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5th September 2014

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#### FXFCUTIVE NEWS

And so yet another month has gone swiftly by as we head towards the new agricultural season which has already had threats of another El Nino weather system forecast just to add to the many other difficulties of getting agricultural production back on track again.

As far as the El Nino is concerned the forecasts are quite varied and perhaps we will simply have to take our chances and see how it pans out hoping for the best as it is still too early for accurate forecasting. The speculation from the recent SADC meeting on weather is that we should see a 'normal' season – we certainly hope so.

This week we have felt like they have left the blast freezer doors open in Cape Town as there have been freezing winds blowing in from the south with the temperatures dropping dramatically just at a time when we were starting to thaw out from the winter cold. The night time temperatures this week were down to 5 degrees and we even heard of frost in some areas in Harare South, which is very unusual for this time of year.

The next news on the weather is that light rains have already fallen in Masvingo over the last couple of days but there was nothing in Harare especially during Show Week as it has been known to happen in the past. It would be interesting to know what the experts have to say about all of these weather happenings this week and how this will affect the predictions now. The Knobthorn trees in Masvingo were starting to flower early last month so maybe their indications of early rains were right? Who knows but is an interesting food for thought!

As we all know too well the weather is not the only uncertainty facing our farmers at this point in time and although at the moment our future is as unpredictable as the weather is proving to be we are still very confident that the correct path is currently being carved out for our future and to get agriculture back on track. Our only concern is that once again the country may once again lose yet another agricultural season before it can start to get back to its true agricultural potential again.

There is still much to be done and we are certainly giving it our all to set us all on the right path, but we will get there despite there being many areas which are completely out of our control. In those areas we are seeing some positive movement at the moment too, so let's not give up just yet as we have sacrificed so much for so long already to even consider stopping now.

As mentioned last week we are intending to send out the accounts for the CFU annual subscriptions on email fairly soon but please bear with us as we have developed a new computer system so there are bound to be a few errors which you would be able to assist us with should they affect you.

These accounts will continue to go out regularly on email on a monthly basis and would only stop automatically once the account has been settled in full. Council has decided that there is no change in the subscription fee rates from last year. We thank you for your cooperation on this.

With regard to payment of the subscriptions we do urge you to please help us with the correct identification of the member particularly when deposits or transfers are made using company bank accounts. We also need to know which district you were/are farming in.

Your cooperation will also be greatly appreciated in completing the Application Form to ensure we have all of your correct details on our database. The <u>form plus banking details are available</u> from our website.

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#### EXECUTIVE NEWS CONTINUED

For those overseas members please use the Valuta banking payment which is well described on the same page on the website (provided on the above link) as this is the simplest and cheapest form of transmission of money to our account. In fact it costs you absolutely nothing as we pick up the small cost from our side. If you do a bank transfer through your own overseas bank the cost is prohibitive.

Please remember to forward us the proof of payment details and form so we can receipt the payment against the correct account because the information which the banks send with our statements is devoid of any identification particulars.

#### **CFU Meetings**

Please note that the Council, Audit and EXECO meetings scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014, have now been changed as follows:-

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 22 September 2014 at 09.00 hours EXECO MEETING – 23 September 2014 at 08.00 Hours COUNCIL MEETING – 23 September 2014 at 09.30 hours

Please diarise. Agenda's will be sent out in due course.

#### News Reports

There has not been much news available this week with any particular relevance to our industry this week and we have also been interrupted by upgrading of computers which affected the information gathering process. We are fully back on line now so we should have some news next week.

#### Dam Levels

Here are the dam levels from ZINWA dated 25 July 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 30 of 2014</u>, which makes very interesting reading as usual.

#### SECURITY AND LAND

The situation was very quiet this week with only one report coming in which was a follow-up on an eviction which was carried out late last week. The exposure of another incident in the press recently appears to have obtained the desired results and we can only hope and pray that the work we are doing and the realisation of damage done to our vital industry is finally bearing fruit. However, let us not become complacent and we urge you all to continue to take the necessary security precautions.

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.



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#### OPEN FARMERS MEETING

The date of the next meeting to be held at the Wingate Golf Club will be 18 September 2014 at 2.30 pm. We advise our members and farmers to take this opportunity to meet your leadership and exchange ideas on your future.

