

## Zimbabwean farmers snub SA neighbours

A Zimbabwean farmers union is urging government to protect local farmers as a growing number of SA farmers are considering moving there. [New Zimbabwe](#) reports that the Commercial Farmers Union of Zimbabwe (CFU) director, Ben Gilpin, said that his union would 'discourage' South African farmers from taking advantage of a new government policy which extended land leases to at least 99-years. 'We know that there are people in South Africa who want to come across the border and there are people who are even claiming to be agents saying we will find agricultural opportunities in Zimbabwe. We would, as a union, discourage that,' Gilpin said. He added that **'the problem is these investments needs money and money is not available locally'**.