Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 29th January 2021

OVERVIEW
The Department of Agricultural Technical and Extension Services has reviewed the rates for Meat and Livestock Grading services with effect from 26th January 2021. The last review of grading fees was in July 2019 and the current review has been necessitated by the high costs of transport to abattoirs, the cost of meat marking ink and the purchase of protective clothing.

When payments are made in RTGS currency, the prevailing auction interbank rate should be used.

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Zimbabwe Herd Book
The Nkone Cattle Club was originally formed in 1966 based on the name of the cattle breed in Zimbabwe at the time. In 1999, the name was changed to the Nguni Cattle Breeders Society.

The Nkone Cattle Breeders Society of Zimbabwe was resuscitated at the end of 2019 after the original society had become dormant some years ago and the new society voted and decided to change the name back to Nkone. Therefore, it is now the Nkone Cattle Breeders Society of Zimbabwe and the cattle are again officially called Nkone.

This is more historically correct as the Nkone in Zimbabwe are now at least 200 years removed from the first importations of Nguni into this country from South African parent stock and have developed into a unique ecotype.

Three Nkone herds representing 189 animals have registered with Zimbabwe Herd Book. Further details can be found on their Facebook page and their contact e-mail address is info@zimbabwenkonesociety.co.zw
Livestock Diary: February 2021

Wednesday 10th  Open Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association
Wednesday 17th  Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association
Friday 19th    Open Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association
Tuesday 23rd  Open Meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe
Thursday 25th  Open Meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs

Enclosures
- Livestock LRF Rates, January 2021
- Newsletter from the Food and Agriculture Organisation Family Farming Knowledge Platform
  http://newsletters.fao.org/q/1mUIldDPDfeYWfRAUvb/wv