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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 |
| Groundnuts  | GMB (unshelled)            | 500                     | 04-701885-99    | Cash    |
|             | Jasbro                     | 1400                    | 09-68198        | Cash    |
|             | Taflor                     | 1400                    | 0775386077      | Cash    |
|             | GMB                        | 580                     | 04-701885-99    | 14 days |
| Soya beans  | Kurima Gold/National Foods | 570                     | 0773381825      | 14 days |
|             | Staywell                   | 540                     | 04-307868/9     | 14 days |
|             | GMB                        | 1300                    | 04-701885-99    | Cash    |
| Sugar beans | Kurima Gold/National Foods | 1250                    | 0773381825      | 14 days |
|             | Jasbro                     | 1400                    | 09-68198        | Cash    |
|             | GMB                        | 500                     | 04-701885-99    | 60 days |

### SUGARBEANS FOR SALE

- ✚ Farmers in Gokwe are selling sugarbeans. Please contact Mr Ngolozani on 0772 727 214 for more details.

## HORTICULTURE

**Table 2: Horticultural Produce Retail Prices as at 06 March 2015 at Mbare Musika and Bulawayo CBD Markets**

| Commodity              | Mbare Musika (US\$/kg) |           |           | Bulawayo CBD Market (US\$/kg) |           |           |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                        | 20 Feb 15              | 27 Feb 15 | 06 Mar 15 | 20 Feb 15                     | 27 Feb 15 | 06 Mar 15 |
| Potatoes (medium)      | 0.60                   | 0.67      | 0.73      | 0.60                          | 0.60      | 0.60      |
| Potatoes (large)       | 0.67                   | 0.73      | 0.80      | 0.70                          | 0.70      | 0.70      |
| Tomatoes               | 0.50                   | 0.50      | 0.50      | 1.20                          | 0.80      | 1.09      |
| Onions (dried)         | 0.50                   | 0.40      | 0.70      | 1.00                          | 1.14      | 1.00      |
| Onions (green)         | ns                     | ns        | ns        | 1.00                          | 1.00      | 1.00      |
| Butternuts             | 0.44                   | 0.40      | 0.40      | 0.86                          | 1.00      | 0.86      |
| Cabbage(per head)      | 0.60                   | 0.80      | 0.30      | 0.30                          | 0.30      | 0.30      |
| Rape/Covo              | 0.60                   | 0.67      | 0.67      | 0.60                          | 0.60      | 0.50      |
| Sugar beans            | 1.00                   | 1.25      | 1.00      | 1.75                          | 1.75      | 1.75      |
| Groundnuts (unshelled) | 0.75                   | 1.00      | 0.75      | 0.40                          | 0.40      | 0.40      |
| Groundnuts (shelled)   | 1.00                   | 1.40      | 1.25      | 1.25                          | 1.25      | 1.25      |
| Roundnuts (shelled)    | 1.25                   | 1.25      | 1.00      | 1.25                          | 1.25      | 1.25      |
| Sweet Potatoes         | 0.46                   | ns        | 0.50      | 0.30                          | ns        | ns        |
| Yams                   | ns                     | ns        | ns        | ns                            | ns        | ns        |
| Carrots                | 0.60                   | 0.70      | 0.70      | 1.10                          | 1.20      | 1.10      |
| Cucumbers              | 0.50                   | 0.40      | 0.40      | 0.30                          | 0.50      | 0.30      |
| Maize (dried)          | 0.30                   | 0.30      | 0.30      | 0.40                          | 0.40      | 0.40      |
| Green mealies          | 0.21                   | 0.17      | 0.25      | 0.40                          | 0.50      | 0.40      |
| Apples (local)         | 0.53                   | 0.80      | 0.82      | ns                            | ns        | ns        |
| Apples (South Africa)  | 0.91                   | 0.91      | 1.09      | 1.18                          | 1.18      | 1.18      |
| Bananas                | 0.67                   | 0.67      | 0.72      | 0.61                          | 0.61      | 0.61      |
| Naartjies              | ns                     | ns        | 0.50      | ns                            | ns        | ns        |
| Oranges                | ns                     | ns        | ns        | 1.00                          | 1.00      | 1.00      |
| Garlic                 | 2.05                   | 2.00      | 3.00      | 1.00                          | 1.00      | 1.00      |
| Green pepper           | 0.70                   | 0.40      | 0.50      | ns                            | 0.45      | 0.45      |