#### 4. GOVERNMENT GAZETTE

In the Gazette of 29 August 2014 there is nothing of interest to our members. There are no notices of acquisition in today's Herald newspaper.

#### ARAC UPDATE

(From the desk of Ben Gilpin)

#### Transformation.

I traveled up to Kariba last weekend for a short family break and was struck by the things that have changed along the way since I was last there several years ago. At the same time there was much that has not changed. Always in life there is such contrast and paradox. Memory pits the present against the past and the mind is also able to flit into imagined futures. In the midst of this one lives anchored in today ... never able to be any place else.

The journey was smooth and, having made an early start; it was not too interrupted by the string of heavy vehicles that clog the main road to Chirundu heaving heavy loads to the north where economic activity seems to be irrepressible. We stopped at Mukute for a break and found the corner shop considerably better stocked than in 2008 when its shelves hosted only "Stick Pencils and Condoms"! Things have improved but have they? Fourteen years ago Zim was second only to South Africa in the league of SADC's 15 nations as far as GDP goes. Now we have slipped to 11th place and are challenged for that position by seeming minnows like Seychelles! Along the burnt fringes of the highway it is not hard to see why.

There is still some evidence of the development that spurred the vibrant diversification of Agriculture in the late nineties... one sees the naked skeletons of greenhouses; their outlines capturing sky, no longer enclosing roses or chrysanthemums. Old barns unroofed and broken-walled totter precariously before their final fall. The once unmistakable but stricken fence lines that strung alongside the disconnected unwired telephone poles have mostly disappeared, the only evidence for their past existence the more solid concreted-in corner posts of disappeared game fences that resisted the un-censured self-provisioning of new people on the land.

The landscape reclaims its virginity in a ravaged kind of way. Along the road brief stretches of well-maintained farm land seem by their stark contrast to defy the new reality of our unmanicured rural areas following fast track land reform... symbols left to trigger transitory speculation about aborted alternatives. One is left wondering what might have been had property rights and their foundations not so fundamentally been undermined by the consolidation of political absolutism. The pillars of inclusive and plural institutions that marked the slow decline of the unfettered powers of Europe's sovereigns and which ushered in the industrial revolution in Britain and sparked the growth of empire, seem here to be working in reverse as we progressively deindustrialise and witness the retreat of public accountability of the state.

At Kariba we see the concrete evidence of past solid collaboration to tame the mighty Zambezi and recognise the massive change that wrought. On the dam wall, one sees deteriorating equipment of the 1950's and knows that it needs replacement. It comes from an era where other frames determined our ways. We all seem now to yearn for a better future that somehow mirrors something of the past but there is a reluctance to embrace the change we can have in the present by deferring it to the future. It can perhaps be described as a stalling or desire for "just a bit more time before we are serious"... simple procrastination. In effect we deprive ourselves of a better future because we will not appropriate it in the present. It is already here if we can only let go!

At a national level our constant foray's East are aimed at deferring necessary adjustments to our current political paradigms and we remain trapped, unable to arrest our national declining performance. The planned new developments at Kariba, already under the ping of reversing equipment directed by Chinese engineers, seems to signal a start but they are peripheral. At our own organizational level we are also stuck unable to embrace a new future because we remain anchored in a drying harbour. At the personal level, for many of us, the growth and transformation needed to appropriate a better daily lived reality is hostage to our habits and unquestioned attitudes.

Perhaps we are too serious and ridiculed others to easily...

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# 5. ARAC UPDATE CONTINUED

## Notice of the Annual General Meeting of ARAC 2014

Please be advised that ARAC will hold its AGM on Thursday 18th September starting at 2.30pm at Wingate Golf Club, Alpes Road, Harare.

#### Agenda:

- Welcome
- Apologies
- Adoption of the minutes of 2013 AGM
- Matters Arising
- Chairman's report
- Adoption of Chairman's report
- CFU report
- Election of office bearers
- AOB

Guest Speaker, Eddie Cross will be speaking on the use of Bonds in compensation and other points of interest.

#### 6. ECONOMICS REPORT

(From the desk of Antonnette Chingwe)

#### Tobacco

Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board chief executive Andrew Matibiri has said that, at least 67 500 farmers have registered for the 2014/15 tobacco cropping season with 13 229 new participants coming on board. He said the largest number of new growers for the season was drawn from Mashonaland West. Meanwhile, seasonal sales has increased to 215.7 million kg compared to the 165.5 million kg sold during the same period in 2013. The 2014 seasonal production is likely to increase further since one merchant is still selling an average of 2 000 bales per sale per week. Tobacco is the country's second largest foreign currency earner after mining with latest figures indicating the country exported about 50.6 million kg of tobacco worth \$231.5 million.

