

FRIDAY BRIEF

...WEEK 14, 2020

HIGHLIGHTS

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EARLY MAIZE MARKETING UPDATE

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Farmers should take note that 57,754MT of the early maize will be bought through the Tripartite contract based on the Millers local requirements. A market for the rest of the early maize which is not needed locally will be created through immediate export arrangements by participating millers purchasing it.

The local market is said to be getting rainfed maize already and this has reduced demand for the early maize locally. Preparation of tripartite contracts by the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) is in motion and the Union will continue to communicate with farmers.

Further, ZNFU will begin to engage the millers on the export arrangements. Farmers should note that all the quantities declared as ready for supply in April have been allocated to participating millers and what is remaining is availing the contracts to farmers for signing and delivery can go on.

Therefore, there is need for farmers to ensure that the harvesting and drying is completed within the agreed period for both local sales and exports. Further information can be obtained from your area grain representative or the Secretariat.

COVID-19: ANOTHER TWO WEEKS OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES

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Making the pronouncement Thursday 9th April 2019, President Lungu said arising from the successes scored during the last two weeks, he would extend of the current measures and future decisions would depend on how the pandemic is going to evolve. The Head of state also announced another set of behavioural conduct to be adhered to apart from those stated a fortnight ago.

The new measures include;

(1) All citizens are advised to ensure that they wear face masks at all times, particularly,



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in public places such as markets, buses, bus- stops and shopping malls;

(2) All citizens are reminded to practice high levels of personal hygiene like washing or sanitising hands frequently;

(3) All citizens are reminded to cover their mouths with a flexed elbow when coughing;

(4) All citizens are reminded to use tissue when sneezing and carefully dispose it off in a bin;

(5) All citizens are reminded to avoid touching their faces and shaking hands;

(6) All citizens are reminded to observe social distancing every time and everywhere while limiting movements.

The President has called on everyone to “please stay home in order to stay safe”.

The measures announced two weeks ago include;

- Social distancing
- Avoiding Public gatherings of more than 50 people
- Shutting down Cinemas
- Closing of Gymnasiums
- Closing of Night clubs
- Closing of Bars
- Closing of Casinos
- Restuarants to be servicing take away food only
- All international airports to remain closed except for Kenneth Kaunda International Airport

And President Lungu has revealed that 17 patients have been discharged and out of 82 tests conducted in the last 24 hours, no new positive cases have been reported in the last 24 hours.

He said a total number of Covid-19 cases recorded in Zambia remain at 39, with one death, 24 discharges. Currently 14 patients are admitted, among them two on the Copperbelt.

He said all patients under quarantine or isolation are stable except for a 74 year old man whose condition has been unstable.





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President Edgar Lungu has revealed that government has released K2.5 billion in view of the current impact of Covid-19 on the economy to reduce domestic arrears owed to domestic suppliers of goods and services.

He said the money also includes the reduction on outstanding arrears to pensioners under public service pension fund and retirees who are claimants under the ministry of justice.

The President said this money will also reduce outstanding third-party arrears and other employee-related commitments.

President Lungu said other measures are;

1. Government has released K140 million to pay local contractors in the road sector. These resources will ensure that Zambian contractors and suppliers are not thrown out of business
2. Government has removed provisions of Statutory Instrument no. 90 relating to the claim of VAT on imported spare parts, lubricants and stationery;
3. Further the Bank of Zambia has taken measures to encourage use of digital financial services and mobile transaction services.

5.The Bank of Zambia has provided a K10 billion line of credit to banks that may face liquidity challenges and revoked statutory instrument for classification and provisioning of loans.

He has directed the Minister of Finance to ensure priority is given to small and medium scale enterprises (SMEs) that are adversely affected by the impact of the Covid-19.

He said the benefits of this move should go to businesses such as schools, gymnasiums, restaurants, bars, and nightclub owners whose businesses have been halted and have sent their workers home.

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The President said commercial banks are obliged to give them loans at an affordable rate to enable their businesses to survive.

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Speaking during a stakeholders' meeting convened by the Minister of Finance to thrash out the supply of agro products by local producers and importation of the said commodities by chain stores amid COVID 19, Professor Luo said Zambians should be concerned with what they consume as this has a telling effect on their health in the long run.

She said cold meats, especially that which has been kept frozen for a long time, could cause health complications to people that consume it.

Professor Luo says a lot of thought has to go towards the importation and use of products that may be used to produce some local foods as well, saying they should undergo serious scrutiny and tests before being approved for consumption.

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The Lake level has continued rising steadily.

According to the Zambezi River Authority (ZRA) the Lake Kariba closed the period under review at 478.34m (19.80% usable storage) on 9th April 2020. Last year on the same date, the Lake level was much higher at 480.50m (35.56% usable storage).

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

Below are graphs from ZRA.

