

## FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 24, 2018

### HIGHLIGHTS

- **Farmers Cry Over Proposed Land Policy**
- **Govt. To Continue Investing In Research**
- **North Western Royals Sign Forests Agreement**

### IN DETAIL....

#### FARMERS CRY OVER PROPOSED LAND POLICY

Farmers have called in government to reconsider the clause in the draft policy which has reduced tenure to land for non-Zambians from 99 years to 25 years saying this is not good for agriculture.

During a farmers' meeting at the Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) on Wednesday, farmers said Zambia should learn from what happened in Zimbabwe and learn from the mistakes made. The farmers also warned that the country risks losing the gains made in the sector because it will not only experience reductions in agriculture investments but also a lot of farmers leaving the country.

Farmers said it is difficult for to make investments in agriculture and recover costs and make positive returns within 25 years, especially for those making investments in plantation agriculture. They observed that financial institutions will also be affected because it will be difficult to deals with a sector with a short tenure span to title.

And land policy consultant and for Minister of Land and Natural Resources Bradford Machila said the country should be doing everything that will grow local agriculture for the sector to be considered the mainstay of the economy. He said a 25 years tenure cannot grow agriculture.

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## GOVT. TO CONTINUE INVESTING IN RESEARCH

Government says it will continue investing in research to ensure meaningful growth is attained in the agriculture sector in the wake of climate change and other new technological developments in the sector.

Speaking when he officially opened the agriculture show in Mkushi on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Provincial Minister Sydney Mushanga said government will continue to invest in research so that issues of crop production and diversification are attained. He also said farmers, especially small scale, need a lot of sensitisation on mechanisation, advantages and disadvantages; and explore ways in which irrigation would not only benefit large scale farmers, but small scale farmers as well.

He said in as much as there are positives in mechanisation, there are also dangers that go with it that farmers should be alerted on.

Mr. Mushanga also informed the show-goers that government will embark on upgrading all roads in the district, both feeder and main, to ensure that agro produce is transported with ease to the markets.

He commended large scale farmers for attending the 2018 show saying they have continued to play a big role in making Mkushi the agriculture hub of the country producing largely wheat, soya beans, and barley tobacco. The Minister called on the Mkushi Agriculture Show Society to preserve slots for large scale farmers on the Board so that they could also help drive the development agenda in the district.

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

Please email the submissions to [judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm](mailto:judy.hamonzwe@znfu.org.zm)

## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### ACCOUNTANTS' FEES REGULATION - STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NUMBER 34 OF 2018

The Government of Zambia has issued a Statutory Instrument (SI) number 34 of 2018; The Accountants (Clients Fees) Regulations 2018. This SI was issued to regulate the fees that accountants charge their clients and to ensure that many more Zambians and organizations in the country, regardless of their scale (micro, small, medium or large),



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can access accounting services. Before SI number 34 of 2018 got effected, there was no framework of legal or regulatory nature upon which the fees charged by accountants, auditing and non-auditing firms were based. The government indicated that this SI is aimed at achieving three main objectives;

1. To prescribe in fee unit, form fees chargeable by practicing accountants, taking into consideration the individual accountants involved in an accountancy assignment;
2. To provide the basis for agreements between the accountant and the client on the fee scale; and,
3. To provide a standardized, fair, and transparent mode of charging accountants fees.

This simply means that with the SI in place, a member (accountant) can only charge a service fee that is based on and within the fees schedule or scale. These fees must be agreed upon by the member and client during the early stages of engaging the member.

For access to these fees, please follow the link below.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/7zv1fughpks4619/Accountants%2ofees%2oregulation%20-%20SI%20no.%2034%20of%202018.pdf?dl=0>

