AGRICULTURAL AND FISH PRODUCTION

 **Year 2021**

**Introduction**

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on agricultural and fish production for the Island of Mauritius for year 2021, as well as revised figures for year 2020. Table 1 shows area harvested and production in respect of the main agricultural crops, while Table 2 shows production of the main agro-industrial products. Details on the sugar industry and food crops are given in Tables 3 and 5 respectively.

1. **Sugar cane**

The production of sugar cane increased by 1.9% from 2,620,874 tonnes in 2020 to 2,669,667 tonnes in 2021. The area harvested decreased from 43,711 hectares in 2020 to 41,897 hectares in 2021. The average yield has increased by 6.3% from 59.96 tonnes per hectare in 2020 to 63.72 in 2021.

The production of sugar fell by 5.6% from 270,875 tonnes in 2020 to 255,818 tonnes in 2021. Compared to 10.34% in 2020, the average extraction rate was 9.59% in 2021, representing a decrease of 7.3% mainly due to unfavourable climatic conditions.

1. **Tea**

The area under tea plantation in 2021 was 685 hectares same as in 2020. The production of green tea leaves declined by 1.4% from 5,105 tonnes in 2020 to 5,034 tonnes in 2021.

Production of manufactured tea increased by 1.3% from 1,083 tonnes in 2020 to 1,097 tonnes in 2021. Further details on tea production are given in Table 4.

**4. Food crops**

Data on food crops production, are supplied by the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI). Figures are, thereafter, adjusted to take into account backyard production of banana, eddoes, manioc and sweet potato.

The area under food crops harvested increased by 7.8% from 7,352 hectares in 2020 to 7,922 hectares in 2021. Production of food crops increased by 6.8% from 95,029 tonnes to 101,537 tonnes in 2021.

**5. Livestock**

Data on production of beef, goat meat, mutton and pork are supplied by the Mauritius Meat Authority. It is to be noted that these data represent only animals slaughtered by the Central Abattoir, including live animals imported from Rodrigues and other countries for slaughter.

In 2021, the production of beef from live cattle was 1,823 tonnes, which is 0.2% lower than the figure of 1,826 tonnes registered in 2020. Beef production from the slaughter of imported cattle, accounting for 99.4% of the total production, increased by 0.2% from 1,808 tonnes to 1,812 tonnes. Local beef production went down by 38.9% from 18 tonnes to 11 tonnes.

The production of goat meat and mutton decreased by 2.4% from 42 tonnes in 2020 to 41 tonnes in 2021.

The production of pork decreased by 4.0% from 598 tonnes in 2020 to 574 tonnes in 2021.

**6. Poultry**

The production of poultry increased by 3.4% from 47,500 tonnes in 2020 to 49,100 tonnes in 2021.

**7. Fish**

Total fish production increased by 8.6% from 26,415 tonnes in 2020 to 28,696 tonnes in 2021. This increase was attributable to a rise of 9.0% in the production of other catch (tuna, bank etc) from 25,282 tonnes in 2020 to 27,556 tonnes in 2021, as well as an increase of 0.6% in the production of fresh coastal fish catch from 1,133 tonnes in 2020 to 1,140 tonnes in 2021.

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