#### TIMB Summary

SEASONAL	TSF	BTF	PTF	TOTAL AUCTION	TOTAL CONTRACT	TOTAL 2014	TOTAL 2013
Mass sold	25,785,853	12,941,360	12,017,941	50,745,154	164,955,733	215,700,887	165,515,562
(kg)							
Value	71,731,928	33,062,617	31,875,306	136,669,850	547,367,714	684,037,565	609,502,472
(US\$)							
Ave. price	2.78	2.55	2.65	2.69	3.32	3.17	3.68
US\$/kg							

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Rainfall season (2014/15) forecast

SADC climate experts have forecast a normal to above normal rainfall season for the bulk of the region from October 2014 to February 2015.

Reports from the 18th Southern Africa Regional Climate Outlook Forum (Sarcof 18) held in Namibia say that Central Mozambique, southern half of Malawi, north eastern half of Zimbabwe, the bulk of Zambia, south eastern half of Angola, bulk of Namibia and western half of Botswana have increased chances of normal to above normal. South western half of Zimbabwe, extreme south western Zambia, Zambezi area of Namibia and most of northern parts of South Africa have high chances of receiving normal to above normal rainfall in the first half of the season. However, some parts of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), northern Madagascar and Mauritius are more likely to receive normal to below-normal rainfall during the first and second halves of the season.

#### Grain imports

Bankers Association of Zimbabwe president, Mr. Sam Malaba has said that Zimbabwe has spent over US\$3 billion in direct imports of maize and wheat since dollarization was introduced in 2009. The country has been importing food due to shortfalls in domestic production blamed on droughts. He also said that direct food imports in terms of maize and wheat average US\$550 million per year. This has contributed to the widening current account deficit which worsened from US\$3.6 billion in 2012 to just over US\$4 billion in 2013.

#### 7. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

(From the desk of Richard Taylor)

Please be advised that the Zimbabwe Crop Producers Association Annual General Meeting is to be held at ART Farm 16 September 2014.

Program will be a closed session for all crop producers from 8.30-10.30.

Tea and open session for all 1100-13.00. In this session we will have speakers on Grain Storage (Brazilian Chap) Agronomy and Life Insurance.

13.00-14.00 lunch.

14.00-16.30 will be demos by Radzim (chisel plough), Afgri (disc harrow) and GMG Power (chisel plough).

Snacks and drinks in the evening. Please support us as it will be a very worthwhile day. Please let us know that you will be attending as I do need numbers for catering purposes.

Field Notes: Rain is better than well water. By: Ernie Flint, Ph.D., CCA, Regional Agronomist Mississippi State University Extension Service

September 1, 2014

Several years ago while visiting a large farm where corn was being irrigated I listened while a farmer described to another member of my profession how he actually preferred to irrigate his fields rather than to have them receive rain. I did not join the debate at the time, but since then I have been carrying on a private argument over this question in my own mind. The timely rains we just received brought the subject back to my mind.

There are many farms that are not able to provide supplemental water to their crops, depending completely upon rain for their water. No debate exists for these farmers even though many of them cling to the idea that someday they will be able to irrigate their crops since this practice seems to be one of the recognized earmarks of success in the crop production. I personally believe that it is often overblown in value and used as a substitute for methods that would be just as effective except during severe drought conditions. Current research has shown that high yields can be achieved with much less irrigation water than previously believed.

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#### 7. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

The dependence of field crops agriculture upon the supplies of water contained in underground sources of water is a growing dilemma for the production of food and fibre crops here in the U.S. and around the globe. These aquifers are being depleted at an ever increasing rate that is driving regulatory agencies to meter and limit the water that farmers can pump from the wells and reservoirs, and current discussions suggest that even the surface waters on private property may soon be regulated. In some areas homeowners are not allowed to capture rainwater for use on their own property. The central issue is water, one of the critical components of life itself.

Rain water is usually more value for crops than ground water. One reason is that it has traditionally been free. As we pump water from increasing depths, it contains more dissolved solids that can interfere with the production of crops. Rain actually contains small amounts of nitrogen and other micronutrients needed by all kinds of plants and other organisms.

