

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

(January - June 1993)

1. Introduction

This report presents data on agricultural production during the first semester of the year 1993.

2. Sugar cane

During the first half of 1993, some 1,711 hectares of sugar cane were harvested, yielding 110,669 tonnes of canes. The corresponding figures for the same period in 1992 were 1,690 hectares and 127,604 tonnes respectively.

Climatic conditions prevailing during both the vegetative and maturing stage were unfavourable. As a result, the yield of sugar cane per hectare for the first semester of 1993 was about 65 tonnes against 75 tonnes in the same period a year ago. Furthermore, the extraction rate for the first six months this year was 7.65% compared to 9.46% for the corresponding period last year.

The 1993 sugar crop is forecast to be around 550,000 tonnes against 643,168 tonnes in 1992.

3. Tea

The area harvested went up by some 167 hectares to attain 3,300 hectares in 1993 against 3,133 hectares last year. Production of green leaves during the first six months of 1993 increased by around 18% to reach 19,673 tonnes as compared to 16,705 tonnes for the same period a year earlier. It is worth noting that mechanisation and favourable climatic condition led to an increase in production of green leaves.

4. Tobacco

During the first semester of 1993, the production of tobacco registered an increase of about 19% to reach 328 tonnes against 275 tonnes in the corresponding period last year. The main reason for this was an increase in the area harvested: 300 hectares as against 230 hectares last year.

5. Foodcrops

Area harvested under foodcrops during the first semester of this year rose by about 8% to reach nearly 2,440 hectares against 2,254 hectares during the same period a year ago. Production of foodcrops increased to 28,438 tonnes (+ 17%) during January - June 1993 from 24,380 tonnes during the corresponding period last year. This increase is the net result of an increase in area harvested for certain foodcrops combined with a decrease in others.

Comparative production figures for the first semester of 1993 and that of 1992 given in Table 5 show significant increases for onion (+65%), tomato (+20%), cabbage (+34%), brinjal (+32%), mixed vegetables (+50%), banana (+26%) and pineapple (+86%) and decreases for maize (-34%), groundnut (-47%) and ginger (-71%).

6. Livestock

During the period January - June 1993, cattle meat production from abattoir slaughters showed a slight increase of nearly 1% to attain 1,109 tonnes against 1,094 tonnes in the corresponding period a year earlier. Meat production from local (including Rodrigues) and imported cattle stood at about 257 tonnes and 837 tonnes respectively in the first semester of 1992. Corresponding figures for 1993 were 158 tonnes and 951 tonnes which shows a substantial decrease of nearly 39% in meat produced from local sources and an increase of around 14% in that from imported live cattle.

Production of goat and sheep meat registered an increase of around 3% to attain about 63 tonnes against 61 tonnes in the first semester of 1992.

As regards pig meat production, a slight decrease of 1% was noted. During the first semester of 1993, the production stood at about 458 tonnes against nearly 463 tonnes in the same period last year.

7. Fisheries

Total fish production during the first six months of 1993 grew by around 1,063 tonnes (12%) to attain nearly 9,966 tonnes against 8,903 tonnes in the same period a year earlier. Fresh fish (coastal) decreased by around 6% and frozen fish from banks and tuna, went up by nearly 15%.

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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 (Tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (Tonnes)
1. Sugar cane	75,077	5,780,722	1,690	127,604	73,387	5,653,118	1,711	110,669
2. Tea (green ^{1/} leaves)	3,133	30,379	3,133	16,705	3,133	13,674	3,300	19,673
3. Tobacco	811	970	230	275	581	695	300	328
4. Foodcrops	5,856	72,070	2,254	24,380	3,602	47,690	2,440	28,438

^{1/} Area under cultivation

Table 2 - Production of agro-industrial products

Agro-industrial products	Unit	1 9 9 2			1 9 9 3
		Calendar Year	January-June	July-December	
1. Sugar	tonnes	643,168	12,070	631,098	8,467
2. Tea (manufactured)	"	5,845	3,214	2,631	3,731
3. Beef <u>1/</u>	"	2,376	1,094	1,282	1,109
Local (including Rodrigues)	"	(528)	(257)	(271)	(158)
Imported	"	(1,848)	(837)	(1,011)	(951)
4. Goat meat and mutton <u>1/</u>	"	144	61	83	63
5. Pork <u>1/</u>	"	994	463	531	458
6. Poultry	"	15,500	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
7. Milk	'000' Litres	10,500	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
8. Fish <u>2/</u>	tonnes	17,654	8,903	8,751	9,966
Coastal	"	(2,725)	(1,363)	(1,362)	(1,275)
Other	"	(14,929)	(7,540)	(7,389)	(8,691)

1/ abattoir slaughters only

2/ fresh weight equivalent

Table 3 - Sugar Industry Factory Statistics

	Unit	1992			1993
		Calendar year	January-June	July-December	January-June
1. Tonnage of canes crushed	tonnes	5,780,512	127,604	5,652,908	110,669
2. Extraction rate (commercial sugar recovered % cane)	%	11.13	9.46	11.16	7.65
3. Average polarisation	degrees	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7
4. Average yield of sugar	tonne/hectare	8.57	7.14	8.59	4.95
5. Average tonnes of cane for 1 tonne of sugar	tonnes	8.99	10.57	8.96	13.07
6. Production of sugar	"	643,168	12,070	631,098	8,467
7. Molasses	"	261,252	4,000	257,252	4,000

Table 4 - Tea production of greenleaves, by type of producer (tonnes)

