

FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 19, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- Water Issues in Relation to Newly Issued SIs 18, 19 And 20
- Zesco in 2.5 billion Cubic Metres Water Boost
- Mpulungu Council introduces new Agric Levies
- Foot and Mouth Disease Contained

IN DETAIL....

WATER ISSUES IN RELATION TO NEWLY ISSUED SIs 18, 19 AND 20

After the meeting held on 6th April 2018 with the Honourable Minister responsible for Water Development Sanitation and Environmental Protection, the Union wrote on 20th April 2018 to seek guidance on how the Ministry would resolve the issues presented by the farmers and to re-open dialogue.

A response is still being awaited.

The Union expects that a road map will be provided in areas where there was agreement, and these included the need;

- To allow for further consultations;
- To have Union representation on the WARMA Board;
- To revisit the fee structure;
- To establish the lower structures of WARMA (catchment councils, sub-catchment councils and water users association); and
- To enhance WARMA/ZNFU working mechanisms through establishment of a committee.

The Union will continue to make follow ups.

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ZESCO IN 2.5 BILLION CUBIC METRES WATER BOOST

With the Kariba Dam water levels hitting the 73% water threshold and water inflows rushing in at 4000 cubic metres per second, the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA) has increased water allocation for Zambia and Zimbabwe by 2.5 billion cubic metres each.

This translates into the country now having access to 19.5 billion cubic metres of water to use to fire up the turbines at Kariba Dam and generate the much-needed electricity. The ZRA has in the past allocated 17 billion cubic metres each to both Zambia and Zimbabwe.

During a meeting with farmers at the Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) Secretariat on Thursday 10th May 2018, Zesco Limited said after passing through a period of dry spells, the 73% water levels are a massive improvement and should give comfort to the economy as winter draws nigh. Water levels at Kariba during the same period last year were at 51% full.

Zesco Limited informed the farmers that with water inflows at 4000 cubic metres per second, this was twice as much as the dam received last year at about the same period.

The Utility company has assured farmers of steady power supply during winter crop cultivation. Zambia's farmers mostly cultivate wheat under irrigation during winter, which time they need an assured flow of electricity.

INDUSTRY UPDATES

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE CONTAINED

During the Beef Commodity Meeting held at ZNFU Head Office on 10th May 2018, the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock gave an update on the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) situation in the country.

The Ministry informed the farmers that FMD has been contained and that the veterinary department will soon achieve disease eradication.

Currently, 14 farms are affected by FMD and the government, beginning May 2018, embarked on a house to house vaccination exercise in Chisamba and Chibombo areas to eradicate the disease. The government has thus formed a Task Force with the Chisamba farmers to ensure that the disease is detected early, affected animals are quarantined and vaccinated, and the disease is eliminated.

The Ministry further informed the farmers that the first-round dose has been administered, while the second round, which is the booster vaccine, will be done in the next two weeks. Thereafter, vaccinations will take place every after 6 months. The meeting was also

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informed that the livestock movement ban in Chisamba and Chibombo districts will be lifted in the next few weeks.

Farmers were encouraged to report FMD cases as soon as they are suspected and that they should not fear reporting the cases because all FMD prevention and cure services are done for free by the veterinary department. The Ministry of Fisheries further stated that government through the ministry has put up various measures to curb the vice including vaccination, close monitoring, and trade restrictions. They have also banned the sale of raw milk unless pasteurized, and movement of all cloven-hoofed animals. The Ministry also stated that beef trade has continued from abattoirs under maturation and practising the removal of lymph nodes according to the OIE international guidelines.

The Ministry emphasized the need to improve farm biosecurity. The Ministry also stated that government is committed to control animal diseases and in helping farmers access lucrative export markets. It was also reported that abattoirs that will be involved in the Saudi Arabia beef exports will have to be registered and certified for exports.

COMMODITY UPDATES

Maize Updates

- ZAMACE has not recorded any new maize offers or bids since 24th April 2018. the latest offers for the week ending 27th April 2018 show ZMK1520/tonne as the minimum and the maximum of ZMK1710/tonne. Only one bid was made that week and was ZMK1600/tonne.
- According to RATIN, Kenyan maize prices for a 90Kg bag ranged from US\$ 19.7 to US\$ 24.17 whilst in Tanzania maize prices ranged from US\$ 11.77 to US\$23.54 as of 11th May 2018.
- According to a May 2018 WASDE report by USDA, global corn production is estimated at 1036.7 MMT. The US corn production is expected to decline by 3.59% to 371 MMT from 384.8 MMT in the previous farming season.

