



## Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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#### **OVERVIEW**

The new producer prices for 2019 have been announced.

	Old RTGS \$/mt	New RTGS \$/mt	*US\$/mt
Maize	390.00	726.00	226.88
Soyabean	790.00	918.00	286.88
Cotttonseed		1,950.00	609.38
Wheat	500.00	1,089.69	340.53

\*Intermarket Exchange Rate = 3.2

Projected cereal production for the 2018/2019 season is 714,598mt which is lower than national needs. The anticipated shortages are likely to be source of market price risk and policy uncertainty.

#### **Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association of Zimbabwe**

Discussions about maize and the current constraints in procurement dominated the meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association held last week.

With a lower than anticipated harvest and carry-over stocks, the country is expected to rely heavily on imported maize to cover the deficit. The industry is working closely with government in managing the utilisation of current stocks and coordination of imports.

Members of the allied Associations had a fruitful meeting with Honourable Deputy Minister Haritatos to discuss the current challenges faced by the livestock industry in accessing maize from the Grain Marketing Board and to plan for a co-ordinated approach to imports. In this regard, SMA have been tasked with drafting a discussion paper for submission to the Ministry and GMB.

Maize and wheat brans and molasses are reportedly in short supply.

#### **Open Meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe**

Following detection of African Swine Fever in Nyanga North on 7<sup>th</sup> February, the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) immediately quarantined the affected area and placed a road block at the main exit point. DVS also embarked on an intensive surveillance

and awareness program to determine the exact extent of the disease and prevent spread to other areas. The affected area is on the periphery of Nyakomba irrigation scheme in the Nyamaropa area of Nyanga North District along the eastern border with Mozambique. It is suspected the disease could have spread from across the border in Mozambique.

PPAZ is actively involved in the Pig and Goat Value Chain development project under the EU-funded Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme. PPAZ will be attending the project inception meetings from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**Livestock Diary: May 2019**

<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mukono Magic Open Day, Chinhoyi</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association</b>
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open Meeting of the Pig producers Association of Zimbabwe</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association</b>

**Enclosures**

- Mukono Magic flyer