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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	1100	0775386077	Cash
Soya beans	GMB	580	04-701885-99	14 days
Sugar beans	GMB	1300	04-701885-99	Cash
	Kurima Gold/National Foods	1250	0773381825	14 days
	Jasbro	1300	09-68198	Cash
Wheat	GMB	500	04-701885-99	60 days

HORTICULTURE

Table 2: Horticultural Produce Retail Prices as at 27 March 2015 at Mbare Musika and Bulawayo CBD Markets

Commodity	Mbare Musika (US\$/kg)			Bulawayo CBD Market (US\$/kg)		
	13 Mar 15	20 Mar 15	27 Mar 15	13 Mar 15	20 Mar 15	27 Mar 15
Potatoes (medium)	0.60	0.73	0.67	0.60	0.60	0.65
Potatoes (large)	0.67	0.80	0.73	0.70	0.70	0.70
Tomatoes	0.50	0.50	0.40	0.91	1.00	0.80
Onions (dried)	1.60	0.70	0.60	0.86	0.86	1.14
Onions (green)	ns	ns	ns	1.00	1.00	1.00
Butternuts	0.30	0.32	0.36	0.86	0.86	1.00
Cabbage(per head)	0.50	0.50	1.00	0.30	0.30	0.30
Rape/Covo	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.60	0.60	0.60
Sugar beans	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.75	1.75	1.75
Groundnuts (unshelled)	0.75	0.50	0.75	0.40	0.40	0.40
Groundnuts (shelled)	1.25	1.00	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.25
Roundnuts (shelled)	1.00	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	0.90
Sweet Potatoes	1.25	1.25	1.50	ns	ns	ns
Yams	ns	0.44	0.67	ns	ns	ns
Carrots	0.70	0.60	0.50	1.20	1.20	1.20
Cucumbers	0.50	0.50	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.50
Maize (dried)	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.40	0.40	0.35
Green mealies	0.25	0.29	0.21	0.50	0.50	0.50
Apples (local)	0.64	0.73	0.91	ns	ns	ns
Apples (South Africa)	0.81	0.91	1.00	1.18	1.18	1.18
Bananas	0.72	0.72	0.67	0.72	0.72	0.61
Naartjies	0.50	0.30	0.27	ns	ns	ns
Oranges	ns	ns	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.00
Garlic	3.50	3.00	3.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Green pepper	0.50	0.50	0.30	0.45	0.45	0.45

ns - no supply

- At Mbare Musika Market, the price of potatoes, tomatoes, dried onions, carrots, cucumbers, green mealies, bananas, naartjies and green pepper went down while the price of butternuts, sweet potatoes, yams, local and imported apples went up. Prices of other commodities remained stable.
- At Bulawayo Market, the price of medium potatoes, dried onions, butternuts and cucumbers went up while the price of tomatoes, shelled roundnuts, dried maize and bananas went down. Prices of other commodities remained the same.

Table 3: Agricultural Produce Prices at Bindura Chipadze and Bulawayo Renkini Markets as at 27 March 2015

Commodity	Measure	Bindura Chipadze Market		Bulawayo Renkini Market	
		13 Mar 15	20 Mar 15	20 Mar 15	27 Mar 15
Cowpeas	20l tin (20 kg)	ns	ns	15.00	14.00
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	8.00
Roundnuts (shelled)	20l tin (20 kg)	37.50	37.50	25.00	20.00
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	202.50
Matemba	90 kg	220.00	220.00	158.00	157.50

ns- no supply

LIVESTOCK & MEAT

Table 4: Surrey and MC Meats Wholesale Prices for Beef as at 27 March 2015

PRODUCT	US\$/kg			
	MANUFACTURING		ECONOMY	
	Surrey	MC Meats	Surrey	MC Meats
Forequarter	2.70	2.60	2.90	2.70
Hindquarter	2.70	2.60	3.10	3.10
Side	-	-	-	-
Ration	-	-	-	-

PRODUCT	US\$/kg					
	COMMERCIAL		CHOICE		SUPER	
	Surrey	MC Meats	Surrey	MC Meats	Surrey	MC Meats
Forequarter	3.25	3.10	3.40	3.30	4.35	4.30
Hindquarter	3.65	3.50	3.80	3.70	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 24 March 2015

