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## 1. EXECUTIVE NEWS

Today is a major event on the calendar of cattle producers as the National Bull Sale is being held at Mount Hampden where the 50 remaining stud breeders will be selling the best of Zimbabwean bred bulls which will be used to increase the quality and viability of the herds of the purchasers.

We wish both the sellers and buyers a very successful sale at an event where beef producers congregate and discuss farming techniques in a delightful atmosphere. We have been encouraged by the quality and numbers on sale today and can only admire the breeders and buyers for hanging in and have managed to continue with this very important part of our industry under the current adversities.

This week we held our round of CFU Council and committee meetings at which we were briefed by your representatives from all around the country as well as debating a wide diversity of subjects.

Most of the crops have now been harvested and marketed but the maize prices on offer at the moment are nowhere near the set price of \$390/tonne with offers being made around the \$280 mark which is basically a breakeven price, especially if the crop was irrigated.

With the tobacco sales now ending off the producers are relatively happy with the prices although **we are hearing of a number of this year's producers who will not be able to repay their debt as well** as others having funding either hanging in the balance or even withdrawn through the constant threat of losing the ability to continue farming on the same land. The situation is in fact so uncertain in many areas that many are requesting a firm directive telling them where they stand and whether they are allowed to stay for another year or must simply pack up now.

The cattle prices are based very much on supply and demand at the moment with butchers not selling their normal volumes due to the economic crisis and lack of employment – as well as delayed payment of salaries for the bulk of those employed.

This lack of money being circulated at the moment is affecting businesses all round the country and in all sectors as businesses fail to pay their accounts because their customers are failing to pay theirs. We were told of a figure of some 81 businesses that had gone into voluntary liquidation in a single month as well as many others going into voluntary judicial management.

This adverse situation is affecting all sectors, even your union is especially noticed when we sat around the table juggling the finances. For those of you who have not renewed your subscriptions for 2014 please expect a monthly emailed invoice which we kindly request you to respond to by means of payment. This is especially directed towards those of you who are still farming and who we have been assisting to keep farming. Please help us so that we can help you. Thank you.

For those of you either overseas or just over our borders we appreciate your support as well. Although we have investigated opening a PayPal account to make it easier for you to pay your annual subscriptions there are certain impediments in the way of us doing this which we cannot overcome. However, [internet payments can be made through our Valuta accounts](#) which we have opened up across the globe for your convenience. However, despite the promised payments from many of our overseas members total amount received has in fact been far less than the \$30 monthly cost to us of this convenience for our members.

Despite all the negativity around at the moment we are still very positive and confident of our future. As a matter of interest some 68 meetings were held by the top team over the past 30-days in efforts to clear the path for the common sense approach for a way forward.

## 1. EXECUTIVE NEWS CONTINUED

Should you ever want some insight on this your team is always available to update you as our doors are always open to hear of your concerns or your views on the way forward.

**One interesting observation which came out at this week's Council was that the reason for the ZESA supplies not being so prone to load shedding during this peak time of year could be related to the fact that so many businesses, industries and farms have closed down. Therefore the available power is simply not being used. This is a case of good news based on very bad news for the recovery of the economy!**

### **New agri minister to farmers: 'Let's sit down and talk'**

Newly appointed minister of agriculture, forestry and fisheries, Senzeni Zokwana, says he wants to govern the sector on the basis of open dialogue between government and agriculture stakeholders.

### Poacher gets 77-year jail term

JOHANNESBURG. — A rhino poacher in South Africa has been sentenced to 77 years in prison in one of the heaviest penalties aimed at curbing poachers who target rhinos for their horns, which fetch a high price on the illegal market in parts of Asia.

### Auction turnover breaks the billion-rand barrier

**In 2013 a total of 23 963 animals were sold at the 67 official SA game auctions included in the unit's database generating a total turnover of R1,029 billion.** The exceptional increase in average prices of plains game groups and the many high-value animals and colour variants that were traded on official sales, contributed to the highest official game auction turnover in history.

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On June 30 2014, President Jacob Zuma signed into law the Restitution of Land Rights Amendment Bill which reopens the restitution claims process that closed at the end of 1998. This legislation gives land claimants until June 30, 2019 to lodge land claims. The law also regulates the appointment and service conditions of Land Claims Court judges.

