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## 1. EXECUTIVE NEWS

We are already half way through 2014. Although not always visible, your team is bravely soldiering on desperately trying to achieve a breakthrough that will change our course of history and to get both agriculture and our economy back on track again.

Our discussions and negotiations continue locally and there has been great significance in several meetings which are held across our borders.

Last week Vice President Peter Steyl and Director Hendrik Olivier were in Lesotho attending the AGM of our agricultural partner organisations in Southern Africa. The agricultural unions of the 14 member states of the SADC are united under the [Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions \(SACAU\)](#), which is currently chaired by Dr Theo de Jager of South Africa.

President Charles Taffs was invited to attend the Annual Meeting of the [Afreximbank](#) Advisory Group on Trade, Finance and Export Development in Africa in Libreville, Gabon this week. All expenses were paid by the group which is a non-statutory body that provides advice that usually informs the Bank's strategy. Its membership is drawn from experts in government, business, the academia and related groups within and outside Africa.

**He was asked specifically to attend the panel discussion on "The Use of Outgrower Schemes and Cooperatives for Inclusive Development of Export Agriculture in Africa". This would be under the direction of the moderator to discuss, among other issues, the obstacles to entry into export agriculture business in Africa; policies and programmes needed to ensure inclusive development of export agriculture in Africa; and the role of sub-regional/regional development agencies; and local/regional/international development banks.**

There will no doubt be feedback on the meeting next week after his return but rest assured that his attendance there was very significant and worthwhile from our own point of view, particularly from the aspect of seeking a way forward.

This week also saw the instillation and commissioning of a new 40 KVA diesel generator at our offices which was most generously donated by our sister organisation AgriSA to whom we extend our most sincere appreciation and thanks.

Last week we saw [national power cuts](#) due to problems with the main generators and turbines supplying the national grid but the problems seem to have been resolved for the time being. It is a fact that the [national demand is far higher than the supply](#) hence the desperate need for the construction of some new power plants soon to cope with the demand. This is certainly one aspect that needs urgent attention if this country is going to move forward progressively.

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. 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, so keep the donations coming.

### 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

In some aspects it has been a bit quieter this week but the issue of the hunting permits etc in the main conservancies has still not yet been resolved.

There has been an upsurge in land cases in the courts over the past few weeks and of the 5 cases we have heard of only one that has been successful by the farmer so the rest have gone on appeal. The one which was of most concern [was regarding a BIPPA property](#), which has set an unfortunate precedent. Whilst another was [a highly developed property](#) close to built up residential areas.

We are still working towards achieving a moratorium so that those still on the land can farm in peace and security without the constant fear of prosecution and/or eviction.

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.

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## 4. GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

In the Gazette of 30 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.**

Below is taken from a bulletin circulated by Veritas:

### Note on SI 154/2010

Report by Portfolio Committee on Transport and Infrastructure Development

The report records that the committee received submissions calling for proper implementation of SI 154/2010 [the Road Traffic (Construction, Equipment and Use) Regulations]. It is important to remember that the whole of this statutory instrument was declared invalid and void by Justice Bere in the High Court in November 2012, that the State's appeal to the Supreme Court was struck off the roll for technical reasons, and that the appeal has not been resuscitated. So the current legal position is this:

- **Justice Bere's decision applies**
  - SI 154/2010 is not in force.
  - the previous regulations [SI ] are still in force
- the new requirements that were introduced by SI 154/2010 are not in force [e.g., the provisions requiring fire extinguishers and reflective triangles to be carried in light motor vehicles].

It is high time that the Minister of Transport and Infrastructure Development acknowledged this legal problem and gazetted a new and up-to-date set of regulations free of the defects that led to Justice Bere nullifying SI 154/2010.

## 5. LEGAL AFFAIRS

(From the desk of Marc Carrie-Wilson)

### Update on the Agricultural Marketing Authority

I have of late been having a number of queries about the Agricultural Marketing Authority (“AMA”) particularly with reference to the various fees which are being imposed on producers, processors and traders of agricultural produce.

For the information of farmers I set out below some pertinent facts about AMA:

AMA was established in terms of an Act of Parliament first promulgated in 1967. It is my understanding that AMA was shelved as a Government body in about 1995 when Government Policy at that time was aligning with the then Economic Structural Adjustment Programme (ESAP) which, amongst other things, sought to liberalise the marketing of agricultural produce. However, the Act was never repealed and was rejuvenated in 2005. In about the latter part of 2010 AMA as a Government body was resuscitated by the Ministry of Agriculture. A new board was appointed by the Minister and a secretariat put in place. Over the course of the last few years a number of Statutory Instruments have been put in place by AMA. The intention of these is to regulate trade in agricultural commodities including forcing the registration of anyone who sold or bought certain types of agricultural produce and submit returns of information and pay an annual registration fee.

