

FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 32, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- *PAZ AGM to be held Friday
- *Alexswill Hosts 14th Production Sale
- *Fall Army Worms; Tips

IN DETAIL....

PAZ AGM TO BE HELD FRIDAY

The Poultry Association of Zambia (PAZ) will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday 17th August 2018 starting 08:30 hours.

The AGM will be hosted at Mulungushi International Conference Centre.

Expected to be discussed are numerous issues affecting the Poultry Sector and other developments.

The Minister of Fisheries and Livestock Honourable Kampamba Mulenga is expected to grace the AGM, which brings together poultry farmers from around the country.

Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) president Mr. Jervis Zimba is also expected to make pronouncements on agriculture and in particular, the poultry industry.

ALEXSWILL HOSTS 14TH PRODUCTION SALE

Finally, the day is upon us!!!

Alexswill Farm in Kalomo is tomorrow 11th August 2018 hosting the 14th production sale for Bonsmara animals.

What has now become a renowned Bonsmara Stud Sale, not only in Zambia, but even beyond, Alexswill Farm will open its gates to visitors as early as 08:30 hours when viewing of animals begin. At 11:30 hours the auction begins.

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On sale will be approximately 30 bulls and 70 females.





FALL ARMY WORMS; TIPS

The Fall Army Worm (FAW) has been ravaging crops around Africa. Currently 12 countries in Africa have been affected by FAWs. This has happened within 12 years. The FAWs can damage 50% to 75% of the farmer's crop if not detected and crashed early.

Here are some of the tips on what to look out for as farmers fight the FAW;

- i. Newly hatched Fall Army Worms (caterpillars) are green in colour during the first and Second development stages
- ii. Young caterpillars have black heads, which turn to brown as they grow
- iii. The caterpillars turn to brown in later development stages
- iv. Young caterpillars produce (spin) silk threadlike material that make them move from one plant to another propelled by wind
- v. They have an upside-down Y-shaped mark on the head (front)
- vi. Bigger caterpillars have four dots ranged in a square pattern at the tail or back
- vii. The caterpillars (FAWs) can live up to 12 to 16 days depending on temperatures
- viii. They are very damaging or destructive during their fourth to sixth development stages

Next Friday, we will give tips on how to identify Fall Army Worm eggs ...

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A PRACTICAL TRAINING NOT TO MISS!

27-31 August 2018: Revitalising soil and plant health with fermented biofertilizers. Combining scientific knowledge with local innovation.

An approach to agroecology developed in close collaboration with farmers in South America.

To be held at Kasisi Agricultural Training Centre, (10km from KK International Airport)

Cost: K120/person/day to cover lunch and teas.

Costs to bring this training to Zambia sponsored.

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PARTICIPATE IN THE BUSINESS TO BUSINESS MEETINGS (B2Bs) DURING THE WORLD EXPORT DEVELOPMENT FORUM

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 register here: <https://wedf-registration.org/>.

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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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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;

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NEWS FROM NORTH-WESTERN REGION

RICE VALUE CHAIN MAPPED IN CHAVUMA

Chavuma rice has been known to be one of the best rice varieties due to its taste and aroma but has been hampered by lack of value addition by market players.

This has forced the Enhanced Smallholder Agribusiness Promotion Program through the Ministry of Agriculture in Chavuma to undertake a value chain mapping, which is supposed to offer data on value chain players in the district and possibly provide insight on where intervention would be more meaningful and impactful. This mapping involved producers (farmers), processors and sellers. This mapping further included small livestock value chain.

CHIEF MUMENA CALLS ON AGRIBUSINESSES TO TAP INTO EXPORT MARKETS

The North Western Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NWCCI) organized an Agribusiness round table consultative meeting where it invited various stakeholders such as Zambia Development Agency (ZDA), Development Bank of Zambia (DBZ), Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry (MCTI), Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), First Quantum Minerals, Equinox Minerals, Agripreneurs and other enterprises.

The theme for this meeting was “Mapping Agribusiness projects for inclusive and sustainable development”.

Chief Mumena who graced the meeting bemoaned the slow growth of agricultural enterprises in the province and wondered why the agripreneurs have not taken advantage of the export market through the ZDA and DBZ.

He further called upon the Small, Medium Scale Enterprises to improve quality of their products and more importantly to brand their products to level the playing field in readiness for export markets. Meanwhile the President of the NWCCI, Josephine Mambwe Makondo pledged to promote more of such meetings so as encourage networking and entrepreneurs accessing valuable information for sustainable growth of the province.

She further called upon stakeholders to create synergies and make sure efforts were consolidated for regional and national development.

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GOVT COMMITTED TO ASSISTING FARMERS ACCESS BETTER MARKETS

Horticultural Small-Scale Farmers in North Western Province have for a long time faced challenges to access guaranteed and structured markets which would stimulate growth of these enterprises.

But this may be a thing of a past; because government through the provincial administration is committed to creating an environment where Small Scale Farmers can easily supply chain stores in Solwezi and Mining Canteens.

This came to light when North Western Province Permanent Secretary Mr. Ephraim Mateyo addressed the NWCCI meeting, he further urged small holder farmers to engage with value chains in order to gain added value for improving their livelihoods whilst reducing their risks and increasing their resilience.

He also called on entrepreneurs to take advantage of the region's comparative advantage of renewable natural resources with sectors such as fisheries and forestry having so much potential that is begging to be taken advantage of.

Mr. Mateyo further said the provincial administration will take submissions from the consultative meeting so as to improve service delivery.

WEATHER

SEVEN-DAYS WEATHER FORECAST 11th to 17th August 2018

GENERAL SITUATION

The period from 11th to 17th August 2018, moderate and warm airflow from the east will be affecting the whole country leading to warm to hot weather conditions.

FORECAST FOR 11th TO 17th AUGUST 2018

Northern districts of Luapula, Northern, Muchinga and Eastern provinces: Few clouds, hazy, windy at times and mild becoming warm to hot in the afternoon.

The nights will have few clouds, slightly windy and mild.

The rest of Zambia: Sunny, hazy, windy at times and mild becoming hot in the afternoon.

The nights will be clear, windy at times and mild.

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FORECAST MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURE IN DEGREES CELSIUS (°C)

Station	11/08/18		12/08/18		13/08/18		14/08/18	
	Ma x	Mi n	Max	Mi n	Max	Mi n	Max	Min
L/Stone	34	11	33	12	33	11	33	10
Choma	30	11	29	11	29	10	29	10
Lusaka	30	13	29	14	29	13	30	13
Kabwe	31	12	30	13	30	11	30	10
Chinsali	30	13	30	12	29	11	30	12
Mansa	30	11	30	10	29	11	32	12
Kasama	30	09	30	10	29	12	30	12
Ndola	31	12	30	11	30	10	30	10
Solwezi	30	12	30	13	29	12	30	12
Mongu	34	15	33	14	34	15	35	15
Chipata	33	10	32	11	32	13	31	12

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