### **Zimbabwe moots commission on 'lost' pensioners' money**

July 24, 2014

Zimbabwe's pensioners and insurance policyholders who lost the value of their money when the country converted to the multi-currency regime are set to get relief as government plans to set up a commission to establish the basis of compensation.

### Condolences

Some very sad news was received today on hearing of the passing of well known and much loved Lowveld pioneer Ray Sparrow of Lone Star Ranch, Chiredzi.

Although his cattle ranching days ended several years ago he has remained in his home on the ranch he so loved watching the Malilangwe Trust transform the area into an incredible wildlife sanctuary adjoining Gonarezhou. So many memories, so many dreams and so many incredible stories still to be told. We may have lost one of the Lowveld's most interesting and knowledgeable characters who will be fondly remembered for ever by so many.

Our most sincere condolences to his family and may the good Lord be with them all during this difficult time. May his dear soul rest in peace.

Charles Taffs  
President  
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(To assume duty on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014).

#### Minimum Requirements

**Holder of at least a university degree in Crop Production or equivalent (relevant Master's degree an added advantage).**  
Well versed with practical tobacco production practices and the tobacco industry in general.

**Minimum three (3) years' experience at senior level.**

Teaching experience at an agricultural college or university a definite advantage.

A mature self-starter, strategic thinker and team player.

Interested candidates to email application letters (*complete with expected salary and benefits*) and comprehensive CVs to [agfordby@mweb.co.zw](mailto:agfordby@mweb.co.zw) (cc [agfordby@iwayafrica.co.zw](mailto:agfordby@iwayafrica.co.zw)). Closing date Friday 8th August 2014. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted.

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## 1. EXECUTIVE NEWS CONTINUED

### Dam Levels

Here are the [dam levels from ZINWA dated 18 July 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 25 of 2014](#), which makes very interesting reading as usual.

### Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions

SACAU have announced their new website, which is more interesting and user-friendly than the last one. Congratulations.

<http://www.sacau.org/>

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## 2. SECURITY AND LAND

There is still no resolution with the conservancy issues as the ranchers are now in their third year without hunting permits to generate an income to run the ranches and protect the wildlife from indiscriminate poaching. However the problem is being worked on but unfortunately the end of the hunting season is fast approaching.

**In the Executive News we have linked a few news items from the South African Farmers' Weekly which highlight the value of the wildlife industry across our border and what should be happening here in Zimbabwe.**

There have been a few more incidents on farms around the country this week but all rather low key although needless to say they are causing instability in an already fragile community. What is concern is whether any financiers will be willing to continue supporting farmers under the current circumstances.

[Our way forward plan has now hit the international press](#) which shows support from the World Bank on the proposed exercise.

There was also a motion presented in the [Senate by Senator Mike Carter](#) on Wednesday this week on the necessity of the security of land tenure.

We have been sent a list of [farms which are for sale in Zambia](#) for your interest.

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

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## 3. OPEN FARMERS MEETING

The date of the next meeting to be held at the Wingate Golf Club will be published later once we have organised a new meeting schedule. We advise our members and farmers to take this opportunity to meet your leadership and exchange ideas on your future.

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## 4. GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

**In the Gazette of 18 July 2014 there were no items of interest to our members. There are no notices of acquisition in today's Herald newspaper.**

## 5. ARAC UPDATE

*(From the desk of Ben Gilpin)*

### A comment on the possible use of bonds to pay compensation.

**My attention this morning has been drawn to an article entitled “[Zimbabwe’s Evicted White Farmers Seek World Bank Backed Bonds](#)” - [Businessweek](#) 23 July 2014 by Brian Latham.**

The report refers to an interview with me at the end of May, and followed on from articles in the Herald and Newsday which seem to indicate something of a change in attitude from much of the international community and Government since the last election.

I noted that the former appear to be exploring channels to do business with the Government of Zimbabwe and the latter appears to be suggesting that a deal to pay farmers, or talk of one at any rate, will soften the continued reluctance of external investors to engage with the country. **The standoff based on Human Rights has perhaps been relaxed in favour of a “let’s see if economic engagement can work”.** Perhaps though, both sides have drawn lines in the sand they do not wish to cross and this is therefore a slow process. I am expressing here a sense that is perhaps not shared by all, but it is real.

