expected to increase. Cane yield per hectare is expected to increase as good summer rains from December 2013 to March 2014 improved the availability of irrigation water in supply dams. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization said the scenario would result in sugar output decreasing only marginally to 480 000 tonnes from the 488 000 tonnes produced last year. In the 2012/13 season, Zimbabwe harvested 3.9 million tonnes of sugar cane on 46 605 hectares, marginally less than the 4 million tonnes on 53 486 hectares the 2011/12 season.

Genetically Modified Organisms GMOs

The Deputy Minister of Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development Dr Godfrey Gandawa, has said that Government [may reconsider its position](#) on the ban of genetically modified organisms if a comprehensive study on their merits and demerits in agriculture is conducted. Dr Gandawa said there was need for close collaboration with the Agriculture, Mechanisation, and Irrigation Development Ministry to support development of biotechnological innovations in agriculture and other fields. The Agriculture Ministry can issue permits on GMO products and technologies but has ruled out lifting a ban on these until more research is available.

On the other hand, the Higher and Tertiary Education, Science and Technology Development Ministry has been lobbying Government to embrace GMO technologies for agriculture, medicine, and other fields.

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Maize

The Government is encouraging farmers to sell their maize to private buyers since the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) does not have funds. The Deputy Agriculture Minister, Paddy Zhandu told the House of Assembly that the parastatal had to date not been allocated funds to procure maize due to resource constraints. He said GMB was not in the market to compete with private buyers but as the buyer of last resort. But legislators argued that the Government should not treat the parastatal as the buyer of last resort.

Bikita West legislator Munyaradzi Kereke said the GMB was by default the “buyer of first resort” as it was the closest to the people especially in remote areas. Therefore he urged GMB must play its part and buy from farmers. But Deputy Minister Zhandu insisted that farmers should look for markets elsewhere. He said the GMB was responsible for acquiring 500 000 metric tonnes for the country’s strategic grain reserve.

Winter Wheat

According to agricultural analysts, production of winter wheat in Zimbabwe is expected to decline this year following a reduction in area put under the crop this winter from around 8 500 hectares last year to about 3 000 hectares this season. Output is expected to decline to below 10 000 tonnes from 14 000 tonnes harvested last year. Challenges that have continued to affect production of the crop include erratic power supply for irrigation, funding, and high costs of inputs. Zimbabwe requires 400 000 tonnes of wheat annually and shortages mean that the country has to meet the shortfall with costly imports from countries such as South Africa and Zambia.

Tobacco

Statistics from the Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board show that over US\$500 million worth of tobacco has gone under the hammer so far. TIMB said 162.8million kg of tobacco has been sold so far, indicating an 11% increase from the same period last year. Tobacco Sales Floor is the leading tobacco auctioneer so far this season with 21.9 million kg sold, followed by Premier Tobacco Floors with 11.1 million kg and then Boka Tobacco Sales Floor 7.5 million kg. Contract sales accounted for the rest.

Though tobacco mass has increased this season, average prices are lower than those paid last year. At least 180 million kg are **expected to be sold this year, up from 166 million kg in 2013. This season’s average tobacco price has been US\$3.21, which is 13.8% less than last year’s US\$3.72.**

Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board

Destruction of Tobacco Stalks, Sowing And Transplanting Dates

All tobacco growers are reminded that the Plant Pests and Diseases Act [Chapter 19:08] requires that all tobacco stalks be destroyed by 15th May of every year.

Destruction of stalks helps to reduce carryover of diseases and pests. This is most effective when tobacco stalks are destroyed immediately after the final harvest.

Tobacco growers who fail to destroy tobacco stalks should be reported to Department of Research and Specialist Services (Plant quarantine Services Institute), AGRITEX, Tobacco Research Board (TRB) or TIMB.

Reports can be made at TIMB regional offices located in Bindura, Mvurwi, Chinhoyi, Karoi, Marondera and Rusape.

Growers should also take note of the following legislated dates:

Earliest date for sowing seed	1 June
Earliest date for transplanting	1 September
Last day of destroying all seedbeds	31 December

For a contravention of regulations requiring the destruction of tobacco plants by a specified date or prohibiting the planting of tobacco plants between specified dates, a grower will be subjected to the following-

5. ECONOMIC REPORT CONTINUED

- For a first offence, to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each hectare or part thereof in respect of which the offence is committed or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to both such fine and such imprisonment;
- For a second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars for each hectare or part thereof in respect of which the offence is committed or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

For any additional information, please contact TIMB on telephone numbers:

0772145166/9 or 0279-22082/21982 or 025-3439 or 067-24268/29246 or 0277-2700 or 064-7280 or 0271-6772 or E-mail: timb@timb.co.zw

6. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

(From the desk of Richard Taylor)

El Nino.