GRADE	Average Price (US\$/kg)				
	24/02/15	03/03/15	10/03/15	17/03/15	24/03/15
SUPER					
CHOICE		2.12	1.95	2.04	1.71
COMMERCIAL	1.66	1.76	1.69	1.67	1.54
ECONOMY	1.54	1.53	1.58	1.50	1.33
MANUFACTURING	1.59	1.25	1.20	1.33	1.18
WEANER HEIFERS	2.39	2.05	2.02	1.95	2.68
BULLING HEIFERS	1.89	1.98	1.87	1.80	1.55
COWS & CALVES		1.58	1.49	1.51	
WEANER STEERS	1.91	2.09	2.13	1.82	1.87
LONG WEANER HEIFERS	2.11	2.55	2.34	1.75	1.64
LONG WEANER STEERS	2.04	1.82	2.09	2.01	1.90
FEEDER STEERS	1.92	2.11	2.02	1.97	1.88
COMMUNAL WEANER STEERS	1.91	1.88		1.38	1.44
COMMUNAL WEANER HEIFERS					
BULLS		1.65	1.66	1.39	1.60

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

TOBACCO

- As at 27 March 2015, 92 430 growers had registered compared to 99 174 who had registered same time last year.
- Total flue cured tobacco seasonal sales as at 27 March 2015 stood at 13,186,610 kgs sold at an average price of US\$2.38/kg at the three auction floors and contract sales compared to 16,610,981 kgs sold at an average price of US\$2.98/kg same time last year.
- This realised total revenue amounting to US\$31.4 million compared to US\$49.5 million achieved same time last year.

Table 6: Seasonal Flue Cured Tobacco Sales: 27 March 2015

DAILY	TSF	BTF	PTF	Total Auction	Total Contract	Total 2015	Total 2014	% Chan.
Mass sold (kg)	1,814,115	1,241,865	736,736	3,792,716	9,393,894	13,186,610	16,610,981	-20.62
Value (US\$)	3,347,928	1,925,608	1,255,974	6,529,510	24,897,953	31,427,462	49,543,823	-36.57
Ave. price US\$ /kg	1.85	1.55	1.70	1.72	2.65	2.38	2.98	-20.09

Source: TIMB

INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PRICES

Table 7: International Commodity Prices as at 27 March 2015

Commodity	Safex (R/mt) Futures Prices for Apr as at 27 Mar 15	Safex ¹ (US\$/mt) Futures Prices for Apr as at 27 Mar 15	US GULF (US\$/mt) Spot Price as at 27 Mar 15	CBOT (US\$/mt) Futures Prices for Apr as at 27 Mar 15	Cotlook A Index (USc/Pound) as at 27 Mar 15
White Maize	2636	221.51			
Yellow Maize	2439	204.96	179.27	155.50	
Wheat (HRW)			236.26		
Wheat (SRW)	3838	322.52	223.58	190.70	
Soyabeans	4758	399.83	389.39	359.57	
Sorghum	2475	207.98			
Cotton					69.95

- White maize price increased on the SAFEX from **US\$218.16/mt** last week to **US\$221.51/mt** this week.
- The yellow maize price increased on the SAFEX, US GULF and CBOT markets from **US\$203.37/mt**, **US\$170.70/mt** and **US\$147.47/mt** last week to **US\$204.96/mt**, **US\$179.27/mt** and **US\$155.50/mt** this week respectively.
- The SAFEX, US GULF and CBOT wheat prices increased from **US\$315.94/mt**, **US\$220.55/mt** and **US\$187.61/mt** last week to **US\$322.52/mt**, **US\$223.58/mt** and **US\$190.70/mt** this week respectively.
- The price of soyabeans decreased on the SAFEX from **US\$413.31/mt** last week to **US\$399.83/mt** this week while the US GULF and CBOT market prices increased from **US\$380.47/mt** and **US\$354.57/mt** last week to **US\$389.39/mt** and **US\$359.57/mt** this week respectively.
- The price of sorghum increased on the SAFEX from **US\$193.09/mt** last week to **US\$207.98/mt** this week.
- Cotlook 'A' Index increased from **USc69.15/Pound** last week to **USc69.95/Pound** this week.

¹ US\$/Rand exchange rate is US\$1=R11.90