# CFU CALLING

### 20th June 2014

### 1. EXECUTIVE NEWS

Last week's bulletin was written a day before our Winter Solstice which is the longest night in the year, and sometimes the coldest too! At least we are at the bottom of the curve so we should be able to look forward to a very slow increase of temperatures as opposed to the slow decline in temperatures. To us as farmers what it means is the beginning of the slow increase in the length of the days to eventually bring us into our peak summer cropping season.

However, for many of us we are unable to enjoy even the thought of preparing for our summer crops and a new season and this includes many who have somehow managed to survive on the land for so long, as the intimidation and threats simply continue. This comes at a time when Zimbabwe has sent a large delegation to the AU Summit where the main theme for discussion is Food Security in Africa.

The question is what do we have to do to become part of the solution to assist in this international problem? As experienced farmers we have plenty to offer and are now only in a position that we must beg to be allowed to again practice our skills in our own country instead of heading across our borders to assist foreign countries to produce essential food products, so vital not only in our region but in Africa in particular. Ironically much of this food is imported back into the country of the experienced farmer's origin and birthright.

Unfortunately at the moment, although the technocrats see and understand fully the workable solutions to overcoming the problems of food security there are many other factors at play that continue to blight any advances. Why is it in this small but very important country that we just cannot seem to be able to put our differences and perceptions completely behind us and simply move on forward together as we used to?

The answers for us to return to becoming the main agricultural hub in the region again are right here and we are doing our best to work towards this by continuing our discussions and lobbying widely, which has resulted in a greater understanding on how we could move forward.

The only problem at the moment though is that this definitely needs to happen 'yesterday' as we are heading for another season of extremely low productivity of the very large variety of crops that were once produced by the once highly successful industry at its height.

The message that needs to get across is that investment and encouragement in farming and planting crops cannot be achieved like simply turning a light switch on and off as it is a long term investment, which needs sincere support from government with an open door policy to the Minister, who also needs to be receptive. It of course goes without saying that full respect of property rights and compensation is absolutely essential to make this work.

Our journey towards the formation of a single agricultural union continues uninterrupted and we have the assurance from the other parties involved that the recent bad press on the subject was in very bad taste and has fallen on deaf ears.

We ourselves therefore need to show confidence in what your team is aiming towards achieving and to remain united behind us and not to listen to others who may want to divide us unnecessarily again with their own agendas.

Looking at our membership numbers this year it is encouraging and for those of you outside the country who would like to pay subscriptions the PayPal system is now available in Zimbabwe.

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### 1. EXECUTIVE NEWS CONTINUED

We have only heard about this new PayPal system's availability in Zimbabwe so we are currently investigating and setting up this facility which should be available for next week and we would like to encourage all the late payers to please use this easy facility. The restriction with payments overseas has been the high banking costs to transfer relatively small amounts. There will be more details in next week's bulletin.

### Zim ConCourt Endorses Dual Citizenship

#### 25 June 2014

The Constitutional Court has endorsed a Zimbabwean citizen's <u>unrestricted entitlement to dual citizenship rights</u> and ordered the Registrar General, Minister of Home Affairs, Attorney General and the Principal Director of Immigration to comply with the law.

### Dam Levels

Here are the dam levels from ZINWA dated 20 June 2014 which have been uploaded onto our website.

### Zambia National Farmers' Union Newsletter

Herewith is a hyperlink to the latest copy of the <u>Zambia National Farmers' Union newsletter Number 21 of 2014</u>, which makes very interesting reading as usual.

### 2. SECURITY AND LAND

There is still huge instability out there for those who are still on the land. Whilst the technocrats and other clear thinking individuals are doing their best to get stability back into the industry unfortunately others are still doing their very best to destabilise the industry again, although they are very much in the minority. However, the adverse effects of their destabilising actions have spread right across the industry so they need to be urgently reined in.

We have even more farmers either under constant and prolonged pressure to move out or else being given literally 24-hours **notice to move out and leave everything they own behind. Not wanting to lose out on the frenzy of acquiring fellow citizens'** investments for free <u>new, unexpected players</u> are demanding their piece of the pie too.

