

FRIDAY BRIEF

...WEEK 3, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

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Towards the close of 2019, the ZMD predicted a dry spell in February 2020 around the southern half of the country.

And the ZMD says soil moisture has improved in many parts of the country. This follows above average rainfall recorded in most parts of the country.

HEARTLANDS TRAINS FARMERS IN HYBRID BIRD REARING

Livingstone/Kazungula farmers were today trained by Heartland Best Farms in how to rear a hybrid bird breed known as Sasso.

The training was a step towards preparing farmers on how to rear a hybrid bird, which can also be raised in a village set up on free range farming. Heartlands will be producing 20,000 chicks per week to sell to poultry farmers.

The training was conducted at Kazeemen Lodge in Livingstone during an Open Day, and was attended by farmers from both Livingstone and Kazungula. The project has excited the farmers and is expected to kick off soon.

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After dropping to an all time low in so many years, the Lake Kariba which was designed to operate between levels 475.50m and 488.50m (with 0.70m freeboard) for hydropower generation, made some recovery to inch towards being 10 per cent full. The Lake had hit a low of 7.68 per cent full on 12th January 2020.

According to the Zambezi River Authority, the Lake level has continued to rise from its lowest level at 476.61m on 12th January 2020 – gaining some 27cm in 21 days – to close the period under review at 476.88m or 9.53 per cent of usable storage on 23rd January 2020.

Last year on the same date, the Lake level was 481.97m or 46.70 per cent full.

Below are the graphs from Zambezi River Authority;

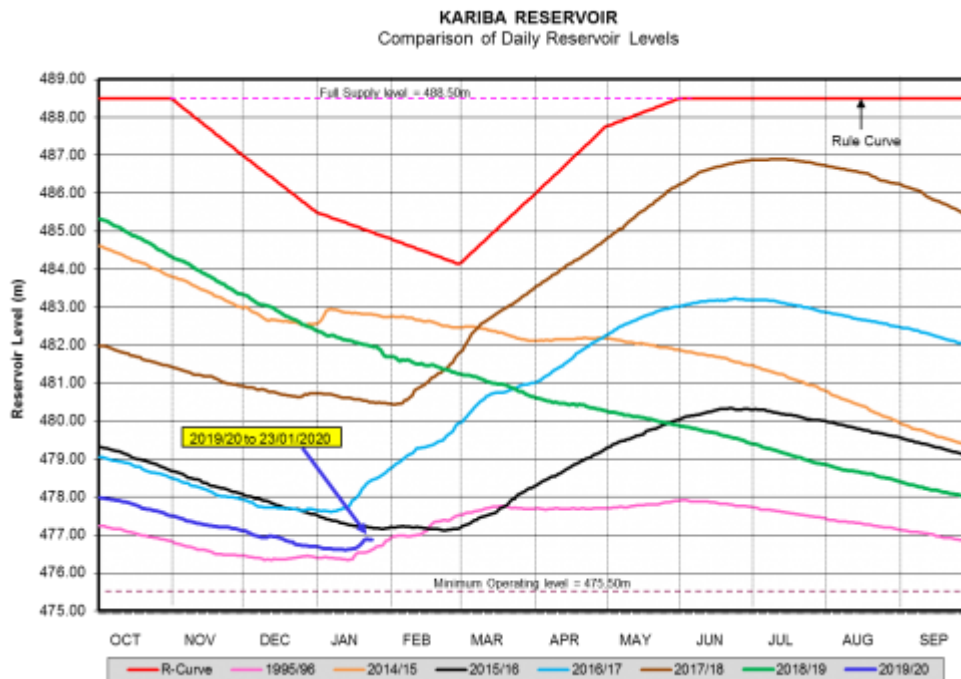
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From:
10 January 2020
To:
23 January 2020

Day	This Year	%Full	Last Year
10/1/2020	476.62	7.77%	482.18
11/1/2020	476.62	7.77%	482.14
12/1/2020	476.61	7.68%	482.14
13/1/2020	476.62	7.77%	482.13
14/1/2020	476.62	7.77%	482.12
15/1/2020	476.63	7.82%	482.1
16/1/2020	476.64	7.89%	482.06
17/1/2020	476.67	8.09%	482.06
18/1/2020	476.71	8.36%	482.05
19/1/2020	476.8	8.98%	482.03
20/1/2020	476.87	9.46%	482.01
21/1/2020	476.89	9.60%	482
22/1/2020	476.87	9.46%	481.99
23/1/2020	476.88	9.53%	481.97





2020 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (in yellow farmers' holidays)

Wednesday 1st January 2020 – New Year's Day
Monday 9th March 2020 – International Women's Day
Thursday 12th March 2020 – Youth Day
Friday 10th April 2020 – Good Friday
Saturday 11th April 2020 – Holy Saturday
Monday 13th April 2020 – Easter Monday
Friday 1st May 2020 – Labour Day
Monday 25th May 2020 – African Unity Day
Monday 6th July 2020 – Heroes' Day
Tuesday 7th July 2020 – Unity Day
Monday 3rd August 2020 – Farmers' Day
Monday 19th October 2020 – National Day of Prayer
Saturday 24th October 2020 – Independence Day
Friday 25th December 2020 – Christmas Day





ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS! ALERTS!

