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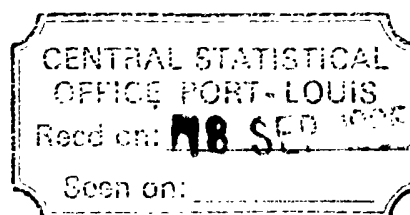
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

(January - June 1995)

1. Introduction

This report presents data on agricultural production during the first semester of the year 1995.

2. Sugar cane

Sugar cane production reached 218,128 tonnes during the first six months of 1995 compared to 87,226 tonnes for the corresponding period of 1994. The 1995 production figure includes 178,952 tonnes of canes harvested for the mini harvest in late May and early June 1995 to meet the European Union quota for 1994-95.

Due to adverse climatic conditions, the production of sugar is forecast at around 550,000 tonnes in 1995. This figure compares with 500,209 tonnes produced in 1994 when the crop was affected by cyclone Hollanda.

3. Tea

The area under tea cultivation was 2,900 hectares in June 1995, 6.1% less than the previous year's level of 3,090 hectares. The production of green leaves during the first half of 1995 stood at 13,893 tonnes, 16.6% below the 16,651 tonnes produced in the corresponding period of 1994. This decline in production is attributable to the combined effects of a reduction in acreage and unfavourable climatic conditions. Acreage under tea is expected to decline further following Government's decision to switch from tea to other activities.

4. Tobacco

The production of tobacco during the first half of 1995 went down by 9.2% to 305 tonnes from 336 tonnes in the corresponding period of the previous year. The main reason for this was a fall in the area harvested: 275 hectares in 1995 compared to 310 hectares in 1994.

5. Foodcrops

Area under foodcrops harvested during the first semester of 1995 went up by 3.8% to attain 2,796 hectares against 2,693 hectares in the same period a year ago. In spite of the adverse effects of cyclones during the first quarter of 1995, production of foodcrops increased to 33,480 tonnes in the first semester of 1995, 11.8% over that of the corresponding period in 1994 (29,935 tonnes). It might be recalled that foodcrops production in 1994 suffered from the passage of cyclone Hollanda in February 1994. The increased production, in the first six months of 1995, was the combined result of an expansion in the area harvested and an increase in yield per hectare.

Table 5 shows production data for individual foodcrops. Comparison of the data for the first semester of 1994 and 1995 indicates marked increases, mainly as a result of an expansion in area harvested, for the following foodcrops: ginger (+207.1%), beans and peas (+188.1%), tomato (+28.9%), cabbage (+21.0%), mixed vegetables (+19.1%) and groundnut (+10.7%).

By contrast, significant reductions, largely attributable to a decline in area harvested were recorded in the production of: potato (-69.1%), onion (-61.0%) and maize (-36.9%).

The sharp decrease of 69.1% registered in potato production in the first semester of 1995 is mainly explained by the late harvest of the 1993 crop in the beginning of 1994.

Better yield per hectare had a favourable effect on the production of cauliflower which increased by 32.8% to 676 tonnes in the first six months of 1995.

In spite of a decrease of 4.0% in area harvested in the first half of 1995 over the same period in 1994, production of creepers registered a 10.4% increase, mainly as a consequence of a better yield per hectare.

Banana production has partly recovered from the negative effects of cyclone Hollanda in February 1994. In fact, the 2,971 tonnes produced in the first half of 1994, jumped by 89.4% to attain 5,628 tonnes in the corresponding period of 1995.

As regards pineapple, a fall in the yield per hectare coupled with a decline in acreage, due partly to the abolition of the freight rebate scheme on exports, lowered production by 25.6% from 1,963 tonnes to 1,462 tonnes.

6. Livestock

During the first semester of 1995, the production of cattle meat dropped by 18.8% to 992 tonnes compared to 1,221 tonnes in the corresponding period of 1994. The bulk of this decline was due to a decrease of 28.2% in the slaughter of imported live cattle which fell from 1,047 tonnes in the first six months of 1994 to 752 tonnes in the same period in 1995. On the other hand, beef production from the slaughter of local cattle (including Rodrigues) increased by 37.9% from 174 tonnes in the first semester of 1994 to 240 tonnes in the same period of 1995.

Production of goat meat and mutton stood at 67 tonnes, 8.2% down from 73 tonnes in the first semester of 1994.

Pork production remained at the same level as in 1994, i.e, 488 tonnes.