Again in the wildlife industry, at this, the height of the hunting season, permits have still not been issues and in some cases the deposits have had to be returned to overseas clients at a time when every single dollar is requires to keep the country afloat. Despite all the years of open and frank discussions and negotiations <u>the rules seem to be changed</u> all the time yet there are no winners.

We continue to follow every avenue to resolve these problems by offering a solution through which we will all be winners through this common sense approach to move forward again.

It is absolutely essential that all reports of incidents on farms or court cases should still continue to <u>be sent to Mike Clark</u> as soon as any problems may appear because we are still able to assist if notified early.

### 3. OPEN FARMERS MEETING

The date of the next meeting to be held at the Wingate Golf Club will be advised.

### 4. GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

In the Gazette of 20 June 2014 there were no items which may be of interest to our members.

However, in the Herald newspaper this morning the following notice appeared:

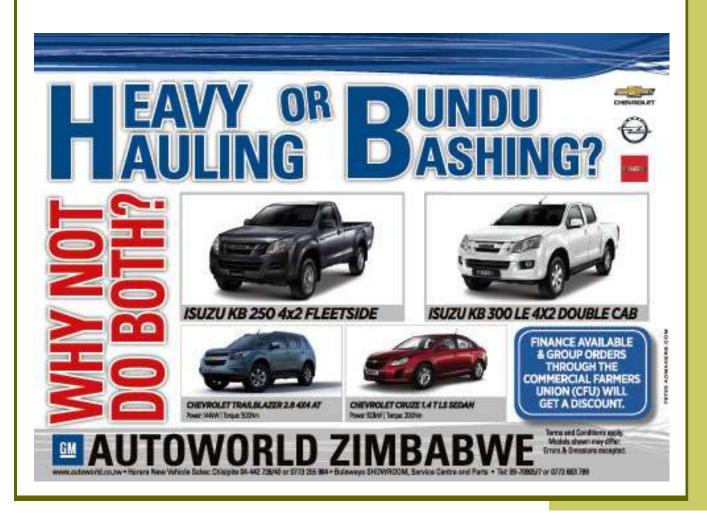
Notice of Acquisition of Agricultural Land under section 293 (1) if the Constitution

It is hereby notified that the Minister of Lands and Rural Resettlement, acquires for and on behalf of the state, the land identified and described in the schedule for purposes of agricultural settlement under section 293 (1) of the Constitution of Zimbabwe.

Take further notice that the ownership of the acquired land with full title is with effect from the date of publication of this notice in the Government Gazette.

- 1. Mara of Garamwe in the district of Hartley registered in the name of Dora Getrude Erasmus
- 2. Wick in the district of Kadoma registered in the name of Kaskay Properties (Pvt) Ltd.
- 3. Subdivision C of Sabonabon Estate in the district of Kadoma in the name of Vrystaat Estate (Pvt) Ltd.
- 4. Remaining Extent of Nidderdale in the district of Lomagundi in the name of Jacobus Johanes Nicolaas van Aswegen.

Those affected should immediately contact either Marc Carrie-Wilson or their respective legal practitioner for advice.



# 5. LEGAL AFFAIRS

(From the desk of Marc Carrie-Wilson)

### Lobby for a Surtax on Maize and Maize Meal

Maize and Soya bean producers will be aware that market prices for these commodities have crashed to levels that undermine viability. This fall in the price is in part caused by significant surpluses in the region:

Country	Estimated Total Maize	Estimated Maize	Notes
	Harvest 2013/1014	Surplus 2014	
Zambia	+ 3,300,000 MT	+ 600,000 MT	In addition Zambia reportedly has a carryover stock in their Food Reserve (FRA) of approximately 500,000 tonnes. Zambia has recently re-
			pealed a ban on exports of Maize
Malawi	+ 3,700,000 MT	+/- 1,000,000 MT	A dollarized Zimbabwe is an attractive export destination for Malawian maize traders because it provides scope to earn foreign currency.
South Africa	+13,500,000 MT		Mainly GMO maize.