## COMMODITY UPDATES

### Maize Updates

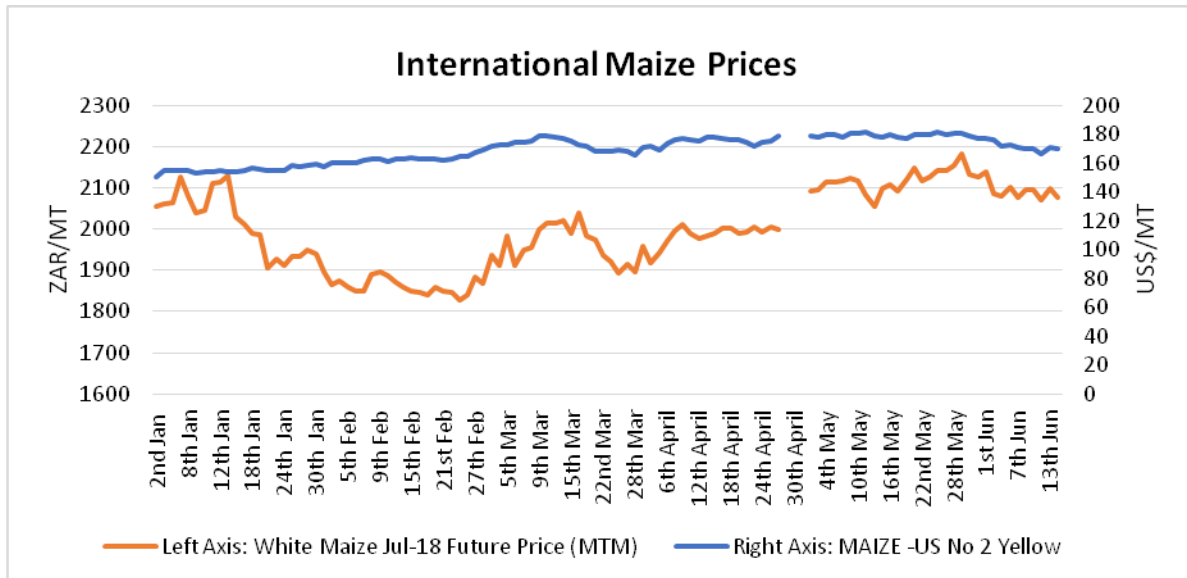
- A former Kenyan government official in Agriculture advises that farmer registration, organization of farmers into crop-specific cooperatives or associations, enactment of warehouse receipt bill, establishment of a commodity exchange, formulation of policies to compel all millers to engage maize farmers in contract farming and enhancement of post-harvest management and logistics is the solution to restoring order to the maize industry. (Source: *The Star*)
- According to SAGIS CEC, South Africa has since 28<sup>th</sup> April 2018 exported more than a total of 64 000 MT of white maize to Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Spain and Swaziland.
- According to RATIN statistics, during the week ending 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018, a 90 Kg bag of maize ranged from US\$ 35.7 to US\$ 38.28 for Burundi, US\$ 23.52 to US\$ 23.7 for Tanzania and US\$ 28.44 to US\$ 29.77 for Kenya. These prices only apply to the capital cities of these countries.

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## International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot prices of yellow maize was quoted at US\$ 169.81/MT on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 while the white maize futures for June delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 2076/MT (≈US\$157.27/MT).



Source: SAFEX 2018

## Soya Beans Updates

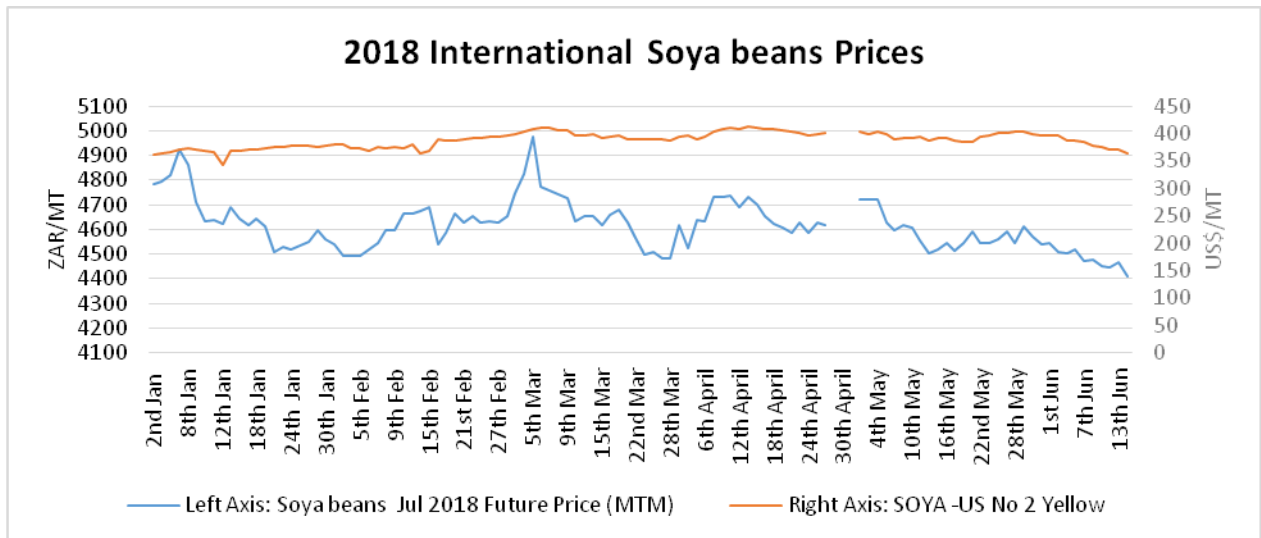
- According to RATIN, Soya beans prices for a 90Kg bag during the week ending 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 ranged from US\$ 81.61 to US\$ 87.03 for Burundi, US\$ 78.34 to US\$ 86.67 for Tanzania and US\$ 53.33 to US\$ 57.86 for Kenya. Please note that this reflects the prices in the capital cities of these countries.

