

FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 30, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Katambo Calls for Pooled Regional efforts to fight Fall Army Worms**
- **FRA revises maize price to K70, Ignores Stakeholders**
- **Kariba water levels Recede**

IN DETAIL....

KATAMBO CALLS FOR POOLED REGIONAL EFFORTS TO FIGHT FALL ARMY WORMS

Agriculture minister, Michael Katambo is concerned that the Fall Army Worms (FAW) have continued to ravage farmer production, with the worst hit being the small scale farmers.

And African Development Bank (AfDB) Zambia Manager Mary Monyau says 12 countries have been affected by the FAW within the last 12 years.

Speaking during a high level regional partnership meeting on controlling FAWs in the southern African region, Mr. Katambo mused on how small scale farmers have been adversely affected by the pest leading to productivity and food security being compromised.

He called for regional stakeholder collaboration to control the spread of the FAWs, saying this is so because the pest is trans-boundary and highly mobile.

And Mr. Katambo has announced that the Zambian government has established a task team comprising government and other key stakeholders including research institutions to help in addressing the outbreaks of fall army worms in the country and the region at large.





The Minister called on scientists, scholars and governments in the region to investigate and moot ways in which to fight the FAW scare.

And Ms. Monyau says a lot needs to be done in combating FAWs. She said there is need to mobilizing resources for this cause and also apply scientific and management solutions beyond the use of synthetic materials.

She told the gathering that FAWs have propensity to cause between 21-53 percent maize yield losses. She said the FAW has during the last 12 years spread to 12 African countries causing losses estimated at between 2.4 billion and 6.2 billion United States dollars.

FRA REVISES MAIZE PRICE TO K70, IGNORES STAKEHOLDERS

The Food Reserve Agency (FRA) has revised the market price for maize from K65 to K70 per 50kg, the same as the price for August 2015, but without the due consultation process with stakeholders, including the Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU).

The revision comes at the back of the directive by President Edgar Lungu who said the price was not fair on the producer and needed to be revisited to create a win-win situation in the value chain.

FRA board chairperson Joe Simachela announced this in a statement today, saying the increase has been necessitated by an outcry from various stakeholders: "The announcement of the price of Maize at K65 per 50kg bag specifically received mixed reactions from various stakeholders, which necessitated further consultations. The board and management of FRA have in consideration of the price band emanating from the analytical process of price determination employed by the agency decided to review the price of Maize upwards with consideration of the following factors: that price should be within the confines of the 2018 national budgetary allocation to FRA; should not pressure fund releases from the Treasury."

He said the FRA was being wary not to peg the price of maize too high as this would impact on the mealie meal price and the end user.

Meanwhile, ZNFU has maintained that farmers should target to sell their maize at a profit. The ZNFU has also urged farmers to bulk their maize and sell in consolidated volumes, which is bound to attract a better price as opposed to selling individually.

The Union says to realise this, ZAMACE would be the best platform for posting parcels of maize to sell. The Union has also advised farmers to consider making use of the warehouse receipts arrangements because warning that if all farmers try to sell maize at once, prices will drop even further.



KARIBA WATER LEVELS RECEDE

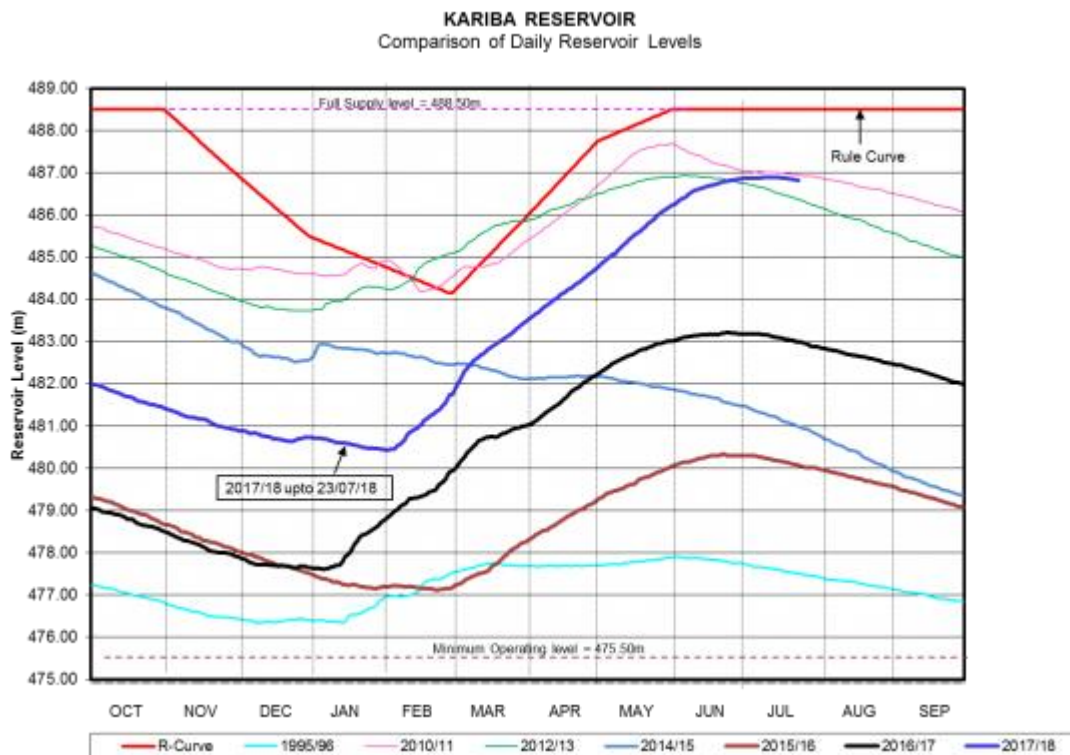
Water levels in Lake Kariba started to decline at closed at 486.82 metres on 23rd July 2018 after reaching a high of 486.90 metres during the season.

