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# Proposed Auction Floor opening date.

9<sup>th</sup> March 2016





# Zimbabwean FCV Crop Report

21 January 2016

## Total Growers –

- To date about 70,412 growers have registered for 2016 compared to 88,801 at the same period in the 2014/2015 season
- The total number of growers for 2016 in the different sectors and regions are as follows:

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>Communal</u>	<u>A1</u>	<u>A2</u>	<u>Small Scale Commercial</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Manicaland</b>	3,139	4,139	702	791	<b>8,771</b>
<b>Mash- Central</b>	11,894	9,504	1,713	1,882	<b>24,993</b>
<b>Mash East</b>	2,824	4,031	1,238	922	<b>9,015</b>
<b>Mash West</b>	15,590	7,718	2,174	1,719	<b>27,201</b>
<b>Masvingo</b>	74	36	9	13	<b>132</b>
<b>Matabeleland</b>	-	1	4	-	<b>5</b>
<b>Midlands</b>	201	57	25	12	<b>295</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33,722</b>	<b>25,486</b>	<b>5,865</b>	<b>5,339</b>	<b>70,412</b>

Table updated as of 14 January 2016 Source TIMB



## New Growers per Area –

- The amount of first time growers for the 2015/2016 season are 9,025.
- The total number of ***new*** growers for 2016 in the different sectors and regions are as follows:

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>Communal</u>	<u>A1</u>	<u>A2</u>	<u>Small Scale Commercial</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Manicaland</b>	352	401	43	63	<b>859</b>
<b>Mash- Central</b>	1,843	1,686	102	83	<b>3,714</b>
<b>Mash East</b>	235	398	71	64	<b>768</b>
<b>Mash West</b>	2,626	768	109	49	<b>3,552</b>
<b>Masvingo</b>	20	6	2	1	<b>29</b>
<b>Matabeleland</b>	–	1	1	–	<b>2</b>
<b>Midlands</b>	50	32	18	1	<b>101</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,126</b>	<b>3,292</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>9,025</b>

Table data as of January 14 2016 Source TIMB



## Provincial Summary and Comments

The following Table shows the data comparison in area planted within the different provinces:

PROVINCE	Area planted (ha) 2014/2015			Area planted(ha) 2015/2016		
	Irrigated	Dry land	Total	Irrigated	Dry land	Total
<b>Mashonaland Central</b>	2,930	20,409	23,341	3,537	24,154	<b>27,691</b>
<b>Mashonaland West</b>	4,736	21,960	26,696	3,971	30,830	<b>34,801</b>
<b>Mashonaland East</b>	5,359	14,099	19,458	5,433	8,139	<b>13,572</b>
<b>Manicaland</b>	2,145	20,984	23,129	1,830	11,029	<b>12,859</b>
<b>Masvingo</b>	-	165	165	7	64	<b>71</b>
<b>Matabeleland North</b>	-	15	15	-	-	<b>-</b>
<b>Matabeleland South</b>	-	24	24	-	-	<b>-</b>
<b>Midlands</b>	179	412	591	209	-	<b>565</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,349</b>	<b>78,068</b>	<b>93,419</b>	<b>14,987</b>	<b>74,216</b>	<b>89,559</b>

Table Data as of 08 January 2016 source  
TIMB

### Comments:

•As seen above, there are 18,389 less farmers this season to date. The overall crop size is roughly 3,860 hectares less than last season. Although the number of growers in 2016 has decreased by 20% the country's total area planted has only decreased by 4-5% due to expansion by growers who experienced a favorable 2015 season.



## Weather, Irrigated and Dry Land Crop Overview

Weather: The month of November 2015 up to the 2nd week of December 2015 was characterized by very hot , dry weather conditions. Since then the long awaited, wide spread heavy rains were received across the whole country in the third week of December. However hot weather conditions resumed in the last week of December to date. The rainfall patterns for the 2015/16 season have been inconsistent, with the rains forecasted to resume mid to late January.

The below inserts are a comparison between two irrigated crops in different areas this season





**Irrigated Crop:** Growers with an irrigated crop have started harvesting and curing as the crop has grown out to its full potential. In spite of extreme hot conditions, good yield and quality is expected.

As conditions have been extreme in terms of climate for irrigated tobacco the crop is looking wholesome and large and should potentially reach high yields per hectare. As the farmers are reaping higher up the plant the crop is riper with more oil content compared to that of the lower leaves and showing a deeper/full orange colour.

**Dry Land Crop:** Dry land crop in the most parts of Zimbabwe was planted late, due to the late rains received in December. The crop is under stress because of the current hot weather conditions. The rains are expected in mid/late January which will bring relief to the crop, however the quality and yield remain compromised should these expected rains not occur.

As mentioned above the climatic conditions experienced this season have not been ideal for dry land or late planted crops. Most crops planted by mid December are in need of rain to bring in a better or stable yields. Farmers were advised to top lower down to help maximize growth in the high value leaf positions. This is also done to minimize further impact on yields and also to restrict tobacco curing of pale colour and hopefully, subsequently come out with a full desirable colour with some body and shine.



## Conclusion

### Comments:

•One can expect two major factors inhibiting the Zimbabwean crop size this season. Reduction in growers/hectares planted as well as the adverse weather conditions experienced leads this season's estimated crop size to be between 160 – 185 Million Kg's as opposed to 200 Million Kg's received in the 2015 season. Merchants believe the purchasing of the crop will commence in March and the reduction in crop size as well as the nature of the season will have a noticeable effect on pricing of any good/medium quality tobacco grown this year.

***CTP Commercial  
Irrigated Crop  
2015/2016***