The AMA website describes its functions as follows:

Promote agricultural production of:

- i. Strategic crops (tobacco, cotton, sugar, soya beans, barley)
- ii. Crops for the provision of food security (maize, wheat, sorghum).
- iii. Livestock (beef, dairy, piggery, poultry, small stock)

Borrowing and lending for agricultural production.

Promoting contract farming through encouraging private sector participation.

Promoting marketing and fair pricing of agricultural commodities.

Advise the Minister of Agriculture on formulation of national policies.

Coordinating the operations of statutory bodies charged with regulating and marketing of agricultural products

The table below shows the most recent Statutory Instruments that AMA have recently put in place which we have in our files:

<u>Statutory Instrument</u>	<u>Affected Agricultural Commodities</u>	<u>Effect of SI</u>
SI 63 Of 2011	Cotton	Seeks to regulate the contract farming of Cotton. Requires registration submission of returns and the payment of fees
SI 147 of 2012	All	Requires all Companies (note not individuals) who buy (note not sell) Agricultural commodities to Register with, submit returns to and pay an annual fee to AMA. Note that no Table of fees are listed.
SI 148 of 2012	Cotton	Amends SI 63 of 2011
SI 140 of 2013	Grains and Oilseeds and Products made from Grains and Oilseeds	Seeks to regulate contract farming and trading of Grains and Oilseeds. Requires registration, submission of returns and payment of a fee.

## 5. LEGAL AFFAIRS

An example of the various Registration and Late registration fees Payable in terms of the above Statutory Instruments are set out in the Table Below:

SI 140 of 2013 (Grains and Oilseeds)		
<i>Form Number</i>	<i>Form Description</i>	<i>Fee US\$</i>
AMAG1	Application for Registration as Grain Industry Stakeholders Association	500
	On late registration	500
AMAG2	Application for registration as a contractor or processor	1000
	On late registration	2000
AMAG3	Application for registration as a buyer or Trader	1000
	On late registration	2000
AMAG4	Application for registration as a grower	1
	On late registration	2
AMAG5	Application for registration as a service hammer miller	2
	On late registration	5

There is a similar Table of fees for Cotton.

I must note that I cannot find any SI that requires the registration of sellers of various commodities not highlighted above.

## 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.

### Destitute Zimbabwe.

Yesterday in the evening the usually erratic ZESA supply underwent several moments of noticeable fluctuation and I am sure that all across the country, certainly for those lucky enough to have electricity, eyes were focused on the flickering lights... **in my thoughts most prominent was the question..." is this the ONE that we have been waiting for?" Well like a stumbling man who loses and then regains his balance, after a few minutes the voltage clearly stabilized and the lights stayed on. The lingering thought was..." For how long?"**

This morning at around 8.30 a.m. it seems the situation returned and whilst now at three thirty as I write this, we again have **power, I am certain that it won't be long before the problem manifests itself with more definite and enduring impact. We have** and continue to grow used to such results of decades of living on depreciation!

**Earlier in the week a small group from head office CFU travelled to a farmers' meeting in Gweru. The journey took a fair bit longer than anticipated; perhaps because there are now quite possibly more functional robots along the route which is undergoing repairs by the Group Five contractors from SA. Yes, things are happening, long queues of cars and trucks pile up as they wait for the solar powered lights to change and permit the interrupted flow of traffic to take turns on the regular detours. Such it seems is the course of daily life in Zimbabwe... roadblocks and detours on the journey past depreciation to recovery!**

Still there are those who deny the need for the full raft of measures required to really turn things around. One is wont to recollect the old strip roads where the little tar that paved our country roads cut through the bush like rail tracks, stretching **the limited resource as far as possible. Now it seems the country's limited available** resources are simply not enough to sustain the demand of the ever hungry apparatus of state. I say available because there is a clear difference between potential and **in-hand... here lies the conundrum of Zimbabwe's current economic situation. For how long will the thinking focus on a model of** empowerment that puts satisfaction of a few before generation of a surplus to share?

