AGRICULTURAL AND FISH PRODUCTION

 **Year 2024**

**Introduction**

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on agricultural and fish production for the Island of Mauritius for year 2024, as well as revised figures for year 2023. 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 decreased by 10.5% from 2,452,653 tonnes in 2023 to 2,195,802 tonnes in 2024. The area harvested decreased from 35,863 hectares in 2023 to 34,759 hectares in 2024. The average yield has decreased by 7.6% from 68.39 tonnes per hectare in 2023 to 63.17 in 2024.

The production of sugar went down by 5.6% from 238,854 tonnes in 2023 to 225,547 tonnes in 2024. Compared to 9.74% in 2023, the average extraction rate was 10.28% in 2024, representing an increase of 5.5%.

1. **Tea**

The area under tea plantation in 2024 was 623 hectares, representing a decrease of 0.6% over the figure of 627 hectares in 2023. The production of green tea leaves went down by 11.0% from 6,762 tonnes in 2023 to 6,018 tonnes in 2024.

Production of manufactured tea decreased by 11.8% from 1,345 tonnes in 2023 to 1,186 tonnes in 2024. 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 harvested under food crops for open fields increased by 4.1% from 9,111.5 hectares in 2023 to 9,484.3 hectares in 2024. The production of food crops increased by 9.6% from 143,936.6 tonnes in 2023 to 157,701.3 in 2024.

The area harvested under food crops for under covered cultures increased by 0.6% from 99.5 hectares in 2023 to 100.1 hectares in 2024. However, the production of food crops decreased by 7.6% from 11,281.9 tonnes to 10,423.3 tonnes during the same period.

The total area harvested under food crops increased by 4.1% from 9,211.0 hectares in 2023 to 9,584.5 hectares in 2024. The total production of food crops went up by 8.3% from 155,218.5 tonnes to 168,124.6 tonnes during the same period.

**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 2024, the production of beef from live cattle was 2,090 tonnes, which is 2.0% higher than the figure of 2,049 tonnes registered in 2023. Beef production from the slaughter of imported cattle, accounting for 95.4% of the total production, decreased by 0.2% from 1,996 tonnes to 1,993 tonnes. Local beef production went up from 53 tonnes to 97 tonnes.

The production of goat meat and mutton increased by 2.2% from 46 tonnes in 2023 to 47 tonnes in 2024.

The production of pork increased by 10.7% from 572 tonnes in 2023 to 633 tonnes in 2024.

**6. Poultry**

The production of poultry decreased by 13.5% from 59,200 tonnes in 2023 to 51,200 tonnes in 2024.

**7. Fish**

Total fish production increased by 3.5% from 36,098 tonnes in 2023 to 37,362 tonnes in 2024. This increase was attributable to a rise of 3.7% in the production of other catch (tuna, bank etc) from 34,574 tonnes in 2023 to 35,862 tonnes in 2024, partly offset by a decrease of 1.6% in the production of fresh coastal fish catch from 1,524 tonnes in 2023 to 1,500 tonnes in 2024.

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