Many plants such as lawn and pasture grasses that are not well supplied with synthetic nitrogen can be seen to green up following a good rain, and it's not just the result of a good drink of water. Increases in nitrogen can be measured in these plants as the result of not only the nitrogen that is dissolved into the soil solution but as the result of nitrogen provided by in the rain water itself. This is especially true during a thunderstorm when lightning increases the amount of nitrogen in rainwater.

After that diatribe about how great rain is I will readily concede that irrigation is very important for all kinds of crops. It is critical for food security and consequently to our overall national security. However we must learn how to conserve it much better than we have in the past. Several practices can contribute to this effort, including reduced tillage and soil conservation, protection of soil organisms that aid plants in obtaining water, planting of more drought tolerant crops, control of diseases and nematodes which reduce the efficiency of plant roots, and even the reduction of transpiration losses from plants through plant breeding and the use of natural antitranspirants. Other factors such as pest management also interact with this issue since more productive plants offer more return for each gallon of water used by the crop.

I can't say I agree with some of the regulatory methods being implemented and considered for dealing with this issue since I believe farmers are the best managers of God-given resources.

#### Producer Prices

Commodity	GMB 04-7940799	Kurima Gold O4-662392 0772 382 028 / 0772 235 588	Agrifoods 04-775623 0712 601528	<u>Staywell</u> 04-303021 307868	Profeeds 04-667173 or 661048
White Maize	390				
Yellow Maize	310				
Maize Bran	-	-	200	n/a	175
Soya beans	580	520 7 Day transfer 530 14 Day transfer 510 24hrs Textacash	510	540	540
Soya bean Meal	-	N/A	650	n/a	630
Wheat	466		-		-
Wheat Bran	-	-	190	-	190
Groundnuts	570 unshelled		-	n/a	-
Sugar Beans	1300	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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## 7. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION

**Producer Prices** 

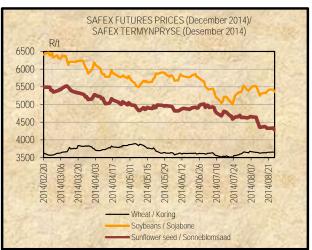
South African Grain Information Services (SAGIS) South African Foreign Exchange (SAFEX 15th August 2014) R10.53South African Foreign Exchange (SAFEX 15th August 2014) R10.53

Commodity	Rand/tonne	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity	Import Parity
			Rand/Tonne	US\$/Tonne
White Maize	1724	163	2574	242
Yellow Maize	1783	168	2633	248
Wheat	3705	349	4555	430
Soyabeans	5240	494	6090	574
Sunflowers	4190	495	5040	475

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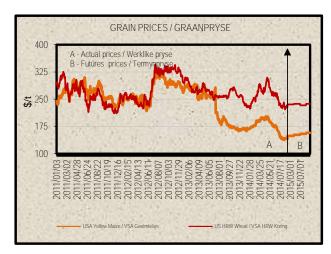
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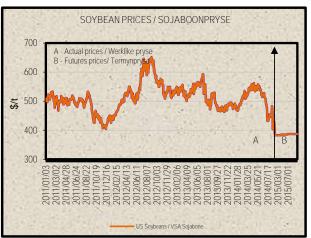
Commodity	US\$/Tonne	Import Parity
		US\$/Tonne
Wheat	280	430
Maize	191	341
Sorghum	220	370
Soyabeans	444	594

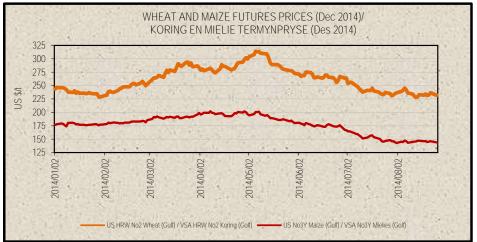
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#### 7. ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION







<u>Please Note:</u> We are in the process of getting in touch with all the various fertilizer companies to discuss their pricing states in the CFU Calling as concerns have been raised regarding the pricing differentials. I do believe that this sets up competition between the various fert companies however the concern comes from what type of fert this is (compound or blend??) the various components that make up this fert etc etc. Once we have resolved this we hope that we will have more companies posting their types of fert and prices. Please be patient for this.