**We are not collecting enough to simply feed the country's civil service. They are in fact the country's biggest spenders and when pay day comes and goes with nothing in the pocket; it is the nation's pocket that also feels the pinch. Well that is where** we are, the tin soldiers are collapsing and whilst here and there someone is around to pick them up, I wonder for how long we can sustain the situation. Will the nation emulate its Electricity supply and simply stop functioning?

Where is this leading you might well ask? Analysis of the situation is probably the first step in finding remedial options. Certainly there are many problems facing the nation but I would proffer that its current descent into poverty is the result of a combination of factors; all of them types of something more serious...**DESTITUTION.**

In this, the simple term needs breaking down further into its recognisable components, namely: material, moral and spiritual. All three aspects are the manifestations of lack and they are present in Zimbabwe though they are not uniformly felt. There are those for who the simple want for basics keep themselves entirely focused on searching for the necessities of food and **shelter and these sought and only partially met within whatever constraints surround them. One doesn't have far to go to** recognise the fact that the developing sprawl of our cities seems to trap people in a kind of hopelessness as they are settled on un-serviced stands and face the daily challenges of queuing for water and hunting for firewood... all the while having to feed the palm of some lurking facilitator.

In the next dimension we read constantly of the moral destitution of so many placed in positions of responsibility... or should I say ...opportunity... which seem to be the occasion to entirely focus on self enrichment with no regard to the task of service. What we hear of seems to be the tip of the iceberg for licence to disclose in these parts is clearly quite constrained and **any-way such that we hear of are only following some other model's lead!**

This leads to the last point mentioned... the spiritual side. Here poverty is something more subtle for indeed it is here where one is most challenged to acknowledge our own insufficiency and dependency on the generosity of others. Life at its most fundamental is a gift and only when we acknowledge this, do we recognise how poor we are without being aware of the common nature of our humanity. Somehow at times even the so called poor are rich because they are able to transcend the lack of something when they experience and share the spiritual, moral and material generosity of others and live by reciprocity.

In Zimbabwe, our recovery as a nation remains hostage to our choices most particularly when it comes to the material, moral and spiritual aspects of our individual lives; the only way out of our current destitution is to embrace a generous inclusiveness. Perhaps we as farmers whilst we focus on the compensation we calculate we are owed and on the inclusion we desire, should search deeply for the part we have played in the current situation and options we have in the restitution of our common good.

## 7. ECONOMICS REPORT

*(From the desk of Antonnette Chingwe)*

### Livestock

According to Zimstat's Quarterly Digest of Statistics for the last three months of 2013, the volume of livestock slaughtered in Zimbabwe increased 8 percent last year, largely driven by cattle and pigs. About 426 400 animals were slaughtered in 2013 up from 394 500 a year earlier. The value of slaughtered animals grew 16 percent to \$152 million last year from the prior year. State-owned Cold Storage Company [slaughtered about 16 400 cattle](#) last year from 14 900 in 2012, helped by a service slaughter deal with Botswana Meat Commission. Private abattoirs slaughtered about 244 700 animals last year from 242 100 cattle in 2012.

CSC, now largely surviving on service slaughter, lost its market to private players after the liberalisation of beef industry in 1992. This worsened after the European Union suspended imports from Zimbabwe in 2001 after an outbreak of foot and mouth. Colcom slaughtered 99 300 pigs in 2013 up from 82 500 in 2012. Slaughtering volumes at butcheries and abattoirs rose to 46 600 last year from 40 000 in the previous year. Sheep slaughtering was flat at 5 200 heads.

The value of cattle slaughtered was up to \$122.8 million from \$106.2 million a year ago, pigs at \$28.7 million from \$24.7 million and goats at \$321 000 from \$343 000. The value of sheep slaughtered declined from \$210 000 in 2012 to \$208 000 last year. The same report from Zimstat also shows that milk production decreased by about 11.7 percent to 49.5 million litres. The value of milk production also dropped to \$22.3 million from \$24.6 million.

### Nonperforming loans

The rate of non-performing loans within banks reporting financial results consistently could increase to 20 percent by year-end from 10.8 percent, but banks may not suffer any capital losses, an equities report says.

IH Securities, in its latest report titled "Banking Sector Note: Facing Reality" noted that the sector was de-risking in the wake of a mutation already underway, which should make the sector less risky in the medium term. While NPLs may rise, the report, however, found out that 40 percent of the loans in the sector's NPLs rate were accounted for by financial institutions currently either under curatorship or in the process of liquidation.

