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GRAINS AND OILSEEDS

Table 1: Grains and Oilseeds Producer Prices

Product	Buyer	Purchase Price (US\$/t)	Contact Details	Payment
Maize	GMB	390	04-701885-99	60 days
	GMB (unshelled)	500	04-701885-99	Cash
Groundnuts	Jasbro	1400	09-68198	Cash
	Taflo	1400	0775386077	Cash
Soya beans	GMB	580	04-701885-99	14 days
	Staywell	520	04-307868/9	7 days
Sugar beans	GMB	1300	04-701885-99	Cash
	Kurima Gold/National Foods	1250	0773381825	14 days
Wheat	Jasbro	1300	09-68198	Cash
	GMB	500	04-701885-99	60 days

HORTICULTURE

Table 2: Horticultural Produce Retail Prices as at 13 March 2015 at Mbare Musika and Bulawayo CBD Markets

Commodity	Mbare Musika (US\$/kg)			Bulawayo CBD Market (US\$/kg)		
	27 Feb 15	06 Mar 15	13 Mar 15	27 Feb 15	06 Mar 15	13 Mar 15
Potatoes (medium)	0.67	0.73	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Potatoes (large)	0.73	0.80	0.67	0.70	0.70	0.70
Tomatoes	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.80	1.09	0.91
Onions (dried)	0.40	0.70	0.60	1.14	1.00	0.86
Onions (green)	ns	ns	ns	1.00	1.00	1.00
Butternuts	0.40	0.40	0.30	1.00	0.86	0.86
Cabbage(per head)	0.80	0.30	0.50	0.30	0.30	0.30
Rape/Covo	0.67	0.67	1.00	0.60	0.50	0.60
Sugar beans	1.25	1.00	1.00	1.75	1.75	1.75
Groundnuts (unshelled)	1.00	0.75	0.75	0.40	0.40	0.40
Groundnuts (shelled)	1.40	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Roundnuts (shelled)	1.25	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.25
Sweet Potatoes	ns	0.50	1.25	ns	ns	ns
Yams	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns
Carrots	0.70	0.70	0.70	1.20	1.10	1.20
Cucumbers	0.40	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.30	0.40
Maize (dried)	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.40	0.40
Green mealies	0.17	0.25	0.25	0.50	0.40	0.50
Apples (local)	0.80	0.82	0.64	ns	ns	ns
Apples (South Africa)	0.91	1.09	0.81	1.18	1.18	1.18
Bananas	0.67	0.72	0.72	0.61	0.61	0.72
Naartjies	ns	0.50	0.50	ns	ns	ns
Oranges	ns	ns	ns	1.00	1.00	1.00
Garlic	2.00	3.00	3.50	1.00	1.00	1.00
Green pepper	0.40	0.50	0.50	0.45	0.45	0.45

ns - no supply

- ✚ At Mbare Musika Market, the price of potatoes, dried onions, butternuts and apples went down while the price of cabbage, rape/covo, sweet potatoes, cucumbers and garlic went up. Prices of other commodities remained stable.
- ✚ At Bulawayo Market, the price of tomatoes and dried onions went down while the price of rape/covo, carrots, cucumbers, green mealies and bananas went up. Prices of other commodities remained the same.

Table 3: Agricultural Produce Prices at Bindura Chipadze and Bulawayo Renkini Markets as at 13 March 2015

Commodity	Measure	Bindura Chipadze Market		Bulawayo Renkini Market	
		06 Mar 15	13 Mar 15	06 Mar 15	13 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	4.75	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	220.00	158.00	158.00

ns- no supply

LIVESTOCK & MEAT

Table 4: Surrey and MC Meats Wholesale Prices for Beef as at 13 March 2015

PRODUCT	US\$/kg			
	MANUFACTURING		ECONOMY	
	Surrey	MC Meats	Surrey	MC Meats
Forequarter	2.80	2.80	3.10	2.95
Hindquarter	2.80	2.80	3.30	3.45
Side	-	-	-	-
Ration	-	-	-	-

PRODUCT	US\$/kg					
	COMMERCIAL		CHOICE		SUPER	
	Surrey	MC Meats	Surrey	MC Meats	Surrey	MC Meats
Forequarter	3.35	3.30	3.50	3.50	4.45	4.30
Hindquarter	3.65	3.70	3.90	3.90	4.75	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 10 March 2015

