



FRIDAY BRIEF

WEEK 9, 2019

HIGHLIGHTS

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DETAILS ...

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A task force has, however, been instituted as efforts to contain the situation escalate.

The District Task Force is composed of the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Ministry of Agriculture, District commissioner, Police, Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU), Musika, selected farmers and other stakeholders. The committee is chaired by the District Commissioner and sub-committees have been formed to do specific tasks in an effort to arrest the situation.

The District Veterinary Coordinator (DVC) has since reported to the committee that the vaccine for the disease isn't available in Zambia hence the committee lobbying Central government to intervene.

With these efforts the vaccine has been imported and expected to be in Monze over the weekend.

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AFGRI Country Manager-Zambia Albre Badenhorst says the downscaling will unfortunately result in job losses.

He says the process of reducing the number of depots will continue as certain identified sites are emptied. Mr. Badenhorst says it is, however, envisaged that other sites will remain open for the foreseeable future.

"In future trading will also only be executed on a mandate and back-to-back basis. The downscaling of the trading operations and the closing of a number of depots will unfortunately result in employment losses," Mr. Badenhorst says.

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This is in a communique availed to the Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) in Lusaka.

He also says as regards AFGRI Leasing Services, providing finance to primary producers, the company is simply not able to secure the correct level of funding required to support local farmers in line with their growth expectations going forward, and accordingly will discontinue operations as of the end of February 2019.

“Our Equipment division is being transferred to a separate legal entity styled AFGRI Equipment Zambia Limited which will bring the structure in line with other countries AFGRI operates in. The operations of the Equipment business (John Deere and other brands) will however not be impacted at all and both our Lusaka and Mkushi branches, and Mpongwe parts depot, remain fully operational,” Mr. Badenhorst says.

He also says ABBA, the company's community farming operation as well as CMI International, who manage collateralised commodities on behalf of financial institutions, are not affected by the restructuring process.

He says unfortunately, the above process of restructuring their operations has given rise to a number of resignations, but AFGRI would like to assure their clients that contingency plans are already in place to ensure that suitable replacements are sourced swiftly.

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In Monze, the last rains were experienced on 17th January 2019.

In Central province, Chongwe and Rufunsa and some parts of Chibombo are among some districts affected by drought during February resulting in serious wilting of crops.

Below are some pictures as captured in Monze and Chongwe.

IRISH AID/ MUSIKA ENDORSE NUTRITION PROJECT

Over 40,000 smallholder farmers are set to benefit from a € 5.5 million Nutrition project implemented by Musika with funding from Irish Aid, through the Embassy of Ireland in Zambia.

The ‘Making Agricultural Markets work for Nutrition’ project aims to achieve an increased consumption of a diverse range of nutritious foods among poor households, especially amongst women and children, and within smallholder farming and rural communities.





The Irish Aid funding will allow Musika to implement various interventions focusing on strengthening the supply chain of nutritious food products, by facilitating beneficial commercial relationships between actors along the supply chain from input suppliers and smallholder farmers to processors and retailers. The project also has a focus on supporting the food processing sector to develop affordable nutritious foods and associated distribution channels into the rural food retail market. It will be implemented countrywide, but with 'case study' districts of Mongu, Mumbwa, Kabwe and Mazabuka over a period of five years.

According to Musika Head of Corporate Affairs Pamela Hamasaka, Musika will concentrate its activities across the whole supply chain (from input, services, research and technology markets through production, processing and distribution) for three key agricultural sectors - legumes, fresh fruit and vegetables, livestock and livestock products - that can play a fundamental role in the expansion of the nutritious foods market.

ZRA CONDUCTS SENSITISATION ON BUDGET CHANGES FOR THE CHARGE YEAR 2019

The Zambia Revenue Authority (ZRA) this week conducted a sensitisation meeting on the 2019 budget changes with business entities in the tourist capital, Livingstone.

The main purpose of the meeting was to inspire public confidence and foster compliance to the public by registration, submission of returns, declaration of correct tax and payment of returns.

ZRA informed the meeting that the key domestic taxes changes that would be effected in 2019 were as follows:

- Repeal provision which allowed for the deduction of mineral royalty in ascertaining the gains or profits of a business
- Broadening of the scope of documentation and or information to be kept in the English by taxpayer from 6years to 10years for related parties
- Empowering of the commissioner general to appoint any person as an agent to withhold turnover tax on payments to suppliers of goods and services
- Introduction of a flat rate of 4%for turnover
- Increased penalty fee for non compliance with transfer pricing regulations to 24,000,000 from 3,000
- Applicable tax rate is 10% for income arising from the export of non traditional products from farming or Afro processing
- Introduction of a tax rate of 15% on income earned by a company from the manufacturing of products using copper cathodes

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- Extend the period within which the commissioner general may arise an assessment



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to 10years from 6years in the case of a business transaction with associated persons

- Increase withholding tax rate to 20% from 15% on any payment of dividends to a non-resident
- Increase the withholding taxpayer to 20% from 15%on any payment of interest to a non-resident.