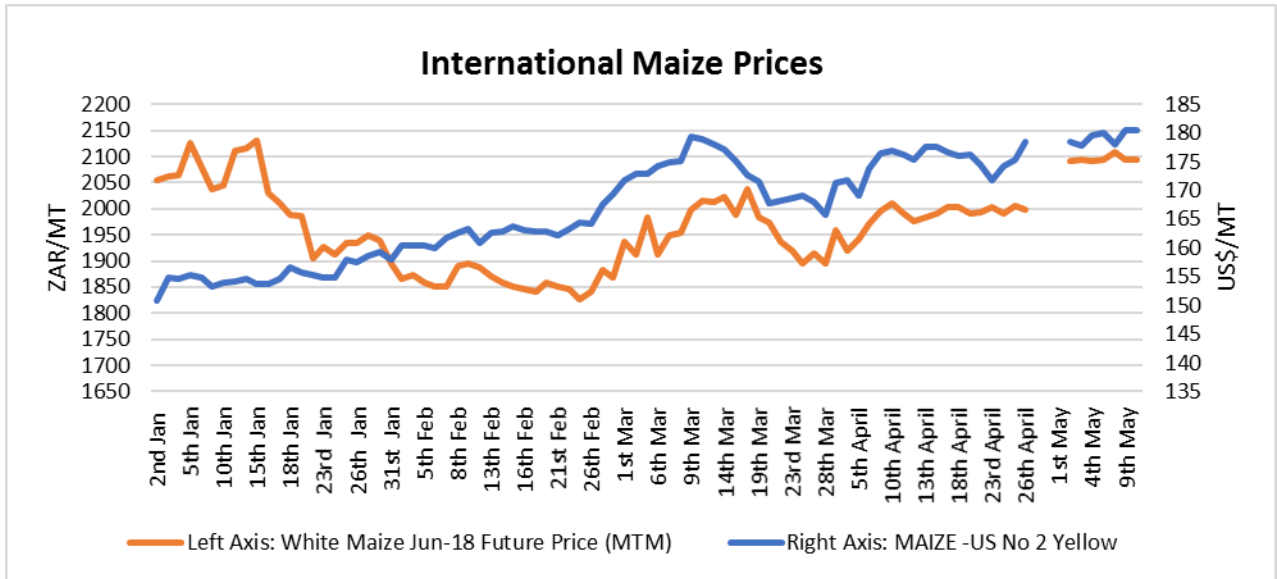
International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot prices of yellow maize was quoted at US\$ 180.45/MT on 10th May 2018 while the white maize futures for June delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 2094/MT (≈US\$168.46/MT).

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Source: SAFEX, 2018

Soya Beans Updates

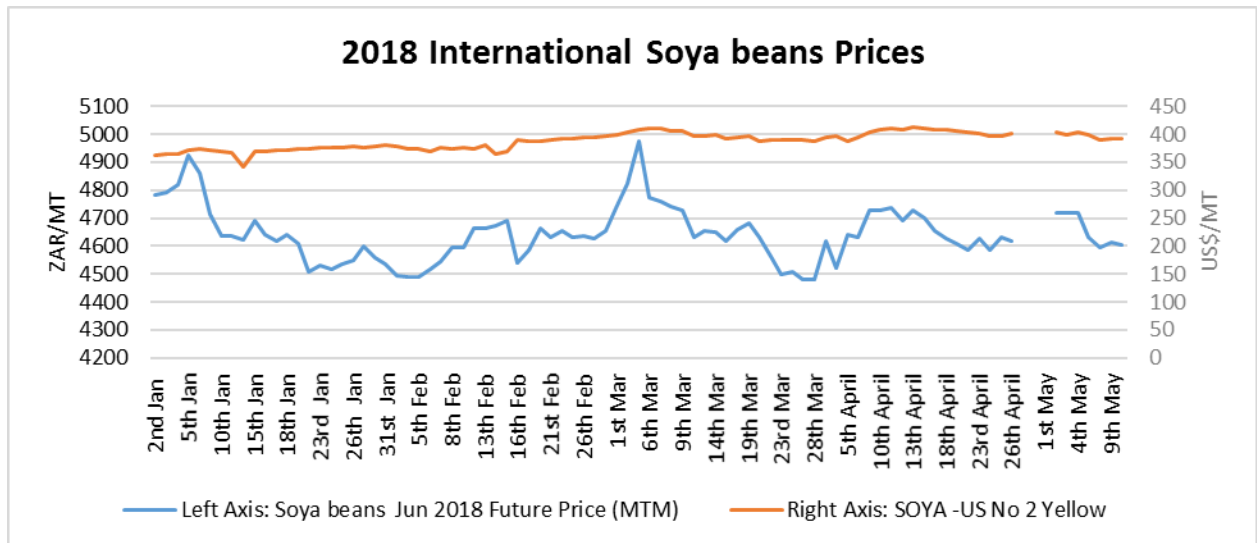
- The US soya beans stocks are expected to stay high in 2018/19 but outweighed by falls in South America led by a drawdown in Argentina. Global soya beans carryovers are seen falling by 9% year on year. (Source: IGC)
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International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot price of Soya beans was pegged at US\$ 392.05/MT on 10th May 2018 while the Soya beans futures for June delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 4606/MT (≈US\$370.55/MT).

