



FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 36, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Zambian Breweries targets 1 Million-Plus hectares of Cassava**
- **Traders duping Farmers in Lundazi**
- **Stattering payment of Farmers worry ZNFU**

IN DETAIL ...

ZAMBIAN BREWERIES TARGETS 1 MILLION PLUS HECTARES OF CASSAVA

Zambian Breweries is targetting a cassava outhgrower scheme of at least more than a million hectares.

The cassava outgrower scheme is being touted as one of the best diversification examples in the country driven by the private sector.

Zambian Breweries launched the cassava scheme in 2017. The company is presently buying cassava from over 4,000 farmers from Luapula, Northern and Muchinga provinces of Zambia, and is intending to capture more farmers on the project and spread to other provinces that produce cassava. Cassava is an active ingredient in the production of Eagle Lager, apart from sorghum.

And Zambia is graded among the best producers of Malt Barley in the world and a leader on the continent.

Malt Barley is used in the production of Castle, Castle Light and Black Label lager among other brews.





TRADERS DUPING FARMERS IN LUNDAZI

Some grain traders in Lundazi's Mwasempangwe area are duping farmers out of their crop by collecting their crop on the pretext that they would pay them within 24 hours.

The named grain traders are using aggregators to collect the maize from farmers, but are failing to pay spot cash as per their promise to farmers.

The big trader, also involved in hauling of crop is now failing to pay farmers within the 48 hours stipulated time and some farmers have gone as far as two weeks without receiving payments. The farmers have decided to take the matter to the Chief, who has instructed Indunas and the community neighbourhood watch to carry out civil arrests of aggregators failing to pay farmers.

STATTERING PAYMENT OF FARMERS WORRY ZNFU

The Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) is worried that the 2018/2019 farming season may be kick starting with some farmers not having received their payments from the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) that would enhance counter funding.

ZNFU president Jervis Zimba says it is worrying because some areas start receiving rains as early as October and if payments are delayed to farmers, this may affect their planning and in turn production.

He has called for the expediting of payments before it is too late.

And Mr. Zimba says the Union has held talks with the Minister of Agriculture and proffered suggestion on how the 2018/2019 farmer input distribution exercise should pan out.

Without giving details, he said discussions are ongoing and is hopeful of a good outlook the next farming season.

NOW LAKE KARIBA WATERS DROP TO 81%

With temperatures beginning to soar, Lake Kariba water levels have also started to recede.

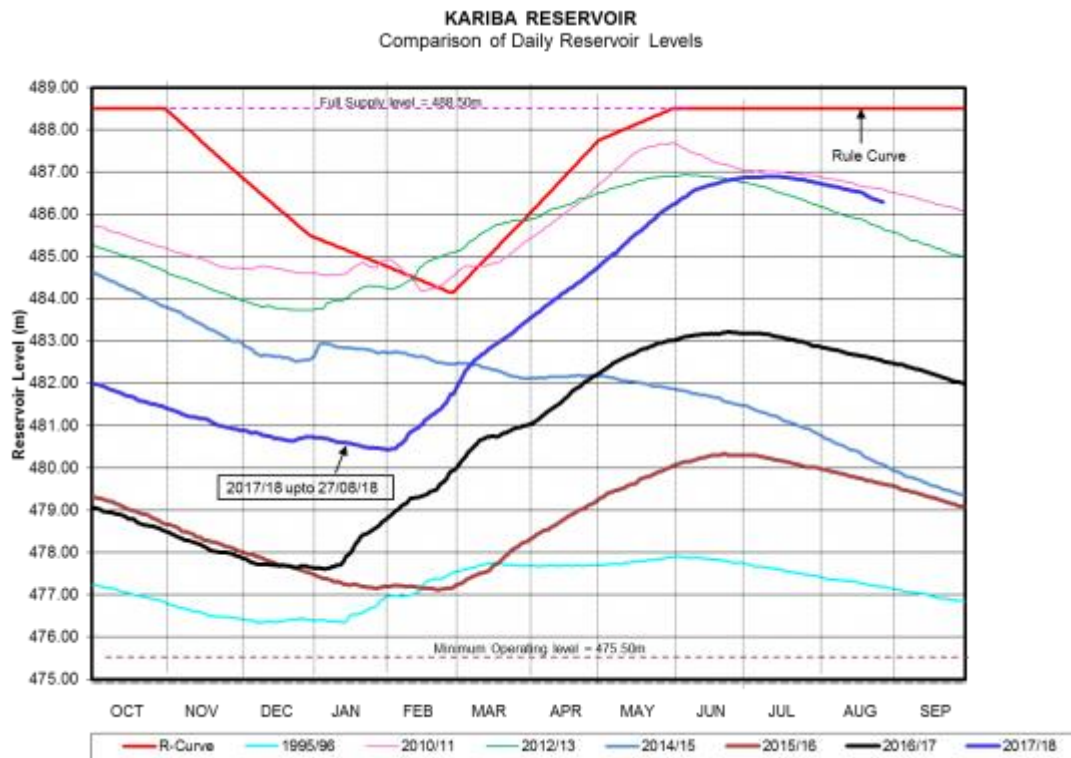
According to the latest update by the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA), the Lake level dropped by 0.14m during the week under review after peaking during the season to 486.90m and closing the week at 486.29m as of 27th August 2018. This translates into the water levels sitting on 81 per cent.