*ns - no supply*

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

**Table 3: Agricultural Produce Prices at Bindura Chipadze and Bulawayo Renkini Markets as at 06 March 2015**

| Commodity            | Measure         | Bindura Chipadze Market |           | Bulawayo Renkini Market |           |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
|                      |                 | 13 Feb 15               | 06 Mar 15 | 27 Feb 15               | 06 Mar 15 |
| Cowpeas              | 20l tin (20 kg) | 13.00                   | ns        | 15.00                   | 15.00     |
| Groundnuts Shelled   | 20l tin (20 kg) | 25.00                   | 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) | 6.50                    | 5.00      | 5.00                    | 5.00      |
| Roundnuts (shelled)  | 20l tin (20 kg) | ns                      | 37.50     | 25.00                   | 25.00     |
| Soyabeans            | 20l tin (20 kg) | 10.00                   | ns        | 18.00                   | 18.00     |
| Sugar beans          | 20l tin (20 kg) | 27.50                   | 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)  | 11.50                   | 12.00     | ns                      | ns        |
| Onion dried          | Pocket (10 kg)  | 7.50                    | 9.00      | ns                      | ns        |
| Rape/ Covo           | bundle          | 0.30                    | ns        | ns                      | ns        |
| Tomatoes             | Box(10-12kg)    | 3.00                    | 2.50      | ns                      | ns        |
| Apples               | each            | 0.20                    | 0.20      | ns                      | ns        |
| Avocado pears        | Each            | 0.20                    | 0.20      | ns                      | ns        |
| Bananas              | Crate(18kg)     | 4.00                    | 4.50      | ns                      | ns        |
| Oranges              | Pocket          | ns                      | ns        | ns                      | ns        |
| Eggs                 | Crate (30 eggs) | 4.50                    | 4.75      | ns                      | ns        |
| Chicken              | Bird            | 5.50                    | 6.00      | ns                      | ns        |
| Goats                | each            | 35.00                   | 35.00     | ns                      | ns        |
| Cattle               | beast           | 425.00                  | 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           | 210.00                  | 220.00    | 158.00                  | 158.00    |

ns- no supply

## LIVESTOCK & MEAT

**Table 4: Surrey and MC Meats Wholesale Prices for Beef as at 06 March 2015**

| PRODUCT     | US\$/kg       |          |         |          |
|-------------|---------------|----------|---------|----------|
|             | MANUFACTURING |          | ECONOMY |          |
|             | Surrey        | MC Meats | Surrey  | MC Meats |
| Forequarter | 2.90          | 2.85     | 3.30    | 3.20     |
| Hindquarter | 2.90          | 2.85     | 3.50    | 3.50     |
| Side        | -             | -        | -       | -        |
| Ration      | -             | -        | -       | -        |

| PRODUCT     | US\$/kg    |          |        |          |        |          |
|-------------|------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
|             | COMMERCIAL |          | CHOICE |          | SUPER  |          |
|             | Surrey     | MC Meats | Surrey | MC Meats | Surrey | MC Meats |
| Forequarter | 3.35       | 3.30     | 3.16   | 3.50     | 4.45   | 4.30     |
| Hindquarter | 3.65       | 3.80     | 4.00   | 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            | 4.30     |
| 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 03 March 2015**

| GRADE                   | Average Price (US\$/kg) |          |          |          |          |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                         | 02/01/15                | 09/01/15 | 20/01/15 | 24/02/15 | 03/03/15 |
| SUPER                   |                         | 2.35     |          |          |          |
| CHOICE                  | 2.08                    |          | 1.94     |          | 2.12     |
| COMMERCIAL              | 2.01                    | 1.96     | 1.73     | 1.66     | 1.76     |
| ECONOMY                 | 1.67                    | 1.83     | 1.60     | 1.54     | 1.53     |
| MANUFACTURING           |                         | 1.35     | 1.19     | 1.59     | 1.25     |
| WEANER HEIFERS          | 1.99                    | 1.73     | 1.89     | 2.39     | 2.05     |
| BULLING HEIFERS         | 1.76                    | 2.08     | 1.80     | 1.89     | 1.98     |
| COWS & CALVES           | 1.68                    | 1.75     |          |          | 1.58     |
| WEANER STEERS           | 2.21                    |          | 2.07     | 1.91     | 2.09     |
| LONG WEANER HEIFERS     | 2.13                    | 2.05     | 1.71     | 2.11     | 2.55     |
| LONG WEANER STEERS      | 2.09                    | 2.08     | 2.10     | 2.04     | 1.82     |
| FEEDER STEERS           | 2.01                    | 2.25     | 2.00     | 1.92     | 2.11     |
| COMMUNAL WEANER STEERS  | 1.17                    | 1.53     | 1.45     | 1.91     | 1.88     |
| COMMUNAL WEANER HEIFERS |                         |          |          |          |          |
| BULLS                   |                         |          | 1.66     |          | 1.65     |