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Source: SAFEX, 2018

Wheat Updates

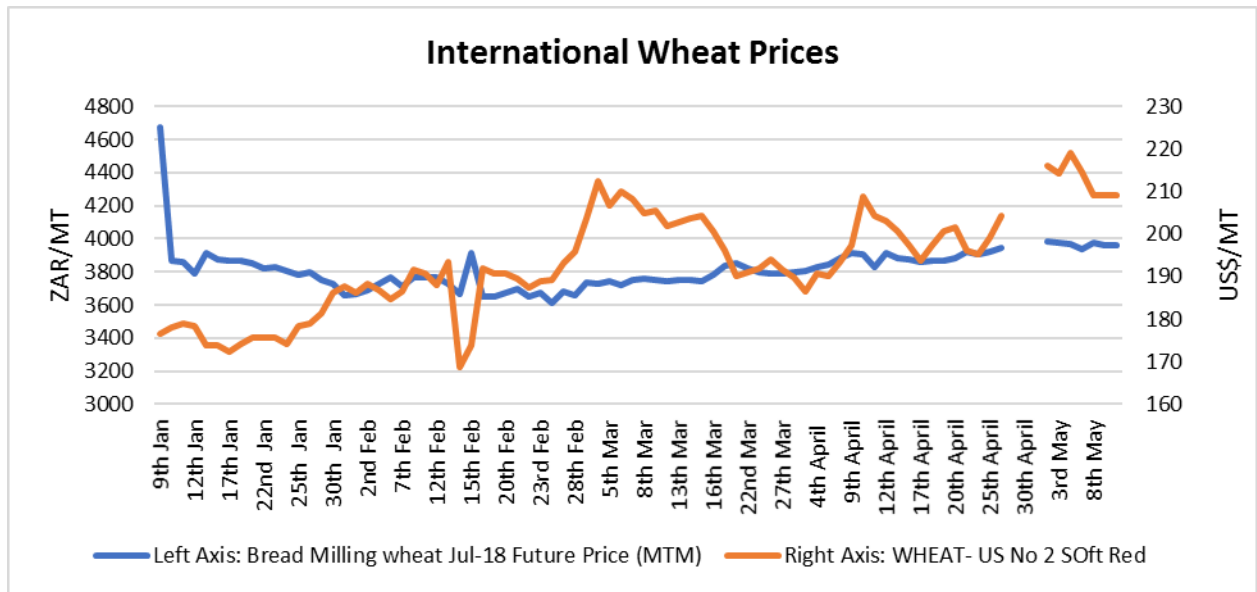
- The US winter wheat is forecast to drop by 6% from 2017. Wheat production forecast is at 32.4 MMT and the decline is mainly due to a 4.4% drop in yield per acre of the crop. (Source: USDA)
- Overall US wheat prices rose during the month of April 2018 mainly due to drought in Hard red winter producing regions as well as dry conditions in some other exporting countries. This raised US export prices from US\$230 in March to US\$247 in April and US\$229 to US\$246 in Australia during the same period. (Source: USDA)

International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot price of wheat averaged US\$209.07/MT on 10th May 2018 while the bread milling wheat futures for July delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 3958/MT (\approx US\$318.42/MT).

