

## FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 28, 2017

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ZNFU CALLS FOR NATIONAL BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2018
- BIRD-FLU SCARE: PAZ CALLS FOR INCREASED BIO-SECURITY
- LAKE KARIBA WATER LEVELS DROP AGAIN

### IN DETAIL....

#### ZNFU CALLS FOR NATIONAL BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2018

The Ministry of Finance has issued a call for national budget submissions for the 2018 national budget which is presented to parliament, debated and approved before the year closes in readiness for implementation by 1<sup>st</sup> January every year.

The recommended format for all proposals is as follows:

- 1) Names and contact details of the proposer [Phone, Email, Fax and Postal Address];
- 2) Sector of Proposal
- 3) Policy area of interest [e.g. taxation policy, wage policy, infrastructure programme, etc.]
- 4) Brief background to or overview of the subject;
- 5) Disadvantages, shortcomings, weaknesses or challenges of the current policy/program/project/situation;
- 6) Proposed policies or corrective measures; and
- 7) Expected impact or implications of the proposed policies or measures.
- 8)

Members are invited to respond and submit their submissions to **the ZNFU through [judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm](mailto:judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm) by 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017 or simply reply to this email.** Thereafter, the ZNFU Tax Committee will convene to consolidate the final ZNFU submission.

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In view of Government' public proclamation of the importance attached to the agricultural sector, the Union would like to seize this opportunity to lobby for measures that should unlock the growth prospects of agriculture in Zambia. Your participation in determining the issues and priorities is vital.

## BIRD-FLU SCARE: PAZ CALLS FOR INCREASED BIO-SECURITY

As the bird flu scare comes to bear on the region, the Poultry Association of Zambia (PAZ) has called on poultry farmers to take precautionary measures by stepping up bio-security on their farms.

PAZ Executive Manager Dominic Chanda has also called for a border high -alert to swat possibilities of poultry products being smuggled into the country saying this will have a devastating impact on the country's poultry sector.

He has also warned that allowing this would result into the drowning of the local poultry sector.

"We need to be vigilant, increase biosecurity at farmsteads and fence off areas where birds have a likelihood to interact with other birds. Farmers should also institute open feed restrictions to avoid other foreign birds feeding from them. We have laboured over the years to grow this sector, we have no choice but to protect our industry," he says.

He, however, maintains that the local market is safe from bird flu.

Zimbabwe, South Africa and the Congo DR have been hit by the bird flu and poultry imports from these countries have been banned.

## LAKE KARIBA WATER LEVELS DROP AGAIN

With the dry season closing, Lake Kariba water levels have continued to drop, with July 12 recording a drop by 0.05 metres.

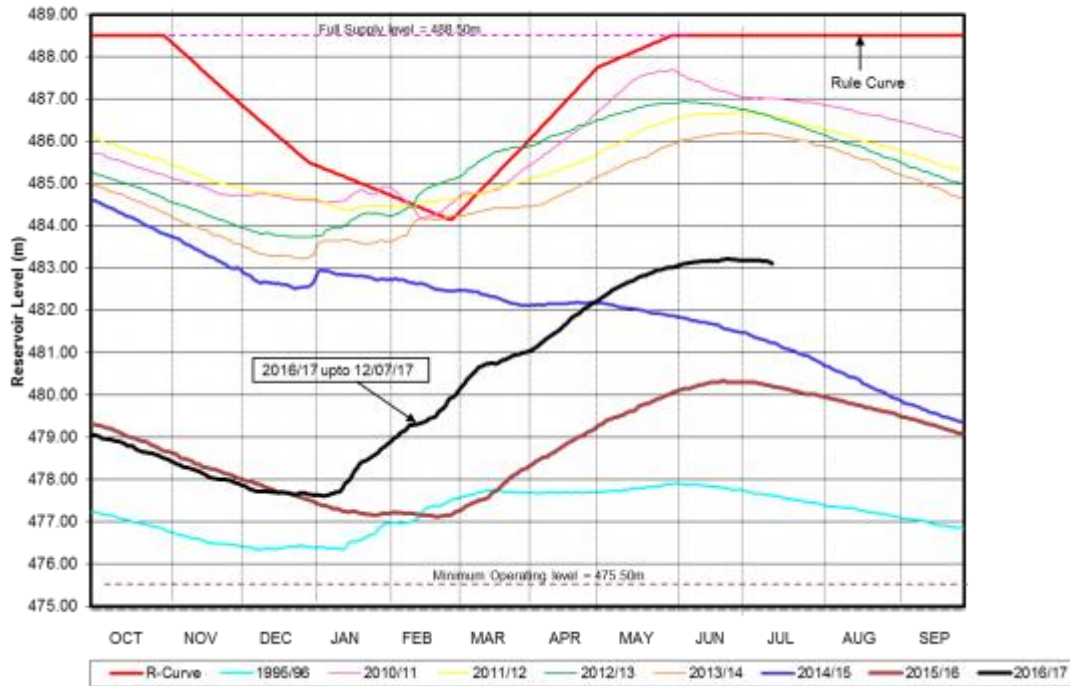
During the week under review, water levels dropped to 483.13 meters, this was after reaching its peak of 483.22 meters as recorded on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Last year on the same date of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Lake level was 480.20 meters, which translates into a difference of 23 per cent.

Below is the graph showing water level movement as captured by the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA);

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## KARIBA RESERVOIR Comparison of Daily Reservoir Levels



## PAY UP! ZFEA CALLS ON MEMBERS

The Office of the Labour Commissioner has requested the Zambia Farm Employers' Association (ZFEA) to submit a list of all paid up members and has cautioned the ZFEA that only paid up members are eligible to use the ZFEA Collective Agreement.

The ZFEA is therefore reminding all farmers that use its Collective Agreement and have not paid membership for 2017 to do so. The ZFEA has been given up to the end of July 2017 to submit the list of paid up members to the Labour Commissioner's office. Membership fees should be paid either through the ZNFU District Offices or ZNFU Head Office.

## ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

## PAZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Poultry Association of Zambia (PAZ) will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre (MICC) starting 08:00 hours.

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## ALEXSWILL FARM TO HOLD 13<sup>TH</sup> PRODUCTION SALE

Alexswill Farm in Kalomo will be holding its 13<sup>th</sup> Production Sale on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017. On offer will be approximately 30 bulls and 65 females (BONSMARA BREED).

For more details contact Graham or Kitty Mulders on;

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## CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES ON CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS

The Ministry of National Planning, which is the appointed National Designated Authority (NDA) for the Green Climate Fund (CGF) is calling for concept notes on climate change projects from farmers and other stakeholders that could be funded under the Fund. These projects are meant to help the country get involved in the Global initiative to limit or reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help vulnerable societies adapt to climate change.

It is from this background that the ZNFU is urging farmers to develop concept notes that could be funded under the GCF.

Kindly submit your concept notes to [judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm](mailto:judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm) which will further be forwarded to the NDA – the Ministry of National Planning and also the Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry.

## ZABS CALLS FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT ZAMBIAN STANDARDS

The Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS) has developed four standards, which were developed during the Spices, Culinary, Herbs and Condiments Technical Committee.

As members, you are being requested to make comments or submissions before these standards are actualised.

To view the standards, go to this link:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5a6abz608defy7t/AAAwnyDjbAI8khEpUIJvTSwda?dl=0>

## ZDA INVITES FARMERS TO THE AFRICA-JAPAN BUSINESS FORUM

The African Development Bank (ADB) in conjunction with African Diplomatic Corporation will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa-Japan Business Forum in Tokyo, Japan from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The forum affords an opportunity to participants to promote trade and investment between the Japanese private sector and the African countries and a business to business platform interaction with hundreds of participants in attendance.

The Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) is inviting members of the ZNFU to be part of the Zambian delegation that will travel to Japan. Participants are, however, expected to meet their own travel, accommodation and upkeep costs.

Interested members can get in touch with Mrs. Judy Hamonzwe on [judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm](mailto:judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm)





## CHULU BORANS CHINGOLA PRODUCTION SALE & FIELD DAY

**DATE: SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 2017**

**VENUE: LAZY A RANCH CATTLE YARDS, CHINGOLA**

VIEWING: COMMENCES 9.00 HOURS

SALE BY SILENT AUCTION: 10.00 TO 10.30 HOURS

FIELD DAY: 11.00 TO 13.00 HOURS

**10 BORAN BULLS, 30 BORAN HEIFERS, 20 STEERS**

**FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE BY MID JULY 2017**

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## FROM THE REGIONS

### CENTRAL

### MUMBWA REQUESTS FOR SMALLSCALE MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT

Farmers in Mumbwa have requested to be assisted with a scheme on small-scale mechanized equipment, that will help them especially with the post-harvest crop management, which has proved to be problematic.

This came to light when Mumbwa ZNFU staff undertook visitations to three Information Centers (ICs) namely Nkhulumazhiba, Mukubu and Mankumaulau.

Mr Barick Mudarrick, the contact farmer for Mankumaulua IC, said that people are no longer interested in piece works anymore because their fields are just too big and workers are hard to find even when one uses animal drought power: "As we speak, no farmer can say he or she has finished harvesting soya beans later-on maize. We therefore want ZNFU to come up with a scheme that will help acquire small-scale mechanized equipment to help us be efficient."

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