According to the most recent crop forecast assessed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Mechanisation and Irrigation Development (MoAAMID) the forecast of total Maize production in Zimbabwe for the 2013/2014 season is approximately 1,4

	Average Market Price in January 2014	Average Market Price in June 2014 (to date)	
Maize	US \$ 385 per MT	US \$ 290 per MT	
Soya Beans	US \$ 600 per MT	US \$ 495 per MT	

In light of this potentially devastating position the CFU in association with other registered farmers Unions being the Zimbabwe **Commercial Farmers' Union, The Zimbabwe Farmers Union and the Zimbabwe National Farmers' Union approached the Grain** Millers Association. The objective being to agree on a position that would be mutually beneficial to farmers, contract farming companies and Millers. The proposed joint solution was to lobby Government for the imposition of Surtax on Maize meal and Maize Grain. The level of the surtax is as follows:

Commodity	Level of Surtax	
Maize Grain	US \$ 0.07 per kilogram	
Maize Meal	US \$ 0.75 per kilogram	
Maize Samp	US \$ 1.00 per kilogram	
Maize Grits	US \$ 0.90 per kilogram	
Soya Beans	US \$ 1.00 per kilogram	
Soya Bean Meal	US \$ 0.40 per kilogram	
Soya Bean Cake	US \$ 0.40 per kilogram	
Wheat Flour	US \$ 0.20 per kilogram	

See <a href="http://www.lusakatimes.com/2014/05/05/zambia-bumper-harvest-20132014-production-estimates-show-23-jump-maize-output/">http://www.lusakatimes.com/2014/05/05/zambia-bumper-harvest-20132014-production-estimates-show-23-jump-maize-output/</a> for more information.

see https://www.google.co.zw/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CCkOFjAA&url=http%3A%2F% 2Ewww.fao.org%2Fgiews%2Ecountrybrief%2Ecountry.jsp%3Ecode%

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See http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/Grain%20and%20Feed%20Annual\_Pretoria\_South%20Africa%20-%20Republic%20of\_3-14-2014.pdf for more information.

### 5. LEGAL AFFAIRS CONTINUED

The hope is that it will increase local demand for locally milled Maize meal and locally produced Maize. It is predicted that the move will stabilize the fall in the price of locally produced Maize.

In order to cushion consumers from a rise in price it is also proposed to allow certain Millers to import limited tonnages to price blend with local Maize to ensure there is no upward change in the price of maize meal.

A meeting between ZCFU, CFU and GMAZ and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning took place on Monday (see the following press article: <u>http://www.thezimmail.co.zw/2014/06/25/grain-millers-lobby-for-surtax-on-maize-imports/</u>) where the idea was put before the Ministry in a Joint position paper. The Ministry felt that more consultations with other stakeholders were required. Accordingly, a follow up meeting was proposed also including the MoAAMID and the Retailers Association of Zimbabwe. That meeting is set to take place early in July.

See <a href="http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/Grain%20and%20Feed%20Annual">http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/Grain%20and%20Feed%20Annual</a> Pretoria South% 20Africa%20-%20Republic%20of\_3-14-2014.pdf for more information.

## 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.

### A Tale of Two Nations: "One Richer, One Poorer, One Better, One Worse! "

I spent a few days in Kenya last week. I have not been there since stopping over on honeymoon for a week over 33 years ago. My observations and recollections then were rather different from what I experienced on this occasion. The previous departure from Kenya was marked by great anxiety and also deep gratitude for the generosity of strangers.

At the time Kenya had a robust tourist promotion and the signs in the hotels along the coast were all in German, something I was quite surprised to see. However we were not all tourists were equally welcomed and we were obliged to buy new tickets to get on a Kenya Airways flight from Mombasa because the obdurate airline check-in official would not accept our IATA backed SAA issued tickets. Some generous and kind passersby came to our rescue.

The table below gives some interesting stats on the respective fates of our two nations in the years since that visit.

