



WEEKLY BRIEF

WEEK 22, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- Let us work Together; Zimba tells Agriculture Ministry
- ZNFU President Urges DFAs to be Industrious
- Lake Kariba waters continue to Rise

IN DETAIL....

LET US WORK TOGETHER; ZIMBA TELLS AGRICULTURE MINISTRY

The Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) says it is ready to work with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) to galvanise and efficiently execute the FISP E Voucher programme.

ZNFU president Jervis Zimba says it is sad that year in and year out similar challenges, such as late access to inputs, continue to be experienced by farmers. He says with ZNFU working closely with Government, some workload will be reduced and hence improve efficiency in implementing the programme.

Mr. Zimba also welcomed the decision by the Ministry of Agriculture to re-stream 40 per cent of the E voucher FISP to the old system.

He said the ZNFU, however, wishes to implore Government to also revert 30 per cent of the 60 per cent of farmers that have remained on the e voucher to the Union.

This, he said, is because ZNFU already has 30 per cent of the FISP farmer database which Government could use to efficiently roll out the programme.

Mr. Zimba, however, said this will be realised if Government engages the ZNFU and actualises the reversion soonest before the inputs distribution exercise kicks in.

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ZNFU PRESIDENT URGES DFAS TO BE INDUSTRIOUS

During the 2018 ZNFU Meeting of Council, the ZNFU President bemoaned the high levels of reliance on the ZNFU secretariat for funds and other resources to carry out projects and programmes. He highlighted that this has over the years put pressure on the unions coffers and due to the current financial status of the union, many projects have been halted and delayed. He further highlighted that the union is currently using self-generated funds without any donor aid and so it is important for everyone to pay subscription fees to keep the union operational. He encouraged all the DFA's to take it upon themselves to come up with money raising ventures or enterprises to ensure development and continuity of the various projects and programmes to come and those already underway. He suggested that DFA's should emulate the examples of Isoka and Petauke DFA's which have raise funds on their own and even constructed office buildings to be operating in besides solving other pressing problems they had.

The also urged DFA's to work hard on the loan scheme that will be introduced after the Lima audit is concluded. He warned that this was the last chance for them to make it work because if it does not there will not be another scheme like this one which will be backed by the union again. He also urged the DFAs to provide the Lima auditors with all the information they need without favouring or protecting any individuals so that the audit can be concluded as soon as possible.

LAKE KARIBA WATERS CONTINUE TO RISE

Water levels at Lake Kariba, on which the Kariba North Bank power station sits, have continued to charge up to close at 486.13 metres at the close of May 28 2018.

According to the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA), the Lake level rose by 0.30m during the week under review due to inflows on the main stream Zambezi River.

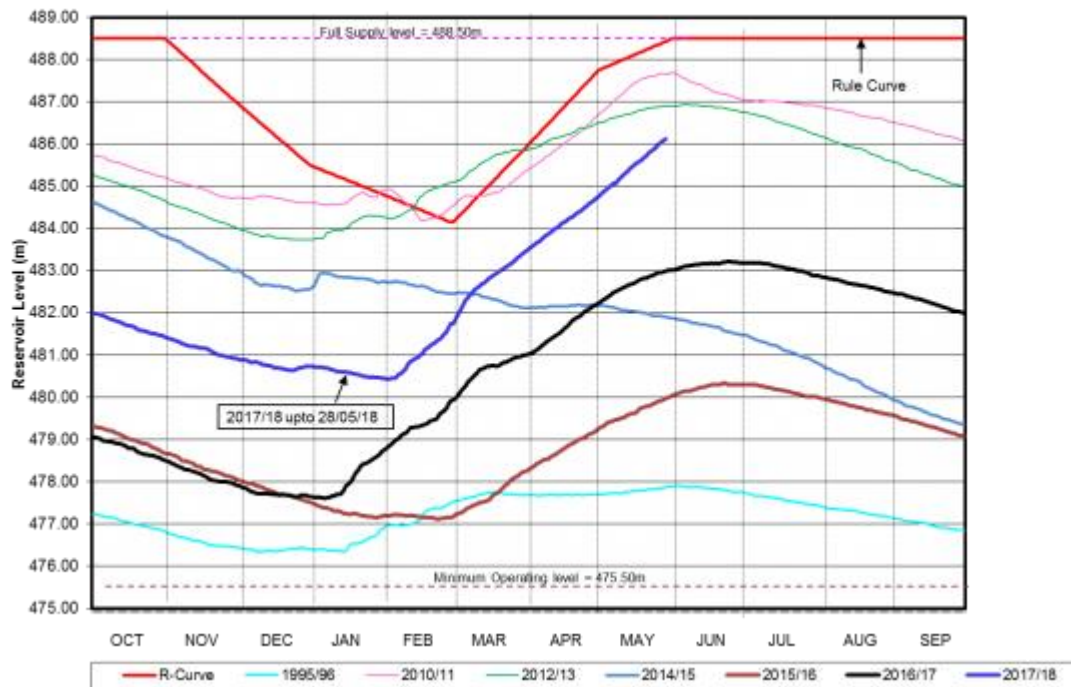
Last year on the same date, the Lake level was 483.00 metres, or 55 per cent full. At 486.13 metres, the Lake Kariba is 80 per cent full.