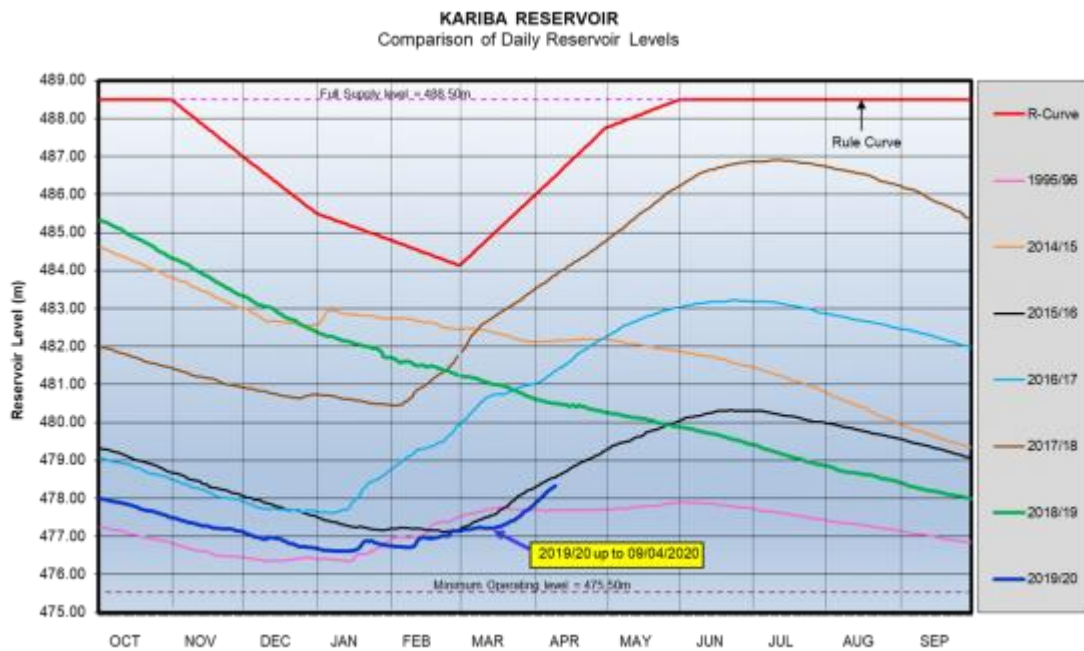
From:
27 March 2020
To:
9 April 2020

Day	This Year	%Full	Last Year
27/3/2020	477.64	14.86%	480.73
28/3/2020	477.68	15.15%	480.7



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Day	This Year	%Full	Last Year
29/3/2020	477.73	15.50%	480.68
30/3/2020	477.79	15.92%	480.65
31/3/2020	477.83	16.21%	480.64
1/4/2020	477.9	16.70%	480.6
2/4/2020	477.95	17.05%	480.6
3/4/2020	478.01	17.47%	480.58
4/4/2020	478.08	17.97%	480.56
5/4/2020	478.14	18.39%	480.54
6/4/2020	478.2	18.82%	480.53
7/4/2020	478.25	19.17%	480.52
8/4/2020	478.3	19.52%	480.49
9/4/2020	478.34	19.80%	480.5



FARMERS' HOLIDAY

Kindly note that **Friday 10th April** is a designated farmers' Holiday and thus farmers should observe this as such.

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Kindly note that the ZNFU offices will be closed during this period. See below the farmers' holidays in yellow for your information.

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

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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>

WEATHER

ZAMBIA EVENING WEATHER FORECAST: THURSDAY (09/04/2020)

GENERAL SITUATION

Strong, moist and cool airflow from the southeast has continued affecting most parts of Zambia resulting into cloudy and windy weather conditions. A drop in daytime temperature coupled with light rain is expected.

FORECAST FOR TONIGHT: THURSDAY (09/04/2020)

Most parts of Zambia: Mainly cloudy with a chance of rain and temperature will range from 17°C to 21°C. Wind speeds will be around 20km/h.



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REPORTED RAINFALL IN MILLIMETRES (MM) AT 08:00HRS: THURSDAY (09/04/2020)

Mfuwe 18, Kabwe Agro 11, Msekera 9, Lundazi and Mkushi 8, Kalabo, Zambezi and Kasama 7, Misamfu 5, Chipata, Mt. Makulu and Kawambwa 3, Kasempa, Choma, Serenje and KKIA 2, Lusaka City, Chinsali and Solwezi 1, Mpika, Isoka, Ndola, Petauke, Kabwe met, Kaoma and Senanga reported a trace (less than a millimetre)

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY (10/04/2020)

Most parts of Zambia: Mainly cloudy and windy with a chance of light rain in the morning. Temperature will range from 17°C to 25°C and wind speeds will be around 40km/h. The afternoon will remain cloudy with a chance of isolated thundershowers. Temperature will range from 25°C to 32°C with wind speeds of about 20km/h.

OUTLOOK TO SATURDAY (11/04/2020)

Less cloudy with a reduction in windy weather conditions and a slight increase in day-time temperature.

Produced by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

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