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The 2014/15 agricultural season was characterized by the late-onset of rainfall, abnormal dryness in the southern parts of the country and heavy rainfall in the north, which resulted in localized flooding. The Ministry of Agriculture Mechanization and Irrigation Development (MAMID) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) undertook a joint mission to assess the livestock situation in some districts of Manicaland, Masvingo, Midlands, Matebeleland North and South provinces. The mission, led by the Deputy Minister of MAMID responsible for livestock, took place from 29 March to 2 April 2015. Following the assessment, Mr David Phiri, the FAO Representative to Zimbabwe, shared his observations.

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Poor rains a cause for concern



The EU promotes knowledge sharing with rural farmers



Technology makes farmers embrace conservation agriculture



Is irrigation the answer to Zimbabwe's small holder farmers' low productivity? Brian Nhlema answers this among other questions:



\$72 million to increase agricultural productivity, increase incomes, improve food and nutrition security, and reduce poverty in rural Zimbabwe.

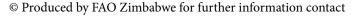
Matebeleland North farmers making a living from livestock



Our heritage, our wildlife: safe wildlife animal capture



Minimizing post harvest losses



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