Below is the water level graph as compiled by ZRA.

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KARIBA RESERVOIR
Comparison of Daily Reservoir Levels



INDUSTRY UPDATES

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TOKYO MARKET UPDATE

The Tokyo Market for fruits and Vegetable farmers is almost done. The Tokyo Market Committee chairperson informed the ZNFU Council during the 2018 council meeting that the construction of the market is underway and almost complete with only toilets, lighting system and a fence remaining. The Tokyo committee had a meeting with the Town Clerk of Lusaka to discuss the operations of the market and other modalities. The meeting took place at the Tokyo market site where it was reported that the remaining works will be done in the next three weeks. The union and the Lusaka city council are still discussing the role of ZNFU in this market.

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The Tokyo market came about when Soweto market was closed during the cholera outbreak. This saw fruits and vegetable farmers stranded with their produce because of



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lack of a trading place. ZNFU and its fruits and vegetable farmers came up with the idea of constructing a market strictly for wholesale trade in fruits and vegetables. This was done to provide farmers with a highly hygienic trading environment and yet orderly and convenient for both the farmers (wholesaler) and the retailer. The construction of the market has been done in conjunction with the Lusaka City Council. The market will see various fruits and vegetable farmers both ZNFU and non-ZNFU members coming to trade here at a fee more favourable to ZNFU members. Trading is proposed to be between 06:00 hours and 14:00 hours, the rest of the afternoon will be for cleaning in readiness for the next trading day.

A CALL FOR COMMENTS

We invite comments on the draft Zambian standards for Cashew Nuts that we received from the Zambia Bureau of Standards (ZABS). Please follow the following link for access to the draft standards.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/1rk8y9y4me8vm5c/AACEKtk5tgk-_cSSGjM_twYwa?dl=0

Please email the submissions to judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm

