INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BIRD FLU OUTBREAK THREATENS LOCAL POULTRY INDUSTRY

With reported cases of Avian Influenza within South Africa’s borders, the local commercial poultry industry is at high risk of the outbreak turning into a pandemic with major financial and operational implications. This is according to Gareth Lloyd-Jones, Chief Commercial Officer of one of South Africa’s leading hygiene and sanitation service providers for the food, pharmaceutical and healthcare industries, the Ecowize Group.

The Mpumalanga outbreak, which has resulted in a ban on the sale of live poultry, follows an outbreak of the virus in Zimbabwe reported earlier this month. Lloyd-Jones explains that Avian Influenza - or 'Bird Flu' - is highly pathogenic and can spread very quickly. “While it does not infect or harm humans, it presents a major commercial threat as the only way to contain the virus is to cull any birds that may have been exposed. In addition to the number of birds taken by the virus itself, the necessary actions to contain the virus will undoubtedly have a major impact on the poultry association,” he says.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) has noted that local cases have presented the same strain but that the affected farms were not linked, meaning that each case resulted from separate introductions. The Department agreed to euthanize the birds together with the NSPCA. Lloyd-Jones highlights that vaccination against Avian Influenza is illegal as infected vaccinated birds can continue to spread the virus while their symptoms are masked.

He says, “It is important for poultry owners and breeders to prevent contact between their chickens and wild birds at this time. It is therefore advised not to feed chickens outside or to let them roam free or drink from open water sources. If infected, chickens will look sick and, because the virus spreads so quickly, you will notice high numbers of the flock dying off.” "If you suspect infection, do not remove the chicken, its eggs, bedding, manure or any other tools from your premise. Instead, do your best to quarantine the infected bird from the flock and call for assistance,” Lloyd-Jones stresses.

He adds that owners should prioritise the welfare of the local bird population and the poultry industry over any potential costs of testing and that the Department will pay for samples to rule out Avian Influenza if sent to the ARC-OVR through the State Vet office. “This outbreak calls for the industry to ban together and ensure that the virus is contained as quickly as possible. The sooner we are able to identify and address infections, the better chance we have to minimise the impact on us all. What the public need to understand about this outbreak is that if this problem does became a pandemic it would create a massive shortage and the laws of demand and supply would prevail forcing the price of chicken up,” concludes Lloyd-Jones concludes. http://www.cbn.co.za/component/k2/bird-flu-outbreak-threatens-local-poultry-industry.
LOCAL NEWS

TIGER HOLDS A TRAINING FOR THE POULTRY FARMERS IN LUSAKA

In an effort to continue improving the skills of the poultry farmers on various aspects of poultry management, Tiger Chicks held training for the poultry farmers in Lusaka on the 28th June 2017. The guest speaker for this training was Mr. Mohsen Ganjæe, who is a Technical Manager from Aviagen. Issues covered during the training included winter brooding management of the Indian River Breed (Tiger Chicks) and how to turn the poultry business into profitable venture. Other key issues touched during the training include bio-security issues, litter Management and costings. This training is part of the many trainings earmarked for poultry farmers in different districts. The farmers presented where informed on the benefits of adhering to the prescribed poultry management procedures to ensure that they can get the maximum benefits from the poultry farming. A total of 58 farmers attended the training. The Poultry Association of Zambia attended the event and wishes to encourage farmers to attend such important trainings so that they can be equipped with the much needed technical know-how they need to manage the poultry business efficiently and effectively.

PAZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING- 28TH JULY 2017

PAZ has scheduled the annual general meeting on the 28th July 2017 at Mulungushi Conference Centre. The Annual General Meeting is a supreme policy organ of the association and attracts all the players in the poultry value chain. This is annual event where members of the public are informed about the development in the industry, challenges and opportunities. In addition to that all the AGMs are elective events where key positions in the PAZ executive are subjected to elections. At this year’s event will attract one financial institution which has design and developed a financing program for the poultry farmer. All the poultry farmers especially Lusaka based are welcome to this important calendar event.

KEY ISSUES TO TAKE NOTE OF- AVIAN INFLUENZA

The rate at which the influenza is spreading is a source of worry. South Africa just reported the H5N8 influenza in Mpumalanga area. To contain this disease, all the poultry farmers are being urged to undertake the following measures.

