



Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

The Stockfeed Manufacturers Association of Zimbabwe held their 11th Annual General meeting on 17th March and the outgoing Chairman, Israel Muchuchu, noted in his address to the meeting, that “2020 had been one of the most challenging and unique in the history of the country’s industry in general and stockfeed manufacturers in particular”. In the first quarter of 2021, business operations were declared as essential services and remained open during the lockdown period in the early months of the year. Mr Muchuchu has been Chairman of the Association for many years and his dedicated service to the industry was given a sincere vote of thanks and appreciation by members.

Ms Brenda Kandiero was unanimously elected as the incoming Chairperson and Mr Dennis Tsondayi as Vice Chairperson.

Inclusive Poultry Value Chain Project (IPVC)

The IPVC project objectives includes improving productivity of farmers and one way of doing so is encouraging good agricultural practices which improve biosecurity, management practices and sustainability of the enterprise to reduce mortalities and potential production losses on the table egg production front. One of the activities earmarked to address this is training of trainers and farmers on Good Agricultural Practices. Plans are underway to hold these training workshops in all Poultry Business Associations (PBAs) in March and April.

With the prevalent shortage of layer day old chicks and Point-of-lay (PoL) hens, the IPVC project has empowered one of the medium scale table egg producers to produce PoL hens for PBA members. LMAC facilitated and coordinated the purchase and delivery of inputs supplied to the contractee and the supply agreement is on a revolving fund basis. Production of hens is currently underway, and Project and PBA officers are in the process of collecting and compiling bookings for PoL hens from table egg producers.

Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association

In the 2020 / 2021 agricultural season, farmers are expected to benefit from the pre-planting price of USD 320/mt announced by government, although questions have been raised as to the timeous disbursement of payments by GMB as the liquidity



LIT
Livestock Identification Trust



MPAZ
Meat Processors Association of Zimbabwe



PPAZ
Poultry Producers Association of Zimbabwe



SMA
Stockfeed Manufacturers Association



ZAA
Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs



ZADF
Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers



ZICORBA
Zimbabwe Rabbit Breeders Association



ZFPA
Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association



Zimbabwe Free Range Poultry Association



ZHB
Zimbabwe Herd Book



ZPA
Zimbabwe Poultry Association



ZQAP
Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork

requirement to fund the purchase is significant. Discussions have taken place between government and private industry on funding models that involve pre-payment by users of maize.

Reports of bumper harvests, both domestically and within the region, are exerting downward pressure on the maize price. July prices on the South African Futures Exchange are trading at USD 310/mt. Regionally, Malawi and Zambia are expected to harvest a significant maize crop and Zambia is expected to issue export licenses in the second half of the year.

The local soyabean crop is currently estimated at between 50 – 80,000mt against a national annual requirement of 240,000mt and producers are expecting similar equivalent USD prices to last year.

Some commercial farmers opted to grow maize instead of soyabeans because of the better profitability afforded by the pre-planting price.

Both maize and wheat bran are being sourced from Zambia and the production of molasses is presently low but expected to increase around mid-May to June.

Livestock Diary: March 2021

Tuesday 30 th	Open Meeting for members of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association
Wednesday 31 st	Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association