COMMODITY UPDATES

Maize Updates

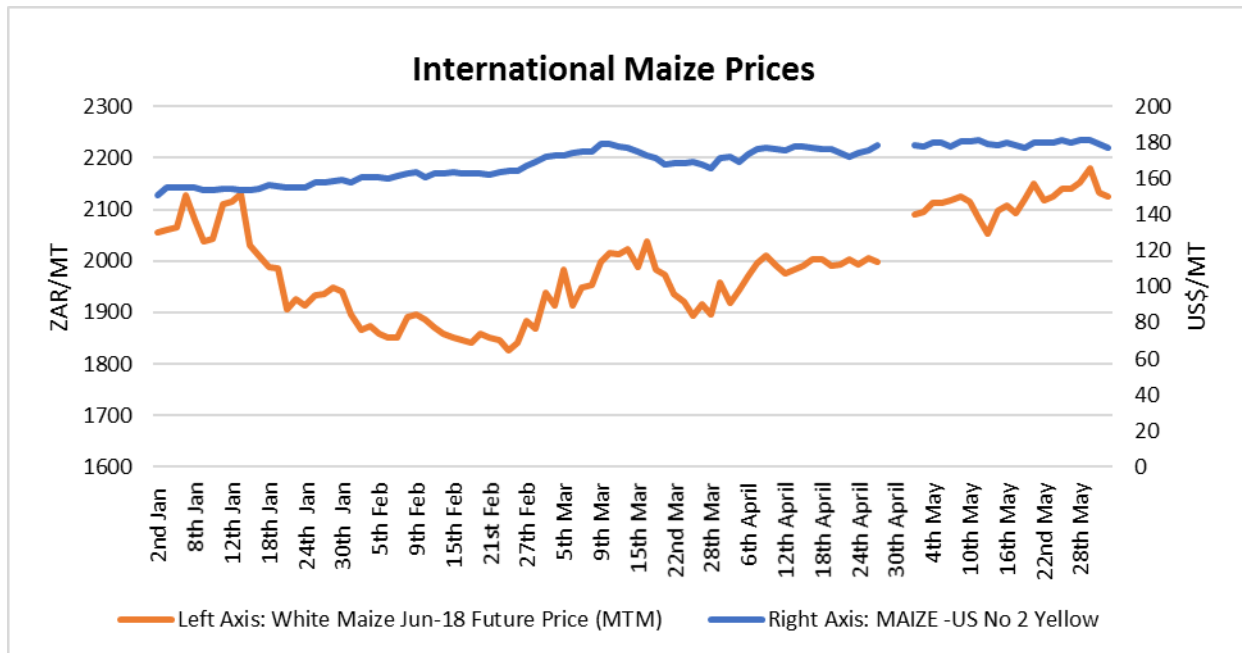
- ZAMACE has continued recording no activities in maize offers or bids for more than a month now. This is because harvesting is underway, and the marketing season just began.
- According to RATIN, Maize prices between 25th and 1st June 2018 ranged from US\$28.37 to US\$29.63 for Kenya, US\$23.41 to US\$23.57 for Tanzania and US\$40.77 to US\$43.17 for Burundi. These prices are for a 90Kg bag of Maize in the capital cities of these countries.

International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot prices of yellow maize was quoted at US\$ 176.71/MT on 31st May 2018 while the white maize futures for June delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 2125/MT (≈US\$169.19/MT).

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Soya Beans Updates

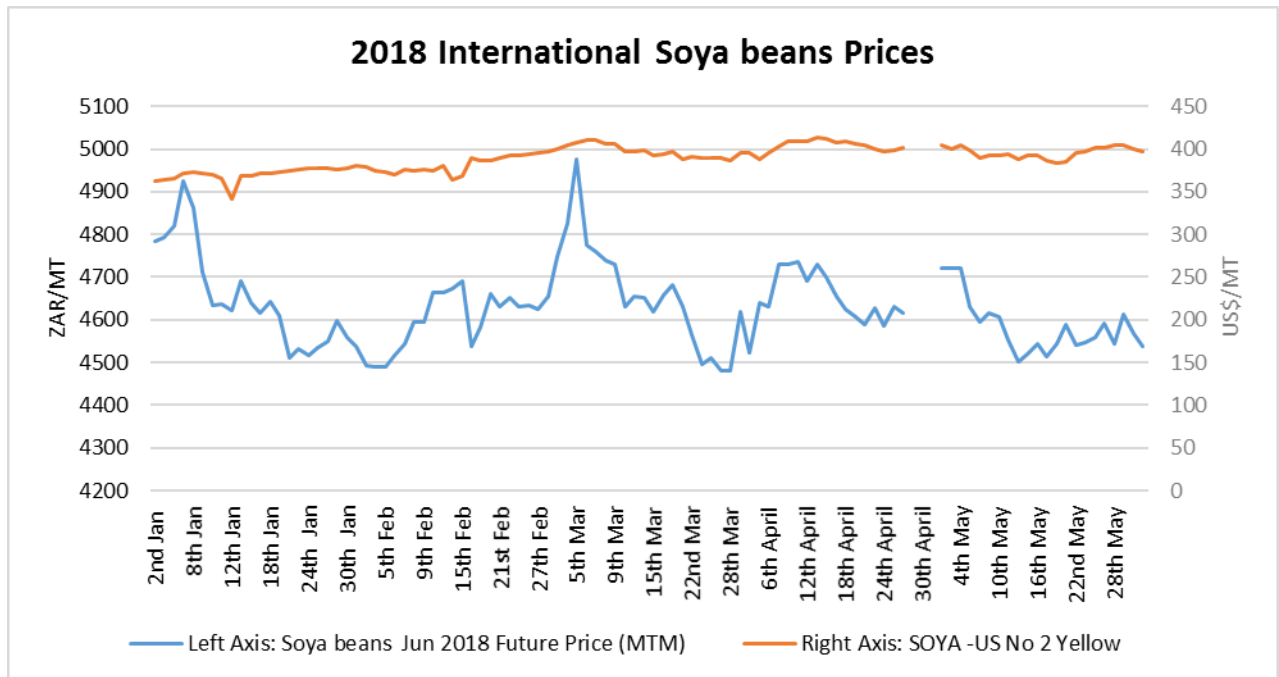
- RATIN reports that Soya Beans prices between 25th and 1st June 2018 ranged from US\$81.61 to US\$86.62 for Burundi, and US\$74.14 to US\$85.96 for Tanzania. These prices are for a 90Kg bag of soya beans in capital cities of these countries.