The meeting was organized by Mrs violet Mulubwa from the ZRA integrity committee in Lusaka.

AGRITECH EXPO ENGAGES EXHIBITORS

Over 50 exhibitors converged at Protea Arcades in Lusaka on 27th February 2019 as Agritech Expo partners and organisers unveiled a lowdown on what lies on store at the Golden Valley Agricultural Research Trust (GART) in Chisamba from 11th to 13th April 2019.

In what promises to be another epoch-making event, the Agritech Expo organisers Spintelligent say this year the event at GART is expected to bring more than 20 000 visitors, over 220 local and international exhibitors, including international pavilions from Germany, Italy, UK and Zimbabwe to name a few, with 3500 VIP and large scale farmers and 150 members of the media. Agritech Expo Zambia is free to attend for all visitors that pre-register.

Agritech Expo Zambia will feature the following 16 industry featured zones:

LIVESTOCK ZONE

The Livestock Zone incorporates various breeders who display their livestock services, species of livestock including goats, cows and sheep, as well as animal feeds and veterinary services.

LIVE CROP TRIALS

Visitors are able to view the yields of seeds from a variety of seed producers and respective agro chemicals companies.

MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT DEMOS

The machinery demonstrations are always an exciting attraction at Agritech Expo Zambia and is a great display of versatility and capability by leading machinery suppliers.

CONSTRUCTION PARK

The Construction Park is a welcomed addition to Agritech Expo Zambia and offers visitors a selection of quality construction equipment to suit their agricultural needs.





4X4 TEST TRACK

The exciting and challenging 4x4 Test Track gives visitors the opportunity to test their skills or simply be driven around the track and experience the capability and manoeuvrability of high-end utility vehicles.

ENERGY PARK

The Energy Park was introduced in 2016 and offers innovative ways to get off the grid amidst the power crisis unfolding in the region.

INTERNATIONAL PAVILIONS

Agritech has become an internationally acclaimed event, boasting over 39 countries being represented on site year on year. In 2019, Agritech Expo expects to feature more than 5 international country pavilions featuring products and solutions from global industry leaders. This will give attendees the opportunity to view and discuss products from outside their local market.

INDOOR EXPO TENT

The indoor expo showcases a variety of local and international agri suppliers looking to expand their footprint in sub-Saharan Africa.

IRRIGATION ZONE

The Irrigation Zone displayed a variety of irrigation systems and farming solutions, including centre pivot displays for commercial and small-scale farmers from leading industry suppliers.

CENTRE PIVOT DISPLAY

Agritech Expo Zambia is the first agri focused event in Africa to showcase a live centre pivot as part of the show. This will give commercial farming professionals the ability to see the different growth rates of various crops under centre pivot irrigation, which is an integral part of their farming practice and methods

AGRITEACH TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The technical workshops are presented by industry experts and focus on modernising small-scale farmers. These workshops provide access to market information and innovations from the latest financial loan models to new agri solutions

VIP LARGE SCALE FARMERS AGENDA

Presenting commodity trade roundtable discussions, business matchmaking, networking function to link agribusinesses together. Exclusively designed for large scale farming enterprises that are ready to access new agribusiness ventures and markets.



KARIBA RECORDS ANOTHER 12CM DROP ...

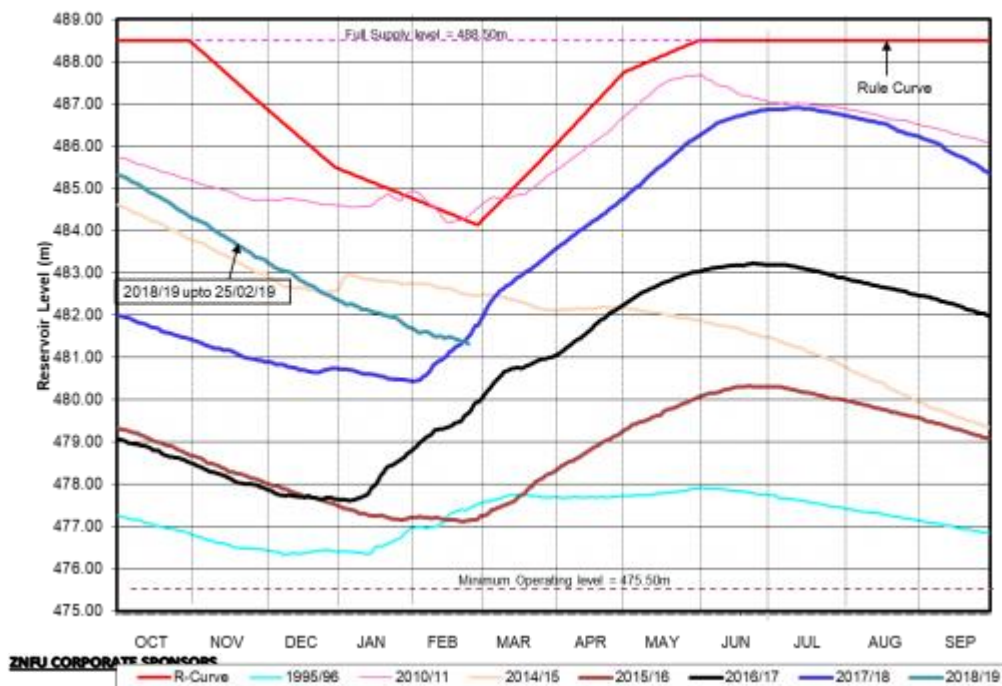
The Lake Kariba water levels dropped by 12cm during the week under review, closing at 481.33m on 25th February 2019. Last year on the same date, the Lake level was 481.49m

