

## FRIDAY BRIEF

...WEEK 5, 2020

### HIGHLIGHTS

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## DETAILS BELOW ...

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During a press briefing held Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the ZRA said key telemetry stations on the Zambezi River; the Victoria Falls station and the Chavuma station show improved water flows. Chavuma and Victoria Falls are key indicators of the performance of the mainstream Zambezi River that contributes 75% of inflows into Lake Kariba.

The ZRA said throughout the first week of February, the Zambezi River flow at Victoria Falls has continued to rise quite steadily, rising above last year's flows during the same period by 25%, though still below the long-term average of 29%.

The Authority said at Chavuma, the flows shot up by 73 m<sup>3</sup>/second between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 indicating intense run-offs on the Zambezi headwaters.

ZRA said: "The flow is still soaring above the long-term average by 41% and last year's flows by 189%. The flows have also far exceeded those of 2014/2015 at the same time giving a ray of hope for better run-off at this station this year than both last year and 2014/2015."

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This initiative will enable Agribusiness based enterprises in Livingstone to grow their businesses. James Chiwala, the Business Development Manager from ZATP Lusaka, officiated at the event.

The MARKET CONNECT project will be funded by the World Bank.

The meeting was held at Limbo Lodge.

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## **MBALA FARMERS ADVISED TO TAKE LIVESTOCK AS A BUSINESS**

Mbala District fisheries and livestock coordinator Dr Stephen Tembo has encouraged farmers to take livestock as a business and not just as a culture.

Dr Tembo says most farmers in the District do not care about the East Coast Fever (ECF) popularly known as “imbuli”. He also said that ECF can be controlled by spraying or dipping of cattle and that the method is cheaper than treatment. He said the ECF is not an outbreak and does not spread but that it can be controlled by farmers.

Dr Tembo advised livestock farmers to be keeping more cows than oxen if they are to grow their cattle herds. This came to light during the awareness meeting in the District.

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Lucheche camp committee chairperson Simon Mitimangi says the gesture is commendable saying the chemicals will go a long way in containing the FAW and stock borer in their maize fields.

Mr. Mitimangi encouraged fellow farmers to follow the instructions given by the extension officers when spraying the fields.

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The meeting, expected to be attended by generally the representation of all exhibitors and sponsors, is a forum meant to give exhibitors an insight of what to expect during the 2020 Agritech Expo and perhaps to have an engagement with the event managers and Farmers' Expo management and staff and unveil various important aspects about the show such as the venue, operations, marketing and communication, rules and regulations. It is also an opportunity for networking amongst stakeholders, exhibitors and players prior to the big event in April.

The Agritech Expo, the brainchild of the Zambia National Farmers' Union (ZNFU) will be held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

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## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### SOYA MEAL EXPORTS DROP BY \$35M

Low demand for Zambian soya meal by Zimbabwe resulted in the country recording a significant reduction in exports in 2019 by US\$35 million from earning US\$68 million in 2018.

This represented a 50 percent reduction in export earnings among soya meal crushers.

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE

	BID	OFFER
USD/ZMW	14.5400	14.5900
ZAR/ZMW	0.9873	0.9912
GBP/ZMW	18.9907	19.0604
EUR/ZMW	16.0289	16.0869

Source# BoZ

### 2020 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (in yellow farmers' holidays)

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

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## 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

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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.

## DESK OFFICERS AT ZNFU

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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 56<sup>th</sup> Zambia International Trade Fair to be held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

Those wishing to participate in the 2020 Trade Fair; for further information and registration forms go to [www.zitf.org.zm](http://www.zitf.org.zm) or email: [marketing@zitf.org.zm](mailto:marketing@zitf.org.zm) by 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.

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## WEATHER

### THE SEVEN DAY WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD FROM 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020

#### GENERAL SITUATION

From 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (I.T.C.Z) will be oscillating about the southern borders of Zambia coupled with the subtropical trough (Low pressure system) extending from North West part of Zambia to South-East coast of South Africa will be responsible for rainfall activities over most parts of the country. This sub-tropical trough will be enhancing rainfall activities as it moves from the western to the eastern parts of Zambia.

From 13<sup>th</sup> to the end of the forecast period only the I.T.C.Z will be responsible for the rainfall activities across the country as it continues oscillating about the southern borders of Zambia.

#### DETAILED FORECAST: 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**Lusaka, Southern, Western, Central, Eastern, Northwestern, Copperbelt, Muchinga including the southern parts of Luapula, Northern and Muchinga provinces:** Cloudy with morning rain, the afternoons will be mainly cloudy with rain and thunder. The nights will be mostly cloudy with isolated rain.

**The northern parts of Luapula, Northern and Muchinga provinces:** The morning will be partly cloudy becoming cloudy by late morning. The afternoons will be mainly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms. The nights will be partly cloudy with a chance of rain.

#### DETAILED FORECAST: 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

**The whole country:** Mainly cloudy with outbreaks of rain.

#### ADVISORY

Possible heavy falls and flash floods risk areas that models are projecting during the forecast period: Western, Southern, Lusaka, Central and southern parts of Eastern Province.

Register to get daily Weather updates by requesting through [info@zmd.gov.zm](mailto:info@zmd.gov.zm)

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