Country			ZIMBABWE	
Year	1981	2012	1981	2012
Population Millions	16,9	43,18	7,57	13,72
Life Expectancy Years	58,3	61,08	59,94	58,05
GDP Billions USD	6,854	37,23	8,01	10,81
GDP/Capita USD	405,56	942,54	1058,1	714,00

Sources include: World Bank

These days Nairobi is truly bustling and there is substantial evidence of economic activity, perhaps driven by a determinedly "Look West" policy. The traffic along the three lanes in and out of town is substantial and gets pretty congested during peak hours. At this time the coastal resorts are faring badly following the recent attacks by militants and security in the country has been on high alert. As we approached the airport, the taxi was searched and all incoming baggage was screened by courteous officials. I was soon processed through the check—in by polite and friendly staff and watched the screens as ten or more flights left in the couple of hours I waited before my departure.

### 6. ARAC UPDATE

As we approached Harare International Airport, I was struck by the growing urban sprawl which contrasted the city's past ordered town planning and the very noticeable variation in agricultural activity that reflects the country's recent land reform. The rusting roofs of closed service infrastructure establishments and grass growing in the runway and paved aprons around the airport strike a sharp contrast to Nairobi where efforts to refurbish the airport's already substantial capacity dwarf the status of our own terminal many times. The 50 m trip on the lone airport service bus took a brief minute to pass the few dilapidated luggage wagons parked outside the passenger reception. The flight was far from full and the few passengers disembarking seemed to be outnumbered by airport officials. Once inside the building the Chinese welcome signs give a perplexing confirmation of the "Look East" policy and as one collects ones bags, one is still left with the gauntlet of customs where staff linger like vultures and pick on dishevelled long haul passengers who try the green route!

The trip home along the 2008 initiated but still far from complete dualisation road works from the airport was interrupted by at least two police road blocks. I am always relieved when waved past; these days such checks are too frequently the occasion for highway robbery although at last I note that ZIMRA is keen to bring some accountability!

Not so in the Ministry of Lands and Rural Resettlement though: a notice posted in the foyer only last week invites staff who have not yet received land to apply through heads of department for allocation by the Minister. Yesterday's press further informed us of the continued corrosion of our public service with newly appointed High Court Judges demanding farms and the Judge President promising to facilitate this perk or perhaps this now routine condition of service!

We have indeed come a long way in the last 33 years and one wonders how much further down this road we shall travel before sign posts point to a fresh direction and our country gets back on track! Who then could tell that life here would be like marriage: "For Richer, For Poorer, For Better, For Worse... until death do us part!"

For those who have been waiting news on the stalled progress of their SI6 clearance, I am pleased to inform you that the NEC have dropped their demand for a fee of \$195 to validate documents and are now prepared to process for a nominal fee of \$20.

### 7. ECONOMICS REPORT

(From the desk of Antonnette Chingwe)

#### Tobacco

Virginia tobacco deliveries received under the auction and contract systems are on the verge of reaching the 200 million kg mark this year. This will be the second time since 2002 that tobacco production will have broken above the 200 million kg barrier. The highest production figure for the country currently stands at 236.6 million kg. Tobacco production has been on a rebound after plunging to an all-time low of 46 million kg in 2006 before recovering to about 144 million kg in 2012, and 166.6 million kg last year.

According to statistics released by the Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board as of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 199.09 million kg worth \$632.7 million have been delivered at an average price of \$3.17 since the beginning of the season in February. The tobacco delivered is 32.7% more than the 150 million kg worth \$554.2 million at an average price of \$3.69 per kg that was delivered during the same period last year.

Most of the tobacco has been brought under the contract system, which is accounting for more than 60% of the delivered crop. The contract system has so far handled 149.9 million kg worth \$498.8 million while the auction system has received 49.1 million kg worth \$133.8 million. Although the 2014 marketing season officially closed last Friday after daily deliveries had significantly dropped particularly at auction floors, deliveries to contract floors have remained strong and will continue until further notice.

### 8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

June 23, 2014

(From the desk of Richard Taylor)

Field Notes: Cotton has a long way to go. By: Ernie Flint, Ph.D., CCA, Regional Agronomist Mississippi State University Extension Service

Cotton has had a difficult beginning this year, with a lot of waterlogged fields, marginal stands, replanting, insects, wildlife damage, and some of the toughest weed pressure we have seen in years. Growers have shown great resilience in working with the situation at hand, but many of them are becoming discouraged as new challenges emerge almost every day. I can't recall cotton planted past the tenth of June, but this year we added another week to that. We will need a late fall and a lot of good fortune for this one to finish well.

