

# FRIDAY BRIEF

## WEEK 40, 2016

### This Week's Highlights.....

- ZNFU BOARD MEETS WITH DONORS
- PRESIDENT OPENS 12TH SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
- SILIYA AND KATAMBO TO HEAD MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK, RESPECTIVELY

..... SEE DETAILED UPDATES BELOW....

## INDUSTRY UPDATES

### ZNFU BOARD MEETS WITH THE DONORS

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2016, members of the ZNFU Board led by the Acting President, Mr. Richard Lisimba, met with the Cooperating Partners (CPs) that have been supporting the Union through the Core Support Programme. This follows the conclusion of the KPMG Audit, hence the need to discuss the next steps. During this meeting, the Acting President reported that the ZNFU President had stepped down as President of the ZNFU as well as President of the WFO, and that the Executive Director had been suspended from duty by the Board. To this effect the Deputy Executive Director, Mrs. Ellah Chembe will be the Acting Executive Director.

The meeting discussed the outstanding issues brought out in the Audit and the Union provided the donors with a report on the utilisation of the Core Support funding for 2014-2015, which will be reviewed by the donors. At the end of the meeting, both parties were pleased that the meeting had taken place in a cordial environment despite the negative media publicity that had gone on. The Union will continue to provide information to the CPs when required. The meeting was held at the ZNFU Boardroom and was attended by Excellencies Ambassadors of Sweden and Finland, and the Regional Director for We Effect.

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## **PRESIDENT OPENS 12TH SESSION OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

The President of the Republic of Zambia, His Excellency Edgar Chagwa Lungu, opened the 12<sup>th</sup> session of the National Assembly today, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The President stated that government's focus for the next five years will be on developmental milestones in line with the 7<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan whose focus shall be to achieve a resilient and diversified economy. Government will thus place high priority on industrialising the economy to create more jobs and wealth for Zambians. The President highlighted that efforts to move the economy from the current heavy dependence on Mining to one based on agriculture, livestock and fisheries and their entire value chains will continue in a more robust manner. He further noted that Zambia's neighbours provided a viable market for the country's agricultural products. The Head of State called for innovation and embracing of technology for service provision by all economic actors and for government to embrace long term planning and cost effective measures that eliminate waste and abuse of resources.

The broad macro-economic objectives for the next five years include attaining a double digit gross domestic product, maintaining a single digit inflation and having sustainable public debt to increase fiscal space and create room for development financing.

The theme of the maiden address by the Republican President was **"Building a multi-sectoral approach to development that enhances inclusiveness in development with leaving anyone behind"**. Government is therefore aiming at creating linkages between various sectors and building upon each sector's comparative advantage.

## **SILIYA AND KATAMBO TO HEAD MINISTRIES OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK.**

The Republican President, His Excellency Edgar Chagwa Lungu has so far appointed 25 members of His cabinet. Among them are Honourable Dora Siliya, (MP) and Honourable Micheal Katambo (MP) who will head the Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, respectively. The full list of Cabinet Ministers is as follows:

1. Hon. Davis Chama, (MP): MINISTER OF DEFENCE (Nominated);
2. Hon. Felix Mutati, (MP): MINISTER OF FINANCE (Nominated);
3. Hon. Steven Kamyongo(MP): MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS;
4. Hon. Harry Kalaba (MP): MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS;
5. Hon. Lucky Mulusa (MP): MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING (Nominated);
6. Hon. Chitalu Chilufya, (MP) MINISTER OF HEALTH;
7. Hon. Margaret Mwanakatwe (MP) MINISTER OF COMMERCE, TRADE AND INDUSTRY;
8. Hon. Joyce Nonde-Simukoko(MP): MINISTER OF LABOUR & SOCIAL SECURITY (Nominated);
9. Hon. Vincent Mwale, (MP): MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT;
10. Hon. Lawrence John Sichalwe,(MP): MINISTER OF CHIEFS AND TRADITIONAL AFFAIRS;
11. Hon. Jean Kapata (MP): MINISTER OF LANDS;
12. Hon. Victoria Kalima (MP): MINISTER OF GENDER;
13. Hon. Prof. Nkandu Luo (MP): MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

