

FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 38, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- FRA mops up 137, 000mts
- Farmers seek clarification over WARMA charging on International shared Rivers
- Kwacha hits K11 to US\$1
- Influx of imported Dairy products killing Local sector

IN DETAIL ...

FRA MOPS UP 137, 000MTS

With two months before the onset of the rainy season and summer planting period, the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) has bought 137, 000 metric tonnes out of the targeted 500, 000 metric tonnes of maize.

According to information reaching Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU), most of the purchases have been made in the Northern Provinces, but has found challenges buying in Lusaka, Copperbelt, Central, Eastern and Southern Provinces.

The FRA has managed to rake up 43, 000 metric tonnes of maize in Muchinga Province and 33, 000 metric tonnes in Northern Province. The Agency has barely managed to buy maize in Copperbelt, Eastern, Central, Lusaka, Southern and North Western Provinces where they have been supplied 'crumbs' as most farmers have opted for better offers.

The FRA is offering K70 for a 50kg bag of maize while companies such as Zambeef and National Milling are buying spot cash at K92 per 50 kg bag, or alternatively pay the farmers within 24 hours of delivery.

FRA is yet to pay the farmers.

Cross border buyers from Zimbabwe and Malawi are offering as much as K120 per 50kg bag of maize.





FARMERS SEEK CLARIFICATION OVER WARMA CHARGING ON INTERNATIONAL SHARED RIVERS

Farmers are seeking clarification over why the Zambia's Water Resources and Management Authority (WARMA) is demanding complete applications for water rights from farmers that are using water from shared rivers, when the Act states otherwise.

WARMA has been telling some farmers that abstract water from the Zambezi to oblige to payment of fees for water usage as per Statutory Instrument (SI) 18 of 2018 of the Water Resources Management Act, when the same Act also states that "WARMA exercises control over all water resources in Zambia as envisioned in the Water Resources Management Act. The Act set out provisions to regulate the use of water in Zambia by considering or issuing of water permits **with the exception of international shared water bodies**".

Since some farmers are using international water bodies, such as the Zambezi River, they are now querying why WARMA officers are going against their own Act and pushing farmers to pay user fees.

The Zambezi River is classified as an International Water Body.

There has been no immediate response from WARMA, which organisation has given water users, including farmers, an ultimatum of end month to pay or be penalised and or prosecuted.

The Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) has maintained that there has been no proper due consultation with the farming community over the water user fees and the SI and a lot of lacunas need addressing.

KWACHA HITS K11 TO US\$1

After holding the K10 to US\$1 cupping for a long period, the Kwacha this week buckled and slid to K11 to the green buck on Tuesday.

By Friday 21st September, the Kwacha had tumbled to K11.70 in most bureaux around Central Business District (CBD) in Lusaka, with speculation that it may continue losing its muscle.

The Zambian Kwacha has also lost grip against the Euro and Pound, among other major currencies.

The British Pound is now fetching K14.50 while the Euro is K12.90 in barely four days from K13.90 and K12 respectively.

2019 BUDGET TO BE UNVEILED NEXT FRIDAY

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Minister of Finance Margaret Mwanakatwe will unveil the 2019 National Budget on Friday 28th September 2018, a Ministry of Finance official has said.





Chileshe Kandeta, Ministry of Finance Public Relations Officer, has said the Ministry has been undertaking consultations with stakeholders over the past four months, whose submissions would be captured in the budget presentation.

The 2019 Budget is expected to be above K80 billion. The 2018 national budget was K71.6 million and that for 2017 was K64.5 billion.

INFLUX OF IMPORTED DIARY PRODUCTS KILLING LOCAL SECTOR

The Dairy Association of Zambia (DAZ) says the importation of dairy products, particularly long life milk is negatively affecting growth of the local industry.

DAZ said this during the grant donation of six milk analysers by the Ministry of Commerce Trade and Industry (MCTI) in Lusaka on Thursday.

DAZ said some local processors are forced to dump raw milk because of failing to sell as a result of unfair competition with cheap imports. DAZ said the country has enough capacity to produce long life milk saying this defeats the need to import long life dairy products.

DAZ also said low import duty on milk powder was also a major stumbling block to the local dairy sector. Currently the import duty on milk powder, which is used for further processing full cream milk attracts a 5% duty instead of 25%.

DAZ said unfortunately, once processed, the milk powder competes with fresh raw milk. DAZ said this slows down growth and employment creation. DAZ called for the necessary regulation and policy to address what it termed long standing issues.

ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

TRANSFORMER SALE!!!!

A 200 KvA transformer is up for sale.

Interested?

Kindly contact 0977752361 - SMS or WhatsApp

POWER FACTOR PENALTY

Zesco Limited will be effecting the Power Factor Penalty this month September 2018.





All members are advised to check that their meters are reading correctly to avoid being erroneously penalized by Zesco Limited. If you notice any strange readings on your meter that do not conform with Power Factor specifications, kindly promptly contact the nearest Zesco Limited offices to have it rectified.

BLACK SUNHEMP, 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.

CHALLENGE OF A YEAR OUT!

A young single and sober man seeks a challenge rather than be idle while waiting to pursue further studies next year.

He achieved excellent results in English and Maths in Grade 12, is fluent in Nyanja and Bemba. He is looking for something challenging to widen his horizons as he starts off in life and in return can offer dedication and attention to detail. He is seeking experience in anything rewarding rather than substantial financial reward- just sufficient to live on, but there must be an opportunity to learn from the university of life.

If you feel his services and your needs could be addressed in a mutually beneficial arrangement please respond by email via The Editor of the *Zambian Farmer* marked "A Year Out".

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SALE! SALE! SALE! SALE!



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**

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 Tuesday 25th September 2018 at 16:30hrs. Successful bidders will be notified before or by Wednesday, 26st 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 Tuesday 25th 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.

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WEATHER

ZAMBIA EVENING WEATHER FORECAST 21st September 2018

GENERAL SITUATION

Strong and relatively moist but stable winds from the southeast are affecting most parts of Zambia.

FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: FRIDAY (21/09/2018)

All areas: Mainly clear, windy at times and warm.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEKEND: SATURDAY & SUNDAY (22 & 23/09/2018)

Eastern, Muchinga, Northern, Luapula, Central and Lusaka Provinces: Few clouds, windy at times, hazy and warm in the morning, becoming partly cloudy and hot to very hot, warm in the evening.

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

The nights will have few clouds, windy at times and warm.

OUTLOOK TO MONDAY (24/09/2018)

Windy weather conditions to continue prevailing over most parts of Zambia.

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