THE LATEST EDITION OF THE FARMING MAGAZINE is on sale @ \$2.00 EACH

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# 8. **CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION**

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)\_05-08-2014-GWERU

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AVG_AMT	AMTKG4A
	BULLING HEIFER			474.0	1.58
	LONG WEANER HEIFER			403.3	3 2.14
	BULLS			692.5	1.44
	COMMERCIAL			737.3	1.52
	ECONOMY			496.1	5 1.29
	STD MUTTON			65.0	0.00
	MANUFACTURING			300.0	1.03
	FEEDER STEER			494.6	7 1.48
	LONG WEANER STEER			370.0	1.42
	WEANER STEER			243.0	1.26

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)\_02-09-2014-MT-HAMPDEN-

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	AVG_KG	AMTKG4AVGKG
1	SUPER	15	496.33	2.09
10	BULLING HEIFER	6	322.67	2.00
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	27	243.85	2.44
12	WEANER HEIFER	17	189.53	2.64
15	BULLS	2	484.50	1.61
3	COMMERCIAL	17	417.59	1.88
30	COMMUNAL WEANER STEER	8	207.50	1.42
4	ECONOMY	30	358.97	1.68
5	MANUFACTURING	5	263.20	1.26
7	FEEDER STEER	7	309.71	1.92
8	LONG WEANER STEER	14	238.57	2.16
9	WEANER STEER	40	190.48	2.21

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# 8. **CATTLE PRODUCERS' INFORMATION**

BULAWAYO SHOWGROUN	COLLEEN BAWN	PLUMTREE		
PRICE PER Kg	SLAUGHTER	YOUNGSTOCK		
	<u>27.08.14</u>	03.09.14	22.07.14	<u>26.08.14</u>
BULLS				
SUPERS				
CHOICE				
COM	\$1.75	\$1.79	\$1.40	\$1.51
COM/ECO	\$1.65	\$1.65		\$1.42
ECO	\$1.58	\$1.60		\$1.33
MAN	\$0.98			\$1.02
BULLS	\$1.78	\$1.73	\$1.35	\$1.51
F/STEERS		\$1.86	\$1.50	\$1.58
B/HEIFERS		\$1.71		
W/STEERS		\$1.86		\$1.69
W/HEIFERS		\$2.07		
BULLED HEIFERS				
YOUNG BULLS				
LONG W/HEIFERS				

GRADE REPORT BY GRADE (\$KG)\_28-08-2014-HEADLANDS-S

		QТ		
GRADE	DESCRIPTION	Y	AVG_KG	AMTKG4AVGKG
10	BULLING HEIFER	1	287.00	1.29
11	LONG WEANER HEIFER	1	249.00	1.53
12	WEANER HEIFER	1	201.00	1.79
14	COW @ CALVES	1	334.00	1.23
15	BULLS	1	539.00	1.39
3	COMMERCIAL	4	421.25	1.39
30	COMMUNAL WEANER STEER	7	203.86	1.34
4	ECONOMY	7	356.86	1.36
5	MANUFACTURING	9	371.44	1.27
7	FEEDER STEER	4	283.25	1.41
9	WEANER STEER	18	186.78	1.54

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See <u>CATTLE SALE DATES FOR CC SALES NATIONWIDE</u> for <u>September 2014</u> on our website.

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## **Notices**

#### ZIMBABWE CROP PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

We have on sale the following: Maize Handbook ~ \$20.00 Soya Bean Brochure ~ \$5.00 Sorghum Brochure ~ \$5.00 Wheat Brochure ~ \$10.00 Sunflower Booklet ~ \$10.00 Groundnut Booklet ~ \$10.00

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#### Reminder of Key Dates 10.

# Notice of the Annual General Meeting of ARAC 2014

Please be advised that ARAC will hold its AGM on Thursday 18th September starting at 2.30pm at Wingate Golf Club, Alpes Road, Harare.

## Open Farmers Meeting

The date of the next meeting to be held at the Wingate Golf Club will be 18 September 2014 at 2.30 pm

# Zimbabwe Crop Producers Association AGM

Please be advised that the Zimbabwe Crop Producers Association Annual General Meeting is to be held at ART Farm 16 September 2014. Program will be a closed session for all crop producers from 8.30-10.30. Tea and open session for all 1100-13.00.



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