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14. Hon. Moses Mawere (MP): MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORT;
15. Hon. Dr. Dennis Musuku Wachinga(MP): MINISTER OF GENERAL EDUCATION.
16. Hon. Given Lubinda,MP: MINISTER OF JUSTICE
17. Hon. Chishimba Kambwili,MP: MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
18. Hon. Emirene Kabanshi,MP: MINISTER OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES
19. Hon. Christopher Yaluma,MP: MINISTER OF MINES
20. Hon. David Mabumba,MP: MINISTER OF ENERGY
21. Hon. Ronald Chitotela,MP: MINISTER OF WORKS AND SUPPLY
22. Hon. Kapembwa Simbao,MP: MINISTER OF TRANSPORT
23. Hon. Charles Banda,MP: MINISTER OF TOURISM
24. Hon Michael Katambo MP; MINISTER OF LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES
25. Hon Dora Siliya MP; MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

The appointed Provincial Ministers are as follows;

1. Hon. Sydney Mushanga, (MP) – CENTRAL PROVINCE;
2. Hon. Bowman Lusambo, (MP)-COPPERBELT PROVINCE;
3. Hon. Nixon Chilangwa, (MP) - LUAPULA PROVINCE;
4. Hon. Malozo Sichone, (MP) - MUCHINGA PROVINCE;
5. Hon. Brian Mundubile, (MP) - NORTHERN PROVINCE;
6. Hon. Makebi Zulu, (MP) - EASTERN PROVINCE;
7. Hon. Japhen Mwakalombe (MP)- LUSAKA PROVINCE;
8. Hon. Richard Kapita (MP) - NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCE (Nominated);
9. Hon. Edify Hamukale (MP) - SOUTHERN PROVINCE (Nominated);
10. Hon. Nathaniel Mubukwanu (MP) - WESTERN PROVINCE (Nominated)

Meanwhile the Republican President has further proposed the formation of four new Ministries; the Ministry of Presidential Affairs, Ministry for Water and Sanitation and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure Development; and Ministry of National Guidance and Religious Affairs. The new Ministries are subject to approval by Parliament, which resumes sitting on Tuesday, 4th October 2016.

## NEWS FROM ASSOCIATIONS

### THE POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA

#### Soweto Chicken and Egg Traders Seek Stronger Ties with Poultry Farmers

The Soweto Chicken and Egg Traders seek stronger ties with poultry farmers to play a critical in chicken and egg trading at Soweto market. This is to address the challenges poultry farmers are facing in trading at Soweto market. Poultry farmers have been facing numerous challenge at Soweto market especially those taking chicken in the early hours of the day around 02-04hours. The association has appealed to the poultry farmers to make use of the association in Soweto so that they are taken care of.

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This was revealed at the broiler sub-committee meeting held on Monday the 19th September 2016 at the Poultry Association of Zambia.

The broiler sub-committee and the Soweto Chicken and Egg Traders agreed in principal that the traders will be interested in buying chicken from the farmers directly at their farms at a farm price that will be agreed upon between them and the farmers. The SCETA is also discouraging farmers from taking chickens early morning to avoid theft but instead take the birds around 05hrs and transact with the association, for those interested in taking the birds to the market. It was also emphasized that there should be mutual trust between the farmers and the traders which is based on a win-win situation so that each group can concentrate on what they do best. Poultry farmers will be advised on the progress of this cooperation.

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## **ALERTS!!!!!!!!!!!!**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **ZNFU COUNCIL MEETING AND THE 111<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONGRESS**

**DATES:** 26th-28th October 2016

**VENUE:** Mulungushi International Conference Centre

#### **BROILER PRODUCTION TRAINING**

**DATE:** 1<sup>st</sup> October

**VENUE:** Livestock Services, Show Grounds, Lusaka

**ENTRY:** FREE

#### **SUMMER BROODING TRAINING**

**Kasama:** 7<sup>TH</sup> October 2016

**Nakonde:** 9<sup>TH</sup> October 2016

**Luanshya:** 5<sup>th</sup> October at Mwetete lodge

**Kitwe:** 15<sup>th</sup> October at CHEP

**Mufulira:** 12<sup>th</sup> October

**Mansa:** 8<sup>th</sup> October

**Solwezi:** 1<sup>st</sup> October

**Chingola:** 19<sup>th</sup> October

**Organisers:** Tiger Chicks and Ross Breeders in conjunction with poultry area associations

**ENTRY:** FREE

#### **2016 WORLD EGG DAY CELEBRATION**

**MONTH:** 14<sup>th</sup> October 2016,

**VENUE AND DATE:** Mahatma Ghandi Community Football Ground

**ENTRY:** FREE

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### **TUTA ABSOLUTA!!!!**

**Attention Farmers!!!** Be informed that there is a pest attacking tomatoes, called **Tuta absoluta** or leaf miner. *Tuta absoluta* is a serious pest of tomatoes causing losses of up to 100% by mining the leaves and burrowing into the fruits. Since the first detection in Zambia, the pest has spread fast causing very high levels of damage to tomato crops. Tomato growers are therefore advised and encouraged to visit their nearest Agro-chemical supplier or Ministry of Agriculture office for professional advice on how to contain, control and prevent it. You can also contact the Zambia Agriculture Research Institute (ZARI) Entomologist- Mr. Chipabika on 0977633750.

