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## FRIDAY BRIEF

**WEEK 10, 2017**

### **This Week's Highlights.....**

- **GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES THE SECOND NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL POLICY**
- **ZNFU TO CONTINUE SERVING THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR**

**..... SEE DETAILED UPDATES BELOW....**

## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### **GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES THE SECOND NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL POLICY**

The Minister of Agriculture, Honourable Dora Siliya today launched the Second National Agricultural Policy at a stakeholder conference held at Mulungushi International Conference Centre in Lusaka. The Second National Agricultural Policy focuses on the following key areas;

1. Agricultural diversification;
2. Increased production and productivity;
3. Increased food and nutrition security;
4. Increased agricultural research and extension services;
5. Irrigation promotion and support;
6. Agro-processing and value addition;
7. Agricultural mechanization; and
8. Improved agricultural marketing and trade.

In order to ensure effective implementation of the policy, the Minister also launched an Agricultural Policy implementation plan during the same meeting. To this effect, Honourable Siliya called upon all stakeholders across the value chain to participate in the implementation of the new agriculture policy for the benefit of the entire economy in Zambia.

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Other stakeholders that attended the meeting include; ZNFU, traders, agro-dealers, banks, bilateral donors, research institutions, and ministers from other line ministries such as Finance, Water and Sanitation, Gender, and Community Development.

During the same meeting, the Ministry of Agriculture has initiated consultations with all players in the value chain aimed at reviewing the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP). Going forward, the ministry will work with all stakeholder to develop a transformation plan for the FISP programme.

## ZNFU TO CONTINUE SERVING THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Addressing farmers in Kabwe during the 2017 Annual General Meeting, the ZNFU president Mr. Jervis Zimba assured farmers that the Union will continue its core business of lobbying and providing quality services to the agricultural sector. The president urged farmers to remain focused and continue supporting the union, he further said that a lot of things had slowed down in the sector because the union was in the past year busy doing non-agricultural things. He also bemoaned the continued ban on exportation of excess maize in the country and indicated that if the ban was not lifted, this would result in having a few private players to participate in maize marketing which will consequently result in a slump of maize prices. Mr. Zimba further called for a ban on importation of edible oils which also led to huge unsold quantities of locally processed edible oils, a situation which will also adversely affect the soy beans subsector. He urged government to be proactive in addressing challenges facing the agriculture sector and stop the importation syndrome of things like powdered milk, Irish potatoes, vegetable etc. He further emphasised that Zambian farmers have the capacity to produce food if given the required incentives by government.

Meanwhile, Kabwe farmers resolved to support the calls to lift maize export ban and importation of agricultural products through various channels. The DFA executive also agreed to meet at a later date to find proactive ways to support the ZNFU. Speaking during the meeting, outgoing Kabwe DFA chairperson, Mr. A Staal urged farmers to unify and make their voices heard, he thanked the farmers for giving him an opportunity to serve the DFA for years. Meanwhile, the newly elected chairperson Mr. Kimani Ng'ambi called on farmers to continue supporting the DFA by rallying behind the new board.

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## ALERTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This serves to advise members that **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2017** is a public holiday and the ZNFU Offices will be closed. ZFEA members should take note that this is **NOT an Agricultural Holiday**.

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|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1. New Year's Day            | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> January   |
| 2. International Women's Day | - | 8 <sup>th</sup> March     |
| 3. Good Friday               | - | 14 <sup>th</sup> April    |
| 4. Labour Day                | - | 1 <sup>st</sup> May       |
| 5. Africa Freedom Day        | - | 25 <sup>th</sup> May      |
| 6. Heroes Day                | - | 3 <sup>rd</sup> July      |
| 7. Unity Day                 | - | 4 <sup>th</sup> July      |
| 8. Farmers Day               | - | 7 <sup>th</sup> August    |
| 9. Independence Day          | - | 24 <sup>th</sup> October  |
| 10. Christmas Day            | - | 25 <sup>th</sup> December |

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## **NEWS FROM THE REGIONS**

### **EASTERN B REGION**

#### **PETAUKE DISTRICT COMMEMORATE WOMEN'S DAY IN STYLE**

Petauke District on 8<sup>th</sup> of March 2017, joined the rest of the world in commemorating the International Women's Day under the theme, 'Promoting Inclusiveness in Economic Participation as a means of Attaining Sustainable Development'. The celebrations which were led by the District Commissioner Ms. Velenasi B. Moyo as guest of honor attracted over 500 participants from different Government departments and non-Government Organizations. In delivering her key note speech, the District Commissioner thanked Government for recognizing the women in the country as partners in development as evidenced by the number of women that have been appointed in high profile positions such as the Vice President her honor Mrs. Inonge Wina. She further said that this year's theme sets a foundation to build the women's potential in contributing towards national development because government has created a conducive environment to see to it that women have access to academic progression and economic empowerment through various interventions that have been put in place. One intervention is a project under the ministry of Gender while working with USAID from 2016 where they are implementing a two-year project called 'Women At Work' which seeks to promote gender equality through empowering women in leadership skills by raising capacity in young Zambian women aged 25 to 35 years in the spheres of public management, civic leadership and entrepreneurship.

Individual Institutions exhibited the activities which they are implementing to support gender equality and women empowerment.

### **WESTERN REGION**

#### **YOUTH GETS IRRIGATION EQUIPMENT UNDER ASSET FINANCE**

A young farmer from of Nangoma information Center, in Mumbwa district has expressed happiness with the ZNFU/Natsave asset plus program. Mr Clethleo Kandongwe from Nangoma said his happy that he was able to get an asset loan that will boost his vegetable production. He was speaking at the Mumbwa district Farmers Association's offices, where Mr Kirby Machila, the DFA secretary congratulated him and encouraged other young farmers to follow suit and become self-reliant.

#### **HEAVY RAINS CUT OFF NALUBANDA AREA OF MUMBWA**

Farmers in Nalubanda area of Mumbwa in chief Shakumbilas area have been cut off from the rest of Mumbwa due to heavy rains that the area has been experiencing. This came to light when ZNFU staff visited the area and spoke to farmers in the various IC's one of the contact farmers Mr. Obyr Hamweemba said that it was sad that the area has even been cut off as the Nangoma river has been flooded such that no vehicles are passing on the Nambala Nalubanda road.

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## **SOUTHERN REGION**

### **WFP TO PROMOTE LEGUMES PRODUCTION IN MONZE**

The World Food program (WFP) will starting 2017/18 farming season promote the production of legumes and encourage farmers to shift the risk by insuring their crops against natural disasters. WFP wants farmers to be resilient to the effects of climate change by growing crops with short biological and economic maturity in order for them to benefit from the little rains they may receive due to changed rainfall patterns.

WFP will be working with selected Agro dealers for input supplying and a selected insurance company to insure the crops. WFP will also be in the value chain, by offering off-taker arrangements, that is it will buy all crops grown under this project to provide a ready and stable income for farmers.

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