International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot price of Soya beans was pegged at US\$ 397.38/MT on 31st May 2018 while the Soya beans futures for June delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 4537/MT (≈US\$361.23/MT).

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Wheat Updates

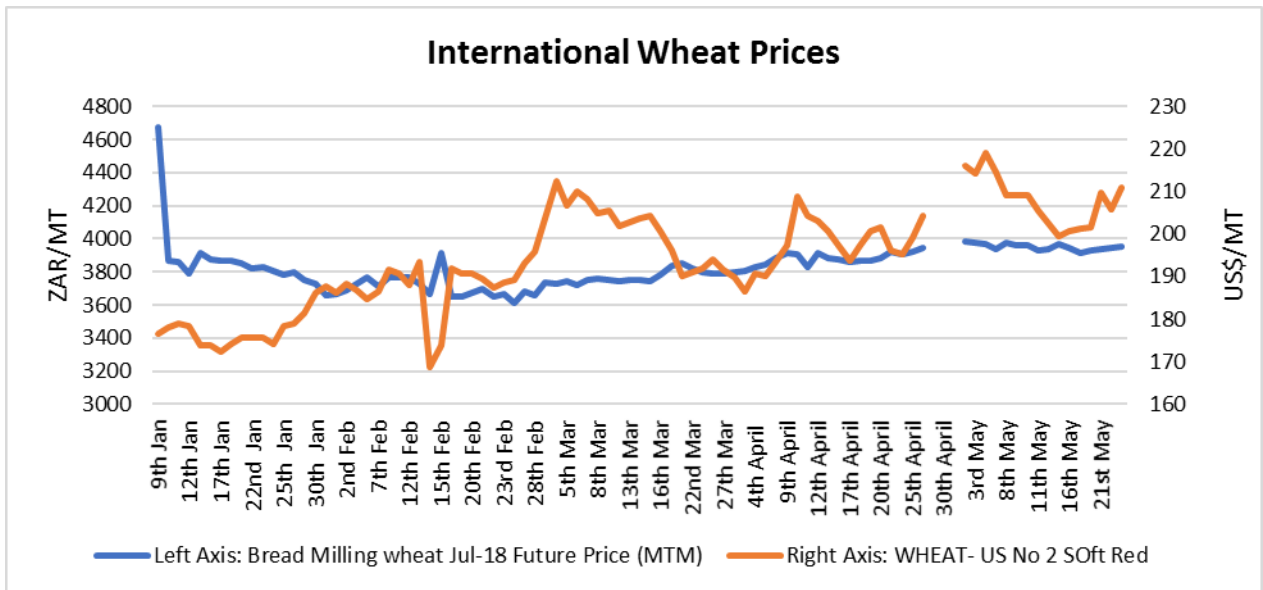
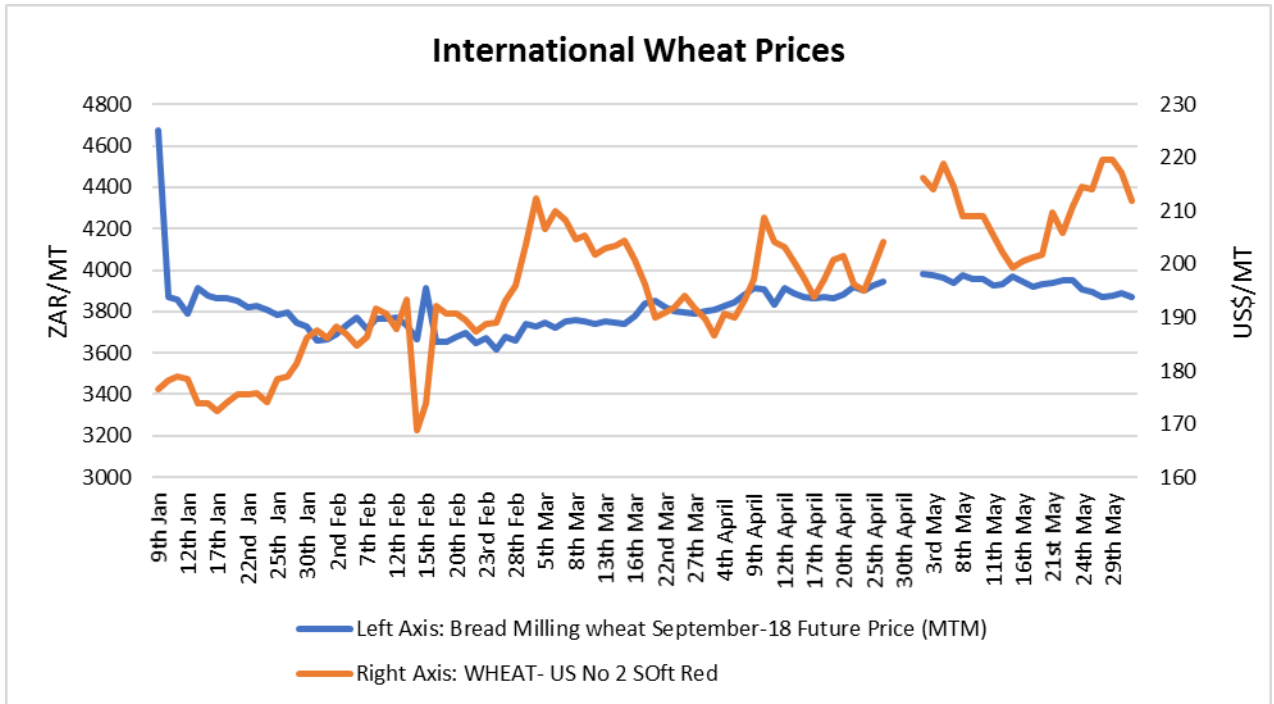
- According to RATIN, projections of wheat flour trade for the 2018/19 marketing season is expected to remain at a similar level as last year. The 2017/18 trade reached 17.1 million MT while the 2018/19 is at 17 million MT.
- During the week ending 25th May 2018, South Africa exported 748 MT of wheat to Zambia. In the last three weeks, South African wheat exports to Zambia have been declining and this is the lowest wheat export since January 2018. (Source: SAGIS CEC)
- RATIN reports that wheat prices in the capital cities between 25th May and 1st June 2018 ranged from lows and highs of US\$59.60 to US\$62.13 for Kenya, US\$50.74 to US\$51.06 for Tanzania and US\$75.57 to US\$76.45 for Burundi respectively. These prices are for a 90Kg bag of Wheat.

International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot price of wheat averaged US\$211.82/MT on 31st May 2018 while the bread milling wheat futures for September delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 3870/MT (≈US\$308.12/MT).