Throughout my career I have heard farmers comment about the "art" of planting cotton. The true practitioner of this art is able to pick the best time, the right depth, and the right combination of settings and methods to get a stand of healthy plants while in some cases his neighbours may be required to replant. These people are a constant source of amazement for all of us, and oddly enough if you bother to ask them what their special ability is they don't seem to know either. If there is one it's probably their attention to drainage in their fields.

This year has been one of the most difficult in recent memory for achieving good working stands of cotton, soybeans, and peanuts. Each time it seemed to be the "right" time to plant and growers rushed to get seed in the ground another wave of heavy rains followed, saturating soils, flooding some areas, and crusting fields that were tilled. This year no method has been the perfect combination. Those who credit no-till for their hardships have seen tilled fields fail to emerge, and those who blame tillage have seen reduced tillage and no-till fields have similar issues with stand establishment. In a word, it's been a nightmare.

Among the crops commonly planted in the Hills, corn has probably performed best this year. This crop has proven its capability for dealing with low temperatures and periods of soil saturation. More than a couple of area producers have learned first-hand why we strongly suggest that corn and other crops be planted on a prepared row rather than flat. The small amount of elevation offered by the row, along with the furrows to carry away excess water, have proven their worth in allowing corn and other crops planted on beds to survive the periods of heavy rainfall this year has brought to us. Even this strategy has failed in some cases.

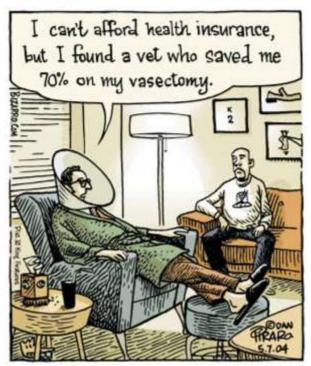
Soybeans and peanuts have also suffered the same fate as cotton. I have seen soybeans planted the third time in some instances, and peanuts planted into poorly drained fields have simply rotted during emergence. Some of these fields have borderline

stands and some have plant populations that promise economic losses from the beginning, one of the most discouraging scenarios a farmer can endure. Replanting has not been an option for many growers as the result of continued rain.

A comment that has emerged this year as it commonly does in years with difficult beginnings is that a tough start can often produce a good finish. I sincerely hope this is one of those years since this beginning is one of the most challenging in my memory. And the hurdles keep coming in the form of high levels of Heliothis in corn which may portend later problems with these pests in other crops, and some of the heaviest grassy weed pressure we have seen in years.

I have seen Mexican beetles and kudzu bugs that are not common to this area, and we're still in the month of June. Threecornered alfalfa hoppers, a very common insect in dry years, have been fairly light in soybeans, but as I run the net in beans I am picking up surprising numbers of tarnished plant bugs that really don't like soybeans very much. My guess is that they are waiting for a move to cotton as soon it starts fruiting. All I know to say is that we need to be scouting fields thoroughly since we may be in for a fight this year. Let's hope I am wrong.

Thanks for your time.



## 8. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

### Producer Prices

Commodity	<u>GMB</u> 04-7940799	<u>Kurima Gold</u> O4-662392 0772 382 028 / 0772 235 588	Agrifoods 04-775623 0712 601528 0712600588	<u>Staywell</u> 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	260		290 Cash at gate 82 Woolwich Road
Yellow Maize	310	280	380 Contracted Price	n/a	290 Cash at gate 82 Woolwich Road
Maize Bran	-	-	190	n/a	160
Soya beans	580	500 7 Days 480 24hrs	590		500
Soya bean Meal	-	N/A	655	n/a	600
Wheat	466		-		-
Wheat Bran	-	-	220	-	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		All prices are negotiable de- pending on ton- nages and pay- ment terms



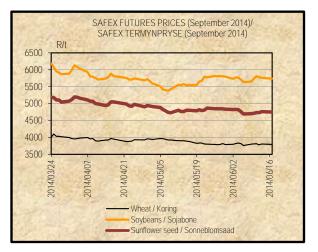
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### **Producer Prices**