There has indeed been a re think in diplomatic circles **where the question is being asked: “that did not work so how do we find a new approach?”** Clearly the approach has reached a very delicate stage as the current paralysis in the government and its talk of policy review is not matched by action. The result is a sort of wait and see: all round there is a reluctance to do anything by both ministries and other stakeholders in case it ends up in a wrong move. This has its impact in terms of what is happening on the compensation side also.

There are really three particular issues here: first, the Government late last year signed an over \$6 million international grant agreement that had been on the shelf since the GNU was inaugurated. In the document, Government presents a plan that will lead to a consensus based resolution to outstanding issues to do with land reform.

Secondly, this process should include dialogue with stakeholders. We should be included, particularly when it comes to finding consensus on matters of valuation and compensation which are amongst a number of issues to be looked at in detail with the resources provided by the grant.

The third factor relates to the support from the World Bank to the Valuation Consortium .This will enable finalisation of a tool that can be used to produce a global figure and also a roll.

Whilst dialogue should be initiated by GOZ, at this stage no such invitation has come to us. What has however occurred is the formation of a group of stakeholders and technical people to prepare a detailed proposal to put to government as a possible method of resolution when engagement does occur.

This effectively describes the bond package that has been referred to. It is notable in the article referred to above that Camille Nuamah, Country Manager of the World Bank in Zimbabwe, confirms that the bank is advising the government on improving land reform and further that compensation bonds have been used in other countries land reform programmes to meet compensation costs. Thus there is a technical team looking at a proposal and they will be looking at all the modalities for a roll out in due course.

What is the basis of this proposed bond package?

Essentially the Valuation Consortium which was formed by local farm valuers after fast track started have now managed to get around 85 % of all acquired properties onto a database that will allow a valuation roll based on agreed criteria to be produced very quickly. At this stage there has been no agreement between stakeholders and Government on criteria, however farmers and the international community believe that international norms are the best way to get acceptance.

Thus the database is validating individual farm data. This is checked against satellite imagery where digital pins are attached to various items on the historical images. The country has been divided into over 100 sub agro ecological subzones which take into account factors such as soil types, rainfall and altitude. Individual farm parameters are added to this together with improvement details and historical information regarding crop and livestock production.

A peer review of districts enables the scheme to add some qualitative distinction between farms within a district where relative quality and development distinguish the better farms and the less developed properties. Thus this information enables a valuation under any methodology be it depreciated replacement cost or market related. At present no values have been produced. The aim is to get the database as complete as possible so that once agreed criteria can be applied a global figure can be reached from which a negotiation can start.

## 5. ARAC UPDATE

The objective is twofold: first, to arrive at an overall quantum and secondly so that within that overall value, there is a system that apportions value to all farmers based on common criteria.

Rather like a tobacco sale where the farmer prepares bales on the farm and pre-plans an order of sale at the floors. On arrival at the floors the classifier grades each bale and the starter gives the auctioneer a starting price. Once the sale has taken place there is room for both purchaser or seller to seek arbitration before settlement is final. We hope that the valuation of individual farms consolidated into a single roll can form the basis of an agreement over quantum. Individual values will then be given bonds against each title deed and the process will move to the next stage.

The bonds should be issued by the GOZ but underwritten by the MIGA or Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency under the World Bank. The farmer would be able to sit out and wait for the bond to be paid out or he might consider selling it or using it as collateral to finance some project. If the yield is good perhaps there will be investors interested in purchasing the bonds either from individuals or as a group scheme.

Essentially the process is designed to make it affordable for GOZ to pay compensation and bring closure to the issue once for all. There are many assumptions and therefore a lot of uncertainty on the way but it is essential that a way is found to restore some dignity to the many now elderly farmers who lost everything and at the same time find a way that will facilitate **the GOZ's reengagement on the international scene. I suspect there is still a fair hill or hills to climb; but this is a start.**

At the same time, we all hope for a resolution that broadens the definition of Zimbabwean to include all capable of building a better future and I am certain if the powers that be would seek that they would be surprised how easy it is to reach a settlement on the compensation debt.

I hope these thoughts are of some assistance in outlining the situation. Perhaps further to this I should add that since 2009 there have been regular small tranches allocated to MLRR for compensation, the last budget cut this. Nonetheless a number of farmers have followed up claims for payment for improvements only.

