

## AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

(January - June 1991)

### 1. Introduction

This issue presents data on agricultural production during the first semester of the year 1991.

### 2. Sugar cane

During the first semester of 1991, only 1700 hectares yielding around 113,000 tonnes of sugar cane were harvested against 3,420 hectares with a production of about 236,000 tonnes in the corresponding period of 1990.

The significant decrease registered in cane production is mainly explained by the fact that only 7 factories, particularly those in the southern regions, had started operating as at June 1991. As a result of the adverse effect of the drought that prevailed during the vegetative stage, it is estimated that the 1991 crop will attain around 590,000 tonnes against 624,302 tonnes last year.

### 3. Tea

The area harvested increased by some 100 hectares to reach 3,000. Tea production of green leaves grew by around 5% compared to the previous semester of 1990 and reached nearly 18,300 tonnes.

### 4. Tobacco

The first half of 1991 recorded a substantial increase of about 55% in terms of area harvested which increased to nearly 180 hectares from 120 a year ago. Consequently, the production of tobacco raised to nearly 230 tonnes from 150 tonnes in the same period last year.

### 5. Foodcrops

Production of foodcrops during the first six months of the year dropped by nearly 13%, to almost 21,600 tonnes compared to 24,900 tonnes in the corresponding period of 1990. It is recalled that the drought conditions that prevailed from September 1990 to February 1991 had adversely affected the foodcrop production and also led to the late plantation of some main crops viz. potatoes and onions. Furthermore, some crops, for example cauliflower, were also affected by disease.

The comparative table given below shows main changes in the production of some foodcrops between January-June 1990 and January-June 1991.

	<u>(Tonnes)</u>		
<u>Foodcrops</u>	<u>Jan-June 1990</u>	<u>Jan-June 1991</u>	<u>Net change</u>
Potato	4,032	1,786	-2,246
Onion	197	98	-99
Tomato	5,511	4,447	-1064
Cauliflower	224	184	-40
Brinjal	405	593	+188
Chillies	250	272	+22

#### 6. Livestock

Cattle meat production from abattoir slaughters increased by 8% to reach 1,050 tonnes in the first semester of 1991. Meat production from local and imported cattle stood at about 210 tonnes and 760 tonnes in the first six month of 1990. Corresponding figures for 1991 were 155 tonnes and 900 tonnes respectively, which shows a decrease of nearly 25% in meat produced from local sources offset by an increase of around 18% in that from imported live cattle.

Production of goat and sheep meat went up by 30% to attain 100 tonnes as compared to around 75 tonnes in the first semester of 1990. It is worth noting that meat production from the slaughter of imported live goats which represents around 75% of total goat meat production doubled in 1991.

As regards production of pig meat, an increase of nearly to 7% was observed. During the first six months of this year, the production was 425 tonnes against about 395 tonnes last year.

#### 7. Fisheries

Fish production during the first half of 1991 registered a substantial increase of around 32% over the corresponding period of 1990 and attained almost 7,975 tonnes. Fresh fish (coastal) grew by about 17% and frozen fish from banks and tuna, by around 36%, following the coming into operation of an additional vessel.

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Table 1 - Agricultural crops : area harvested and production

	1990								1991	
	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	76,303	5,548,291	3,420	236,174	72,883	5,312,117	1,700	113,354		
2. Tea (green leaves)	2,905	29,868	2,905	17,483	2,905	12,385	3,000	18,311		
3. Tobacco	585	789	118	150	467	639	183	230		
4. Foodcrops	5,699	65,840	2,361	24,885	3,338	40,955	2,277	21,620		

1/ Area under cultivation

Table 2 - Production of agro-industrial products

Agro-industrial products	Unit	1990		1991	
		Calendar Year	January-June	July-December	January-June
1. Sugar	m/tons	624,302	24,626	599,676	9,818
2. Tea (manufactured)	"	5,751	3,308	2,443	3,492
3. Cattle <u>1/</u>	"	2,049	971	1,078	1,052
Local (including Rodrigues)	"	(450)	(210)	(240)	(155)
Imported	"	(1,599)	(761)	(838)	(897)
4. Goat and sheep <u>1/</u>	"	155	76	79	100
5. Pigs <u>1/</u>	"	830	396	434	425
6. Poultry	"	12,500	N.A	N.A	N.A
7. Milk	'000' Litres	11,000	N.A	N.A	N.A
8. Fish <u>2/</u>	m/tons	13,050	6,000	7,050	7,975
Coastal	"	(2,587)	(1,200)	(1,387)	(1,400)
Other	"	(10,463)	(4,800)	(5,663)	(6,575)

1/ abattoir slaughters only

2/ fresh weight equivalent

Table 3 - Sugar Industry Factory Statistics

Unit	1990			1991	
	Calendar year	January-June	July-December	January-June	
1. Tonnage of canes crushed	m/tons	5,548,291	236,174	5,312,117	113,354
2. Extraction rate (commercial sugar recovered % cane)	%	11.25	10.43	11.29	8.66
3. Average polarisation	degrees	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7
4. Average yield of sugar	m/tons/hectare	8.18	7.20	8.23	5.78
5. Average m/tons of cane per m/ton of sugar	m/tons	8.89	9.59	8.86	11.55
6. Production of sugar	"	624,302	24,626	599,676	9,818
7. Molasses	"	168,023	7,000	161,023	3,000

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

	1990			1991	
	Calendar Year	January-June	July-December	January-June	
1. Estates	1,851	1,032	819	915	
2. Metayers	2,338	1,531	807	1,316	
3. Free planters	2,460	1,315	1,145	1,339	
4. Planters in cooperative societies	22,932	13,432	9,500	14,602	
5. Other, including I.D.A.	287	173	114	139	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,868</b>	<b>17,483</b>	<b>12,365</b>	<b>18,311</b>	

Table 5 - Foodcrops - Area harvested and production

Foodcrops	1990						1991	
	Calendarly 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	984	17,820	208	4,032	776	13,788	122	1,786
Rice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maize	541	2,265	312	1,385	229	880	312	1,197
Groundnut	592	1,755	277	949	315	806	221	599
Onion	216	2,635	24	197	192	2,438	11	98
Ginger	36	625	4	77	32	546	2	38
Garlic	21	170	-	-	21	170	-	-
Chillies	117	595	42	250	75	345	54	272
Tomato	975	11,570	470	5,511	505	6,059	486	4,447
Beans & peas	333	1,280	127	514	206	766	112	434
Cabbage	167	3,680	63	1,161	104	2,519	68	1,253
Cauliflower	69	1,280	12	224	57	1,056	12	184
Brinjal	92	1,230	34	405	58	825	47	593
Creepers	764	9,330	406	4,738	358	4,592	465	5,302
Mixed vegetables	355	4,115	158	1,737	197	2,378	138	1,514
BANANA	350	6,135	175	2,951	175	3,184	183	3,201
Pineapple	87	1,355	50	754	37	601	44	702
Total foodcrops	5,699	65,840	2,362	24,885	3,337	40,955	2,277	21,620