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Data Source: Safex, 2018

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SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE BY TENDER

ZNFU is inviting sealed bids from the public to purchase eight (8) motor vehicles with details below;

SER	VEHICLE TYPE	ENGINE	COLOUR	REG.
1	Toyota Hilux	2KD-7487025	White	ABR7743
2	Ford Ranger	WLAT963799	White	ABT5158
3	Toyota Hilux	2KD-5849639	Gold	ALG8144
4	Toyota Hilux	2KD-5813122	Silver	ALG4591
5	Toyota Hilux	2KD-A050711	White	ALK5448
6	Toyota Hilux	2KD-5811020	Gold	ALG3993
7	Nissan Patrol	TB48-0488020	White	ALE8785
8	Toyota Land Cruiser	1HZ-0687720	White	ALE 9148



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The bids must be clearly marked “Sale of motor Vehicle by Tender”, and address to ZNFU, Plot No. 2374 Tiyende Pamodzi Road, Show grounds. Telephone: 00260 211 252649/254431.

Bid forms can be collected from the ZNFU head office after paying a non-refundable fee of K100.

Kindly bring the bids in sealed envelopes and deposit them in the Tender box stationed at the Reception of ZNFU offices.

The closing date for receipt of bids is Wednesday 23rd May 2018 at 15:30hrs. Successful bidders will be notified before or by Monday, 28th May 2018. Payment must be made by cash or bank certified cheque to ZNFU before collection of the vehicle.

Viewing of the vehicles will be from Monday 14th May 2018 to Wednesday 23rd May 2018

Kindly note that:

1. ZNFU will not accept late bids and /or bids sent by email
2. ZNFU will however, accept bids sent by registered mail provided they reach ZNFU office before 15:30hrs on Wednesday 23rd May 2018
3. ZNFU reserves the right to accept or reject bids without assigning a reason thereto.

RHODES HAY FOR SALE

Ex Farm Gate K150 per bale +/- 180kg each

Contact: Armandt Blignaut, 0965 898655/ 0955 887201

apollo.dairyfarm@gmail.com

Apollo Agricultural Holdings Ltd

Musenga, Nr Chingola.



Silverlands Ranching Ltd

Top quality heifers; 100 x 230 kgs. heifers, many whose sires are from imported Bonsmara bulls are available for sale at k3, 500 each.

PLEASE CONTACT: **FERGUS FLYNN ON 0960283494**

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FROM THE REGIONS

NORTH WESTERN

KASEMPA DISTRICT AGRICULTURE SHOW DATES SET

The Kasempa District Agriculture show date has been successfully set. The show will take place from 1st to 2nd June 2018 under the theme “**SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**”.

The DACO'S office has since invited all farmer organizations (ZNFU/DFA and Information centres inclusive) to showcase their products and services during the set dates and be able to compete with other farming organizations.

On the other hand, the district show will not be held from its traditionally hosted; “**the show grounds**”, but at a new 10-hectare piece of land that the Show Society has acquired in Kamusongolwa area. This is where, going forward, all the district shows will be hosted.

The show society is intending to have the site fenced off within five years, permanent stands constructed, and a Lima hall built. This has cheered Kasempa District Farmers' Association (DFA) as the issue of constructing stands each year will now be a thing of the past. The show society has since declared that this year's show will be open (free entry) to the environs.

NORTHERN

MPULUNGU COUNCIL INTRODUCES NEW AGRIC LEVIES

As the harvest period draws near, the Mpulungu District Council (MpDC) has introduced new levies specifically targeting the farming community.

The Mpulungu Council has structured levies for maize, beans and other grain products, which will be effected almost immediately.

According to information gathered by the Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) Mpulungu District Farmers' Association; a 50kg bag of maize is attracting a levy of K0.50, similar with other grain and beans, while a 90kg bag for of these commodities will attract K1.00.

This is as per the circular availed by the Mpulungu District Council Revenue Department.





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... AS KALULUSHI MUNICIPALITY MOVES IN ON FARMERS

Kalulushi District Council has with immediate effect increased levies for grain and livestock.

According to information obtained by the ZNFU in Lufwanyama, the levies have taken the structure below;

- i. Grain levy has been increased to K1 per 50kg bag
- ii. A 25kg bag of maize is now costing K0.50
- iii. Pigs and cattle K5 per animal
- iv. Sheep and goats K2.50 per animal

WEATHER

ZAMBIA AFTERNOON WEATHER FORECAST: FRIDAY (11/05/2018)

Extreme northern parts of North-western, Luapula and Northern provinces: Partly cloudy, slightly windy and warm with a chance of showers.

The rest of Zambia: Mainly sunny, windy at times and warm becoming mild in the evening.

OUTLOOK TO SATURDAY: (12/05/2018)

Similar weather conditions will prevail over most parts of the country.

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