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### GRAINS AND OILSEEDS

Table 1: Grains and Oilseeds Producer Prices

Product	Buyer	Purchase Price (US\$/t)	Contact Details	Payment
<b>Maize</b>	GMB	390	04-701885-99	60 days
	GMB (unshelled)	500	04-701885-99	Cash
<b>Groundnuts</b>	Jasbro	1400	09-68198	Cash
	Taflo	1400	0775386077	Cash
<b>Soya beans</b>	GMB	580	04-701885-99	14 days
	Staywell	550	04-307868/9	7 days
<b>Sugar beans</b>	GMB	1300	04-701885-99	Cash
	Kurima Gold/National Foods	1250	0773381825	14 days
	Jasbro	1300	09-68198	Cash
<b>Wheat</b>	GMB	500	04-701885-99	60 days

## HORTICULTURE

**Table 2: Horticultural Produce Retail Prices as at 20 March 2015 at Mbare Musika and Bulawayo CBD Markets**

Commodity	Mbare Musika (US\$/kg)			Bulawayo CBD Market (US\$/kg)		
	06 Mar 15	13 Mar 15	20 Mar 15	06 Mar 15	13 Mar 15	20 Mar 15
Potatoes (medium)	0.73	0.60	0.73	0.60	0.60	0.60
Potatoes (large)	0.80	0.67	0.80	0.70	0.70	0.70
Tomatoes	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.09	0.91	1.00
Onions (dried)	0.70	0.60	0.70	1.00	0.86	0.86
Onions (green)	ns	ns	ns	1.00	1.00	1.00
Butternuts	0.40	0.30	0.32	0.86	0.86	0.86
Cabbage(per head)	0.30	0.50	0.50	0.30	0.30	0.30
Rape/Covo	0.67	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.60	0.60
Sugar beans	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.75	1.75	1.75
Groundnuts (unshelled)	0.75	0.75	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.40
Groundnuts (shelled)	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.25
Roundnuts (shelled)	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Sweet Potatoes	0.50	1.25	1.25	ns	ns	ns
Yams	ns	ns	0.44	ns	ns	ns
Carrots	0.70	0.70	0.60	1.10	1.20	1.20
Cucumbers	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.30	0.40	0.40
Maize (dried)	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.40	0.40
Green mealies	0.25	0.25	0.29	0.40	0.50	0.50
Apples (local)	0.82	0.64	0.73	ns	ns	ns
Apples (South Africa)	1.09	0.81	0.91	1.18	1.18	1.18
Bananas	0.72	0.72	0.72	0.61	0.72	0.72
Naartjies	0.50	0.50	0.30	ns	ns	ns
Oranges	ns	ns	ns	1.00	1.00	1.00
Garlic	3.00	3.50	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Green pepper	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.45	0.45	0.45

*ns - no supply*

- ✚ At Mbare Musika Market, the price of potatoes, dried onions, butternuts, shelled roundnuts, green mealies, local and imported apples went up while the price of groundnuts, naartjies and garlic went down. Prices of other commodities remained stable.
- ✚ At Bulawayo Market, the price of tomatoes went up. Prices of other commodities remained the same.

**Table 3: Agricultural Produce Prices at Bindura Chipadze and Bulawayo Renkini Markets as at 20 March 2015**

Commodity	Measure	Bindura Chipadze Market		Bulawayo Renkini Market	
		13 Mar 15	20 Mar 15	13 Mar 15	20 Mar 15
Cowpeas	20l tin (20 kg)	ns	ns	15.00	15.00
Groundnuts Shelled	20l tin (20 kg)	30.00	30.00	25.00	25.00
Groundnuts Unshelled	20l tin (20 kg)	ns	ns	ns	ns
Groundnuts Fresh	20l tin (20 kg)	ns	ns	ns	ns
Maize (grain)	20l tin (20 kg)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Roundnuts (shelled)	20l tin (20 kg)	37.50	37.50	25.00	25.00
Soyabeans	20l tin (20 kg)	ns	ns	18.00	18.00
Sugar beans	20l tin (20 kg)	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Wheat	20l tin (20 kg)	ns	ns	ns	ns
Butternuts	Pack(10kg)	5.00	5.00	ns	ns
Cabbage	head	0.50	0.50	ns	ns
Carrots	bundle	ns	ns	ns	ns
Cucumber	Each	0.10	0.10	ns	ns
Irish Potatoes	Pocket (15 kg)	12.00	12.00	ns	ns
Onion dried	Pocket (10 kg)	9.00	9.00	ns	ns
Rape/ Covo	bundle	ns	ns	ns	ns
Tomatoes	Box(10-12kg)	2.50	2.50	ns	ns
Apples	each	0.20	0.20	ns	ns
Avocado pears	Each	0.20	0.20	ns	ns
Bananas	Crate(18kg)	4.50	4.50	ns	ns
Oranges	Pocket	ns	ns	ns	ns
Eggs	Crate (30 eggs)	4.75	4.50	ns	ns
Chicken	Bird	6.00	6.00	ns	ns
Goats	each	35.00	35.00	ns	ns
Cattle	beast	475.00	475.00	ns	ns
Sheep	each	60.00	60.00	ns	ns
Macimbi	90kg	180.00	180.00	225.00	225.00
Matemba	90 kg	220.00	540.00	158.00	158.00

ns- no supply

## LIVESTOCK & MEAT

**Table 4: Surrey and MC Meats Wholesale Prices for Beef as at 20 March 2015**

PRODUCT	US\$/kg			
	MANUFACTURING		ECONOMY	
	Surrey	MC Meats	Surrey	MC Meats
Forequarter	2.70	2.80	2.90	2.95
Hindquarter	2.70	2.80	3.10	3.45
Side	-	-	-	-
Ration	-	-	-	-