1. Report any abnormal deaths of chickens and guinea fowls or any other birds to the nearest Veterinary Services Office
2. Ensure that you avoid interactions between the domestic wild birds and animals
3. Ensure that you practice high level of biosecurity and hygiene which include preventing any contacts with domesticated or wild animals, mechanical vectors or fomites

For any suspected mortalities please contact any nearest department under the Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock

TERMINATION OF HYBRID’S MEMBERSHIP TO THE POULTRY ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA

The general Membership of PAZ as well as other stakeholders in the Zambian poultry industry are notified that the Board of PAZ terminated Hybrid Poultry Farm (Zambia) Ltd.’s membership with effect from 5th May 2017 due to noncompliance with the conditions of membership as enshrined in the constitution of the Association. Arising from this development, Hybrid will no longer be participating in the activities of the Poultry Association of Zambia and also will not be collecting the Poultry Development Fund (PDF) contributions from farmers who buy their day old chicks from Hybrid. Since payment of PDF is the method of paying membership fees for small and medium scale farmers, all farmers who will be purchasing day old chicks from Hybrid with effect from May 2017, will be required to pay their PDF contribution directly to the Secretariat. The PDF contribution for the 2016/17 financial year is ZMK0.02 per day old chick. Farmers who purchase their day old chicks from hatcheries that are members of PAZ should ensure that their PDF payment is included on their invoice for each and every purchase. A copy of this will be required by the Secretariat prior to issuing them with a membership card. Hatcheries that are members of PAZ include Ross Breeders, Zamhatch, Tiger Chicks and Quantum Foods (formerly Bokomo). Be a proud member of the Poultry Association of Zambia which is the mouth piece of the poultry industry in Zambia. Poultry is the largest subsector of livestock in Zambia. Together we are the largest producers of animal proteins for the people of Zambia. Let us promote and protect the interest of the poultry industry in our country. For further details, please contact the PAZ Secretariat on +260-211-256354 or email pajmanager@gmail.com or visit our website at www.paoz.org

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ZAMBIA’S KWACHA CONTINUES TO EXHIBIT SOME GAINS

The Kwacha, which has throughout this month remained generally stable against the United States dollar, remain range-bound although month-end obligations could push its appreciation. First National Bank says as the month comes to a close, dollar flows could increase, causing the Kwacha, which has this month generally maintained the K9.20 and K9.30 bands, to appreciate. “The Kwacha has been trading steadily; we expect this to continue into this next week. Demand has matched supply, but this equilibrium could break in the event of a mismatch. As we approach month-end, dollar flows could increase, causing downward pressure. Assuming no unexpected events ahead, the month should close near current levels,” FNB says in its daily market update. Similarly, Zanaco Bank says the Kwacha, which on Friday held steady against the US dollar with demand for the greenback appearing to taper off, easing pressure on the local unit, is expected to maintain the K9.20 and K9.30 levels.

“The local unit is expected to continue trading in a narrow range as the market appears to be in a matched position. Trading range is expected to be between K9.20 and K9.30,” Zanaco bank says in its daily treasury. The table below outlines the trends of kwacha dollar rates as captured by the Central Bank.

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HATCHING SERVICES – PAZ OFFICES IN THE SHOWGROUNDS

AVERAGE DOC PRICES REMAINS UNCHANGED

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The prices of day old chicks have remained unchanged for the six weeks now. The price for the day-old broiler chicks during the week remained at ZMK 5.02. The lowest DOC is still trading at ZMK 4.7 while the highest is ZMK 5.5. The pullets from Quantum Foods are still trading at ZMK 7.8.

As the prices of stockfeed continue to drop, it is anticipated that uptake of DoC will also respond in a similar manner. The supply of DoC is very stable in all the districts sampled. The graph below shows the national average price trend for the broiler day old chicks. Please note also that the prices of day old chick may differ depending on a number of factors such as the distance and the source agent supplying the day old chicks.

The national average prices for live chickens in the open market post a minimal increase. The Live broiler bird prices are now averaging ZMK 34.26 compared with ZMK 36.24 obtained last week. This represents an increase of about ZMK 0.03. Looking at the graph below it can be observed that the prices for the broilers have generally been going down marginary since end of March 2017. The industry hopes the prices can be stable as the current price trend has already reduced the farm profit margins. The reasons behind the downward price trend has been attributed to oversupply in some markers especially Lusaka and also the sizes of chickens being offloaded on the market.

