

## FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 30, 2017

### HIGHLIGHTS

- ZNFU CALLS FOR MEETING WITH FRA OVER MAIZE PRICING
- ... AS FRA ANNOUNCES SHOCKING MAIZE PRICE
- WARMA BOARD COMING ... AT LAST
- PAZ HOLDS 15<sup>TH</sup> AGM

### IN DETAIL....

#### ZNFU CALLS FOR MEETING WITH FRA OVER MAIZE PRICING

The Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) is calling for a meeting the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) to revisit the maize pricing, which has left farmers in the lurch.

Addressing the 15<sup>th</sup> Poultry Association of Zambia (PAZ) Annual General Meeting in Lusaka on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017, ZNFU president Jervis Zimba said the decision by FRA to offer farmers K60 for 50kg bag of maize is an act of injecting poverty in farmers and sets a bad tone for the season. He said most buyers are now offering sorry prices to farmers for their maize.

Mr. Zimba intimated that he has been receiving disturbing prices being offered by buyers following the announcement by the FRA. He said some buyers are offering as low as K35 and K40 for a 50kg bag of maize due to the trend that has been set by the FRA.

He said he would appeal to the highest office in the land, the Presidency, over the pricing because it was unrealistic and below cost of production.

"When children differ and fight, they go to their father to resolve the impasse. Same applies to what is happening, we will go and appeal to our father (the Head of State) to say the pricing is not good for the farmers, so that he intervenes and helps to end this fight among his children," Mr. Zimba said.

#### ... AS FRA ANNOUNCES SHOCKING MAIZE PRICE

The FRA on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017 announced a market price for maize of K60 for a 50kg bag. FRA Board Chairman Joe Simachela announced the 2017 Crop Marketing prices at a media briefing in Lusaka.

Mr. Simachela said FRA will also buy Soybeans at 130 Kwacha per 50 Kilograms and Paddy Rice at 70Kwacha per 40-kilogram bag.

He said the purchase will be restricted to 500,000 metric tonnes of grain as National Strategic Reserve in line with Government policy guidelines. He said 760 satellite depots are available this year.



Mr. Simachela also announced that the FRA will no longer sell grain to millers saying millers will have to buy their own maize from the open market.

And FRA Executive Director Chola Kafwambulula said the agency has set aside K942 million for the programme and has also prepared 19 million empty grain bags.

He said 100,000 metric tonnes of maize has been authorised for export and that FRA expects to raise US\$13 million with Congo DR, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya and Uganda tipped as prime destinations. Twenty-Six (26) Zambian companies and three foreign companies have been engaged to export the maize.

## WARMA BOARD COMING ... AT LAST

Government says it has finalised rounding up and scrutinising names that would be presented to President Edgar Lungu to constitute the Water Resource Management Authority (WARMA) Board.

WARMA has been operating without a Board resulting into delays to register new dams and issue water permits, which development has affected farmers negatively.

Minister for Water Development, Sanitation and Environment Honourable Lloyd Kaziya told a stakeholders' meeting organised by the ZNFU on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 at the ZNFU Secretariat in Lusaka that his office has collected all the names, including those submitted by the Union, to form the WARMA board. He said he would during the coming week submit the names to the Head of State, whom, after verification, would nod the Board constitution.

He said this would ease the challenges that farmers and other users of water bodies have been facing in accessing WARMA services.

He called on the Union members to be free to seek audience with him whenever challenges arose and promised to speedily attend to them.

And the ZNFU told Honourable Kaziya that the delay by WARMA to process permit allocations has been slowing down investments in irrigation activities, especially that the law prohibits commercial use of water without a permit. He said once the Board is constituted, issuance of water permits would be delegated to management so processes are promptly handled.

ZNFU acting Executive Director Ellah Chembe said the process of obtaining water permits from WARMA takes such a long time that some farmers that applied to be issued with one have not had feedback in more than 12 months.

She also told the meeting that the validity of permits is also too short and does not give farmers time to mobilise investment financing from banks. She called on WARMA to consider increasing the validity of water permits.

She also said: "WARMA should recognise existing permits when issuing new ones. Without this acceptance, existing users have no security over their water and as such no financial institution will lend funds for development without some semblance of water security."

The meeting also heard that some investors have decided to relocate their investments to other countries in the region because of delays in issuing water permits.

The meeting was attended by officials from the Ministry of Water Development, National Water Supply and Sanitation Council (NWASCO), WARMA and Zambia Environmental Management Authority (ZEMA).

## ~~ZNFU PARTNERS~~ PAZ HOLDS 15<sup>TH</sup> AGM





The Poultry Association of Zambia (PAZ) has held its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting with the call on membership to put in place biosafety measures that would halt the spread of Bird Flu into Zambia.

Held under the theme "Adapt and Innovate" the PAZ AGM made most of the time to educate poultry farmers about the outbreak of Bird Flu, which is reported to have started in Uganda, brought about by migratory birds, then Congo's Ituri Forest area, before spreading into Zimbabwe and South Africa.

The AGM was told that Zambia is currently safe, but experts called on vigilance to be upheld at borders and put in place biosafety measures, such as spraying of motor vehicles before they cross into Zambia.

Close to 300 delegates attended the AGM, which observed a moment of silence for the late former PAZ chairperson, who was also ZNFU and World Farmers' Organisation (WFO) president Dr. Evelyn Nguleka.

## ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

### 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).

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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 17<sup>th</sup> World Export Development Forum (WEDF) in Budapest, Hungary from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 12<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017 in Sweden, and a regional follow up in one of the participating countries in June 2018.

Closing date for applications is 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

## 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

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## WEATHER

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As produced by the Zambia Meteorological Department

Seven days Weather Forecast

28<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017

## GENERAL SITUATION

The period from 28<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017: a strong, cool and moist airflow from the South East will be affecting most parts of Zambia resulting into windy conditions and a drop in day time temperatures. The period 02<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017; relative moist airflow from the South-East will be affecting the eastern half of Zambia leaving the western half under relatively dry airflow from the South-East.

### **Forecast for the period 28th July – 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2017:**

**Southern, Lusaka, Eastern, Muchinga and eastern districts of Central Province:** Partly cloudy to cloudy, windy and cold to cool with a chance of light rain becoming less cloudy and mild to warm in the afternoon.

**The Rest of Zambia:** Mainly sunny, windy and cold to cool becoming mild by late morning, partly cloudy and warm in the afternoon.

### **Forecast for the period 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017:**

**Southern, Lusaka, Eastern, Muchinga and eastern districts of Central Province:** Mainly sunny, windy at times and cool to mild becoming partly cloudy and warm in the afternoon.

**The Rest of Zambia:** Sunny, windy at times and cool to mild developing few clouds and warm in afternoon.

***The nights will be mainly clear, slightly windy and mild to cool tending to be cold over the Western half of Zambia.***

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