There have been a series of 3 strong Kelvin waves over the past 7 months. Each Kelvin wave pushed some water from the West Pacific Warm Pool towards the East Pacific, but the subsequent upwelling phase resulted in cooling. This week, a very strong "Upwelling" phase of a Kelvin wave is pushing across the Eastern Pacific, forcing colder waters from the subsurface towards the surface, cooling the Eastern Pacific surface waters. This cooling has put the index we use to track El Niño--the so-called "ENSO 3.4 index"--at -0.5°C, right at the border of La Niña conditions. This is happening while warm surface water is being pushed down into the sub-surface, resulting in massive warming below the surface. Here is the evolution of the sub-surface SST structure beginning in January and ending this week:

BOTTOM LINE: The Pacific Ocean is now in a state that could reconstruct the base state of the Pacific, favouring an El Niño to develop later this spring. That being said, it's not a locked in solution yet as we need to monitor the atmosphere for future westerly wind bursts to help push the Western Pacific Warm Pool along.

This extract has been taken from Internet <http://www.wunderground.com/blog/JeffMasters/an-el-nio-coming-in-2014>

EL NIÑO/SOUTHERN OSCILLATION (ENSO)

DIAGNOSTIC DISCUSSION

issued by

CLIMATE PREDICTION CENTER/NCEP/NWS

and the International Research Institute for Climate and Society

8 May 2014

ENSO Alert System Status: **El Niño Watch**

Synopsis: Chance of El Niño increases during the remainder of the year, exceeding 65% during summer.

ENSO-neutral continued during April 2014, but with above-average sea surface temperatures (SST) developing over much of the eastern tropical Pacific as well as persisting near the International Date Line (Fig. 1). The weekly SST indices were near to slightly above average and increasing in the Niño1+2, Niño3 and Niño3.4 regions, and above average in the Niño4 region (Fig. 2). The down welling phase of a strong oceanic Kelvin wave that began in January greatly increased the oceanic heat content during March and April (Fig. 3), and produced large positive subsurface temperature anomalies across the central and eastern Pacific (Fig. 4). The upper portion of these subsurface anomalies reached the sea surface, warming the waters east of 125°W longitude. Also during April, weak low-level westerly wind anomalies were observed over the far western Pacific, while upper-level easterly anomalies occurred over much of the Pacific. Convection was enhanced over the west-central equatorial Pacific (Fig. 5). These atmospheric and oceanic conditions collectively indicate a continued evolution toward El Niño.

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The model predictions of ENSO for this summer and beyond are indicating an increased likelihood of El Niño compared with those from last month. Most of the models indicate that ENSO-neutral (Niño-3.4 index between -0.5°C and 0.5°C) will persist through part of the remainder of the Northern Hemisphere spring 2014 (Fig. 6), most likely transitioning to El Niño during the summer. There remains uncertainty as to exactly when El Niño will develop and an even greater uncertainty as to how strong it may become. This uncertainty is related to the inherently lower forecast skill of the models for forecasts made in the spring. While ENSO-neutral is favored for Northern Hemisphere spring, the chance of El Niño increases during the remainder of the year, exceeding 65% during the summer (click [CPC/IRI consensus forecast](#) for the chance of each outcome).

This discussion is a consolidated effort of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), NOAA's National Weather Service, and their funded institutions. Oceanic and atmospheric conditions are updated weekly on the Climate Prediction Centre web site ([El Niño/La Niña Current Conditions and Expert Discussions](#)). Forecasts for the evolution of El Niño/La Niña are updated monthly in the [Forecast Forum](#) section of CPC's Climate Diagnostics Bulletin. The next ENSO Diagnostics Discussion is scheduled for 5 June 2014. To receive an e-mail notification when the monthly ENSO Diagnostic Discussions are released, please send an e-mail message to: ncep.list.ens0-update@noaa.gov.

