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Market Price Summary – 30th September 2020

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Table 1: Average Wholesale Prices for Chicken							
IQF Mixed Portions	Price (ZWL/kg)			Percentage change in price	Price (USD/kg)		
	27 Aug	30 Sep			27 Aug	30 Sep	Percentage change in price
1 kg	245.11	251.00	2	2.61	2.60	0	
2 kg	243.05	247.30	2	2.60	2.57	-1	
Whole chicken weight – grams							
900 – 1100g	276.62	269.25	-3	3.04	2.79	-8	
1500 – 1700g	265.22	257.83	-3	2.89	2.67	-8	
1700 – 1900g	265.14	256.57	-3	2.89	2.66	-8	
1900+	268.79	260.20	-3	2.95	2.69	-9	
Cuts							
Thighs	295.73	291.51	-1	3.15	3.01	-5	
Drumsticks	311.58	311.66	0	3.35	3.21	-4	
Wings	293.05	287.58	-2	3.13	2.97	-5	
Breasts	338.65	345.04	2	3.66	3.55	-3	
Quarter legs	286.90	286.24	0	3.06	2.95	-3	
Producer price	124.00	158.00	27	1.30	1.58	22	
Eggs per tray							
Mixed size shrink wrapped	311.53	301.98	-3	3.60	3.09	-14	
Standard – Loose	269.04	269.64	0	3.08	2.77	-10	
Open Market	286.00	297.00	4	2.60	2.70	4	
Production							
Broiler DoCs	57.94	90.00	55	0.56	0.95	70	
Layer DoCs	80.00	87.50	9	0.88	0.88	0	
PoL Hens	817.50	780.00	-5	8.38	8.50	1	

Table 2: Average Wholesale Prices for Beef							
Grade	Price (ZWL/kg)				Price (USD/kg)		
	27 Aug	30 Sep	Percentage change in price		27 Aug	30 Sep	Percentage change in price
Manufacturing	141.74	200.89	42		1.59	1.76	11
Economy	175.28	275.34	57		1.96	2.42	23
Commercial	207.52	323.19	56		2.32	2.84	22

Table 3: Average Wholesale Prices for Pork, Fish and Goat							
Commodity	Price (ZWL/kg)				Price (USD/kg)		
	27 Aug	30 Sep	Percentage change in price		27Aug	30 Sep	Percentage change in price
Pork	252.50	265.00	5		2.50	2.55	2
Fish	200.20	200.20	0		2.50	2.50	0
Goat	224.10	280.00	25		2.70	2.80	4

Table 3: Average Retail Prices for Stockfeeds							
Product	Price (ZWL/ 50 kg)				Price (USD/50 kg)		
	27 Aug	30 Sep	Percentage change in price		27 Aug	30 Sep	Percentage change in price
Broiler Feed							
Starter Crumbs	2,315.69	2,379.00	3		24.10	24.14	0
Grower Pellets/ Crumbs	2,249.91	2,314.29	3		23.45	23.54	0
Finisher Pellets	2,167.84	2,238.29	3		22.48	22.68	1
Starter Concentrate	3,187.50	3,237.33	2		33.25	33.00	-1
Grower Concentrate	2,834.33	2,764.00	-2		29.80	28.50	-4
Finisher Concentrate	3,194.69	3,277.86	3		33.27	33.32	0
Layer Feed							
Chick Starter Mash	2,148.03	2,210.43	3		22.39	22.61	1
Pullet Grower	1,897.69	1,937.57	2		19.93	19.61	-2
Pre-lay Mash	1,976.25	2,018.75	2		20.35	20.19	-1
Layers Mash Phase 1	2,043.00	2,084.00	2		20.87	20.62	-1
Layers Mash Phase 2	1,968.30	2,037.75	4		20.25	20.38	1
Chick starter concentrate	3,144.67	3,357.50	7		33.33	34.50	3
Layer developer concentrate	2,541.50	2,626.67	3		26.63	26.75	0
Layer concentrate	2,726.50	2,769.71	2		28.41	28.43	0

Market Overview

Between August and September 2020, the average ZWL wholesale prices of whole birds recorded a decline of 3%. The prices of chicken cuts declined by between 0.1 and 2% and the price/kg of chicken breast, together with the most preferred chicken product – 2kg mixed portions – increased by 2%.

However, the percentage change in pricing in USD tells a different story and showed a percentage decline ranging between 0.1 and 9% and the biggest decrease was in the price of whole birds.

The producer price recovered by more than 20% and chicken farmers were offered an average of USD 1.58/kg live weight for their birds.

The live bird market continued to hold at USD 3.00 – 5.00 per bird.

The average USD price of a tray of shrink-wrapped mixed size eggs declined by 14% and may be owing to consumer resistance. The price of loose eggs also reduced by 10% in response to lower open market prices.

The current short supply of broiler day old chicks (DoCs) on the market has resulted in an increase in prices ranging from 55 – 70%. Through lobbying efforts by the Livestock and Meat Advisory Council, the duty of 40% on hatching eggs imported from outside of SADC was suspended 21st October 2020. It is anticipated that the supply of DoCs will improve and that producer costs will be contained.

While prices of stockfeed per 50kg increased in ZWL, the price of finished broiler feed remained stable in USD terms. Prices of broiler concentrates declined by between 1 and 4%, apart from the price of finisher concentrate which increased by 0.2%. In the layer feed range, some products lines increased in price between 0.1 and 3% while others declined by 1 – 2%.

Average prices of beef in USD rebounded with increases ranging from 11 to 22%. Economy beef was at 94% of Individually Quick Frozen (IQF) mixed chicken portions while pork was at 99% of IQF. Goat meat continued to remain scarce on the formal market with a retail price that was 109% of IQF.

The average exchange rate for September stood at 81.35, an increase of 1.6% the rate of 80.08 in August. The month-on-month inflation rate in September 2020 was 3.8%, shedding 4.6 percentage points from August. The year-on-year inflation rate (annual percentage change) for September stood at 659%, down from 838% in July.