## International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot price of Soya beans was pegged at US\$ 364.12/MT on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 while the Soya beans futures for June delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 4407/MT (≈US\$333.86/MT).

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Source: SAFEX 2018

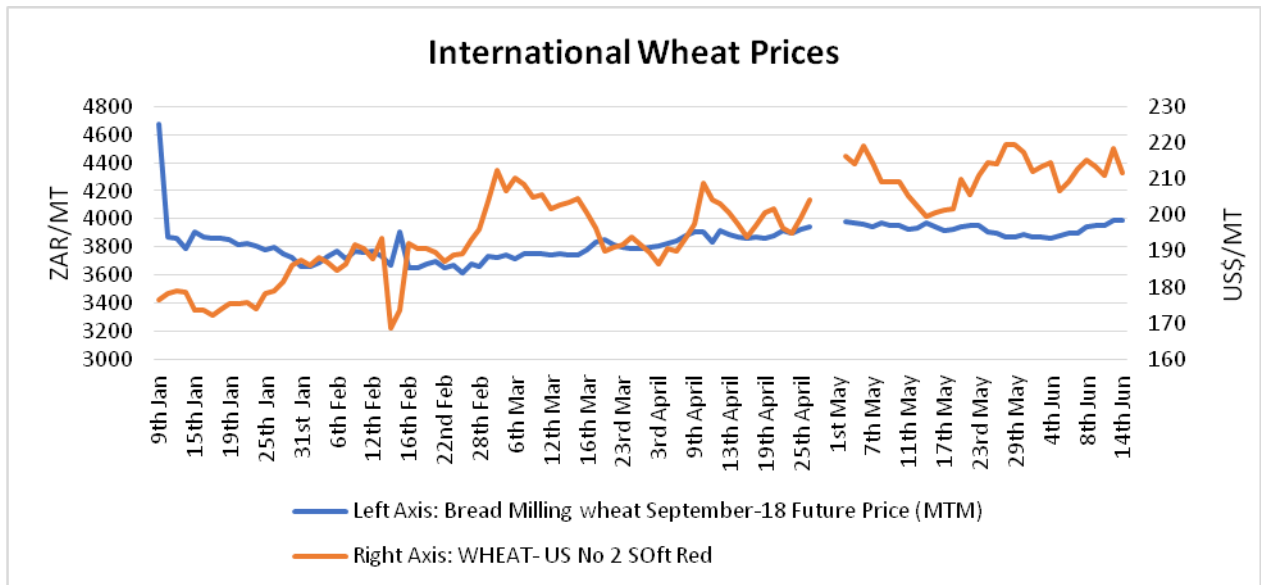
## Wheat Updates

- Zimbabwe winter wheat farmers from the Chegutu district expect high output this season compared to the last. This is because the command agriculture inputs were disbursed on time and at least 33 farmers are participating in winter wheat farming this season with 1500 hectares of contracted land. (Source: CFU ZIM)
- SAGIS CEC statistics show that during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018, South Africa exported 1 012 MT of wheat, a rise from the week before where no wheat exports to Zambia from South Africa were recorded.
- The prices of a 90Kg bag of wheat in the capital cities during the week ending 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 ranged from US\$ 73.96 to US\$ 76.21 for Burundi and US\$ 57.77 to US\$ 59.58 for Kenya. (Source: RATIN 2018)

## International Price Trends

- The U.S gulf spot price of wheat averaged US\$ 211.64/MT on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 while the bread milling wheat futures for September delivery on SAFEX settled at ZAR 3988/MT (≈US\$302.12/MT).





## ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

### OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MINISTRY OF LANDS/ZNFU AT MKUSHI AGRICULTURE SHOW

The Ministry of Lands will be exhibiting at this year’s Mkushi Agriculture Show scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June at the Mkushi showgrounds.

The Ministry of Lands marquee will be located next to the ZNFU stand.

Farmers/Members that have outstanding land issues, or indeed need information on Ground rates, consideration fees, procedures and other general issues have the opportunity to meet Ministry of Lands and ZNFU staff in Mkushi.