NPLs, according to the Reserve Bank, increased from about 4 percent at the end of 2012 to the current average of 15.9 percent, a situation that has seen banks tightening credit control and reducing loans to borrowers. To that end, the research found out that banks are moving towards targeting, predominantly, high quality clients with a better probability of repaying loans advanced. The banking sector is reportedly clearing out banks with weak corporate governance, least robust risk management systems and insufficient clout to manage risk.

### Sugarcane

The European Union has set aside 31 million Euros to boost sugarcane farming by resettled small-holder farmers in the Lowveld through the Zimbabwe National Sugar Adaptation Strategy (ZNSAS). The strategy seeks to restore sugarcane output to pre-2002 levels in Zimbabwe before the imposition of the illegal sanctions by the West. At least 11 million Euros have already been used to rehabilitate 2 000 hectares of sugarcane fields owned by 125 Chipiwa resettled farmers at Mkwasi Estates.

A further 5.8 million Euros is being used to rehabilitate the 34.5 km long Nandi-Mkwasi railway line that links Mkwasi Estates with sugarcane mills at Triangle and Hippo Valley. Upon its completion, the railway line will move an estimated 700 000 tonnes of cane per annum.

Funding by the EU under ZNSAS will also help most resettled farmers to produce 100 tonnes of raw cane per hectare beginning with the 2014/ 15 season, up from a low 40 tonnes/ha which is not economically viable. This will see Zimbabwe coming closer to producing about 640 000 tonnes of sugar per annum, which is the milling capacity of the two mills at Hippo Valley and Triangle.

### GMOs

A farmer group representative has said that, Zimbabwe needs to conduct its own BT cotton field trials to independently verify the merits and demerits of genetically modified crop varieties suitable to the country's local conditions, Zimbabwe National Farmers Union president Mrs. Monica Chinamasa who was leading a delegation of farmer representatives on study tour at Chitala Agricultural Research Station in Salima where Malawian scientists were conducting confined BT cotton field trials said the country needed to be open to new agricultural technologies.

## 7. ECONOMICS REPORT

Zimbabwe, Mrs Chinamasa said, needed to be open to new agricultural technologies that had a potential to enhance the competitiveness of its agricultural products and improve the livelihoods of farmers in the country. Malawi was conducting confined Bt cotton field trials to explore ways to effectively reduce input costs and control damage from bollworms and other insects that frequently damage cotton.

Agricultural experts say cotton farmers in Africa suffer huge losses due to pest problems. The most destructive of pests is the African bollworm (*Helicoverpa armigera*) which biotech experts say in severe cases can cause a 100 percent loss while in unprotected fields pest damage can be as high as 90 percent.

Growing Bt cotton developed using bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) which naturally produces a chemical harmful only to a small fraction of insects such as the bollworm, reduces pest infestations at low cost thus increasing yields and improving the livelihoods of cotton growers. At present, the control of bollworms in most countries in Africa is done through application pesticides, which is a costly exercise in terms of cost of pesticides, spray equipment, labour, environmental and health implications.

## 8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

*(From the desk of Richard Taylor)*

Field Notes

June 2, 2014

Abundant moisture can be a good thing.

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

**Rainfall amounts have varied greatly around the region since the first of April, with some localities receiving "normal" amounts,** but most of the people I have talked with have commented about some of the highest totals we have seen at this time of year in a long time.

My gauge near Kosciusko has accumulated around fourteen inches since the first of April.

By the same token, I have talked with quite a few growers who have measured five to seven inches from one rain event during April and May. We had plenty of rain in April and then there was a break that began near the end of the month, allowing for good progress in planting corn and soybeans. Then there was a two week break during which most of the cotton was planted. Only a few places stayed too wet for planting during this time, but a few of these localities are just now finishing. The only significant planting left to be done will be the fields planted to soybeans following the wheat harvest.

As we had expected, the wheat harvest will be significantly later than usual this year, with some fields coming in as much as three weeks behind schedule as a result of the consistently cold winter we experienced this year. Soybean yields could be reduced somewhat by this delay, so we had better keep that in mind as we go about planting them. One of the big items in their favor is the moisture recharge that we have received during the last two weeks. We need to conserve every drop of this water and give beans every advantage in being able to access it for as long as it can be made to last. Beans should be stubble-planted without burning the fields in order to retain the mulch effect of the straw and to avoid the fast soil dry-down that happens with burning.

The title I have used for this article is of course satirical. We all know that moisture is a good thing, but I just could not bring myself to say that moisture can be a problem as well. You can have too much rain as we learned in 2009 when it rained almost **every day after soybeans began to mature, ruining at least a third of the fields in this area and damaging many more. We can't** dwell on things like this or we probably would not have the nerve to plant a crop.

