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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.

2. 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%.

3. 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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Table 1 - Agricultural crops: Area harvested and production, 2023 - 2024

Crops	2023		2024 ¹	
	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
Sugar cane	35,863	2,452,653	34,759	2,195,802
Tea (green leaves)	627 ²	6,762	623 ²	6,018
Food crops ³	9,211	155,219	9,585	168,125

¹ Provisional² Area under cultivation³ Includes both Open Fields and Under Covered Cultures**Table 2 - Production of agro-industrial products, 2023 - 2024**

Agro-industrial products	Unit	2023	2024 ¹
Sugar	tonnes	238,854	225,547
Tea (manufactured)	tonnes	1,345	1,186
Beef ²	tonnes	2,049	2,090
<i>Local (including Rodrigues)</i>	tonnes	(53)	(97)
<i>Imported</i>	tonnes	(1,996)	(1,993)
Goat meat and mutton ²	tonnes	46	47
<i>Local (including Rodrigues)</i>	tonnes	(26)	(19)
<i>Imported</i>	tonnes	(20)	(28)
Pork ²	tonnes	572	633
Poultry meat	tonnes	59,200	51,200
Milk	000 Litres	2,788	2,841
Fish ³	tonnes	36,098	37,362
<i>Coastal</i>	tonnes	(1,524)	(1,500)
<i>Other</i>	tonnes	(34,574)	(35,862)

¹ Provisional² Abattoir slaughters only³ Fresh weight equivalent

Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding

Table 3.1 - Sugar Industry - Field statistics, 2023 - 2024

Ownership	2023			2024 ¹		
	Area harvested (hectares)	Cane produced (tonnes)	Yield per hectare (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Cane produced (tonnes)	Yield per hectare (tonnes)
Estate	17,470	1,342,956	76.87	17,250	1,213,692	70.36
Metayers	395	18,264	46.27	386	17,110	44.36
Planters	17,998	1,091,433	60.64	17,123	964,999	56.36
Total	35,863	2,452,653	68.39	34,759	2,195,802	63.17

¹ Provisional

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Table 3.2 - Sugar Industry - Factory statistics, 2023 - 2024

Details	Unit	2023	2024 ¹
Canes crushed	tonnes	2,451,829	2,194,890
Extraction rate (commercial sugar recovered % cane)	%	9.74	10.28
Average polarisation	degrees	98.5	98.5
Average yield of sugar	tonnes/ hectare	6.66	6.49
Average tonnes of cane for one tonne of sugar	tonnes	10.26	9.73
Production of sugar	tonnes	238,854	225,547
(Plantation White Sugar ²)	tonnes	(108,115)	(105,932)
(Special)	tonnes	(130,738)	(119,615)
Molasses	tonnes	87,575	80,375

¹ Provisional² A processed raw sugar used to manufacture refined white sugar

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Table 4 - Tea - Production of green leaves by type of producer, 2023 - 2024**(Tonnes)**

Type of Producer	2023	2024 ¹
Estates	288	232
Metayers	1,647	1,328
Free planters	3,276	3,077
Planters in Co-operatives Societies	1,551	1,381
TOTAL	6,762	6,018

¹ Provisional

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Table 5.1 - Foodcrops, Open Fields: Area harvested, production and yield per hectare, 2023 - 2024

Foodcrops	2023			2024 ¹		
	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Yield per hectare (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Yield per hectare (tonnes)
Potato	738.3	13,772.2	18.7	652.2	13,667.8	21.0
Maize	129.1	1,501.5	11.6	108.4	1,288.9	11.9
Groundnut	151.1	347.7	2.3	146.9	310.5	2.1
Onion	380.4	5,402.8	14.2	297.4	7,058.0	23.7
<i>of which hybrid</i>	(351.7)	(4,860.8)	(13.8)	(258.9)	(6,304.2)	(24.3)
Ginger	77.2	1,757.9	22.8	114.7	2,763.2	24.1
Garlic	11.9	51.8	4.4	5.7	37.1	6.5
Chillies	391.2	3,161.1	8.1	352.2	2,546.1	7.2
Tomato	579.9	12,297.3	21.2	492.6	10,894.3	22.1
<i>of which hybrid</i>	(579.9)	(12,297.3)	(21.2)	(492.6)	(10,894.3)	(22.1)
Beans and Peas	316.8	2,622.8	8.3	278.2	2,236.6	8.0
Cabbage	360.2	13,077.2	36.3	429.9	14,037.8	32.7
Cauliflower	100.2	1,898.1	18.9	102.5	2,184.1	21.3
Brinjal	360.4	4,769.2	13.2	347.6	4,761.9	13.7
Creepers ²	2,526.0	38,848.8	15.4	2,676.9	41,061.1	15.3
<i>of which Cucumber</i>	(372.4)	(5,960.0)	(16.0)	(380.1)	(6,684.2)	(17.6)
Greens ³	311.6	2,989.7	9.6	409.9	4,910.4	12.0
Lettuce	220.1	3,284.3	14.9	285.6	5,798.0	20.3
Sweet Pepper	1.6	10.7	6.7	3.2	12.9	4.1
Mixed vegetables ⁴	1,447.9	20,979.5	14.5	1,721.0	27,487.3	16.0
Banana	714.8	11,246.0	15.7	759.0	10,843.1	14.3
Pineapple	292.9	5,918.1	20.2	300.7	5,802.1	19.3
Total food crops	9,111.5	143,936.6	15.8	9,484.3	157,701.3	16.6