	1992			1993	
	Calendar Year	January-June	July-December	January-June	
1. Estates	1,743	886	857	977	
2. Metayers	1,953	1,099	854	1,349	
3. Free planters	2,160	1,127	1,033	1,336	
4. Planters in cooperative societies	24,322	13,473	10,849	15,867	
5. Other, including T.D.A	201	120	81	144	
T O T A L	30,379	16,705	13,674	19,673	

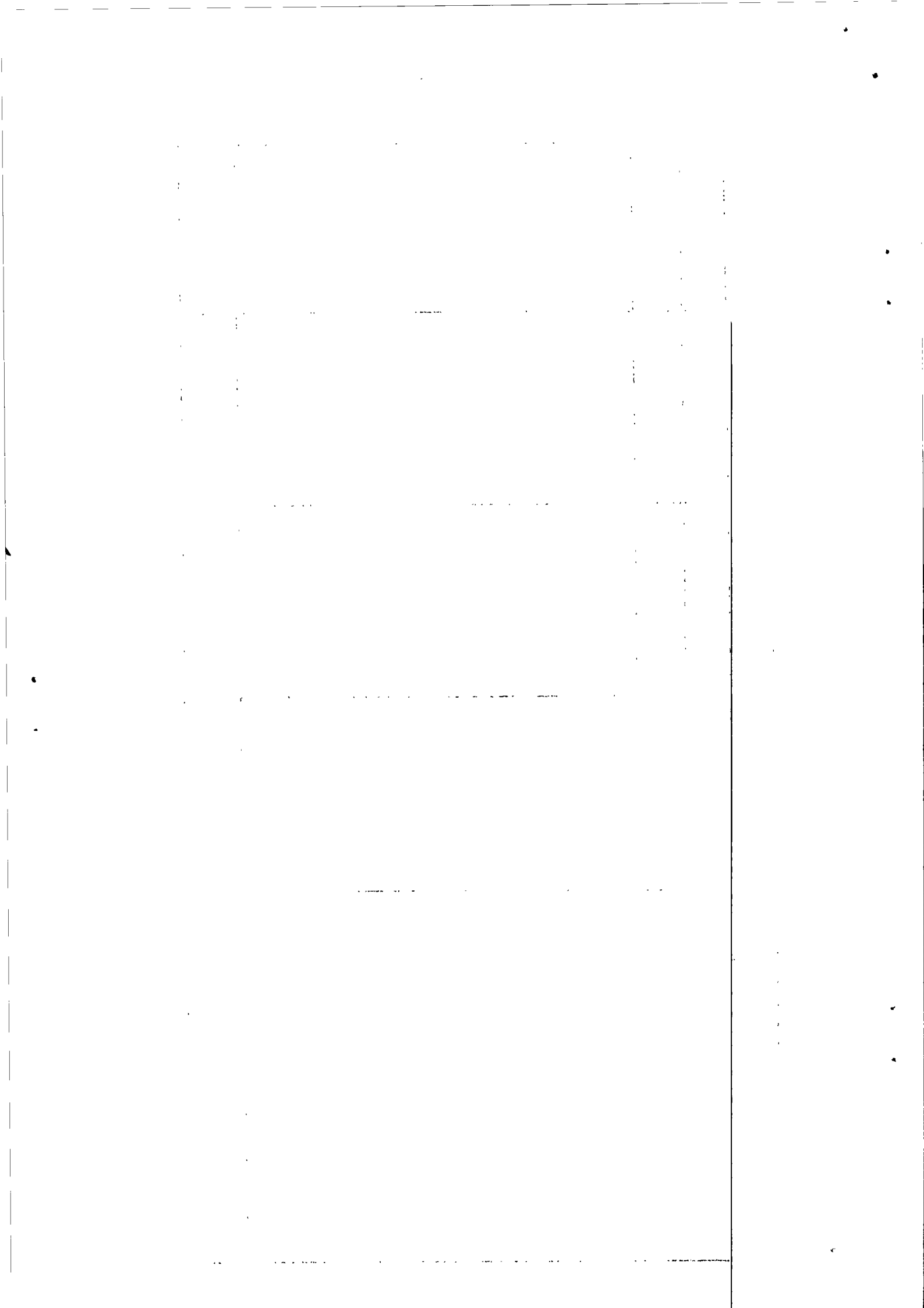


Table 5 - Foodcrops, Area harvested and production

Foodcrops	1 9 9 2						1 9 9 3	
	Calendar year		January - June		July - December		January - June	
	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)
Potato	998	19,175	105	1,835	895	17,340	112	1,714
Rice	1	5	1	5	-	-	-	-
Maize	450	1,995	260	1,143	190	852	230	750
Groundnut	405	1,190	152	430	253	760	75	227
Onion	214	5,240	12	104	202	3,136	20	172
Ginger	18	340	10	175	8	165	4	51
Garlic	23	170	-	-	23	170	-	-
Chillies	147	655	56	291	91	364	50	257
Tomato	963	10,220	445	4,623	518	5,597	520	5,540
Beans & peas	279	1,060	120	483	159	577	126	495
Cabbage	175	3,330	59	1,090	116	2,240	65	1,462
Cauliflower	61	1,150	12	223	49	927	14	240
Brinjal	105	1,210	51	630	54	580	68	833
Creepers	1,070	13,045	562	6,914	508	6,131	636	7,657
Mixed vegetables	370	4,455	149	1,576	221	2,879	211	2,359
Banana	462	8,530	216	3,947	246	4,583	240	4,987
Pineapple	115	2,300	44	911	71	1,309	69	1,694
Total foodcrops	5,856	72,070	2,254	24,380	3,602	47,690	2,440	28,438