

## FRIDAY BRIEF

...WEEK 10, 2020

### HIGHLIGHTS

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**DETAILS BELOW ...**

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This came to light when ZNFU staff visited some Information Centres (ICs) among them Shimukuni, Lwamabwe and Muchinga and got reports and cases of affected animals. Awareness meetings are being conducted by both the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock and ZNFU to sensitize the farmers on the control and preventive measures.

Farmers are being advised to spray their animals regularly by using paverxion plus and oxject. Farmers thanked ZNFU and the ministry for the technical advice and sensitization meetings which are aimed at combating the disease.

Farmers, however, complained about the high cost of vaccines for the disease as a reason for irregular spraying.

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Speaking during the Youth Day celebrations; different leaders from the church and other civil society encouraged youths to embrace farming from their young age as it was the future for the country.

The youths were also encouraged to form co-operatives and work together with other youths. Chongwe already boasts of a few youth co-operatives that are already doing value addition to agricultural products like the Tweende young farmers' co-operative of Chongwe district who were also present during the youth day celebrations.

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The field day was attended by the district officers from the Ministry of Agriculture and other stakeholders such as the ZNFU within the district.

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Speaking during the meeting Mr. Isaac Mumpeta who is the acting District Agriculture Coordinating Officer (DACO) for Mwense district said that about 500 hectares of rice have been cultivated during 2019/2020 farming season in Mwense district. Mwense is one of the high potential districts in Luapula province where rice production is concerned.

## **MBALA FARMERS TRAINED IN FINANCIAL LITERACY**

Farmers in Lucheche Camp in Mbala have been trained in financial literacy by World Vision.

The aim of the training was to equip farmers with knowledge on how to be focused, save and being frugal with their had earned money and reinvesting their money in activities that will enhance production and productivity.

During the meeting, Lucheche Agricultural Camp Officer Memory Chisha thanked World Vision for the timely training.

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Water levels on Lake Kariba have continued to rise diffidently, notching up to 11.83% of usable water during the under review.

According to information obtained from the Zambezi River Authority, Lake Kariba closed the period under review at 477.21m (11.83% usable storage) on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Last year on the same date, the Lake level was 481.06m (39.69% usable storage).

The Zambezi River Authority said the Lake level has continued rising steadily and remained relatively stable towards the end of the reporting period.

Below are graphs capturing water levels on the Lake;

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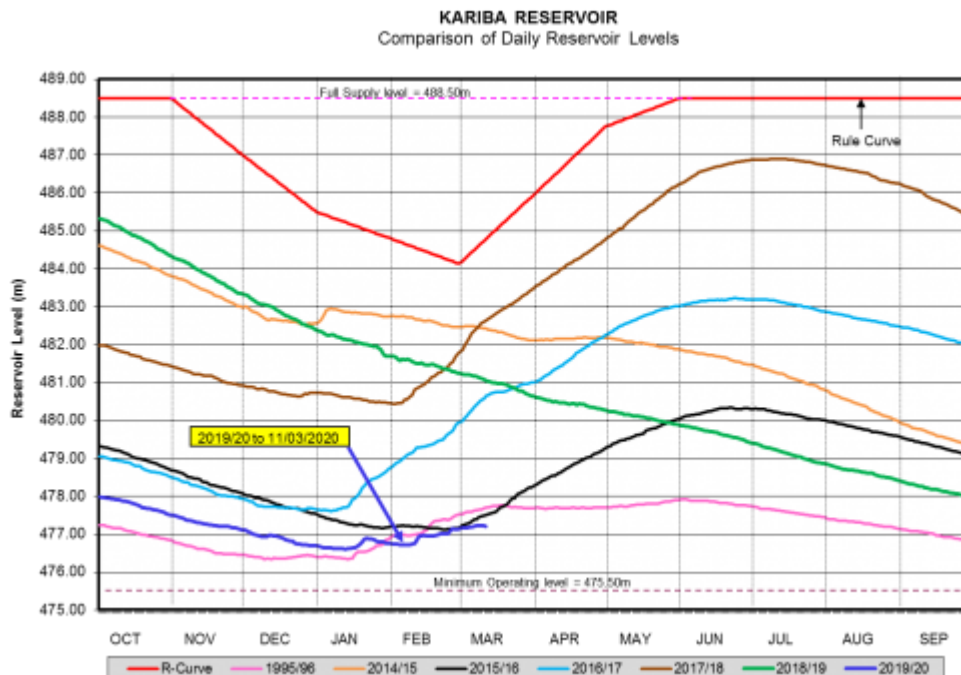
From:

