



Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

The Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Resettlement wishes to inform the public and stakeholders that the Republic of South Africa confirmed an outbreak of highly pathogenic avian Influenza on a commercial chicken-layer farm in Gauteng Province.

The Department of Veterinary Services continues to monitor the situation and will advise of any changes on this position. The public and stakeholders are requested to be vigilant and to report any deaths of domestic poultry and wild birds to their nearest Veterinary Offices.

Please refer to the attached press statement for further information.

LivestockZimbabwe Web page activities, January 2020 to March 2021

Over the past 15 months, monthly webpage activity comprised an average of 665 unique visitors, 867 visits and 1,505 pages visited (Figure 1).

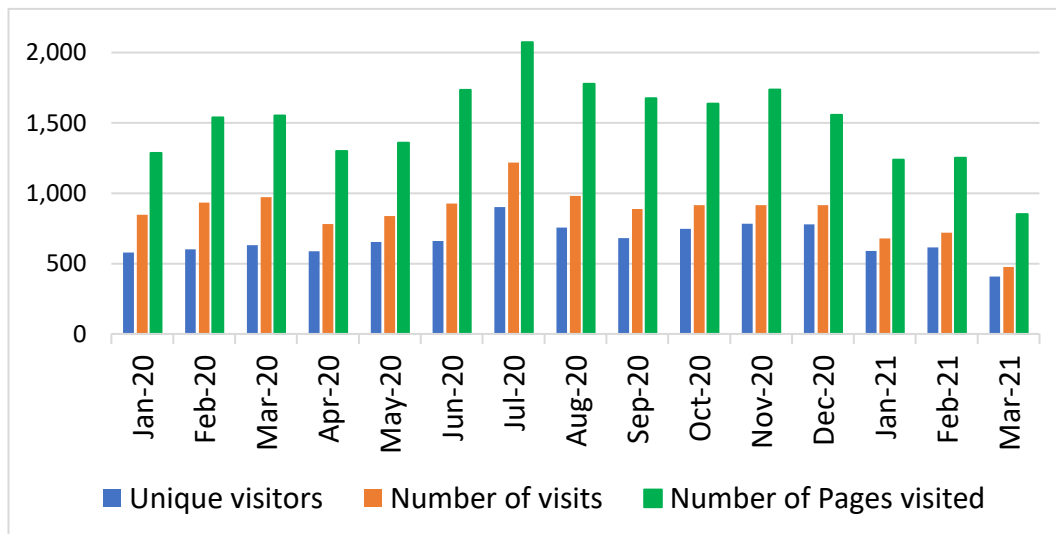


Figure 1. Number of unique visitors, visits and pages visited of the web page, January 2020 to March 2021

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Visits from the United States of America totalled 6,6362, being 2.5 times higher than Mauritius, Great Britain and Zimbabwe (Figure 2).

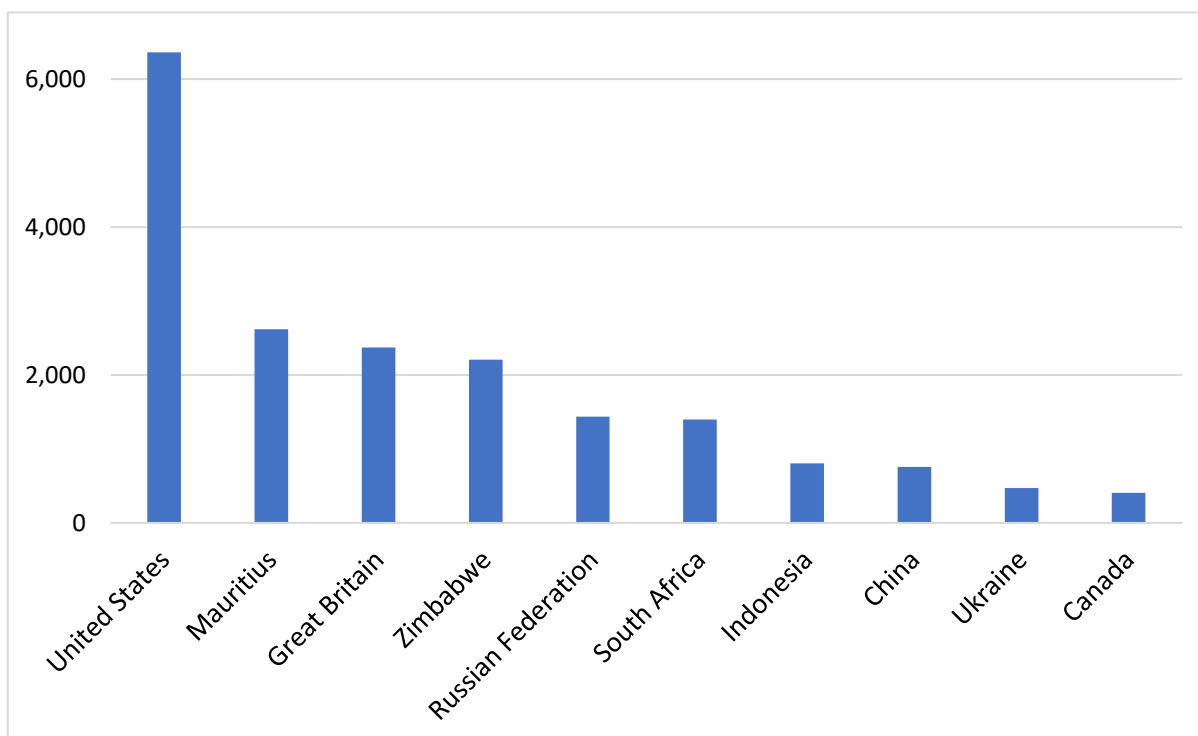


Figure 2. Pages visited by country to the web page, January 2020 to March 2021

Zimbabwe Herd Book

The National Breed Sale, held under the auspices of ZHB, will take place on Wednesday 28th July at Mr Hampden Sale Pens, Lomagundi Road, Harare. This prestigious event showcases the very best bulls and heifers from breeds such as Beefmaster, Boran, Brahman, Simmental, Tuli and attracts buyers from around Zimbabwe.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project (IPVC)

Mobile Feed Plants

One of the objectives of the IPVC project is reduction in cost of production for poultry farmers. Pursuant to this objective, a number of small to medium farmers within the PBAs have received training on the feed formulation and some have received inputs for maize, soya bean and small grains production, from project partners. These activities are meant to support the initiative to pilot use of mobile feed plants. Sourcing of equipment required for localized feed making is currently underway.

Ease of Doing Business

The beginning of the year 2021 was marked by the imposition of a COVID-19 induced lockdown which affected business operations. Farmers were facing difficulties in movement to source inputs and deliver their eggs and chickens. The LMAC made representations to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce on behalf of the PBAs and related business entities to improve the ease of doing business during that time and ensure smooth running of operations. Of note, the LMAC facilitated the reopening of butcheries in Bulawayo which provide a market for some of the poultry farmers, that had been instructed to close during the lockdown period.

Livestock Diary: April 2021

Wednesday 28th

Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association

Enclosures

- Press Statement about Avian Influenza
- Family Farming Knowledge Platform, Newsletter April 2021:
<http://newsletters.fao.org/q/1mUIdOrWeV5tqSTgm2Y/wv>
- Maricho Magazine, March 2021 Edition
- Old Mutual Economic Brief, First Quarter 2021