



## ZAMBIA'S LEADING OUTDOOR AGRICULTURE EXPO

### FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 8, 2019

#### HIGHLIGHTS

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## DETAILS ...

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The stakeholders are also concerned that issuance of import permits for edible oils are being issued without consideration of the local industry.

The stakeholders are fearful that if these imports continue unabated, it endangers bringing down the entire oilseed sector value chain; including farmers and crushers.

More than 50, 000 metric tonnes of edible oils are smuggled into the country every year, while other players import finished products on the pretext that they are importing palm oil, which should be blended with soy oil.

Illegally imports of edible oils are being done mostly through the porous border entry points, but in some cases truckloads are finding their way into the country.

The stakeholders have called for stricter inspection measures to curb the scourge.

### ... AS WHEAT STAKEHOLDERS COMPARE NOTES

Meanwhile wheat stakeholders also met Thursday at the ZNFU Secretariat in Lusaka to share notes on developments in the wheat industry.

The stakeholders noted possible improvements that need to be made to ensure stability and growth of the sector.

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This is in an effort to curb the spread of the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) that has resurfaced east of Chisamba District.

Mrs. Chewe has reiterated that the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MoFL) has not lifted the ban on the movement of livestock from Chisamba district to other areas.

She says Government has effected measures to ensure that the disease is contained within the district that include foot baths, vehicle spraying and dips and has also set up many check points with biosecurity measures as the disease curbing measures are intensified.

Apart from banning of movement of animals and animal products from the affected and surrounding farms within a radius of 15 kilometres, the Ministry has also instructed that before milk and meat products can be traded out of the district, the products should be certified as coming from farms that have been tested and are free of FMD, and the milk and meat should have been processed to ensure the destruction of the FMD virus.

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The parties had their first conciliatory meetings during the week and both parties look forward to resolving the issues amicably as quickly as possible.

ZNFU will keep members updated on the negotiations.

## THE DROP CONTINUES ...

Into February 2019, water levels at Lake Kariba have continued to drop closing the week under review on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019, at 481.48 metres. This translates into a drop by 20 centimetres.



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According to the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA), last year on the same date, the Lake level was 481.16 metres.

The Kariba Lake is designed to operate between levels 475.50m and 488.50m (with 0.70m freeboard) for hydropower generation.

Below are the graphs as captured by the ZRA.

From:

12 February 2019

To:

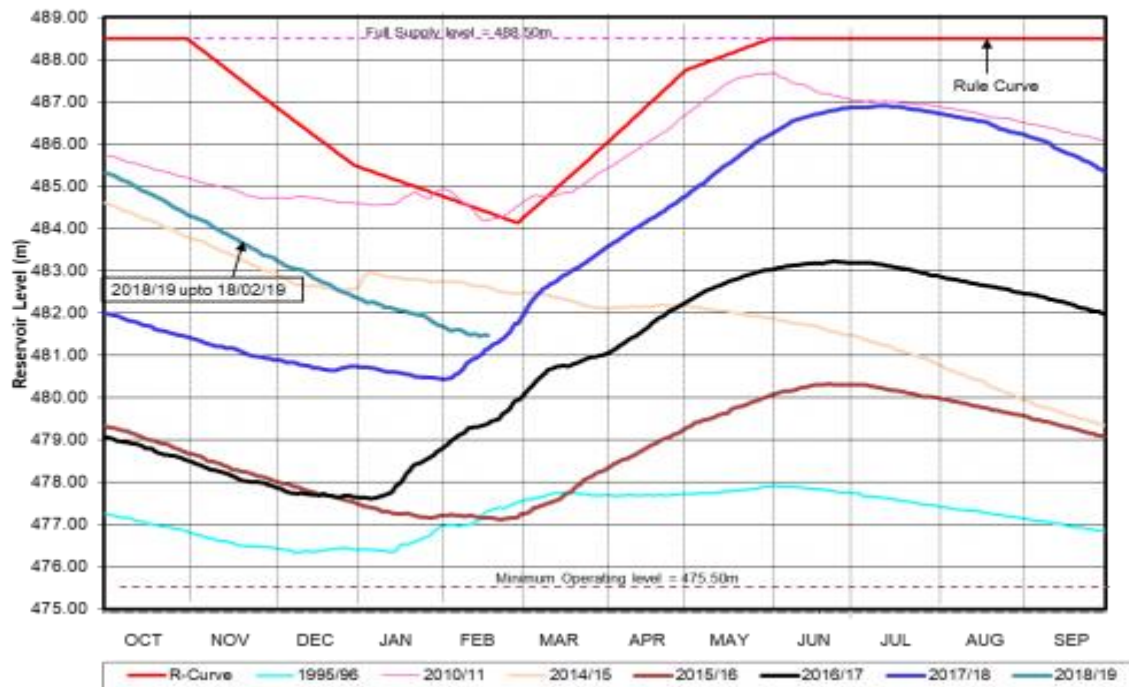
18 February 2019

Day	This Year	%Full	Last Year
12/02/2019	481.5	43	480.88
13/02/2019	481.51	43	480.93
14/02/2019	481.49	43	480.95
15/02/2019	481.46	43	481
16/02/2019	481.47	43	481.04
17/02/2019	481.49	43	481.13
18/02/2019	481.48	43	481.16