Source: Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) and Statistics Mauritius estimates

¹ Provisional

² Includes Bittergourd, Calabash, Chouchou, Courgette, Cucumber, Patole, Pipengaille, Pumpkin, Squash and Voehm

³ Includes "Brede Baton blanc/vert/ de chine/ Chouchou/ Giraumon/ Malabar/ Tom pouce"

⁴ Includes Beet, Broccoli, Carrot, Echalotte, Eddoes, Ladies Finger, Leek, Manioc, Petsai and Sweet Potato

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Table 5.2 - Food crops, Under Covered Cultures¹: Area harvested, production and yield per hectare, 2023 - 2024

Foodcrops	2023			2024 ²		
	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Yield per hectare (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Yield per hectare (tonnes)
Potato	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maize	-	-	-	-	-	-
Groundnut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Onion	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>of which hybrid</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ginger	-	-	-	-	-	-
Garlic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chillies	0.3	4.4	13.1	0.3	5.5	17.3
Tomato	45.8	8,086.1	176.6	49.9	7,491.9	150.0
<i>of which hybrid</i>	(45.8)	(8,086.1)	(176.6)	(49.9)	(7,491.9)	(150.0)
Beans and Peas	0.4	5.1	13.2	0.4	8.0	20.5
Cabbage	0.8	46.6	61.6	0.1	4.5	44.8
Cauliflower	0.1	1.8	25.1	...	1.0	31.7
Brinjal	1.3	90.5	69.5	1.2	72.0	62.6
Creepers ³	10.9	1,479.7	136.0	12.7	1,430.4	112.7
<i>of which Cucumber</i>	(10.0)	(1,463.2)	(146.0)	(11.5)	(1,406.0)	(121.9)
Greens ⁴	1.4	36.2	25.8	3.6	60.6	16.9
Lettuce	26.7	538.6	20.1	21.0	535.5	25.5
Sweet Pepper	11.5	982.5	85.6	10.1	795.3	78.4
Mixed vegetables ⁵	0.3	10.3	31.8	0.8	18.6	23.0
Banana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pineapple	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total food crops	99.5	11,281.9	113.3	100.1	10,423.3	104.1

Source: Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) and Statistics Mauritius estimates

¹ Under Covered Cultures include hydroponic and non-hydroponic cultures

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- : Nil

... : Negligible

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Table 5.3 - Total¹ Food crops: Area harvested, production and yield per hectare, 2023 - 2024

Foodcrops	2023			2024 ²		
	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Yield per hectare (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Yield per hectare (tonnes)
Potato	738.3	13,772.2	18.7	652.2	13,667.8	21.0
Maize	129.1	1,501.5	11.6	108.4	1,288.9	11.9
Groundnut	151.1	347.7	2.3	146.9	310.5	2.1
Onion	380.4	5,402.8	14.2	297.4	7,058.0	23.7
<i>of which hybrid</i>	<i>(351.7)</i>	<i>(4,860.8)</i>	<i>(13.8)</i>	<i>(258.9)</i>	<i>(6,304.2)</i>	<i>(24.3)</i>
Ginger	77.2	1,757.9	22.8	114.7	2,763.2	24.1
Garlic	11.9	51.8	4.4	5.7	37.1	6.5
Chillies	391.5	3,165.5	8.1	352.5	2,551.7	7.2
Tomato	625.7	20,383.4	32.6	542.5	18,386.2	33.9
<i>of which hybrid</i>	<i>(625.7)</i>	<i>(20,383.4)</i>	<i>(32.6)</i>	<i>(542.5)</i>	<i>(18,386.2)</i>	<i>(33.9)</i>
Beans and Peas	317.2	2,627.9	8.3	278.5	2,244.6	8.1
Cabbage	361.0	13,123.8	36.4	430.0	14,042.3	32.7
Cauliflower	100.3	1,899.9	18.9	102.6	2,185.0	21.3
Brinjal	361.7	4,859.7	13.4	348.7	4,833.9	13.9
Creepers ³	2,536.9	40,328.5	15.9	2,689.6	42,491.5	15.8
of which Cucumber	<i>(382.4)</i>	<i>(7,423.2)</i>	<i>(19.4)</i>	<i>(391.6)</i>	<i>(8,090.3)</i>	<i>(20.7)</i>
Greens ⁴	313.0	3,025.9	9.7	413.5	4,971.1	12.0
Lettuce	246.8	3,822.9	15.5	306.6	6,333.4	20.7
Sweet Pepper	13.1	993.3	75.8	13.3	808.2	60.8
Mixed vegetables ⁵	1,448.2	20,989.9	14.5	1,721.8	27,505.9	16.0
Banana	714.8	11,246.0	15.7	759.0	10,843.1	14.3
Pineapple	292.9	5,918.1	20.2	300.7	5,802.1	19.3
Total food crops	9,211.0	155,218.5	16.9	9,584.5	168,124.6	17.5

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