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Agricultural Production - January - June 1987

Sugar

Sugar cane harvest during the first semester 1987 amounted to about 109,000 metric tons, representing canes processed by 10 factories which started operating during the month of June. Last year some 121,000 metric tons had been processed during the same period, out of a total crop of 6,025,000 metric tons.

Climatic conditions at the beginning of the year were not so favourable as last year and it is expected that both yield per hectare and extraction rate will be affected. Data for the first semester already indicate this, with yield averaging 8.2 metric tons/hectare (against 8.8 in June 1986) and extraction rate around 9.7 % (as against 11.0 in June 1986). The latest estimate for total sugar production this year amounts to 670,000 metric tons, as compared to last year's 706,839 metric tons.

Tea

Tea cultivation has remained almost unchanged with an area of 3,775 hectares. Production of green leaves, however showed a small increase to 25,745 metric tons during the first semester, compared to 25,081 metric tons during the same period last year.

Tobacco

Tobacco production during the first semester of 1987, has registered a significant increase of about 65% over the production during the same period last year. This increase was due mainly to the fact that area harvested during the semester was 163 hectares as compared to 98 hectares last year.

Foodcrops

A significant decrease of nearly 25% in foodcrop area harvested occurred between the first semesters of 1986 and 1987. Most of this difference of nearly 700 hectares was accounted for by maize, groundnuts and tomato.

Production was also affected by the heavy rainfall during the months of February and March 1987. The total foodcrop production fell from 25,400 metric tons during January-June 1986 to 16,200 metric tons during the same period of 1987. The main items contributing to this fall in production were : maize, groundnuts, onions, tomatoes, creepers and specially potatoes which was seriously affected by thrips, bringing down total production during the semester by almost 70%.

Livestock and Fishing

Production of cattle meat during the first semester of 1987 was 682 metric tons - an increase of over 15% over production during the corresponding period last year, when 588 metric tons were produced. It is to be noted that local cattle meat constitutes an increasing proportion of total cattle meat - and accounts for over 90% of production during the first six months of 1987.

Fish production reached 3,122 metric tons during the first semester of 1987 - or 10% over the same period last year when it was 2,850 metric tons.

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Table 1. - Agricultural crops : area harvested and production

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	Calendar year		January - June		July-December		January - June			
	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric tons)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric tons)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric tons)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric tons)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric tons)
1. Sugar cane	77,733	6,024,962	1,516	121,079	76,217	5,903,884	1,285	108,941		
2. Tea (green leaves)	3,775	43,423	3,778 1/2	25,081	3,775 1/2	18,342	3,775 1/2	25,745		
3. Tobacco	538	852	98	147	440	705	163	245		
4. Foodcrops	6,296	65,700	2,785	25,362	3,511	40,338	2,084	16,246		

1/ Area under cultivation

Table 2 - Production of agro-industrial products

Agro-industrial products	Unit	1986		1987	
		Calendar Year	January-June	July-December	January-June
1. Sugar	m/tons	706,839	13,356	693,483	10,515
2. Tea (manufactured)	"	7,876	4,554	3,322	4,429
3. Cattle ^{1/}	"	1,233	588	645	682
Local including Rodrigues	"	(894)	(383)	(511)	(619)
Imported	"	(339)	(205)	(134)	(53)
4. Goat and sheep ^{1/}	"	161	81	80	87
5. Pigs ^{1/}	"	595	254	341	334
6. Poultry	"	6,875	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
7. Milk	'000 litres	11,000	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
8. Fish	m/tons	7,977	2,851	5,126	3,122
Coastal	"	(2,027)	(618)	(1,409)	(593)
Bank ^{2/}	"	(5,950)	(2,233)	(3,717)	(2,529)

^{1/} includes abattoir slaughters only

^{2/} fresh weight equivalent

Table 3 - Sugar Industry Factory Statistics

Unit	1 9 8 6			January-June 1 9 8 7
	Calendar year	January-June	July-December	
1. Tonnage of canes crushed	6,024,962	121,078	5,903,884	108,941
2. Extraction rate (commercial sugar recovered % cane)	11.73	11.03	11.75	9.66
3. Average polarisation	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7
4. Average yield of sugar	9.1	8.81	9.1	8.18
5. Average tons of cane per ton of sugar	8.52	9.07	8.51	10.36
6. Production of sugar	706,839	13,356	693,483	10,515
7. Molasses	173,402	3,485	169,917	1,841

Table 4 - Tea production of green leaves by type of producer (metric tons)

	1986		1987	
	Calendar Year	January-June	July-December	January-June
1. Estates	3,686.4	1,498.0	2,188.4	1,917.7
2. Metayers	3,270.3	1,837.0	1,433.3	2,014.1
3. Free planters	2,286.9	1,494.0	792.9	1,342.1
4. Planters in cooperative societies	33,863.9	20,063.0	13,800.9	20,266.5
5. Other, including T.D.A.	315.6	189.0	126.6	204.2
TOTAL	43,423.1	25,081.0	18,342.1	25,744.6

Table 5 - Foodcrops - Area harvested and production

Foodcrops	1 9 8 6						1 9 8 7	
	Calendar year		January-June		July-December		January-June	
	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric tons)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric tons)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric tons)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric tons)
Potato	800	16,265	64	1,670	736	14,595	64	523
Rice	32	175	29	165	3	10	11	27
Maize	1,818	7,970	1,016	4,633	802	3,337	602	2,125
Groundnut	720	2,250	386	1,369	334	881	263	806
Onion	252	2,955	39	353	213	2,602	26	168
Ginger	18	360	3	66	15	294	6	106
Garlic	43	325	-	-	43	325	-	-
Chillies	106	385	50	194	56	191	56	180
Tomato	858	10,600	457	5,647	401	4,953	297	2,287
Beans & peas	316	970	120	383	196	587	109	348
Cabbage	123	3,270	44	1,120	79	2,150	46	948
Cauliflower	34	610	8	160	26	450	4	67
Brinjal	69	685	30	380	39	305	30	243
Creepers	482	7,285	252	3,712	230	3,573	258	2,852
Mixed vegetables	201	2,785	99	1,373	102	1,412	102	1,232
Banana	367	7,830	183	3,614	184	4,016	183	3,942
Pineapple	56	980	23	412	33	568	27	392
Total foodcrops	6,296	65,700	2,804	25,451	3,492	40,249	2,084	16,246