### **ROUND BALES OF HAY FOR SALE AT KASHIMA FARMS**

Kashima Farm: Contact Belly Mainza; 0977471708 ZMW 155/ bale, ZMW 150/bale over 100 bales

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **DISCOUNT OFFER ON EMPTY GRAIN BAGS UV TREATED**

The Zambia National Farmers' Union has negotiated for a discount on bulk buying of empty grain bags from Wonderful Group for members. ZNFU members can now buy a bale of 500 by 50kg bags (brown) at K1,000 or K1,600 for white bags. All interested members can contact with ZNFU Head Office.

#### **UPCOMING AGRICULTURAL HOLIDAYS**

Independence Day 24<sup>th</sup> October

Christmas Day – 25<sup>th</sup> December

## **NEWS FROM THE REGIONS**

### **CENTRAL REGION**

#### **AKTC HOLDS FIELD DAY**

The Agriculture Knowledge and Training Centre on September 29, 2016 successfully conducted the second field day at GART. The field day, which was attended by various stakeholders including small and emergent farmers, was aimed at showcasing the various agriculture machinery and techniques that enhance less costs but improve agricultural production. In his opening remarks, the AKTC team leader, Mr. Helmut Anschuetz encouraged all the farmers to make use of the technologies learnt if they are to enhance their farming activities. Meanwhile, the representative from the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture from Germany, Mr Clein Waechter, said Germany is happy to collaborate with Zambia in the field of agriculture. He encouraged farmers to take advantage of favourable climate conditions available in Zambia. He also urged farmers to make use of the natural resources available in the country and use the soil in a sustainable way. He encouraged farmers to take advantage of the AKTC to gain technical knowledge on agriculture-related innovations. On the other hand, farmers from Chibombo and Chisamba commended the AKTC project team and all collaborating partners such as the Ministry of Agriculture and ZNFU for organizing the important event which would positively change their mindset towards agriculture.

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## **EASTERN B REGION**

### **POLICE DETAIN A MAN SELLING FAKE PIONEER SEED**

Police in Petauke district last week detained a man from Mumbi area who was allegedly selling fake seed purported to be from DuPont Pioneer. A confirmation from the Regional Sales Manager for Pioneer in Eastern B Region, Mr. Tyson Tembo, indicated that over 80X10kgs bags of seed were confiscated from a Mr. Sakala of Mumbi area and that he was detained to help with investigations. Farmers have been further advised not to buy seed from unknown sources and instead buy from registered agro dealers.

### **KATETE DC LAUDS WORLD VISION ZAMBIA**

The District Commissioner for Katete District Mr. Joseph Makukula has expressed happiness with the work that World Vision Zambia is doing in the district to support government efforts in the agricultural sector. The organization this week on Tuesday handed over 290 goats and 80 bicycles valued at K212, 000.00 to farmers in Vulamukoko and Kandula wards of Katete district.

### **SUSPECTED TUTA ABSOLUTA SPOTTED IN NYIMBA**

*Tuta absoluta*, a devastating tomato pest, has been reported in Kacholola and Mfumbizi areas of Nyimba district. Farmers in Kacholola confirmed that their tomato fields were attacked by a strange pest that was rapidly damaging plants. Meanwhile one of the affected farmers has appreciated the help he received after reading an article from the *Zambian Farmer Magazine* on the tomato pest, which is seriously affecting tomato farmers across the nation.

## **EASTERN A REGION**

### **AFRIVET ZAMBIA PLEDGES TO SPONSOR LIVESTOCK DIPPING IN LUNDAZI**

Afrivet Zambia has pledged to sponsor a livestock dipping program in Lundazi. Afrivet Zambia Managing Director Simon Burgess said the program was part of the company's quest to reduce the occurrence of tick-borne diseases and promote awareness on the importance of routine livestock dipping.

Afrivet Zambia will provide a free start-up chemical for livestock dipping, and livestock farmers within Lundazi will be provided an opportunity to dip their livestock for free. When the farmers are satisfied with the results, they will need to contribute amongst themselves some money toward the purchase of the chemical for next use. This was revealed when Mr. Simon Burgess visited the district and held a meeting with ZNFU and the District Veterinary Development Officer. Lundazi district has 12 dip tanks under rehabilitation and only one is complete and ready for use.