South African Grain Information Services (SAGIS) South African Foreign Exchange (SAFEX 20th June 2014) R10.62

Commodity	Rand/tonne	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity Rand/Tonne	Import Parity US\$/Tonne
White Maize	1816	171	2656	251
Yellow Maize	1935	183	2786	263
Wheat	3733	362	4583	432
Soyabeans	4665	440	5515	520
Sunflowers	5656	533	6506	614





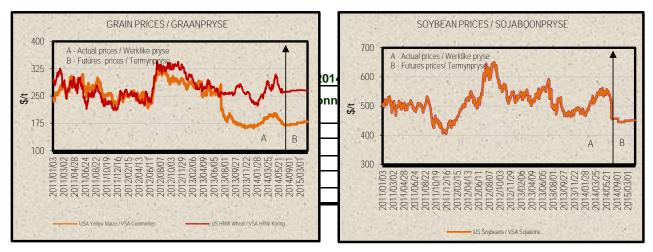
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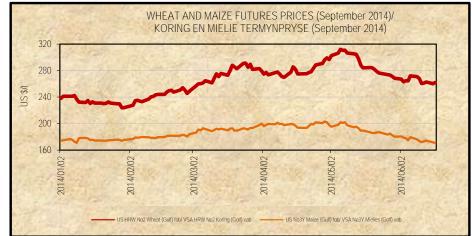
Commodity	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity
		US\$/Tonne
Wheat	313	463
Maize	209	359
Sorghum	246	396
Soyabeans	554	704



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#### ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION 8.





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	<b>Comp "S" 7:21:8. 0.06B ~</b> 970
Sugar Blend	714	16:16:16 ~ 840
J Blend	753	15:5:20 ~ 750
Cotton Blend	679	<b>Comp "L"</b> - 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 tone	Prices are quoted per tonne

### 9. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

### Winter Supplementary Feeding

The good summer rains should have resulted in livestock gaining in live mass and condition, with additional gains made if a phosphorus supplement was fed during this period of lush veldt grazing. However, the harsh winter has arrived and although there may be abundant grass available its nutritional value, in particular, its protein content will be very low and this limits the rumen microbes from digesting the veldt grass. Feeding some protein and energy helps to maintain the functioning of these vital microbes that digest the grass and supply essential nutrients to the animal.

Therefore, the main objective of winter supplementary feeding is to maintain viable microbe populations in the rumen to, at best, maintain live mass gained during the summer, or at least, minimize the loss in live mass during winter.

Planning a winter feeding needs to include the following:

- PRIORITIZE DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF STOCK
- MAXIMIZE THE USE OF ON FARM CROP RESIDUES SUCH AS MAIZE STOVER
- DECIDE WHETHER TO HOME MIX OR BUY IN COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS
- DECIDE WHEN TO START THE PROGRAMME

Below are general guidelines for prioritizing feed allocation and daily crude protein requirements:

- IN-CALF HEIFERS AND HIGH PRODUCING STOCK-250-275 g/300-350 g
- IN-CALF HEIFERS THAT HAVE WEANED THEIR FIRST CALF-350-375 g
- HEIFERS TO BE MATED THE FOLLOWING SUMMER-200-250 g
- PREGNANT MATURE COWS-250-300 g
- MATURE COWS WITH CALVES-400-450 g
- OTHER FOLLOWERS-125-175 g

Stock feed Manufacturers should be able to offer blocks, licks or cubes for winter feeding programmes and recommend feeding rates depending on the level of crude protein in respective products.

Farmers who choose to home mix will need to secure raw materials for use in combination with available crop residues.

Winter supplementary feeds, both purchased and home-mixed, normally contain urea and high levels of salt. It is critically important to feed salt ad lib for two to three weeks before supplements are offered to satisfy the craving for salt by live-stock. It is equally important to gradually introduce the supplementary feed over a two week period so that the rumen microbes can adjust to the urea. If urea containing feeds are fed to livestock before the rumen microbes have adapted or intakes of urea are excessive, this may result in urea poisoning. If supplements are not fed for a few days another break-in period is recommended.