There are around 20 farmers who have been paid an average of 20% of value of depreciated replacement cost of acquired improvements. There are other applications in the pipeline. The payments are generally made in irregular fractions of the agreed value and I am aware that for the majority the process is pretty protracted, i.e. up to five years to get settlement. Title deeds are handed over and farmers must prove that they settled retrenchment packages before payment is made or a further deduction is made of around 10% of the total. Government will agree to a supplementary payment in the event that the British Government or others establish a fund to pay for land.

Government are happy to look at medical cases with some urgency. Whilst they have not engaged on a proposal to use the limited funds available for payments of smaller more regular tranches to a larger number of people, for example, \$1000/month to 500 people as opposed to the same money to half a dozen, they are happy to look at some sort of have offered prioritisation in cases of proven hardship. We are looking into this currently.

We are increasingly seeing people who were once well off really starting to struggle this is only getting worse when one **realises that when farms were taken , most over a decade ago, the average age of farmers was 55 ... now many are past** working age and have the added problem of health complications which are often very expensive to remedy.

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## 6. ECONOMICS REPORT

*(From the desk of Antonnette Chingwe)*

### The International Conference On Finance For Agriculture Held In Nairobi, Kenya

**NB: This is a follow up of my last week's report**

Theme of conference:

Revolutionising finance for agriculture value chains

The conference was divided into two parts that is; The Continental Briefing and The International Conference on revolutionizing finance for agriculture value chains.

## 6. ECONOMICS REPORT

### Recommendations and Conclusion

The concluding session of the Conference reviewed some of the key findings of the briefing, at which farmers organizations drew up an action plan to improve farmers' access to financial services. If implemented the plan will result in increased access of financial services among farmers and improved farming profitability per household.

It was also recommended that farmers must make the most of modern technology, act collectively to gain better access to finance and machinery, and fulfil the dream of producing the highest quality, cheapest food in the world in a climate-smart way.

It was agreed that to best leverage the potential of digital finance on behalf of agriculture development throughout Africa there must be an expansion of the traditional definition of agriculture value chain finance. The current definition embraces credit, savings and micro insurance with little regard for payment streams. Digital finance technologies and the new business model innovations enable reduced costs for stakeholders throughout the value chain. The hoped for outcome of this Conference was the expansion of the traditional definition of agriculture value chain finance to explicitly include digital finance. By doing so, the value chain finance discipline and its practitioners will systematically explore lessons learned and best practices for the insertion of digital finance into agriculture.

### TIMB Tobacco Update

Statistics from TIMB also show that as of Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2014 tobacco seasonal sales had reached 212.4 million kg worth \$673.4 with the seasonal average price remaining stagnant at \$3.17/kg.

## 7. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

(From the desk of Richard Taylor)

Field Notes:

July 21, 2014

Bacterial blight returns to Mississippi cotton fields.

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

The year was 1973, and I had spent my first year in the Mississippi Delta working for a large cotton plantation and seed company located north of Greenville at a little company town named Scott. A British corporation still owned "the company" then and I was trying to apply my recently acquired degree in Seed Technology to the production and processing of cotton planting seed.

**1973 was a "wet year" much like this one has been, so wet in fact that much of the South Delta was flooded until late June. That year I was introduced to a disease of cotton that was called "angular leaf spot". Today it is more commonly called "bacterial blight". Unlike most diseases of crops that are caused by fungi this one is caused by the bacterium *Xanthomonas campestris*. Even this Latin name is different in recent literature, changed to *X. axonopodis*. Having studied mycology for a while I know better than to attempt an explanation for the name change, but it's the same disease.**

The wet and cool weather we have experienced this year has provided the environmental conditions that favour the development of this disease, and changes in the preparation of planting seed have allowed inoculum to be carried to the field. I have little doubt the disease is transmitted by the seed since it is showing up in high levels in fields that have not been planted to cotton in decades, if ever.

**At the time I started work with cottonseed at Scott, most of the cottonseed being planted were "machine delinted" by running them through a saw linter that removed most of the short fibres left by the gin. Then the seed were passed through a flame to remove more of the remaining linters.**

This process allowed disease inoculums (bacteria) to remain on the seed and be carried to the field.

Beginning about that same time, some cottonseed were delinted with either hydrochloric (gas) or with sulphuric (liquid) acids to remove all of the linters. This provided smoother seed that flowed better in planters, but it also surface sterilized the seed, destroying most if not all of the disease bacteria. The change to acid delinting almost eradicated bacterial blight from cotton fields, but later changes in processing to reduce the use of acids have reversed that accomplishment and allowed this old disease to return to our fields.