With adequate moisture our yield potential can be increased significantly if we manage for it. This could be a banner year if we take advantage of the opportunity being provided by this period of higher rainfall. Diseases and pests may be more aggressive than usual, so we may have to manage them more aggressively. The decision about fungicides for midseason soybeans will probably be much simpler if this weather continues, and the returns to that investment should be good. Similar decisions may occur in other crops as well. We always look at those who can irrigate and wish we could, but now we have the moisture so **let's make the best of it. It would be great to produce irrigated soybean yields without the expense and work of irrigation.**

June is here, and it is usually dry. It will be very interesting to see if we get at least four or five inches during this month to allow us to keep the moisture advantage we now have. If we get June rains we could see exceptional yields. If this seems overly optimistic then **that's my fault. I am only reflecting the optimism I get from many of the farmers I work with. Make the best of it,** and call if you need our help.

Thanks for your time.

## 8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOC CONT.

### Producer Prices

Commodity	<b>GMB</b> 04-7940799	<b>Kurima Gold</b> 04-662392 0772 382 028 / 0772 235 588	<b>Agrifoods</b> 04-775623 0712 601528	<b>Staywell</b> 04-303021 307868	<b>Profeeds</b> 04-667173 or 661048
White Maize	N/R	Grade A/B <b>310</b> 7 days transfer delivered to Harare & Bulawayo Grade D <b>305</b> 7 days transfer delivered to Harare & Bulawayo Grade A/B <b>305</b> 24 hrs textacash delivered to Harare for 10mt & below Grade D <b>300</b> 24 Hrs textacash delivered to Harare for 10 mt and below	380	<b>310</b> 14 Days	<b>320</b> Cash at gate 82 Woolwich Road
Yellow Maize	310	<b>310</b>	380	n/a	<b>320</b> Cash at gate 82 Woolwich Road
Maize Bran	-	-	200	n/a	160
Soya beans	580	<b>500</b>	530	<b>510</b>	<b>460</b>
Soya bean Meal	-	<b>500</b>	650	n/a	<b>610</b>
Wheat	466	Premium 490 14 days transfer October & November Bulawayo Bulk and bagged Standard 480 14 days transfer October & November Bulawayo Bulk and Bagged Utility 400 14 days transfer October & November Bulawayo Bulk and bagged Premium 385 14 days transfer November Bulk Only Standard 420 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 420 14 days transfer December Harare Bulk Only	-	440 21 Days	-



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### Producer Prices Continued

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 market	All prices are negotiable depending on tonnages and payment terms

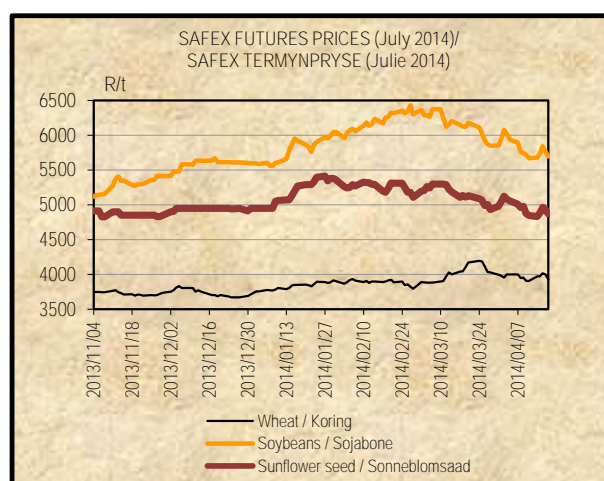
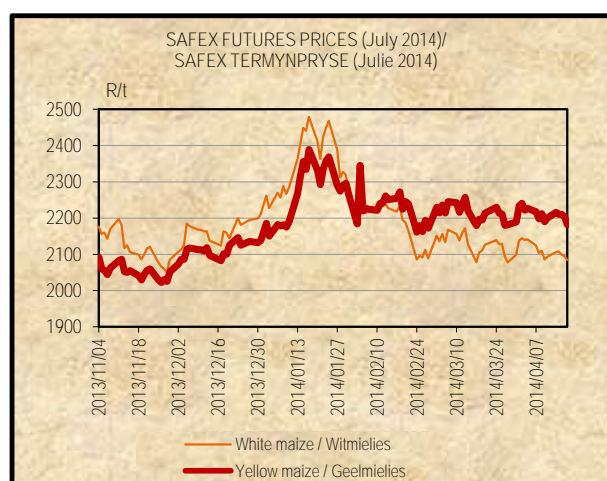
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### Producer Prices