Climate Prediction Centre
National Centres for Environmental Prediction
NOAA/National Weather Service
College Park, MD 20740

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	340 14 Days	320 Cash at gate 82 Woolwich Road
Yellow Maize	310	350	380	n/a	320 Cash at gate 82
Maize Bran	-	-	200	n/a	160
Soya beans	580	530	530	510 520 490	460
Soya bean Meal	-	520	650	n/a	610

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Producer Prices

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	-
Wheat Bran	-	-	200	-	190
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 availability Feel free to call them and discuss	All prices are negotiable depending on tonnages and payment terms

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— Decrease
— No Change

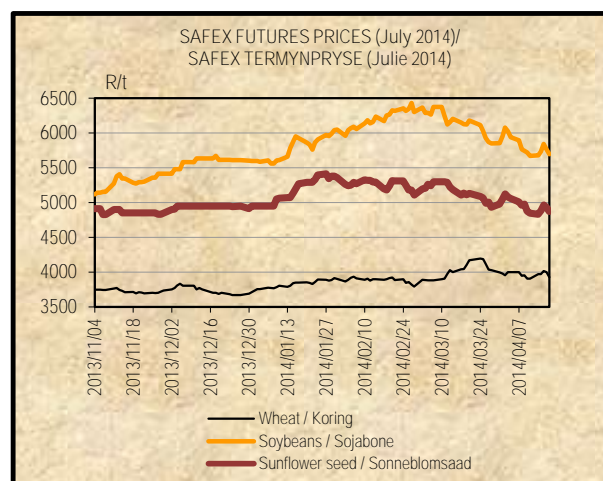
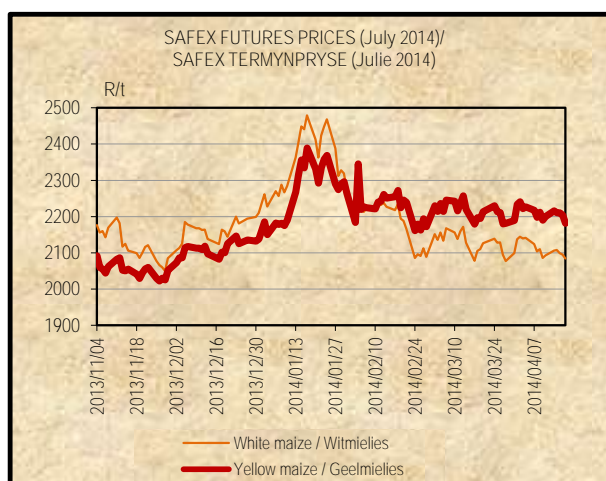
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Producer Prices

South African Grain Information Services (SAGIS)

South African Foreign Exchange (SAFEX) 30thth May 2014

Commodity	Rand/tonne	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity	Import Parity
			Rand/Tonne	US\$/Tonne
White Maize	1883	180	2733	262
Yellow Maize	1976	186	2826	267
Wheat	3851	363	4701	443
Soyabeans	4670	440	5520	521
Sunflowers	5692	537	6542	617

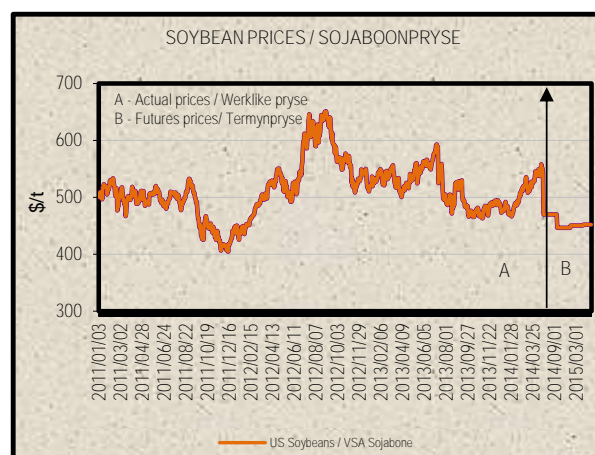
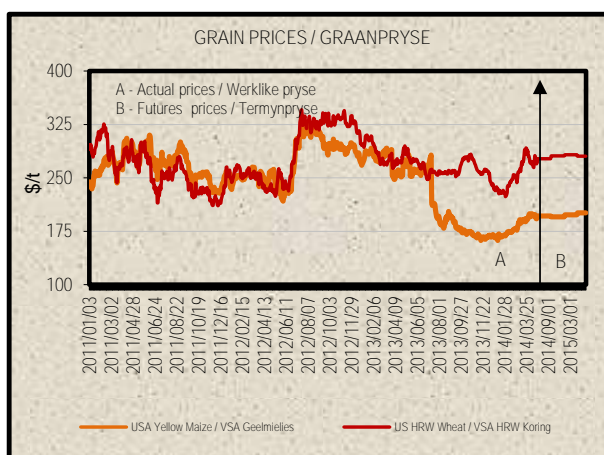


International Gulf

Commodity	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity US\$/Tonne
Wheat	325	475
Maize	219	369
Sorghum	238	388
Soyabeans	582	732

— Increase
— Decrease
— No Change

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FERTILIZER	Profert 04-303054 or 0774 699 625	ZFC Limited 04-753882 or 753890
Double 'D' Blend	800	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

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7. 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
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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.