## 7. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

Plant breeders have developed a few cotton varieties that are tolerant to bacterial blight, but many of our best varieties are susceptible. The fact is that most of the cotton acreage in the South today is planted to varieties that are susceptible to **some degree**. We may be facing a problem since we have no proven field management tool for this disease. I'm sure we will try some things, but this may only be the beginning of the story.

Thanks for your time.

Dutch study finds that Birds in particular are severely impacted by Insecticide sprays. Click on the link below to read the article: <http://www.foodnavigator.com/Science-Nutrition/Insecticides-are-a-bigger-threat-to-the-natural-food-chain-than-thought-warns-study>

### 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 0712600588	<b>Staywell</b> 04-303021 307868 0774 175 974	<b>Profeeds</b> 04-667173 or 661048
White Maize	390	Grade A/B 280 <b>7 days transfer delivered to Harare &amp; Bulawayo</b> Grade D <b>270</b> <b>7 days transfer delivered to Harare &amp; Bulawayo</b> Grade A/B 270 <b>24 hrs textacash delivered to Harare for 10mt &amp; below</b> Grade D 265 24 Hrs textacash delivered to Harare for 10 mt and below	290	<b>285 14 Days</b> <b>280 COD</b>	260 <b>Cash at gate 82</b> <b>Woolwich Road</b>
Yellow Maize	310	<b>280</b>	290	n/a	250 <b>Cash at gate 82</b>
Maize Bran	-	-	200	n/a	175
Soya beans	580	<b>500 7 Days</b> <b>510 14 Days</b> <b>490 24hrs</b>	510	<b>525 7 Days</b> <b>515 COD</b>	500
Soya bean Meal	-	N/A	650	n/a	610
Wheat	466		-	450	-
Wheat Bran	-	-	200	-	190
Groundnuts	570 unshelled		-	n/a	-
Sugar Beans	1300	n/a	-	1100	n/a
Sorghum	310	-	n/a	n/a	-
NOTES :	-	-	Raw Materials Prices		All prices are negotiable depending on tonnages and payment terms

— Increase  
— Decrease  
— No Change

Please NOTE all prices are subject to contract availability



## 7. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

### Producer Prices

South African Grain Information Services (SAGIS)

South African Foreign Exchange (SAFEX 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014) R10.62

Commodity	Rand/tonne	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity	Import Parity
			Rand/Tonne	US\$/Tonne
White Maize	N/A			
Yellow Maize				
Wheat				
Soyabeans				

### International Gulf

Commodity	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity
		US\$/Tonne
Wheat	N/A	
Maize		
Sorghum		
Soyabeans		

— Increase  
— Decrease

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J Blend	658	
Cotton Blend	18-10 ~ 680	
S Blend	7-21-7 ~ 744	
Lawn Fert	25-8-17 ~ 850	
Urea	666	
Black Urea	728	
AN	690	
Potassium Nitrate	1690	
Calcium Nitrate	764	
NOTES	Prices are quoted per tone	ZFC Reviewing Prices

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## 8. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

Disease Status In Zimbabwe

Dr. C. Njagu-DVS

This article is a summary of the presentation given by Dr. C. Njagu, (Dept. of Field Veterinary Services), at the Fivet Expo 2014, held at Wild Geese, Harare on the 3rd July 2014.

The Department of Field Veterinary Services has prioritized major diseases into three categories, namely:

ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE-diseases with high morbidity and mortality such as FMD, Newcastle disease and tick borne diseases.

PUBLIC HEALTH-diseases that are a threat and danger to public health such as Rabies, Anthrax and Contagious abortion.

DISEASE THREATS-emerging or re-emerging disease threats from within Zimbabwe and neighbouring States.

FMD

FMD is the most contagious disease and the Department of Veterinary Services has designated three zones:

INFECTED ZONE  
HIGH SURVEILLANCE ZONE  
FMD FREE ZONE

During the past three years FMD outbreaks have been limited to areas in close proximity to wildlife areas such as:

Gonarezhou and Save Conservancy which has affected livestock in nearby Chiredzi and Chipinge.

Chizarira, Matusadonha and Chirisa National Parks which has affected livestock in the Binga and Gokwe North and South regions.