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Source: SAFEX 2018

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ZNFU OFFERING GROUP LAND SURVEY SERVICES



ZAMBIA NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

- Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) is offering Group Land Survey Services (GLSS) to farmers and entities intending to obtain title to land
- The GLSS enables farmers/entities to make payment as a group for land survey to be conducted making the procedure affordable
- This service also helps to facilitate procedures for land deeds registration

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY!!

Details;

KUSHIYA Group of Companies,

A commercial farming operation, Operating from within Mazabuka District.

Position: Office Manager

Qualifications required but not limiting:

Compliant in Accounts to Trial Balance, Harvester Payroll and budgeting.

Duties: Stock ordering, supplier payment, record keeping





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QUAILS SALES! QUAILS SALES!

Isa Brown Jumbo Quails (French Quails) from one week old to point of lay on sale

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ZNFU CALL FOR BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

Government has started calling for budget submissions from various sectors of the economy. It is from this background that the ZNFU is calling on its members to make budget submissions on salient issues affecting the agriculture sector in Zambia.

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FROM THE REGIONS

EASTERN

MINISTRY OF GENDER DONATES A TRACTOR IN CHADIZA DISTRICT

Ten (10) women co-operative/ clubs in Tafelansoni block in Mngala Chiefdom of Chadiza have received a tractor, trail, plough and disc plough from the Ministry of Gender.

Chief Mngala will offer the 10 women co-operative/clubs 10 hectares of land to the same women club. The tractor is expected to help the women farmers to plough the 10 hectares land and offer services to other farmers other than the cooperatives at a fee.

The ministry of gender will also train the tractor operator and provide the starter pack of k 5,000=00 for fuel.

WESTERN





MUMBWA FEMALE FARMERS TAKE TOMATO FARMING SERIOUSLY

After the irrigation training which was conducted by Roto Tank last year to farmers interested in growing tomato, farmers have now moved to take up this task seriously.

Visits to three Information Centres (ICs) namely; Mankumaulwa, Nkulumazyiba and Shimbizhi, revealed that farmers have appreciated the irrigation techniques and are producing tomato at a large scale.

A female farmer in Shimbizhi IC, Mrs. Gertrude Chikanise Magwenzi has grown three acres of tomato and she is harvesting 180-200 boxes every harvest. She has invested in boreholes and drip irrigation which has made her succeed in this enterprise. She urges other female farmers to move from season crops to irrigated crops if they are to have a steady flow of income.

VILLAGE CHICKEN REARING TAKING THE LEAD

The prolonged dry spell that was experienced during the last farming has prompted farmers to venture into village chicken rearing as a way of earning an income. They appreciate the initiative of Hybrid Poultry Zambia for introducing the Hybrid Village Chicken which is able to mature within 10 weeks and the training they offered to the farmers. So far Cooperatives and individuals have ordered chickens which are two (2) weeks old. ZNFU urges farmers to diversify in their Agriculture Enterprise as a way of Smart climate Agriculture interventions.

WEATHER

SEVEN-DAYS WEATHER FORECAST 5th to 11th June, 2018

GENERAL SITUATION

From 5th to 6th June 2018: relatively moist but stable winds from the south-east will be affecting most parts of the country resulting into cloudy, windy and mild to cool weather conditions.

From 7th to the end of the forecast period: stable airflow from the south east will start affecting much of Zambia resulting into mainly sunny and warm weather.

Forecast: 5th to 6th June 2018 North-western and Western:

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Mainly sunny, windy and mild developing few clouds and warm in the afternoon. The rest of Zambia: Mostly cloudy, windy and mild becoming warm in the afternoon. Nights are expected to have few clouds, windy at times and mild to cool.

Forecast: 7th to 11th June 2018: Most areas Mainly sunny, slightly windy and mild in the morning becoming partly cloudy over Luapula, Northern and Muchinga provinces, warm in the afternoon. The evenings are expected to be cool. Nights will be clear, windy at times and mild to cool.

Produced by Zambia Meteorological Department, Ministry of Transport and Communications.

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