TRAINING ... TRAINING ... TRAINING ... TRAINING ... TRAINING !!!

KASISI AGRICULTURAL TRAINING CENTER (2020 COURSE PLAN)		
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Course	Date	Duration (Days)
Sustainable Organic Agriculture	3rd-7th February	5
Organic Vegetable Production	10th-14 February	5
Sustainable Organic Agriculture	17th - 21st February	5
Onfarm Organic Fertiliser Production	24th-28th February	5
Agroforestry	2nd-6th March	5
Natural Pest and Disease Management	9th - 13th March	5
Small Animal Production	16th - 20th March	5
Onfarm Organic Fertiliser Production	23rd -27th March	5
Agroforestry	30th March-3rd April	5
Agri business	6th-10th April	5
Cooperative Management	13th-17th April	5
Value addition	13th - 17th April	5
Basic dairy and pasture	20th - 24th April	5
Participatory Guarantee System	27th-1st May	5
Beekeeping	4th - 8th May	5
Farm Management	18th - 22nd May	5
Sustainable Organic Agriculture	25th - 29th May	5

NOTE:

- 1) The cost of 5 days course is \$350 Zambian Kwacha equivalent per participant, this covers food, accommodation, tuition, training materials, transport to and from Chelstone Puma fueling station, and a tour to a practicing farmer.
- 2) We provide tailor made courses. The minimum number of participants for each course is 15 people.
- 3) We are also flexible with dates for our standard courses
- 4) We provide transport on a Sunday from Chelstone Puma filling station, bus leaves exactly at 15:30hrs for Kasisi, kindly keep time so that you are not left behind.





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LANDPHONE OUTAGE AT ZNFU HQ

Kindly note that the Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) HQ has been experiencing intermittent phone outages resulting in failure to access management and staff on the officially registered lines. The Union is working closely with the service provider to have the matter normalised ASAP.

Any inconvenience caused is deeply regretted.

You may kindly use the above Desk Officers' Mobile lines to connect with ZNFU HQ.

MANAGEMENT

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION AT 2020 ZAMBIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR

The Zambia International Trade Fair Limited is calling for participants at its 56th Zambia International Trade Fair to be held from 1st to 7th July 2020.

Those wishing to participate in the 2020 Trade Fair; for further information and registration forms go to www.zitf.org.zm or email: marketing@zitf.org.zm by 31st March, 2020.





WEATHER

ZAMBIA EVENING WEATHER FORECAST: FRIDAY (24/01/2020)

GENERAL SITUATION

The Inter-tropical Convergence Zone (I.T.C.Z) is positioned over the northern borders of Zambia confining rainfall activities to the extreme northern parts. The high pressure system centred over Botswana is inducing winds from the south east thereby further reducing rainfall over much of Zambia.

FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: FRIDAY (24/01/2020)

The extreme northern parts of Northwestern, Luapula and Northern Provinces: Mainly cloudy with rain. Temperature will range between 19°C and 22°C with wind speeds of around 10km/h.

Lusaka, Southern, Western, Central, Copperbelt, Muchinga, Eastern and the southern parts of Northwestern, Luapula and Northern Provinces: Mainly clear with temperature ranging between 17°C and 23°C with wind speeds of around 10km/h.

REPORTED RAINFALL IN MILLIMETRES (MM) AT 08:00HRS: FRIDAY (24/01/2020)

Mansa Met 24, Kasama 23, Mansa Agro 11, Chinsali 10, Misamfu 7, Kawambwa 4, Mpulungu and Isoka 2, Kalabo and Samfya reported less than a millimetre (Trace).

FORECAST FOR THE WEEKEND: SATURDAY (25/01/2020) AND SUNDAY (26/01/2020)

The extreme northern parts of Northwestern, Luapula and Northern Provinces: Cloudy with a chance of morning rain. Temperature will range from 21°C to 26°C. Wind speeds will be around 10km/h. The afternoon will be mainly cloudy with rain and thunder. Temperature will range from 25°C to 31°C with wind speeds of around 10km/h.

Lusaka, Southern, Western, Central, Copperbelt, Muchinga, Eastern and the southern parts of Northwestern, Luapula and Northern Provinces: Mainly sunny in the morning with temperature ranging between 22°C to 28°C with wind speeds of around 20km/h. The afternoon will be partly cloudy with a chance of isolated showers. Temperature will be between 27°C and 35°C with wind speeds of around 15km/h.

OUTLOOK TO MONDAY: (25/01/2020)

A slight improvement in rainfall activities over most parts of the country.

ADVISORY

Due to the high pressure system centred over Botswana, much of Zambia is expected to continue experiencing dry weather Conditions in the next 48 hours.

Register to get daily Weather updates by requesting through info@zmd.gov.zm



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