Major challenges facing the control of FMD include the following:

Insufficient vaccines to carry out three vaccination programmes per year,

Delays in reporting suspected cases of the disease,

Inadequate inspections on farms and at communal dip tanks,

Traders and stakeholders that violate quarantine restrictions.

ANTHRAX

Anthrax is prevalent throughout Zimbabwe and there has been a decline recently in reported cases due to improvement in vaccination coverage, public awareness education and encouraging farmers to vaccinate their livestock.

RABIES

Although approximately 600,000 dogs are vaccinated annually there has been an upsurge in reported cases so far for 2014.

All dog owners are encouraged to ensure that their dogs are up to date with their vaccinations.

TICK BORNE DISEASES

HEARTWATER is now endemic throughout Zimbabwe. It is hoped the revised dipping fees will assist to maintain and contain cases of heartwater. During 2013 there were on average, eleven dipping of communal cattle while the target of twenty six dipping is still to be achieved.

LUMPY SKIN DISEASE cases have recently developed an unusual trend, with some areas experiencing a 10% mortality rate. During 2013 the most affected areas were Mash West, Mat South and Masvingo.

## 8. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

SENKOBO is a disease where the visual symptoms are similar to lumpy skin disease. Originally confined to the Gokwe region it is now spreading far and wide. It is a very difficult disease to eradicate and tends to affect mainly small scale farmers' livestock.

PULP KIDNEY DISEASE is affecting mainly small ruminants and there has been an increase in reported cases.

### CONCLUSION

To maintain and improve the health status of livestock in Zimbabwe there is an urgent need to increase stakeholder cooperation and establish a proactive Public Private sector Partnership arrangement within the Livestock sector.

To improve public and stakeholder awareness of the disease status in Zimbabwe and activities being undertaken by the Department of Veterinary Services, the Department is currently developing a website that should be operational by early August 2014.

This will give stakeholders, and in particular traders, current information on restrictions and controls regarding the movement and slaughter of livestock.

Rob J-van Vuuren  
Livestock Consultant. (Contact No. 0772331612)

### Cattle prices

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

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

#### GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)\_22-07-2014-GWERU

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AVG_AMT	AMTKG4A
	BULLING HEIFER	91	333.81	704.12	2.11
	LONG WEANER HEIFER	11	297.72	529.44	1.81
	WEANER HEIFER	78	188.19	407.44	2.16
	BREEDING COWS	25	471.32	982.00	2.08
	COMMERCIAL	36	481.81	780.56	1.62
	ECONOMY	90	373.04	561.94	1.51
	MANUFACTURING	1	280.00	330.00	1.18
	FEEDER STEER	59	317.08	571.10	1.80
	LONG WEANER STEER	4	255.00	361.25	1.42
	WEANER STEER	41	197.66	350.73	1.77

## 8. 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
CC	COW AND CALVES	20.00	480.70	857.50	1.78

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)\_22-07-2014-MT-HAMPDEN-

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AMTKG4	AVGKG
1	SUPER	5	510.00		2.00
10	BULLING HEIFER	39	331.38		1.63
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	9	259.67		2.14
12	WEANER HEIFER	11	209.82		1.93
15	BULLS	4	378.00		1.49
3	COMMERCIAL	42	444.60		1.65
30	COMUN WEANER STEER	1	255.00		1.37
4	ECONOMY	52	401.92		1.53
7	FEEDER STEER	32	335.66		1.71
8	LONG WEANER STEER	10	250.20		1.69
9	WEANER STEER	14	211.43		1.73

## 8. CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION

BULAWAYO SHOWGROUNDS SALE PENS - SALE			COLLEEN BAWN	PLUMTREE
PRICE PER Kg	SLAUGHTER	YOUNGSTOCK		
	<b>25.06.14</b>	<b>20.06.14</b>	<b>24.06.14</b>	<b>17.06.14</b>
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		
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W/HEIFERS		\$2.32		
BULLED HEIFERS				
YOUNG BULLS				
LONG W/HEIFERS				

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### HARARE AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Harare Agricultural Show will be held this year on 22 – 30 August 2014.

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Farmarama

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**DATE : SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST 2014, 10.00 HOURS**  
**VENUE: CHOMA POLOCROSSE CLUB, CHOMA**

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## Reminder of Key Dates

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