7. **Fisheries**

Total fish production during the first six months of 1995 edged up 1.0% over the same period in 1994: 8,135 tonnes against 8,055 tonnes in the previous year. Production of fresh fish (coastal) stagnated at 1,275 tonnes and that of tuna and other frozen fish from banks rose marginally by 0.7% (+ 50 tonnes) to 6,765 tonnes.

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Table 1 - Agricultural crops: area harvested and production

	1994						1995	
	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	73,017	4,813,454	1,381	87,226	71,636	4,726,228	N.A. ^{2/}	218,128
2. Tea (green ^{1/} leaves)	3,028	27,204	3,090	16,651	3,028	10,553	2,900	13,893
3. Tobacco	696	1,025	310	336	386	689	275	305
4. Foodcrops	6,342	81,466	2,693	29,955	3,649	51,531	2,796	33,480

^{1/} Area under cultivation

^{2/} Not available

Table 2 - Production of agro-industrial products

Agro-industrial products	Unit	1 9 9 4			1 9 9 5
		Calendar year	January-June	July-December	
1. Sugar	tonnes	500,209	7,657	432,552	17,154
2. Tea (manufactured)	"	5,089	3,069	2,020	2,415
3. Beef 1/	"	2,609	1,221	1,388	992
Local (including Rodrigues)	"	(391)	(174)	(217)	(240)
Imported	"	(2,218)	(1,047)	(1,171)	(752)
4. Goat meat and mutton 1/	"	148	73	75	67
5. Pork 1/	"	1,058	488	570	488
6. Poultry	"	18,100	N.A. 3/	N.A.	N.A.
7. Milk	'000' Litres	8,000	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
8. Fish 2/	tonnes	17,078	8,055	9,023	8,135
Coastal	"	(2,613)	(1,275)	(1,338)	(1,275)
Other	"	(14,465)	(6,780)	(7,685)	(6,860)

1/ abattoir slaughters only

2/ fresh weight equivalent

3/ Not available

Table 3 - Sugar Industry Factory Statistics

	Unit	1 9 9 4			1 9 9 5
		Calendar year	January-June	July-December	
1. Tonnage of canes crushed	tonnes	4,812,879	87,226	4,725,653	218,128
2. Extraction rate (commercial sugar recovered % cane)	%	10.39	8.78	10.42	7.9
3. Average polarisation	degrees	98.7	98.7	98.7	98.7
4. Average yield of sugar	tonnes/hectare	6.85	5.54	6.88	N.A. ^{1/}
5. Average tonnes of cane per tonne of sugar	tonnes	9.62	11.39	9.59	12.72
6. Production of sugar	"	500,209	7,657	492,552	17,154
7. Molasses	"	144,510	3,000	141,510	6,500

^{1/} Not available

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

	1 9 9 4			1 9 9 5	
	Calendar year	January-June	July-December	January-June	July-December
1. Estates	1,618	829	789	819	
2. Metayers	1,393	837	556	796	
3. Free planters	2,877	1,718	1,159	1,768	
4. Planters in cooperative societies	21,159	13,175	7,984	10,453	
5. Other, including T.D.A.	157	92	65	57	
TOTAL	27,204	16,651	10,553	13,893	

Table 5 -- Foodcrops, Area harvested and production

Foodcrops	1994						1995	
	Calendar year		January - June		July - December		Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)
	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)
Potato	1,013	17,800	238	3,681	775	14,119	109	1,138
Maize	236	880	128	507	108	373	50	320
Groundnut	282	1,181	126	476	156	705	140	527
Onion	307	5,403	27	287	230	5,116	8	112
Ginger	33	516	5	70	28	446	10	215
Garlic	36	275	-	1	36	274	1	6
Chillies	176	667	76	283	100	384	72	291
Tomato	864	9,166	443	4,132	421	5,034	492	5,326
Beans & peas	305	1,301	122	486	183	815	305	1,400
Cabbage	210	4,372	80	1,503	130	2,869	104	1,819
Cauliflower	107	2,048	28	509	79	1,539	31	676
Brinjal	138	1,579	61	653	77	926	63	637
Creepers	1,601	19,632	867	9,923	734	9,709	832	10,958
Mixed vegetables	456	6,034	202	2,490	248	3,544	264	2,965
Banana	437	6,725	218	2,971	219	3,754	247	5,628
Pineapple	147	3,887	72	1,963	75	1,924	68	1,462
Total foodcrops	6,342	81,466	2,693	29,935	3,649	51,531	2,796	33,480

Date	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance