



# Tiger Animal Feeds scoop 2006

*Tiger Animal Feeds Finance Manager Mr. Chilufya receiving the award on behalf of the company*

## ZNFU Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award

**T**IGER Animal Feeds has been honoured with the 2006 Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU) Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award.

The award was presented to the feed milling company by President Levy Mwanawasa at the 101<sup>st</sup> ZNFU Annual Congress held at Mulungushi Conference Centre recently.

Reading the statement before presentation of the award, ZNFU President Guy Robinson said Tiger Animal Feeds has over the past ten years made huge investment in Zambia that has greatly benefited the country's agricultural sector.

"The company being honoured today has a capacity of producing 66 000 tons of complete feed per annum. The company is the largest commercial feed supplier in the country with a strong distribution network of more than 40 outlets," said Robinson, adding that: "The company has contributed to the growth of small scale farmers and has helped establish new farmers through training and after-sale support programmes."

The Award was received on behalf of Tiger Animal Feeds by the company's Financial Manager, Mr. Chilufya.

Tiger Animal Feeds is the Zambian Division of the Astral Foods of South Africa. On September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the company marked 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its operations in Zambia.

According to Tiger Animal Feeds Chief Operating Officer-Africa Mr. Roedolf Steenkamp, the company has embarked on a strong capacity building drive, honing feed production, nutrition and management skills of the local employees. Tiger Animal Feeds currently employs more than 200 hard-working Zambians.

Mr. Steenkamp said the company's export business has grown strong over the past three years with the largest being the D.R.C.

Tiger Animal Feeds is very involved in market development through farmers' day and farm

training. The company has established a Nutritional Helpline that has proved to be very successful in helping customers take steps to correct their feeds.

In addition, Meadow Feeds has embarked on a strong capacity building drive, honing feed production, nutrition and management skills of the local employees. There are, however plans in the pipeline to double capacity in the next three years by upgrading equipment. Production efficiency will be improved by the introduction of new technology. Tiger Animal Feeds currently employs more than 200 hard-working Zambians

According to the Dairy Mail report, a publication for the Dairy Industry in Africa, the Zambian Tiger Animal Feeds has been crowned as one of the best performing mill in the Agri Feeds division of Astral Foods and this being the first time Zambia, or any other African country, receives this accolade. At the end of 2005 TAF was named the best performing feed mill in the Animal Feed Division of Astral Foods. Hence, the Zambian operation will serve as a hub for further expansion and development of animal feed and poultry.

Other awards given at the same function include the Best Performing Commodity Committee which was scooped by Wheat and Barley Commodity Committee. Best Performing District Farmers' Association went to Samfya while Zambia Farm Employers Association (ZFEA) got the Best Performing Commodity and Specialised Association award.

Mr. Nick Dean, Chairman of the National Wheat and Barley Commodity Committee received the award on behalf of the association while Samfya District Chairman Mr E. Boma was also at hand to pick the award. The award for ZFEA was received by the chairman Mr. Richard Denly.



*Nick Dean, Chairman of the National Wheat & Barley Commodity Committee receiving award*



*Samfya DFA Chairman Mr E. Boma receiving award on behalf of the association*



*Richard Denly, Chairman of Zambia Farm Employer Association receiving an award for Best performing specialised Association.*