Typical signs of urea poisoning include excited appearance, difficult breathing, excessive salivation, and bloat. In severe cases the animal may adopt a reversing gait and in fact may run backwards!!!!

The success of treatment depends on the quantity of urea ingested and the time period before treatment is administered. The standard treatment is a full whisky bottle of a mixture containing equal parts of vinegar, molasses and water. Further drenches of the same quantity can be given and if the animal is going to respond it will recover in 10-15 minutes. Often the first sign of success is eructation-burping.

### 9. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

Do not be tempted to allow beef animals to graze in old sorghum lands as the green re-growth is attractive to cattle. This re-growth forage is likely to be high in prussic acid which is toxic to cattle

Regular weighing of animals, or samples from groups of animals, is recommended to monitor the progress of the winter supplementary feeding programme and to facilitate any adjustments that may be required.

Rob J-van Vuuren, Livestock Consultant. <u>Robvanvuuren2012@gmail.com</u> 0772331612

### CSC in bid to tap into the Angolan beef market

THE Cold Storage Company (CSC) says it plans to tap into the Angolan beef market as it plots ways to escape from crippling financial problems. CSC's marketing director Isiah Machingura told Southern Eye Business on Friday that consultations with buyers from the oil-rich country were already at an advanced stage.

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)\_22-05-2014-HEADLANDS

#### GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)\_17-06-2014-GWERU

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG		AMTKG4A VGKG
	SUPERS	2.00	590.00	1,070.00	1.81
	BULLING HEIFER	6.00	341.00	643.33	1.89
	LONG WEANER HEIFER	5.00	252.00	526.00	2.09
	WEANER HEIFER	11.00	185.45	389.09	2.10
	BULLS	4.00	540.00	802.50	1.49
	COMMERCIAL	35.00	496.00	730.86	1.47
	COMMERCIAL PLUS	3.00	533.33	820.00	1.58
	ECONOMY	27.00	399.81	532.04	1.33
	MANUFACTURING	18.00	356.33	414.44	1.16
	FEEDER STEER	8.00	297.50	448.13	1.51
	LONG WEANER STEER	2.00	257.50	392.50	1.52
	WEANER STEER	13.00	193.08	335.38	1.74

### 9. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

#### SOMABHULA 16 MAY 2014

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
СС	Cow and calves	20.00	480.70	857.50	1.78

### GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)\_24-06-2014-MT-HAMPDEN-

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG KG	AMTKG4AVGKG
1	SUPER	4	478.00	1.69
10	BULLING HEIFER	3	376.00	1.52
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	3	245.67	1.52
12	WEANER HEIFER	5	172.00	2.06
15	BULLS	2	415.00	1.43
3	COMMERCIAL	24	518.88	1.62
30	COMMUNAL WEANER STEER	2	240.50	1.35
4	ECONOMY	19	426.11	1.41
5	MANUFACTURING	11	295.09	1.46
7	FEEDER STEER	17	289.71	1.94
8	LONG WEANER STEER	9	251.67	1.83
9	WEANER STEER	29	171.07	1.84

### 9. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

BULAWAYO SHOWGROUNDS SALE PENS - SALE			COLLEEN BAWN	PLUMTREE
PRICE PER Kg	SLAUGHTER	YOUNGSTOCK		
	<u>25.06.14</u>	20.06.14	<u>24.06.14</u>	<u>17.06.14</u>
BULLS				
SUPERS				
CHOICE	\$2.06			
COM	\$1.72	\$1.43	\$1.38	\$1.43
COM/ECO	\$1.39	\$1.32		
ECO	\$1.31	\$1.25	\$1.20	\$1.25
MAN	\$1.10	\$1.10		
BULLS		\$1.48		\$1.43
F/STEERS		\$1.52	\$1.42	\$1.39
B/HEIFERS		\$1.61		
W/STEERS		\$1.82		
W/HEIFERS		\$2.32		
BULLED HEIFERS				
YOUNG BULLS				
LONG W/HEIFERS				

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### 9. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

CC SALES & ZIMBABWE HERD BOOK

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46<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL BULL SALE

DATE OF SALE

FRIDAY 25 JULY 2014

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<u>CONTACT</u>

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