GRADE	Average Price (US\$/kg)				
	09/01/15	20/01/15	24/02/15	03/03/15	10/03/15
SUPER	2.35				
CHOICE		1.94		2.12	1.95
COMMERCIAL	1.96	1.73	1.66	1.76	1.69
ECONOMY	1.83	1.60	1.54	1.53	1.58
MANUFACTURING	1.35	1.19	1.59	1.25	1.20
WEANER HEIFERS	1.73	1.89	2.39	2.05	2.02
BULLING HEIFERS	2.08	1.80	1.89	1.98	1.87
COWS & CALVES	1.75			1.58	1.49
WEANER STEERS		2.07	1.91	2.09	2.13
LONG WEANER HEIFERS	2.05	1.71	2.11	2.55	2.34
LONG WEANER STEERS	2.08	2.10	2.04	1.82	2.09
FEEDER STEERS	2.25	2.00	1.92	2.11	2.02
COMMUNAL WEANER STEERS	1.53	1.45	1.91	1.88	
COMMUNAL WEANER HEIFERS					
BULLS		1.66		1.65	1.66

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

TOBACCO

- As at 13 March 2015, 91 307 growers had registered compared to 96 436 who had registered same time last year.
- Total flue cured tobacco seasonal sales as at 13 March 2015 stood at 3,022,449 kgs sold at an average price of US\$2.14/kg at the three auction floors and contract sales compared to 4,239,779 kgs sold at an average price of US\$2.72/kg same time last year.
- This realised total revenue amounting to US\$6.46 million compared to US\$11.53 million achieved same time last year.

Table 6: Seasonal Flue Cured Tobacco Sales: 13 March 2015

DAILY	TSF	BTF	PTF	Total Auction	Total Contract	Total 2015	Total 2014	% Chan.
Mass sold (kg)	724,279	544,803	259,021	1,528,103	1,494,346	3,022,449	4,239,779	-28.71
Value (US\$)	1,163,543	818,777	386,420	2,368,740	4,091,863	6,460,603	11,526,326	-43.95
Ave. price US\$ /kg	1.61	1.50	1.49	1.55	2.74	2.14	2.72	-21.37

Source: TIMB

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Table 7: International Commodity Prices as at 13 March 2015

Commodity	Safex (R/mt) Futures Prices for Mar as at 13 Mar 15	Safex ¹ (US\$/mt) Futures Prices for Mar as at 13 Mar 15	US GULF (US\$/mt) Spot Price as at 13 Mar 15	CBOT (US\$/mt) Futures Prices for Mar as at 13 Mar 15	Cotlook A Index (USc/Pound) as at 13 Mar 15
White Maize	2623	215.71			
Yellow Maize	2445	201.07	175.53	151.17	
Wheat (HRW)			228.08		
Wheat (SRW)	3930	323.19	216.23	184.82	
Soyabeans	5150	423.52	388.47	363.39	
Sorghum	2411	198.27			
Cotton					67.25

- White maize price decreased on the SAFEX from **US\$223.64/mt** last week to **US\$215.71/mt** this week.
- The yellow maize price decreased on the SAFEX from **US\$203.39/mt** last week to **US\$201.07/mt** this week while the US GULF and CBOT market prices increased from **US\$173.36/mt** and **US\$150.15/mt** last week to **US\$175.53/mt** and **US\$151.17/mt** this week respectively.
- The price of wheat decreased on the SAFEX from **US\$329.75/mt** last week to **US\$323.19/mt** this week while the US GULF and CBOT market prices increased from **US\$214.40/mt** and **US\$181.29/mt** last week to **US\$216.23/mt** and **US\$184.82/mt** this week respectively.
- The SAFEX and US GULF soyabean prices decreased from **US\$431.78/mt** and **US\$390.03/mt** last week to **US\$423.52/mt** and **US\$388.47/mt** this week respectively while the CBOT market price did not change.
- The price of sorghum decreased on the SAFEX from **US\$204.32/mt** last week to **US\$198.27/mt** this week.
- Cotlook 'A' Index decreased from **USc70.15/Pound** last week to **USc67.25/Pound** this week.

¹ US\$/Rand exchange rate is US\$1=R12.16