### **SMALLHOLDER FARMERS CHALLENGED TO EMBRACE NEW FARMING TECHNOLOGIES**

Eastern Province Acting Provincial Agriculture Coordinator (PACO) Mr. Moffat Khosa has challenged small scale farmers in the province to do away with farming using hand hoe as this has contributed to low yields of farm produce.

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He has called on farmers to switch to using new farming technologies such as use of tractors and other farming equipment like rippers and boom sprayers. He was speaking in Chipata during a one day farmers' training meeting on tillage services. The training was organized by the Conservation Farming Unit (CFU) and was aimed at empowering smallholder farmers with tractors with skills in tillage business services. However, farmers bemoaned the high bank interest rates which they said were a barrier to accessing farming equipment like tractors and rippers. They appealed to the government to reduce the interest rates so that they could easily access the farming equipment on a manageable loan facility.

#### **KASEMPA DFA SAPP PROPOSAL IN APPROVED**

Following the application by Kasempa District Farmers Association(KDFA) to the Smallholder Agribusiness Promotion Program(SAPP), the Proposal has been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture. The project will be focusing on groundnut production on an outgrower scheme model. The DFA aims at adding value to the crop through oil extraction and seeks to promote bulking centre facilities in various parts of Kasempa District. Following this approval, communication will soon be made by the Agribusiness Department on what will be required of the DFA as they will be called to go and sign agreements as well as attend a training that will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 either in Lusaka or Solwezi. And Speaking when he addressed the meeting, Kasempa DFA executive Chairman Robson Mwanza thanked the Ministry of Agriculture for considering their proposal. Mr. Mwanza further thanked the ZNFU staffs for helping in putting up a sound document that has caught the eyes of the Ministry of Agriculture. Further, Mr. Mwanza urged and called upon the Farmer members of the DFA to take keen interest in matters of the DFA as the SAPP grant is for all farmer in the DFA.

#### **CHAVUMA RECEIVES COMPOUND D UNDER FISP**

Chavuma District has started receiving inputs for the 2016/2017 farming season under the Farmer Input Support Program (FISP). The district has so far received 1,195 bags of Compound D fertilizer with some trucks yet to be offloaded. This development has cheered the farming community in Chavuma, which expressed concern a few weeks back over delayed inputs. The DFA chairman Mr. Richard Manjimela commended government for listening to the cry of farmers by beginning the delivery of inputs and increasing the Input allocation under FISP with Chavuma receiving a 30 percent increase in Input allocation. Mr. Manjimela has further called on government to quickly send urea and seed so that Farmers can plant early.

#### **CHAVUMA DAC TO MEET**

The Chavuma District Agricultural Committee (DAC) meeting has been scheduled to take place on Wednesday 5th of October, 2016. The purpose of this meeting is to scrutinise and approve transporters, warehouse managers for seed and fertilizer, and to allocate inputs to blocks as well as Camps. The meeting will also see the election of a DAC chairman and his/her deputy. The DFA has been invited to attend this meeting through the Chairperson Mr Richard Manjimela.

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## **COPPERBELT REGION**

### **STREAMS CONTINUE TO DRY UP IN LUFWANYAMA**

Most perennial streams and underground aquifers have continued to dry up in most parts of Lufwanyama district, posing a challenge to households and livestock. Farmers in Lufwanyama's Kambilombilo farming area have expressed worry at the rate most streams and wells are drying up and have called on government to consider drilling more boreholes in the area to save the situation.

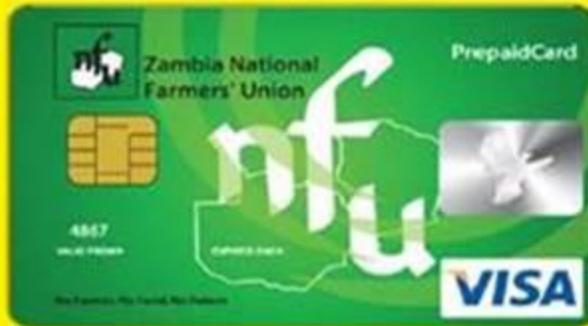
### **FARMERS IN MUFULIRA NOT AWARE ABOUT THE NEW FISP E VOUCHER**

Some farmers in Mufulira District have expressed concern at the newly introduced FISP E-Voucher programme that will be implemented in the district this farming season, saying the farmers are not aware of the new approach of getting the subsidised inputs. They pointed out that the authorities had not done enough in sensitising the farmers about the new approach of acquiring inputs under FISP. They have since called upon the Ministry of Agriculture in the district to go out and sensitise the would-be beneficiaries of the programme, saying failure to do this may result into total failure of the programme.

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