Members that have further queries should contact Mrs. Florence Phiri on [florencephiri@znfu.org.zm](mailto:florencephiri@znfu.org.zm) or Mrs. Grace Kambidima on [grace@znfu.org.zm](mailto:grace@znfu.org.zm)

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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

For further details call Florence Phiri at ZNFU on;

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Or Grace Kambidima

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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

**Contact:** Ian Robinson

**P.O. Box 670105 Mazabuka.** Tel: 0967 609371 Email: [huntpoloian@gmail.com](mailto:huntpoloian@gmail.com)

### 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.

For submissions or further details contact;

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## FROM THE REGIONS

### NORTH WESTERN

#### NORTH WESTERN ROYALS SIGN FORESTS AGREEMENT

Royal Highnesses in North Western this week signed instruments that would allow members of the community to take control of their forests. The signing ceremony took place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018 in Lubofu Community Forest of Kasempa district.

The signing ceremony was graced by the North Western Permanent Secretary Mr. Ephraim Mateo who in his speech encouraged community members to be guarding their forests jealously as it was their responsibility now to harvest and manage forests sustainably.

In attendance was the royal highnesses; Senior Chief Kasempa, His Royal Highness Chief Kanyama, Her Royal Highness Chieftainess Ikelenge, District commissioners for Kasempa and Ikelenge, Headmen, Permanent Secretary (as guest of honour), the Finish Embassy representative, Director of forests, Council chairperson for Kasempa, Council Secretaries from the three districts, Provincial heads of departments, District heads of departments, media houses, Civil society based organizations and NGO's (ZNFU inclusive), Community forest chairpersons and committees among others.

Senior Chief Kasempa expressed happiness that the government has devolved management of forests and ownership to communities as a way of empowering people. He, however, cautioned and warned people not to be cutting down trees anyhow. He was also delighted that the first ever signing ceremony was held in his chiefdom as well as North Western Province.

The district commissioner for Kasempa Mr. Sansakuwa in his remarks asked the Finish Embassy to leave the vehicles which were being used under the project with the respective districts for easy monitoring and conducting of activities now that donor funding was coming to an end.

#### KASEMPA DFA OFFERING MAIZE SHELLING ACTIVITIES

The Kasempa district farmers association is preparing to offer maize shelling services to its members and the entire district at fee. This in turn will attract more members as first priority will be given to its registered members.

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## SOUTHERN

### MONZE AND PEMBA DISTRICTS HOLD DISTRICT SHOWS

Monze and Pemba Districts held district shows under the theme, “**SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**”.

The 2018 Agriculture district shows were held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for both districts. Both districts experienced a slightly low turnout of farmers participating during the district shows.

The Monze / Pemba District farmers Association managed to participate in Monze District and came third after World Vision and Zambia College of Agriculture respectively. It was however, surprisingly to note that most farmers that shunned the event attributed their conduct due to them not benefiting on the Farmer Input Support Program (**FISP**). Key stakeholders in the sector are therefore, sensitizing farmers to think beyond FISP and see the Agriculture shows a platform to learn more about Agriculture best practices in order improve their farmsteads. Both Districts are now preparing to participate during the Provincial Agriculture Show to be held in Livingstone starting 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.

## WEATHER

### ZAMBIA EVENING WEATHER FORECAST: FRIDAY (15/06/2018)

#### GENERAL SITUATION

Stable winds from the east has continued to affect most parts of Zambia.

#### FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: FRIDAY (15/06/2018)

**All Areas:** Mainly clear, windy and mild to cool.

#### FORECAST FOR THE WEEKEND: SATURDAY & SUNDAY (16 & 17/06/2018)

**Most Areas:** Mainly sunny, slightly windy and mild in the morning becoming warm in the afternoon.

#### OUTLOOK TO MONDAY: (18/06/2018)

A slight reduction in daytime temperatures.

#### REPORTED AND FORECAST TEMPERATURES IN °C: FRIDAY (15/06/2018)

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STATIONS	Reported		Forecast	
	MAX 15/06/2018	MIN 15/06/2018	MAX 16/06/2018	MIN 16/06/2018
Livingstone	26	06	27	07
Choma	23	05	24	06
Mongu	27	11	29	12
Lusaka	23	10	24	11
Kabwe	25	11	26	12
Chipata	27	10	28	10
Mfuwe	31	12	32	12
Solwezi	27	-	28	11
Ndola	26	09	27	10
Chinsali	27	10	28	11
Mansa	27	12	28	12
Kasama	27	10	28	11

Descriptive Terms	Temperature Range	
	Maximum (°c)	Minimum (°c)
Cold	14 - 17	2 - 4
Cool	18 - 20	5 - 7
Mild	21 - 24	8 - 11
Warm	25 - 27	12 - 15
Hot	28 - 32	16 - 19

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