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**KARIBA RESERVOIR**  
Comparison of Daily Reservoir Levels



## AGRO WATCH

### Exchange Rates

CURRENCY	21/02/2019						22/02/2019					
	US Dollar		RAND		GB Pound		US Dollar		RAND		GB Pound	
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
FNB	11.83	12.08	0.84	0.87	15.46	15.84	11.92	11.97	0.85	0.86	15.49	15.56
Barclays Bank	11.83	12.06	0.84	0.86	15.41	15.71	11.83	12.06	0.84	0.86	15.41	15.72
ZANACO	11.82	12.05	0.84	0.86	15.41	15.72	11.83	12.06	0.84	0.86	15.41	15.72
Bank of Zambia (Average rates)	11.92	11.97	0.85	0.86	15.58	15.64	11.92	11.97	0.85	0.86	15.49	15.56

Source: BoZ





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

**For members that would like to access the ZAMACE Report; kindly go to the link below;**

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/bnxihcir2udtgyg/ZAMACE%20Market%20Report-Week%202004.pdf?dl=0>

### **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2<sup>ND</sup> CHINA INTERNATIONAL IMPORT EXPOSITION (CIIE) SHANGHAI, CHINA– NOVEMBER 2019**

The Zambia Development Agency is coordinating Zambia's participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> China International Import Expo (CIIE), scheduled to take place in Shanghai, China in November, 2019.

The CIIE is the world's first import-themed national level exhibition and great innovation in the history of International trade. The Chinese Government has made the CIIE an annual event to give firm support to trade liberalization and globalization to actively open the Chinese Market to the world.

With the world's largest population, China is the second largest economy, second largest importer and consumer in the world. China's total imports of goods and services are expected to exceed US \$ 30 trillion and 10 trillion respectively in the next 15 (fifteen) years.

Zambia successfully participated in the first CIIE in Shanghai, China in November 2018 where six companies showcased their products and generated sales contracts worth US \$ 92 million. ZDA therefore invites export ready companies in the following sectors to participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> China International Import Exposition:

- Trade in services
- Medical equipment and healthcare products
- Food and Agricultural Products
- Beauty and cosmetic products

Benefits of participating in the CIIE include amongst others, show casing of products, networking to a large constituent of international buyers and sellers from all over the world, partnerships and joint ventures with investors, negotiation of deals and sales contracts through business to business meetings and match making.

#### **BOOTH RATES**



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- Raw space: US \$ 300/m<sup>2</sup>
- Standard Booth: US \$ 3000/9m<sup>2</sup>
- Exhibitors that sign the participation contract and make an advance payment of not less than 50%, will enjoy a discount of 20%.
- Booking deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

Kindly indicate to us your willingness to participate in this Expo by calling or emailing Mr. Obby Banda on 0977455867, email: [Obby.Banda@zda.org.zm](mailto:Obby.Banda@zda.org.zm) or Mrs. Kabwe Phiri on 0977160817, email: [Kabwe.Phiri@zda.org.zm](mailto:Kabwe.Phiri@zda.org.zm). Our fax and telephone numbers are 222509 and 224790, respectively.

For further details on the CIIE visit the website on [www.ciie.org](http://www.ciie.org)

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## WEATHER

20:00

Friday 22 Feb LUSAKA



19.1°C

WIND:  
ENE 7 km/h (2 bft, 3.8 knts)

PRECIPITATION:  
2.5mm (70%)

AIR PRESSURE:  
1013.1

20:00

Friday 22 Feb KABWE



18.6°C

WIND:  
E 7.1 km/h (2 bft, 3.8 knts)

PRECIPITATION:  
0.6mm (70%)

AIR PRESSURE:  
1013.6

20:00

Friday 22 Feb LUANSHYA



19.0°C

WIND:  
SE 6.2 km/h (2 bft, 3.3 knts)

PRECIPITATION:  
1.6mm (70%)

AIR PRESSURE:  
1013.7

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