

# FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 35, 2018

## HIGHLIGHTS

- **Eastern Province farmers ignore FRA**
- **Open Borders for Farmers to Trade; ZAMACE**
- **Prioritise Funding of Farmers; Znfu**

## IN DETAIL ...

### **EASTERN PROVINCE FARMERS IGNORE FRA**

The Food Reserve Agency (FRA) is struggling to buy maize from farmers in Eastern Province with most of them preferring to sell to traders.

Compounding the situation is that traders are paying almost the similar amount the FRA is offering, but paying spot cash. Farmers are fearful that selling to the FRA may result in delayed payments coupled with the poor market offer of K70 per 50kg bag.

Farmers feel the FRA has not been realistic in formulating the market price, and have been handling farmers shabbily.

FRA sheds in Chadiza, Lumezi and Lundazi are almost empty, while maize trading is taking place briskly outside these premises.

The major buyers in Eastern Province include Cargill, who have stationed aggregators around the province, Aliboo and Kavulamungu, among others.

The AFGRI shed in Nyimba is also among the well stocked.

### **OPEN BORDERS FOR FARMERS TO TRADE**

ZAMACE Chairperson Chance Kabaghe has called on government to open borders for farmers to sell their produce at palatable and competitive prices.

Speaking during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between ZAMACE and ETG Zambia Limited Mr. Kabaghe said the import and export ban of agriculture produce was restrictive to tenets of open trade.

And ETG Zambia has become the latest company to breach the threshold for buying maize of K70 as set by the FRA, and like Zambeef and National Milling, is offering K92.50 per 50kg bag.

ETG Zambia Director Alok Dikshit said during the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ZAMACE to provide market solutions for their commodities.

Mr. Dikshit prodded other traders to offer farmers realistic prices based on market price and conditions. He also said the MoU signed with ZAMACE would encourage farmers to sell their produce at good market prices.

## **PRIORITISE FUNDING OF FARMERS; ZNFU**

The Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) has called on government to urge to put priority on releasing of funds to pay farmers for crop marketing and input supply.

ZNFU president Jervisimba expressed worry on Thursday that farmers were not being paid instantly by the FRA for the maize supplied. He said input suppliers have also been affected and are not being paid for inputs supplied under FISP.

He called on government through the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Agriculture to put priority on release of funds to pay farmers for crop marketing and input supply.

He said it is regrettable that not paying farmers on time has become the new normal way of doing business when dealing with the FRA as opposed to being an exception. Mr. Jimba said most farmers depend on rainfed farming thus get one income stream in a year.

He said delaying paying them results in a chain reaction because depositing of funds will not take place on time for the FISP E-voucher and all the good plans thrown into disarray. Mr. Jimba said the Union is concerned because it is such delays that will lead to poor implementation of the FISP E-voucher again yet this is a very good programme which could emancipate the farmers and contribute towards diversification.

He called on government to walk the talk and avoid repeating the same mistakes every year because the cycle of crop production is known by all.

## **FALL ARMY WORMS; TIPS**

Last Friday, we gave you tips on how to identify Fall Army Worm (FAW) Pupae. This week, as promised, we describe the FAW moth;

- i. Adult FAW moths are grey-brown in colour**
- ii. Male moths are bigger than female moths**
- iii. Male moths have a visible white spot on the upper wing**
- iv. Adult moths live between two to three weeks before they die**
- v. Moths are migratory and can fly by over 100kms during the night**
- vi. Male moths are hairy at the rear or back**
- vii. Males are multi coloured or colourful**

Next Friday, we will give tips on behaviour of young and old FAW caterpillars...

## **ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!**

### **USED CENTER PIVOT WANTED**

Client seeks a used Centre Pivot in working/repairable condition with/without ancillary fittings/booster pump/ underground PVC/valves.

Contact [\*\*dutch@conservationagriculture.org\*\*](mailto:dutch@conservationagriculture.org) with approx details.

## 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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A promotional poster for the 2018 Stanbic Bank Livestock Auction. The background is a lush green field with a clear sky. In the foreground, there are several animals: a large white and grey cow, a large brown cow, and two small white and black puppies. The text on the poster includes the Stanbic Bank logo, the title '2018 STANBIC BANK LIVESTOCK AUCTION', and the text 'PROUDLY BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE HERD BOOK SOCIETY OF ZAMBIA'. The event dates and times are listed as follows: 14TH - 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018, LUSAKA SHOW GROUNDS. The schedule for the 15th of September is: 8.00HRS - VIEWING, 10.00HRS - REGISTRATION, 12.00HRS - LUNCH, and 14.00HRS - AUCTION.

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## **FOODEX JAPAN 2019 EXHIBITION**

Japan will be holding the FoodEx Japan 2019 Exhibition from 5<sup>th</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the Makuhari Messe in Japan.

The aim of the exhibition is to promote Africa exports to Japan by exhibiting African products and also encourage business to business interaction between African countries and Japan.

Members wishing to participate should get in touch with the Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry.

## **WEATHER**

### **SEVEN-DAYS WEATHER FORECAST 1st to 7th September 2018**

#### **GENERAL SITUATION**

The period from 1st to 7th September; moderate and warm winds from the east will be affecting most parts of Zambia leading to windy and sunny weather conditions across the country.

FORECAST FOR 1st TO 7th SEPTEMBER 2018; Muchinga, Eastern and the eastern districts of Lusaka and Central Province: Few clouds, hazy, windy at times and warm in the morning tending to be partly cloudy and hot in the afternoon.

The rest of Zambia: Sunny, hazy, windy and mild to warm in the morning, developing few clouds and hot in the afternoon.

The nights will be mainly clear, windy and warm to mild.

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