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#### **Food and Allied Workers Union (FAWU) and poultry industry players raise grievances with EU Delegation**

The European Union Delegation to South Africa takes note of grievances presented at today's protest action and has taken receipt of the a memorandum presented to it.

The EU Delegation is aware of the effect that increased local chicken feed prices have had on production. Thus, there can be little doubt that the cost of chicken in South Africa has been negatively impacted upon by the recent drought. In this regard, the EU Delegation is confident that with better rainfall and a resultant better maize crop, the competitiveness of the South African poultry industry will improve substantially.

Further, in the interests of consumers and jobs creation, the EU Delegation will continue in its efforts to actively support initiatives (incl. financial support) that seek to increase productivity in agricultural value chains, including in the local poultry industry. The EU Delegation considers that open markets, as well as greater productivity and competitiveness are crucial in realising opportunities and development benefits provided through international trade.

The EU Delegation remains open to engage with government as well as industry and labour players. The EU Delegation considers today's event and petition inputs that feed directly into its dialogue with the appropriate South African interlocutors.

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