Below are the graphs as designed by the **Zambezi River Authority**;

From:
19 February 2019
To:
25 February 2019

Day	This Year	%Full	Last Year
19/02/2019	481.45	43	481.2
20/02/2019	481.42	42	481.26
21/02/2019	481.41	42	481.28
22/02/2019	481.37	42	481.33
23/02/2019	481.36	42	481.37
24/02/2019	481.35	42	481.41
25/02/2019	481	42	481.49

KARIBA RESERVOIR
Comparison of Daily Reservoir Levels





AGRO WATCH

Exchange Rates

	28/02/2019						1/03/2019					
CURRENCY	US Dollar		RAND		GB Pound		US Dollar		RAND		GB Pound	
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
FNB	11.89	12.14	0.85	0.87	15.77	16.17	11.92	12.17	0.84	0.87	15.77	16.16
Barclays Bank	11.91	12.14	0.86	0.88	15.82	16.13	11.87	12.11	0.85	0.86	15.71	16.02
ZANACO	11.92	12.15	0.85	0.87	15.85	16.17	11.91	12.15	0.85	0.86	15.79	16.11
Bank of Zambia (Average rates)	12.02	12.07	0.86	0.86	15.97	16.05	11.98	12.03	0.85	0.85	15.87	15.94

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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>

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2ND CHINA INTERNATIONAL IMPORT EXPOSITION (CIIE) SHANGHAI, CHINA– NOVEMBER 2019

The Zambia Development Agency is coordinating Zambia's participation in the 2nd 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 2nd 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

- Raw space: US \$ 300/m²
- Standard Booth: US \$ 3000/9m²
- 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 30th 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 or Mrs. Kabwe Phiri on 0977160817, email: 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

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WEATHER

ZAMBIA EVENING WEATHER FORECAST: FRIDAY (01/02/2019)

GENERAL SITUATION

Relatively dry and stable airflow from the south east has continued affecting the southern and western parts of Zambia thereby resulting into mainly sunny and hot weather conditions. The northern and eastern parts of the country are still under the influence of moist and unstable airflow from the northeast maintaining a likelihood of afternoon showers and thunderstorms.

REPORTED RAINFALL IN MILLIMETRES (MM) AT 08:00HRS: FRIDAY (01/02/2019)

Mwinilunga 11, Solwezi 8, Kabompo 4, Senanga 2, Kafironda and Mpulungu 1, Ndola, Mongu and Kafue Polder had less than a millimetre (Trace).

FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: FRIDAY (01/02/2019)

Western, Southern and Lusaka Provinces: Mainly clear and warm.

North-western, Copperbelt, Luapula, Northern, Muchinga, Central and Eastern Provinces: Partly cloudy and mild with a chance of rain.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEKEND SATURDAY (02/03/2019) AND SUNDAY (03/03/2019)

Western, Southern and Lusaka Provinces: Mainly sunny and warm in the mornings becoming hot in the afternoons tending to be very hot especially in the valley areas.

North-western, Copperbelt, Luapula, Northern, Muchinga, Central and Eastern Provinces: Partly cloudy and mild in the mornings, becoming warm to hot with a likelihood of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoons.

OUTLOOK TO MONDAY: (04/03/2019)

Similar weather.

	REPORTED		FORECAST	
	MAX TEMP (01/03/2019)	MIN TEMP (01/03/2019)	MAX TEMP (02/03/2019)	MIN TEMP (02/03/2019)
Chinsali	-	-	29	16
Chipata	29	-	30	18
Choma	34	17	35	19
Gwembe	37	21	37	20
Kabwe	33	18	31	18
Kasama	25	15	28	19
Livingstone	38	11	38	21
Lusaka	-	-	32	18
Mansa	30	15	30	18
Mfuwe	36	21	37	20
Mongu	36	21	37	20
Ndola	31	17	31	18
Sesheke	37	20	37	21
Solwezi	30	15	29	18



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Descriptive Terms	Temperature Range	
	Maximum (°c)	Minimum (°c)
Cold	18 - 21	7 - 10
Cool	22 - 24	11 - 13
Mild	25 - 27	13 - 16
Warm	28 - 31	17 - 20
Hot	32 - 36	21 - 25
Very Hot	Over 37	Over 25

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