Lusaka and Kitwe have the lowest broiler prices whilst averaging ZMK 33.82 whilst the rest of the provincial centres are above ZMK 40.11per live bird. The X layer prices showed some marginal gains currently trading at ZMK 34.25 compared with ZMK 34.22 recorded last week. On the other hand, the village chicken prices posted some gains now trading at ZMK 55.27 compared with the ZMK 55.24 obtained last week.
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**NATIONAL AVERAGE LIVEBIRD PRICES - JUNE 2017**

**AVERAGE WHOLE DRESSED CHICKEN PRICES FOR LUSAKA REMAINS UNCHANGED**

No price movements have been observed in the frozen market during the course of the week. The prices for dressed frozen chicken remained unchanged in some of the chain stores surveyed during the course of the week. The average price for the whole frozen chicken in Lusaka is still trading at about ZMK 27.37 kg which is the same price as of last week.

Please note that the prices are obtained from Pick n Pay, Shoprite, Zambeef, Melisa supermarket and Cheers Stores. Different outlets have different pricing models hence the figures displayed is an average prices for all the sampled chainstores.

Source: Poultry Association of Zambia
There are still no changes in the prices of point of lay this week. The average prices have been maintained between ZMK 68 to ZMK 76 per bird. Different suppliers’ are offering different incentives to their customers.

- A 5% discount is being offered for all PAZ members who purchase 1000 and above point of lay at Yielding Tree.
- Rosedale Farm in Lusaka is also offering competitive prices for the point of lay and discounts for big volumes.
- For those on the Copperbelt, Quantum Foods has point of lay for sale at competitive prices.

For the beginners and are interested in getting battery cages, cage price ranges between ZMK2700 to ZMK8000 depending on the capacity and also the sources of the cages.

The retail egg prices in the open market remain unchanged averaging ZMK 26.50 per tray. The farm gate price is ZMK 0.5 lower than the prices for last week now averaging ZMK 24.23 per tray depending on the supplier and the size of the eggs. The delivery or farm gate price at Soweto market is still averaging between ZMK 22 to ZMK 23 per tray for large eggs, ZMK 20 and ZMK 21 for medium eggs.

Retail egg prices at Soweto are still trading between ZMK 24 to ZMK 26. Retail prices in some Chainstores have also been maintained, averaging between ZMK 24 to ZMK 36 per tray of 30 eggs depending on the supplier and packaging. For egg trays please contact KAGAAZ Industries limited on the following numbers +260973229349 or +26095535048.

Source: Poultry Association of Zambia
The national average prices for broiler and layer feed have registered some further price reductions. Broiler starter is now trading at ZMK 220.29 while grower is averaging ZMK 213.71 while finisher is trading at ZMK207. These reduction represents between 0.77%, 1.06% and 1.585 respectively.

Layer feeds are now trading between ZMK 164.64 and ZMK180.50per 50kg bag. For those compounding their own poultry feed, the charts below outlines the price sfor soyameal, number three meal and sunflower cake, fishmeal remains unchanged for this week. Please note that these prices are obtained from Livestock Services and note that these are indicative prices which may change without notice. Please note also that stockfeed tables have been split into broiler and layer feed. This applies also to the tables on key ingredients.
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Source: Livestock Services

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUSTAINABLE VILLAGE CHICKEN PRODUCTION
DATE: 5th JULY 2017
VENUE: LIVESTOCK SERVICES
TIME: 08:00HRS TO 12:00HRS

EGG PRODUCTION
DATE: 8th JULY 2017
VENUE: LIVESTOCK SERVICES
TIME: 08:00HRS TO 12:00HRS

HOME FEED MIXING
DATE: 15th JULY 2017
VENUE: LIVESTOCK SERVICES
TIME: 08:00HRS TO 12:00HRS

EVENTS: PAZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
DATE: 28th JULY 2017
VENUE: MULUNGUSHI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE
TO ATTEND: ALL POULTRY FARMERS
TIME: 08HRS - 12:30HRS

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