PRODUCT	US\$/kg					
	COMMERCIAL		CHOICE		SUPER	
	Surrey	MC Meats	Surrey	MC Meats	Surrey	MC Meats
Forequarter	3.25	3.30	3.40	3.50	4.35	4.30
Hindquarter	3.65	3.70	3.80	3.90	4.65	4.80
Side	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ration	-	-	-	-	-	-

OFFALS	Price (US\$/kg)	
	Surrey	MC Meats
Cassings	2.00	1.50
Rough	3.00	-
Liver	4.30	4.50
Oxtail	6.00	6.00
Oxtongue	3.00	4.00
Lungs	2.00	2.10
Cowheels	1.00	0.80
Oxhead (without tongue)	7.00	0.60/kg
Oxhead (with tongue)	-	-
Bybles	1.30	1.50
Kidney	4.00	4.00

Source: MC Meats and Surrey

## CATTLE SALES

**Table 5: CC Sales Mount Hampden as at 17 March 2015**

GRADE	Average Price (US\$/kg)				
	20/01/15	24/02/15	03/03/15	10/03/15	17/03/15
SUPER					
CHOICE	1.94		2.12	1.95	2.04
COMMERCIAL	1.73	1.66	1.76	1.69	1.67
ECONOMY	1.60	1.54	1.53	1.58	1.50
MANUFACTURING	1.19	1.59	1.25	1.20	1.33
WEANER HEIFERS	1.89	2.39	2.05	2.02	1.95
BULLING HEIFERS	1.80	1.89	1.98	1.87	1.80
COWS & CALVES			1.58	1.49	1.51
WEANER STEERS	2.07	1.91	2.09	2.13	1.82
LONG WEANER HEIFERS	1.71	2.11	2.55	2.34	1.75
LONG WEANER STEERS	2.10	2.04	1.82	2.09	2.01
FEEDER STEERS	2.00	1.92	2.11	2.02	1.97
COMMUNAL WEANER STEERS	1.45	1.91	1.88		1.38
COMMUNAL WEANER HEIFERS					
BULLS	1.66		1.65	1.66	1.39

- The average price per kilogramme for choice, manufacturing, cows and calves went up while the average price for commercial, economy, weaner heifers, weaner steers, long weaner heifers, bulling heifers, long weaner steers, feeder steers and bulls went down.

## TOBACCO

- As at 20 March 2015, 92 027 growers had registered compared to 97 560 who had registered same time last year.
- Total flue cured tobacco seasonal sales as at 20 March 2015 stood at 7,299,948 kgs sold at an average price of US\$2.23/kg at the three auction floors and contract sales compared to 9,293,695 kgs sold at an average price of US\$2.85/kg same time last year.
- This realised total revenue amounting to US\$16.27 million compared to US\$26.51 million achieved same time last year.

**Table 6: Seasonal Flue Cured Tobacco Sales: 20 March 2015**

DAILY	TSF	BTF	PTF	Total Auction	Total Contract	Total 2015	Total 2014	% Chan.
Mass sold (kg)	1,212,598	906,829	410,410	2,592,837	4,770,111	7,299,948	9,293,695	-21.45
Value (US\$)	2,085,249	1,325,635	654,059	4,055,943	12,216,390	16,272,333	26,511,884	-38.62
Ave. price US\$ /kg	1.72	1.46	1.57	1.60	2.56	2.23	2.85	-21.86

Source: TIMB

## INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

**Table 7: International Commodity Prices as at 20 March 2015**

Commodity	Safex (R/mt) Futures Prices for Mar as at 20 Mar 15	Safex <sup>1</sup> (US\$/mt) Futures Prices for Mar as at 20 Mar 15	US GULF (US\$/mt) Spot Price as at 20 Mar 15	CBOT (US\$/mt) Futures Prices for Mar as at 20 Mar 15	Cotlook A Index (USc/Pound) as at 20 Mar 15
White Maize	2655	218.16			
Yellow Maize	2475	203.37	170.70	147.47	
Wheat (HRW)			232.58		
Wheat (SRW)	3845	315.94	220.55	187.61	
Soyabeans	5030	413.31	380.47	354.57	
Sorghum	2350	193.09			
Cotton					69.15

- White maize price increased on the SAFEX from **US\$215.71/mt** last week to **US\$218.16/mt** this week.
- The yellow maize price increased on the SAFEX from **US\$201.07/mt** last week to **US\$203.37/mt** this week while the US GULF and CBOT market prices decreased from **US\$175.53/mt** and **US\$151.17/mt** last week to **US\$170.70/mt** and **US\$147.47/mt** this week respectively.
- The price of wheat decreased on the SAFEX from **US\$323.19/mt** last week to **US\$315.94/mt** this week while the US GULF and CBOT markets increased from **US\$216.23/mt** and **US\$184.82/mt** last week to **US\$220.55/mt** and **US\$187.61/mt** this week respectively.
- The SAFEX, US GULF and CBOT soyabean prices decreased from **US\$423.52/mt**, **US\$388.47/mt** and **US\$363.39/mt** last week to **US\$413.31/mt**, **US\$380.47/mt** and **US\$354.57/mt** this week respectively.
- The price of sorghum decreased on the SAFEX from **US\$198.27/mt** last week to **US\$193.09/mt** this week.
- Cotlook 'A' Index increased from **USc67.25/Pound** last week to **USc69.15/Pound** this week.

<sup>1</sup> US\$/Rand exchange rate is US\$1=R12.17