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

## TOBACCO

- ✚ As at 06 March 2015, 90 701 growers had registered compared to 95 258 who had registered same time last year. Please note that last week's figures were overstated.
- ✚ The tobacco marketing season has commenced.
- ✚ Total flue cured tobacco seasonal sales as at 5 March 2015 stood at 594,791 kgs sold at an average price of US\$1.53/kg at the three auction floors and contract sales compared to 940,864 kgs sold at an average price of US\$2.42/kg same time last year.
- ✚ This realised total revenue amounting to US\$910,649 compared to US\$2.28 million achieved same time last year.

**Table 6: Seasonal Flue Cured Tobacco Sales: 5 March 2015**

| DAILY               | TSF     | BTF     | PTF     | Total Auction | Total Contract | Total 2015 | Total 2014 | % Chan. |
|---------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------------|----------------|------------|------------|---------|
| Mass sold (kg)      | 242,215 | 235,914 | 110,685 | 588,814       | 5,977          | 594,791    | 940,864    | -36.78  |
| Value (US\$)        | 388,338 | 353,634 | 157,838 | 899,810       | 10,839         | 910,649    | 2,279,561  | -60.05  |
| Ave. price US\$ /kg | 1.60    | 1.50    | 1.43    | 1.53          | 1.81           | 1.53       | 2.42       | -36.81  |

Source: TIMB

## INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

**Table 7: International Commodity Prices as at 06 March 2015**

| Commodity    | Safex (R/mt) Futures Prices for Mar as at 06 Mar 15 | Safex <sup>1</sup> (US\$/mt) Futures Prices for Mar as at 06 Mar 15 | US GULF (US\$/mt) Spot Price as at 06 Mar 15 | CBOT (US\$/mt) Futures Prices for Mar as at 06 Mar 15 | Cotlook A Index (USc/Pound) as at 06 Mar 15 |
|--------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| White Maize  | 2639  | 223.64  |  |   |   |
| Yellow Maize | 2400  | 203.39  | 173.36                                       | 150.15  |   |
| Wheat (HRW)  |   |   | 230.38                                       |   |   |
| Wheat (SRW)  | 3891  | 329.75  | 214.40                                       | 181.29  |   |
| Soyabeans    | 5095  | 431.78  | 390.03                                       | 363.39  |   |
| Sorghum      | 2411  | 204.32  |  |   |   |
| Cotton       |   |   |  |   | 70.15                                       |

- White maize price increased on the SAFEX from **US\$221.02/mt** last week to **US\$223.64/mt** this week.
- The yellow maize price decreased on the SAFEX from **US\$209.41/mt** last week to **US\$203.39/mt** this week while the US GULF and CBOT market prices increased from **US\$171.29/mt** and **US\$147.87/mt** last week to **US\$173.36/mt** and **US\$150.15/mt** this week respectively.
- The price of wheat decreased on the SAFEX and CBOT markets from **US\$330.87/mt** and **US\$182.83/mt** last week to **US\$329.75/mt** and **US\$181.29/mt** this week respectively while the US GULF price increased from **US\$214.12/mt** last week to **US\$214.40/mt** this week.

<sup>1</sup> US\$/Rand exchange rate is US\$1=R11.80

- The SAFEX, US GULF and CBOT soyabean prices decreased from **US\$444.87/mt**, **US\$401.14/mt** and **US\$370.22/mt** last week to **US\$431.78/mt**, **US\$390.03/mt** and **US\$363.39** this week respectively.
- The price of sorghum decreased on the SAFEX from **US\$212.05/mt** last week to **US\$204.32/mt** this week.
- Cotlook 'A' Index decreased from **USc71.75/Pound** last week to **USc70.15/Pound** this week.