



FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 41, 2018

HIGHLIGHTS

- 113th ZNFU annual Congress to be held October 19
- Zesco assures farmers of steady Power Supply; bad Weather Notwithstanding
- ... as Lake Kariba water levels Close Week at 485.13 Metres

IN DETAIL ...

113TH ZNFU ANNUAL CONGRESS TO BE HELD OCTOBER 19

The Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) will be celebrating its 113th Annual Congress on 9th October 2018 at the Mulungushi International Conference Centre (MICC).

This year's Congress will be commemorated under the theme "**Mainstaying Agriculture as Economic Driver**". The Congress is expected to be graced by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Zambia, Mr. Edgar Chagwa Lungu, whose vision and that of Government's Seventh National Development Plan (7NDP) is to put agriculture at the centre stage of economic growth.

More than 300 delegates from 76 District Farmers' Associations, and numerous partners and sponsors, are expected to convene at Mulungushi International Conference Centre to interrogate challenges and successes scored during 2018 and refocus their energies to what yet another season (2018/2019) brings.

The Congress serves as an opportunity for sector players and partners to meet and talk to the farmers and TOGETHER, plan the future of Zambia's agriculture.

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ZESCO ASSURES OF STEADY POWER SUPPLY; BAD WEATHER NOTWITHSTANDING

Zesco Limited (Ltd) has assured farmers of a steady supply of electricity as the year enters another rainy season, which the Zambia Meteorological Department has warned may have some drought traits.

The Zambia Meteorological Department has projected a normal to below normal rainfall pattern during the 2018/2019 rainy season.

Zesco Ltd told farmers during the ZNFU/Zesco Committee meeting held Thursday 11th October 2019 that they take comfort from the fact that waters are still at appreciable levels.

Zesco Ltd, lead by Director Commercial and Customer Services Mr. Chiti Mataka, stated that hydrology levels at Kariba were at 71.9 % full, Kafue Gorge at 68.4% full, Itezhi Tezhi at 80% full.

Last year during the same period, Lake Kariba was 46% full, while Kafue Gorge was at 14.2% full.

The Power Utility said it is able to generate 1065MW at Kariba North Bank, Kafue Gorge between 600MW and 620MW, Itezhi Tezhi 60MW (due to ongoing works), Vic Falls 75MW, and 7MW from smaller hydros.

The country could still fall back on power producers such as Maamba with capacity to generate 267MW, Lusemfwá 30MW and Ndola Energy at 105MW.

Zesco said they still have enough waters to generate power, what with the peak period for electricity demand having already passed. The Utility said Zesco has been allocated 22.5 billion Cubic Metres of water from 17 billion Cubic Metres by the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA), which gives them a massive boost to generate adequate electricity up to the end of the year.

... AS LAKE KARIBA WATER LEVELS CLOSE WEEK AT 485.13 METRES

Lake Kariba water levels during the week ending 8th October 2018 rested at 485.13 metres or 71.9% full compared to last year at 481.86 metres or 46%.

This is according to a report obtained by the ZNFU from Zambezi River Authority (ZRA).

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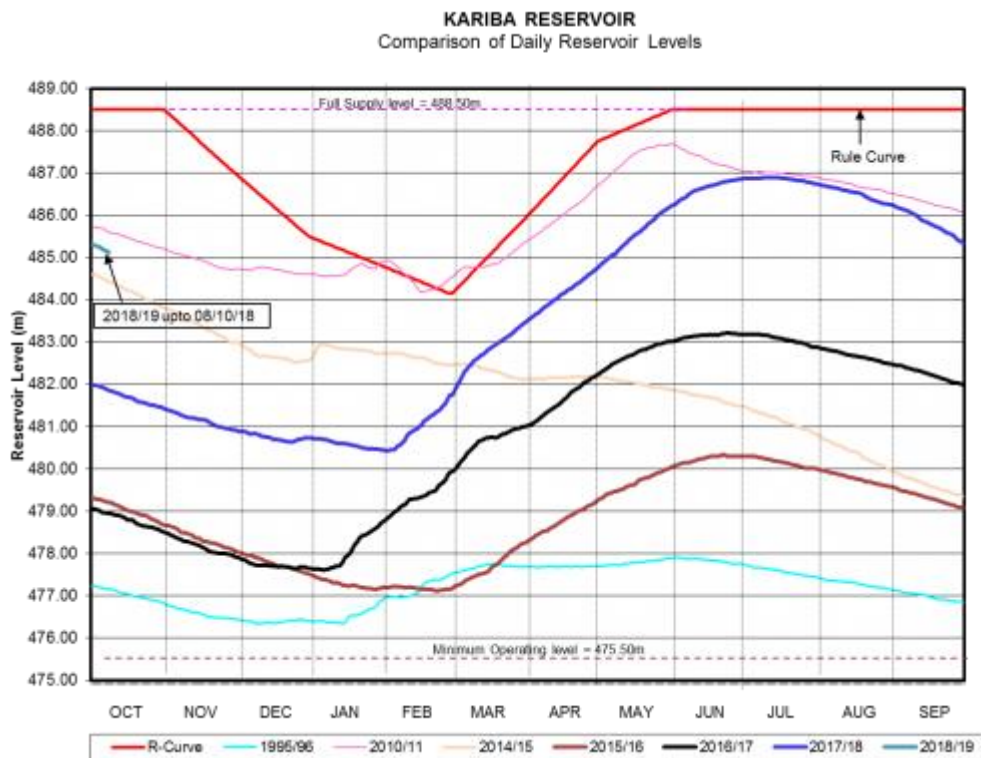


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According to ZRA, the Lake level dropped by 0.17m during the week under review, closing the week at 485.13m as of 8th October 2018. This ties in with the report from Zesco Ltd.

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 Lake Kariba Water Graph from the ZRA;



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WEATHER

SEVEN DAYS WEATHER FORECAST 12th to 15th October 2018

GENERAL SITUATION

Moderate and warm airflow from the east is affecting the southern half of the country while the northern half is under the influence of moist and unstable winds from the northwest.

REPORTED RAINFALL IN MILLIMETERS (MM) AT 08:00HRS: FRIDAY (12/10/2018)

Kawambwa 3, Misamfu and Chinsali had less than a millimeter (trace).

FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: FRIDAY (12/10/2018)

Western, Southern, Lusaka and Central Provinces: Mainly clear, windy at times and warm to mild.

The rest of Zambia: Partly cloudy, slightly windy and warm to mild.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEKEND: SATURDAY (13/10/2018) & SUNDAY (14/10/2018)

North-western, Copperbelt, Luapula, Northern, Muchinga and Western Provinces: Partly cloudy and warm, becoming cloudy and hot in the afternoon with showers in few places.

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

The nights will be partly cloudy to cloudy and warm to mild.

OUTLOOK TO MONDAY (15/10/2018)

Similar weather condition is expected to prevail over most parts of the country.

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