

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, 1985

Sugar

Sugar cane production for the year 1985 reached 5,583,345 metric tons as compared to 5,008,774 tons the previous year thus representing an increase of around 12%. The area harvested has been the same as in the previous year at around 185,000 arpents, but the yield of cane per arpent has risen from 27.1 in 1984 to 30.1 tons/arpent in 1985. However it should be noted that the 1984 crop was affected by unfavourable weather conditions as was that of the 1985 crop, but ^{the} latter suffered less damage. The yield for a normal crop in a year is around 33 tons/arpent.

645,797 tons of sugar were produced in 1985 compared to 575,617 tons in 1984 representing an increase of around 12%. The extraction rate was 11.57% (sugar recovered per cent cane) compared to 11.49% the previous year.

Tea

The area under tea cultivation in 1985 remained almost at the same level as that of 1984 at 9,300 arpents. Production of green leaves increased by 9% to reach 45,291 tons. Consequently, the quantity of tea manufactured increased from 8,021 tons in 1984 to 8,115 in 1985.

Tobacco

The area harvested in 1985 was 1,269 arpents as compared to 1,215 arpents in 1984. However, the production of tobacco leaves decreased from 934 tons in 1984 to 825 tons in 1985.

Foodcrops

Production of foodcrops amounted to 67,195 tons in 1985 as compared to 60,955 tons in 1984 that is an increase of about 10%. The total area harvested remained at the same level of the previous year at about 12,500 arpents.

Some of the crops that have performed well during 1985 were potatoes (+ 13%), maize (+ 50%), garlic (+ 37%), creepers (+ 41%), banana (+ 51%) and pineapples (+ 48%).

23,305 tons of potato were harvested from 2,043 arpents in 1985 as compared to 20,680 tons from 1,944 arpents in 1984. The yield per arpent has therefore increased from 10.6 tons/arpent in 1984 to 11.4 in 1985.

As regards maize, 2,441 arpents were harvested in calendar year 1985 yielding 4,890 tons of maize compared to 1,773 arpents yielding 3,265 tons of maize in 1984. It should be pointed out that maize production during crop year 1985/86 (which spreads from April to March) is estimated at 6,900 tons as compared to 4,900 tons in the previous crop year.

On the other hand decreases have been recorded in the production of groundnut (- 11%), onion (- 29%), tomato (- 14%), cauliflower (- 27%) and ginger (- 14%). For more details see table 6.

Livestock, Poultry and Fishing

Data on cattle, goat, sheep and pigs, refer to abattoir slaughters only and as such do not include off abattoir slaughters. While the total production of cattle meat has decreased slightly from 983 tons in 1984 to 949 tons in 1985, local production of cattle meat has increased by 36% from 432 tons in 1984 to 587 tons in 1985.

The following changes in production also have been noted in goat and sheep (+ 12%), pigs (- 12%), poultry (- 3%) and milk (+ 17%).

Fish production has increased significantly from 4,912 tons in 1984 to 7,054 tons in 1985 that is an increase of 44%. This is mainly attributed to a substantial increase in production of fish from high seas from 2,837 tons in 1984 to 5020 tons in 1985.

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Table 1 - Agricultural crops : area harvested and production

C r o p	1 9 8 4		1 9 8 5	
	Area harvested (arpents)	Production (metric tons)	Area harvested (arpents)	Production (metric tons)
1. Sugar cane	184,806	5,008,774	185,534	5,583,345
2. Tea (green leaves)	9,370 ^{1/}	41,573	9,259 ^{1/}	45,291
3. Tobacco	1,215	934	1,269	835
4. Foodcrops	12,576	60,955	12,663	67,195

^{1/} area under cultivation

Table 2 - Production of agro-industrial products

Agro-industrial products	Unit	1984	1985
1. Sugar	m/tons	575,617	645,797
2. Tea (manufactured)	"	8,021	8,115
3. Cattle ^{1/}	"	983	949
Local including Rodrigues	"	(432)	(587)
Imported	"	(551)	(362)
4. Goat and sheep ^{1/}	"	130	146
5. Pigs ^{1/}	"	617	541
6. Poultry	"	6,200	6,000
7. Milk	000 litres	9,150	10,700
8. Fish	m/tons	4,912	7,054
Coastal	"	(2,075)	(2,034)
Bank ^{2/}	"	(2,837)	(5,020)

^{1/} includes abbatoir slaughters only

^{2/} fresh weight equivalent

Table 3(a) - Sugar Industry - Field Statistics

Ownership	1984			1985		
	Area harvested (arpents)	Cane produced (metric tons)	Yield (per arpent)	Area harvested (arpents)	Cane produced (metric tons)	Yield (per arpent)
1. Estates	98,487	3,117,185	31.65	97,145	3,281,095	33.78
2. Metayers	4,586	84,504	18.43	4,654	99,652	21.41
3. Planters	81,733	1,807,085	22.11	83,735	2,202,598	26.30
TOTAL	184,806	5,008,774	27.10	185,534	5,583,345	30.09

Table 3(b) - Sugar Industry - Factory Statistics

Detail	Unit	1984	1985
1. Tonnage of canes crushed	tons	5,008,774	5,583,345
2. Extraction rate (commercial sugar recovered % cane)		11.49	11.57
3. Average polarisation	degrees	98.71	98.78
4. Average yield of sugar	tons/arpent	3.11	3.48
5. Average tons of cane per ton of sugar	tons	8.70	8.65
6. Production of sugar	"	575,617	645,797
(white)	"	(39,842)	(48,698)
(raw)	"	(535,775)	(597,099)
7. Molasses	"	141,652	154,149

Table 4 - Tea - Production of green leaves by type of producer

(metric tons)

Type of producer	1984	1985
1. Estates	4,013	4,165
2. Metayers	3,775	3,623
3. Free planters	2,217	2,306
4. Planters in Cooperative Societies	31,032	34,903
5. Other (including TDA)	536	294
Total	41,573	45,291

Table 5 - Tobacco - Area harvested and production of leaf

Variety	1984		1985	
	Area harvested (arpents)	Production (metric tons)	Area harvested (arpents)	Production (metric tons)
1. Virginia (flue cured)	957	668	1,097	676
2. Amarello (air cured)	258	266	172	159
Total	1,215	934	1,269	835

Table 6 - Foodcrops : area harvested and production

Foodcrops	1 9 8 4 ¹ /		1 9 8 5 ¹ /	
	Area harvested (arpents)	Production (metric tons)	Area harvested (arpents)	Production (metric tons)
Potato	1,944	20,680	2,043	23,305
Rice	115	275	71	135
Maize	1,773	3,265	2,441	4,890
Groundnut	1,941	2,420	1,657	2,165
Onion	667	3,635	501	2,595
Ginger	66	530	58	455
Garlic	62	175	85	240
Chillies	263	385	282	435
Tomato	2,142	10,500	1,643	8,985
Beans and peas	797	1,310	800	1,240
Cabbage	270	2,990	265	2,955
Cauliflower	99	725	76	530
Brinjal	159	750	161	870
Creepers	966	5,415	1,193	7,630
Mixed vegetables	457	2,615	487	2,825
Banana	775	4,750	800	7,150
Pineapple	80	535	100	790
Total Foodcrops	12,576	60,955	12,663	67,195

1/ - calendar year