Last year on the same date, the Lake level was 483.00m.

The Lake levels are, however, still at 86% full. Last year during the same period, the lake levels stood at 55% full.

The Kariba Lake was created and designed to operate between levels 475.50m and 488.50m with 0.70m freeboard at all times.

Below is the graph as presented by the Zambezi River Authority.



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ZAMBIA NATIONAL FARMERS UNION

LEASE: CHOMA AGRICULTURE SERVICE CENTRE

The Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) is a national membership based organization, with countrywide coverage, representing the agriculture industry. Established in 1905, the organization primarily exists to Promote and safeguard the interest of members as individual farmers, corporations or companies and other organizations involved in the business of agriculture in order to achieve sustainable agriculture, economic and social development.

To this end, the ZNFU, together with its partners, has opened Agriculture Service Centres in Mumbwa and Choma to help farmers improve access to agriculture input and output markets, including other services such as laboratory, warehouse, weighbridge and slab facilities.

The Union is now seeking a partner to lease (long term) some facilities at the Choma Agriculture Service Centre that include;

- i. The Concrete Slab
- ii. Weighbridge, and
- iii. Laboratory

Interested entities should submit their Expression of Interest applications clearly marked Choma Agriculture Service Centre to;

**The Acting Executive Director
Zambia National Farmers' Union
Tiyende Pamodzi Rd, Show Grounds
P.O Box 30395
LUSAKA**

~~Or submit the~~ Or submit the application in person at the ZNFU Head Quarters, Tiyende Pamodzi Road, Farmers' Village, Showgrounds, Lusaka, before or on 10th August 2018.



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ZNFU OFFERING GROUP LAND SURVEY SERVICES



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- 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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ZNFU CALLS 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;

Mrs. Judy Hamonzwe on;

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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BUSINESS TO BUSINESS MEETINGS (B2Bs)

The International Trade Centre (ITC), the joint agency of the United Nations and the World Trade Organization, is pleased to invite your company to participate in the business-to-business (B2B) meetings organized in partnership with the Zambia Development Agency (ZDA) **on 10 and 11 September 2018** in Lusaka. The B2B meetings are open to companies operating in the agricultural and agriprocessing sectors, with a focus on the following areas:

- **Agricultural crops** including fruits, vegetables, coffee and tea, spices and cereals
- **Oilseeds** including oilseeds, oleaginous fruits, seeds and fruits, industrial and medicinal plants, straw and fodder
- **Preparations of cereals, fruits, vegetables and oilseeds** including products of the milling industry, edible vegetable oils, and processed products derived from fruits and vegetables, vegetable waxes and residues and waste from agricultural crops
- **Honey and honey-by-products** including natural honey, beeswaxes, pollen, royal jelly and propolis
- **Machinery** for crop farming and fruit/vegetable/oilseeds processing
- **Postharvest storage systems**
- **Packaging** for vegetable-based products (primary, secondary, machinery)

The B2B meetings will gather farmers, manufacturers, exporters, importers, wholesalers, retailers and investors interested in selling, buying or investing in the selected products. Through your participation, you will have the opportunity to meet with local and foreign companies from across the globe, establish new business contacts and initiate business deals, as well as participate in the high-level plenaries and technical sessions of the World Export Development Forum (WEDF).

WEDF is ITC's annual flagship event that will take place in Lusaka on 11 and 12 September. All companies participating in the B2B meetings will have direct access to the Forum. Participation in both events is free of charge and subject to confirmation by the organizers.

If your company is interested in participating in the B2B meetings, please follow the ~~link to~~ **LINK TO CORPORATE SPONSORS** register here: <https://wedf-registration.org/> or





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WEATHER

ZAMBIA EVENING WEATHER FORECAST: FRIDAY (27/07/2018)

GENERAL SITUATION

Relatively dry and warm, airflow from the east is affecting most parts of Zambia, resulting into warmer day time temperature.

FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: FRIDAY (27/07/2018)

The northern districts of Luapula, Northern and Muchinga Provinces: few clouds, windy at times and mild.

The rest of Zambia: Mainly clear, slightly windy and mild tending to be cool towards dawn.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEKEND: SATURDAY (28/07/2018) AND SUNDAY (29/07/2018)

Luapula, Northern, Muchinga, Eastern and the eastern districts of Central Provinces: Mainly sunny, windy at times and mild becoming partly cloudy and warm to hot in the afternoons.

The rest of Zambia: Sunny, windy and cool to mild becoming warm to hot in the afternoons.

OUTLOOK TO MONDAY: (30/07/2018)

Warm weather conditions to prevail.

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