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Last year on the same date, the Lake level was 482.53m or 51 per cent.

Below is a graph depicting water levels at Lake Kariba.



FALL ARMY WORMS; TIPS

Last Friday, we describe the FAW moth. This week, we give tips on behaviour of young and old FAW caterpillars;

- i. When young (small), the caterpillars leave clear window-like patches on the leaves after feeding on them. This normally takes place during the first and second stages of the Fall Army Worm.
- ii. Larger or older caterpillars make larger irregular holes on the leaves after feeding on the leaves.
- iii. Larger or older caterpillars randomly feed on plants leaving sawdust-like droppings on the maize funnel, tassels, leaves and fresh cob.
- iv. Bigger caterpillars hide in the maize funnel
- v. There are also rare incidences where bigger caterpillars burrow into a fresh cob

Next Friday, we will give tips on scouting for FAW...

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ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

BLACK SANHEMP, VELVET BEANS & COWPEAS SALE

A client is selling 10 tonnes of Black Sunnhemp, Velvet Beans 40 tonnes and Cowpeas 15 tonnes.

Interested? ... Call Spelile on;

0977261591, or 0979890975 or Alex -0955236303 or Lumeta - 0976591563

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 with approx details.



ZAMBIA NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION

SALE OF MOTOR VEHICLE BY PUBLIC TENDER

ZNFU is inviting sealed bids from the public to purchase five (5) motor vehicles with details below;

VEHICLE TYPE	ENGINE	COLOUR	REG.	CONDITION
Nissan Pathfinder	YD25-682230B	Silver	ALC8585	Runner
Toyota Hilux	2KD-A488647	White	ALV 1956	Runner
Ford Ranger	WLA T963799	White	ABT 5158	Runner
Toyota Hilux	2KD A022653	Gold	ALK4064	Runner
Toyota Hilux	2KD-5826066	Grey	ALK6828	Runner

The bids must be clearly marked “Sale of motor Vehicle by Public Tender”, and addressed to ZNFU, Plot No. 2374 Tiyende Pamodzi Road, Show grounds. Telephone: +260 211 252649/254431

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Kindly bring the bids in sealed envelopes and deposit them in the Tender box stationed at the Reception of ZNFU offices. The bid forms can be purchased from the ZNFU Secretariat at K100.

The closing date for receipt of bids is Thursday 20th September 2018 at 16:30hrs. Successful bidders will be notified before or by Friday, 21st September 2018. Payment must be made by cash or bank certified cheque to ZNFU before collection of the vehicle.

Viewing of the vehicles will be from Monday 17th September 2018 to Thursday 20th September 2018

Kindly note that:

1. ZNFU will not accept late bids and /or bids sent by email
2. ZNFU will, however, accept bids sent by registered mail provided they reach ZNFU office before 16:30hrs on Thursday 20th September 2018
3. Families and relatives of ZNFU staff are not allowed to bid
4. ZNFU reserves the right to accept or reject bids without assigning a reason thereto.

LIVESTOCK AUCTION

2018 STANBIC BANK LIVESTOCK AUCTION

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14TH - 15TH SEPTEMBER 2018
LUSAKA SHOW GROUNDS

14TH SEPTEMBER: VIEWING FROM 10.00HRS
15TH SEPTEMBER: 8.00HRS - VIEWING
10.00HRS - REGISTRATION
12.00HRS - LUNCH
14.00HRS - AUCTION

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WEATHER

SEVEN-DAYS WEATHER FORECAST 8th to 14th September 2018

GENERAL SITUATION

The period from 8th to 10th September; relatively moist and unstable winds from north-west will be affecting Western, Northwestern, Copperbelt and Luapula provinces resulting into cloudy and a chance of showery activities. The rest of Zambia will be under the influence of relatively moist and unstable winds from north-east.

From 11th September to the end of the forecast period; Moderate and relatively moist airflow from the southeast will start affecting most parts of the country resulting into slight reduction in day time temperatures.

FORECAST FOR 8th TO 10th SEPTEMBER 2018; Western, Northwestern, Copperbelt Luapula and Northern Muchinga provinces: Few clouds, hazy and warm in the morning tending to be partly cloudy and hot in the afternoon with a chance of light showers.

The rest of Zambia: Mainly sunny, hazy, windy and warm in the morning, becoming hot in the afternoon.

FORECAST FOR 11th TO 14th SEPTEMBER 2018; Luapula and Northwestern Provinces: Partly cloudy and warm becoming hot in the afternoon with a chance of showers. The Rest of Zambia: Mainly sunny, windy and warm becoming hot in the afternoon. The nights will be mainly clear, windy at times and warm.

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