



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

This year, Zimbabwe Herd Book (ZHB) celebrated the 51st National Breed Sale on 31st July and from its humble beginnings in 1968, the Sale has evolved and firmly established itself as the premier Sale of the year. While stud breeders still face many challenges, their passion, commitment and sound breeding skills were evident in the wonderful animals that were entered onto the Sale. ZHB remains committed to keeping up to date with worldwide trends in stud breeding.

The average prices were significantly higher than last year, reflecting devaluation of the local currency. The average prices for bucks, bulls and heifers were ZWL 8,000, 32,263 and 14,938, respectively.

The top price was for a Ruvala Brahman bull bred by the Pilosof family, which sold for a whopping ZWL 172,000, followed by ZWL 75,000 for another Brahman bull, again bred by the Pilosof family. The third highest price of ZWL 60,000 was paid for a red Brahman bull bred by Mr Sibanda, Little Beatrice Brahman Stud. Bidding for heifers was firm.

Remarkably, average prices in real terms also remained firm at US\$ 3,226 for bulls and US\$ 1,494 for heifers (Figure 3 - using exchange rates of 1.5, 2.2 and 10:1 for 2017, 2018 and 2019, respectively) despite the prevailing macroeconomic conditions and the severe drought.

Financing of 2019/2020 crop production in the current economic conditions will be a challenge given the rise of the overnight accommodation interest rate to 50% and general tight liquidity. Following the removal of the multi-currency regime and introduction of the local currency, preparations for the 2019/2020 season are under threat as lending from banks is limited because of the high interest rates and the reduced balance sheet of financing institutions in real terms.

Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

In collaboration with Lake Harvest Aquaculture, Twine and Cordage, Blue Chip Fisheries International and Aquafeeds, ZFPA exhibited at the Zimbabwe Agricultural Show. The stand was visited by many people who attended the Show and aspiring fish farmers were given

practical and technical advice about their operations. Fish farming is one of the fastest growing livestock sectors and it is encouraging to note how many producers are seeking assistance and help in setting up their operations.

Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe



Goat Indaba and Launch of the EU-ZAGP Goat Value Chain Initiative

- Date:** Wednesday 18th September 2019
- Venue:** Henderson Research Institute, Mazowe
- Time:** 07.30am to 17.00pm
- Cost:** ZWL 100, inclusive of teas and lunch and an information pack
- Tickets:** Available from the office or at the gate on the day. Payment by swipe, Ecocash or transfer.

Livestock Diary

- Wednesday 4th September:** Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association
- Thursday 12th September:** Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association
- Friday 13th September:** Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

Enclosures

- Draft programme, Goat Indaba 2019
- DVS weekly highlights, 22nd August