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PRESS STATEMENT

FRA RELEASED OVER 57,000 METRIC TONNES OF MAIZE UNDER THE TRIPARTITE PROGRAMME

The Food Reserve Agency (FRA) has released a total of fifty-seven thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven metric tonnes (57,987MTs) of white maize under the tripartite maize programme signed with the Millers Association of Zambia (MAZ) and the Grain Traders Association of Zambia (GTAZ).

The fifty-seven thousand, nine hundred and eighty-seven metric tonnes (57,987MTs) released was out of a total of seventy-one thousand, six hundred and eighty-nine point nine one metric tonnes (71,689.91MTs) of white maize that the Agency is required to contribute to the tripartite agreement.

The released quantity was as at Friday, 13th March 2020 and implies that the Agency still has a balance of thirteen thousand, seven hundred and three metric tonnes (13,703MTs) of maize yet to be released to millers covered under the tripartite agreement.

The Agency further wishes to state that the total maize allocation under the tripartite agreement was two hundred and ninety-three thousand, six hundred and forty-three point five metric tonnes (293,643.05MTs) out of which a total of two hundred and twenty-one thousand, nine hundred and fifty-three point fourteen (221,953.14MTs) was an allocation to be contributed by GTAZ and millers with their own maize.

Contrary to speculations that the maize allocation under the tripartite agreement had run out, the Agency wishes to inform the public that the maize allocations have not yet been depleted and the mealie meal shortage was artificial as Agency, GTAZ and MAZ still have maize.

Therefore, millers are encouraged to adhere to the tripartite agreement and ensure that there is a steady supply of mealie meal on the market pegged at the recommended prices.


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