

FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 29, 2017

HIGHLIGHTS

- NO LOAD-SHEDDING; ZESCO ASSURES FARMERS
- REGULATE FISH IMPORTS
- IMPORTS AFFECTING DAIRY SECTOR GROWTH

IN DETAIL....

NO LOAD-SHEDDING; ZESCO ASSURES FARMERS

Zesco Limited has assured farmers that there will be no load shedding as the winter crop reaches its vital maturity stage.

Zesco Limited made the pronouncement during a ZNFU/ZESCO stakeholders' meeting at the ZNFU Secretariat in Lusaka on Thursday 20th July 2017.

Zesco Limited also told the meeting that the water levels outlook are stable with Itezhi Tezhi sitting on 97 percent, Kafue Gorge at 86 per cent and Kariba at 55 per cent. The power utility says this is a better outlook than 2016.

It was further intimated that currently Kafue Gorge is producing recommended power of 900 megawatts, Kariba at 380 megawatts, Victoria Falls at 100 megawatts Itezhi Tezhi -120 megawatts and Maamba at 200 megawatts. The country is still importing 80 megawatts from Karpower, bringing the total to 1, 780 megawatts. This figure is, sometimes, pushed up to meet demand, especially in the evenings.

Zesco also said there are discussions with ESKOM of South Africa to import about 500 megawatts.

REGULATE FISH IMPORTS

Government has been called upon to put in place stringent measures that will regulate the importation of fish, to avoid landing into the country fish that is of substandard quality or is diseased. This is in the wake of Tilapia Lake Virus outbreak, which has ravaged most East Asian countries.

Zambia has been importing most of her fish from East Asia following shortages of fish in the country.

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The plea was made by Aquaculture Development of Zambia chairman, Fisho Mwale, who is also Director on the ZNFU Board during a National Budget Submission meeting in Lusaka on Wednesday 19th July 2017.

"Most fish coming from East Asia is dead cheap, but is diseased fish, throw away fish. Such fish are called rants, but it is finding its way into our market.

"Government is losing billions through these illegal imports, but worse our people are being exposed to health hazards ... there is danger to the health security of our people," Mr. Mwale said.

IMPORTS AFFECTING DAIRY SECTOR GROWTH

The Dairy Association of Zambia (DAZ) says the local industry still faces unfair competition from cheaply imported dairy products that threaten local production and growth.

DAZ economist Kapoche Mwale there is need to create a level playing field by instituting hedging measure. He says this would create a level playing field with imported products. He has also called for close scrutiny of dairy imports.

He bemoans the reduction in dairy exports due to protectionist barriers initiated by some SADC member countries such as Zimbabwe.

He also says the sector suffers from lack of capital investment concessions for processors which discourage investments and limits growth.

Mr. Mwale says DAZ should be given the mandate to regulate issuance of dairy import permits and has called on the introduction of a 25 per cent duty on specified dairy products. And also increase duty on imported milk powder from 5 per cent to 25 per cent, which is meant for further processing.

"All dairy imports to pass through DAZ for scrutiny prior to issuance of import permits. We propose that government introduces 25% export tax on soya cake, molasses, bran, cotton cake and sunflower cake. Milk should be reclassified as a VAT zero rated product, as opposed to its current status of VAT exempt. Government should also eliminate all forms of taxes on dairy equipment and ingredients," Mr. Mwale said.

ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

PAZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

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ALEXSWILL FARM TO HOLD 13TH PRODUCTION SALE

Alexswill Farm in Kalomo will be holding its 13th Production Sale on 12th 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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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AT THE WORLD EXPORT DEVELOPMENT FORUM

The Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry wishes to inform business entities, including farmers, that the International Trade Centre (ITC) of the United Nations will be hosting the 17th World Export Development Forum (WEDF) in Budapest, Hungary from 24th to 25th October 2017.

The Forum will involve policy discussions, practical workshops and facilitated Business To Business (B2B) meetings, which gathers farmers, manufacturers, exporters, importers, wholesalers, retailers and investors.

If interested, kindly follow the link the below to complete registration and obtain more information; <http://www.intracen.org/WEDF-2017-Business-to-Business-meetings-24-and-25-October-2017/>

Kindly note that the cost of participation will be covered by the entity wishing to participate.

For further details contact Ms. Zungaye Phiri or Ms. Lina Mutandwa in the Department of foreign Trade on +260 211 224 115.

INTELECTAUL PROPERTY AND GENTIC RESOURCES – INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME

On behalf of the Swedish International Development Corporation Agency (SIDA), the Embassy of Sweden in Zambia is inviting Zambians to nominate candidates for the INTELECTAUL PROPERTY AND GENTIC RESOURCES – INTERNATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME, scheduled for 12th to 1st December 2017 in Sweden, and a regional follow up in one of the participating countries in June 2018.

Closing date for applications is 4th September 2017.

Members that are interested should send their applications (including an extra copy) to:

The Embassy of Sweden
Haile Selassie Avenue
Opposite Ndeke House
P.O Box 50264, RW
LUSAKA

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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

MUMBWA FARMERS REQUEST ZNFU TO GUIDE ON MAIZE FLOOR PRICES FOR ALL GRAIN

Farmers in Mumbwa are requesting the ZNFU to give guidance on how they would arrive at the floor prices for maize and soyabeans. This comes at the back of farmers being exploited by private grain traders.

During the ZNFU visit to Martin Luther Information Center (IC), contact farmer, Mrs. Chindalo said price guidance by the ZNFU would help farmers to determine the pricing for their grain, and further said ZNFU should make a statement denouncing the current prevailing grain prices.

WEATHER

AS COMPILED BY THE ZAMBIA METEOROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: FRIDAY (21/17/2017);

Eastern and Muchinga Provinces: Few clouds, slightly windy and mild becoming clear and mild.
The Rest of Zambia: Mainly clear, windy at times and mild to cool.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEKEND: SATURDAY & SUNDAY (22&23/07/17);

Northern, Muchinga and Eastern Provinces: Few clouds, slightly windy and cool to mild becoming partly cloudy and warm in the afternoon.
The rest of Zambia: Mainly sunny, windy at times and cool to mild becoming warm to hot in the afternoon.

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