27 February 2020

To:

11 March 2020

Day	This Year	%Full	Last Year	%Full
27/2/2020	477.13	11.26%	481.28	41.42%
28/2/2020	477.13	11.26%	481.25	41.19%
29/2/2020	477.14	11.34%		
1/3/2020	477.16	11.48%	481.23	41.05%
2/3/2020	477.17	11.55%	481.21	40.90%
3/3/2020	477.17	11.55%	481.2	40.82%
4/3/2020	477.18	11.62%	481.2	40.82%
5/3/2020	477.19	11.69%	481.18	40.66%
6/3/2020	477.21	11.83%	481.16	40.52%
7/3/2020	477.22	11.90%	481.16	40.51%
8/3/2020	477.23	11.97%	481.12	40.22%
9/3/2020	477.23	11.97%	481.11	40.14%
10/3/2020	477.22	11.90%	481.09	39.99%
11/3/2020	477.21	11.83%	481.06	39.69%



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## 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!

**ARE YOU A COMMERCIAL FARMER? THIS SURVEY IS FOR YOU!  
PROCEED TO CLICK THE SURVEY BUTTON AFTER THE BRIEF  
INTRODUCTION;**

Dear Farmer,

My name is Seb Mulders and I am currently studying a (BSc) Agriculture at Harper Adams University in the UK. I am researching **farmer attitudes towards adoption of renewable energy technology in Southern Africa** for my HRP (Honours Research Project).





I would like to ask if you could please complete a short (5 minute) survey to help contribute to my research; your participation would be much appreciated.

Kind regards,  
Seb Mulders.

Link to survey: <https://harper-adams.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/farmer-attitudes-toward-the-uptake-of-solar-technology-on>

## ZESCO NEEDS YOUR CONTACT DETAILS!!

In their continued effort to improve service delivery to farmers, ZESCO Limited is requesting for contact numbers as well as ZESCO account numbers from all ZNFU Paid Up Members who are not yet registered on ZESCO Ltd SMS facility.

ZNFU Paid Up Members who do not receive SMS notifications from ZESCO Ltd despite being registered may also resubmit the details for re-enrolment.

Kindly send you details to:

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## 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.

## WEATHER

### THE SEVEN DAY WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD FROM 14<sup>TH</sup> TO 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020

#### GENERAL SITUATION

From 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020, moist and unstable airflow from the northeast will be affecting the northern half of Zambia leading to cloudy weather conditions with rainfall



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activities. On the other hand, moderate and stable airflow from the southeast will be influencing weather over the southern half of the country resulting into isolated rainfall activities.

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020, moist and unstable airflow from the northeast will be inducing rainfall activities over most parts of Zambia.

## DETAILED FORECAST: 14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Northwestern, Copperbelt, Luapula, Northern and Muchinga Provinces:** Mainly cloudy with a chance of morning rain. The afternoons will be mainly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms. The nights will be partly cloudy with a chance of rain.

**Western, Southern, Lusaka, Central and Eastern Provinces:** Partly cloudy in the morning. The afternoons will be mostly cloudy with a chance of isolated showers. The nights will be mainly clear.

## DETAILED FORECAST: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**Most parts of Zambia:** Mostly cloudy in the mornings with a chance of rain. The afternoons will be mainly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. The nights will be partly cloudy with a chance of rain.

**ADVISORY:** Possible areas expected to experience heavy falls during the forecast period are Mansa, Mwense, Chipili, Kawambwa, Mwinilunga, Solwezi, Mpika, Kaputa, Nchelenge, Chiengi, Samfya, Kasama, Chinsali and Chama.

Produced by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

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