Zim to resume EU beef exports

May 27, 2014

Farirai Machivenyika Senior Reporter to The Herald

Zimbabwe will soon resume beef exports to the lucrative European Union market, with negotiations to that effect already underway, a Cabinet Minister has said.

Speaking at a Press conference yesterday, Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development Minister Dr Joseph Made said Cabinet would, in the coming few days, discuss a national strategy on livestock production in preparation for the exports.

Zimbabwe last sold its beef to Europe in 2001 before the exports were suspended because of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease.

“As we are talking, there are inquiries from Europe relating to the fact that we must focus on the livestock sector and the potential to re-enter the European market in terms of beef exports,” said Dr Made.

“We are in agreement with the European Union that we must re-establish the green, the red and the white zone as it relates to foot and mouth and re-establishment of the foot and mouth fence across the country.

“It is not a secret as ruled by the World Trade Organisation that all beef entering the European market must be labelled GMO-free or GMO-fed beef.

“So, we are mindful of the fact that there is a niche market that relates to our own beef and we would want to participate in that sector because we are GMO-free in terms of our stock-feeds and this we have indicated in the sense that we have remained firm in terms of the content as it relates to GMO material.

“I also want to clarify that this is a Cabinet position as it relates to GMO that we will not allow the introduction of GMO materials.”

Dr Made said the livestock sector had great potential to contribute to economic growth.

“In the coming seven days or so I will be announcing a national strategy relating to the livestock sector, this is assuming that Cabinet will be considering this matter in the coming days,” he said. “We must focus on the livestock sector in its totality because Zimbabwe holds great potential in the sector.”

Dr Made said that the livestock sector could create downstream industries that use by-products from livestock such as hides.

He said delivery of maize to the Grain Marketing Board had increased by up to four times more than what was delivered in the same period last year.

Farmers have delivered 5 400 metric tonnes of maize to the GMB so far, compared to the 1 600 metric tonnes that had been delivered during the same period last year.

Zimbabwe needs 500 000 metric tonnes for the strategic grain reserves.

He said Finance and Economic Development Minister Patrick Chinamasa had been tasked to mobilise resources to ensure timely payment of farmers for grain delivered.

In the past, Government delayed payment to farmers, negatively affecting their operations.

[See below to read some interesting comments on this article:](#)

<http://www.herald.co.zw/zim-to-resume-eu-beef-exports/>

7. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

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

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AMTKG/AVGKG
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

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GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AVG_AMT	AMTKG4
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)_27-05-2014-MT-HAMPDEN-

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AMTKG/AVGKG
1	SUPER	15	501.40	2.09
10	BULLING HEIFERS	3	300.33	2.34
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	10	222.44	1.94
12	WEANER HEIFER	8	183.63	2.33
3	COMMERCIAL	20	433.40	1.73
4	ECONOMY	19	395.84	1.71
5	MANUFACTURING	1	223.00	2.02
7	FEEDER STEER	21	338.62	1.98
8	LONG WEANER STEER	16	239.88	1.91
9	WEANER STEER	11	153.64	2.09

7. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

BULAWAYO SHOWGROUNDS SALE PENS - SALE			COLLEEN BAWN	PLUMTREE
PRICE PER Kg	SLAUGHTER	YOUNGSTOCK		
	21.05.14	23.05.14	06.05.14	20.05.14
BULLS				
SUPERS	2.07	\$2.00		
CHOICE	1.77	\$1.80		
COM	1.62	\$1.62	\$1.65	\$1.49
COM/ECO	1.43	\$1.50		\$1.41
ECO	1.34	\$1.38	\$1.38	\$1.14
MAN	1.08	\$1.20		
BULLS	1.55	\$1.53	\$1.53	\$1.42
F/STEERS		\$1.72	\$1.70	\$1.59
B/HEIFERS		\$1.62		
W/STEERS		\$2.05		
W/HEIFERS		\$2.80		
BULLED HEIFERS				
YOUNG BULLS				
LONG W/HEIFERS				

Forthcoming Cattle Sales

MT HAMPDEN CATTLE SALE EVERY TUESDAYS @ 12 NOON

HEADLANDS CATTLE SALE EVERY 2 WEEKS @ 11AM

See [CATTLE SALE DATES FOR CC SALES NATIONWIDE](#) for **May and June 2014** on our website.