#### 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	1883	180	2733	262
Yellow Maize	1957	185	2807	265
Wheat	3825	361	4675	441
Soyabeans	4650	439	5500	519
Sunflowers	5654	533	6504	613

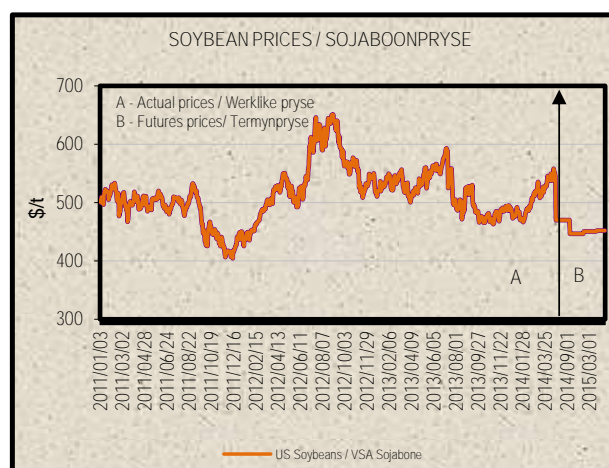
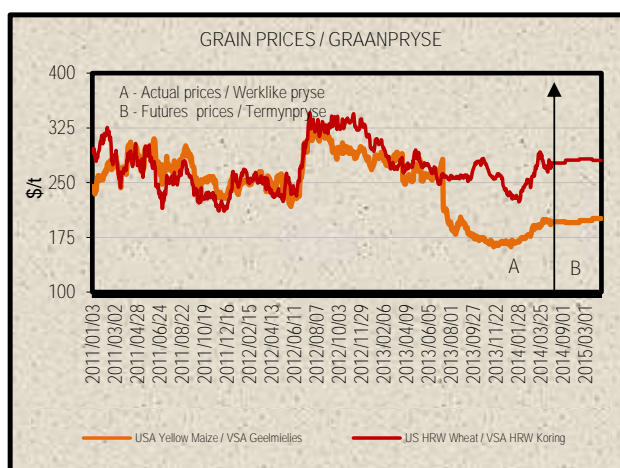


## 8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOC CONT.

### International Gulf

Commodity	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity US\$/Tonne
<b>Wheat</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>475</b>
<b>Maize</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>369</b>
<b>Sorghum</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>388</b>
<b>Soyabeans</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>732</b>

— Increase  
— Decrease  
— No Change



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

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

### No takers for CSC, \$22M debt puts off suitors

Newsday

Posted on June 4, 2014

Government is struggling to find a partner to revive former meat processing giant Cold Storage Company as suitors are being turned off by the \$22 million debt hanging over the company, a senior government official said on Wednesday.

CSC was at one time the largest meat processor in Africa, handling up to 150,000 tonnes of beef and associated bi-products a year and exporting beef to the European Union, but mismanagement and persistent outbreaks of foot and mouth diseases halted exports in 2001, affecting its viability.

**“We have been looking, but unfortunately up to now nothing has come up,”** Paddy Zhanda, deputy minister in charge of Live-stock in the Ministry of Agriculture told The Source in an interview.

CSC is one of the state enterprises earmarked for privatisation and owes workers \$2,1 million in arrears.

The bleeding parastatal recorded a \$3 million loss in the first half of 2013 and requires \$58 million to recapitalise. Last year it was directed by government to look to private-public partnerships for funding.

Talks between a 40-member consortium of livestock farmers in Matabeleland and a Brazilian financier seeking to purchase a stake in CSC came to nothing, the Zimbabwe Commercial Farmers Union (ZCFU) national livestock chairperson, Irene Maphenduka said.

**“There is nothing at the moment. We are exploring many avenues which I cannot disclose now but nothing has come out,”** Maphenduka said.

**In February this year, Zhanda told Parliament that problems at the CSC were worsened by government’s failure to finance its activities, leading to the closure of its plants in Masvingo, Kadoma, Marondera and Chinhoyi.**

### 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

## 9. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION CONTINUED

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

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG KG	AVG AMT	AMTKG4A VGKG
	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
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	ECONOMY	48.00	338.00	455.73	1.34
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	FEEDER STEER	9.00	348.89	555.00	1.59
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DATE OF SALE

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