CC SALES & ZIMBABWE HERD BOOK
Brings you the

46th NATIONAL BULL SALE

DATE OF SALE

FRIDAY 25 JULY 2014

ENTRIES INVITED FROM ZHB MEMBERS ONLY & CONDITIONS APPLY.

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7. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

Dorper Society Update 2014 Courses

The following courses are now open for bookings.

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.

8. CLASSIFIEDS

For Rent

For rent on The Chase, Mt Pleasant. Good opportunity to move into a very pleasant complex of six houses in a peaceful and beautiful garden maintained by the complex gardener. 3 Bedrooms, lounge/dining with fire place, 1 ½ bathrooms, good electricity and borehole water piped into all the houses, garage, very secure. \$1500 per month. Available immediately. Contact Wendy on 0772 234629.

5TH JUNE 2014

For Sale

PROPERTY IN TANZANIA.

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5TH JUNE 2014

We are constantly receiving requests from evicted farmers to search for suitable, reasonably priced, accommodation in the main centres, mainly Harare. Often the farmers have been forced off their farms and out of their homes at very short notice and become refugees with nowhere to go.

We also have a number of farmers who have moved to town who can no longer afford the high rentals being asked, which are often being increased to prices far beyond their means.

Should you know of any suitable accommodation available, please let us know so we can keep a record to assist affected farmer's.

Please contact: ARAC Email: arac@cfuzim.org or Phone during business hours 04 790 276/7 or 790 274
ONGOING

8. CLASSIFIEDS CONTINUED

Notices

ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

We have on sale the following:

Maize Handbook ~ \$20.00

Soya Bean Brochure ~ \$5.00

Sorghum Brochure ~ \$5.00

Wheat Brochure ~ \$10.00

Sunflower Booklet ~ \$10.00

Groundnut Booklet ~ \$10.00

Contact Debbie at the CFU Offices at 42 Bates Street, Milton Park Harare or e-mail reception@cfuzim.org if you are interested in purchasing any of these handbooks

ON GOING

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ON GOING

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Tel: 04 764 276, Tel/Fax: 04 764 277, Cell: 077 2 363 518

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Email ; farmowick@gmail.com

Visit us at Office 10, First Floor, Security Trust Building, 73-75 Kwame Nkrumah Avenue, Harare.

8. CLASSIFIEDS CONTINUED

For Sale

Hukuru has a SUMMER SPECIAL SALE on offer for Broiler Breeder Deep Litter Manure from a wheat straw base selling for only \$20.00/ton.

Minimum collection is 5 tons.

Should anyone be interested please can they contact Dave on email:

davidbookless7718@gmail.com Cell phone [0772 141 356](tel:0772141356) or

Ellah on email: admin@hukuru.co.zw Cell phone [0772969748](tel:0772969748)

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8. CLASSIFIEDS CONTINUED

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Increase your yield with each harvest by using fertilizers from ZFC. We have a wide range of fertilizers which is suitable for all your crops. We also provide you with a range of speciality fertilizers for horticulture. Where you have special needs we will make custom made blends to suit your particular requirements.

We are manufacturers and marketers of fertilizers (compounds and straights), gypsum and lime.

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Vacancies

Farm Sitter available!

I am available for farm sits. I have farmed in the Karoi area since 1976. Tobacco, maize and cattle as main crops. If references are required please contact the following whom I have worked for :

Dave Gregson Allcott : Centenary 0712 869 167

Geff Dollar : Guruve 0772 385 414

My name is Mike Lapham : (04) 861 007, 0712 410 417 email : doublel@mango.zw

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- 7 foot = 2 metres – US\$30 p/m
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Durawall
Design Walls:-

- 6 foot = 1,8 metres – US\$35 p/m
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 - 8 foot = 3 metres – US\$45 p/m
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CFU Congress 2014

will be held on TUESDAY 28th OCTOBER 2014 at CRESTA LODGE, MSASA.

Open Farmers' Meeting

will be held on Wingate Golf Club on Thursday 19 June 2014 at 2.30 pm

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