

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

(January - June 1992)

1. Introduction

This issue presents data on agricultural production during the first six months of the year 1992.

2. Sugar cane

As at end of June 1992, some 1,690 hectares of sugar cane were harvested, producing 127,600 tonnes of canes. The corresponding figures for the same period last year were 1,700 hectares and 113,350 tonnes respectively.

Climatic conditions prevailing during both the vegetative and the maturing stage were quite favourable. Consequently, the yield of sugar cane per hectare for the first six months was 75 tonnes, 12% above last year's level. The extraction rate for the first semester was also higher than that of last year at 9.46% against 8.66% in June 1991.

Total production of sugar for this year is projected to be in the region of 660,000 tonnes against 611,340 tonnes the previous year.

3. Tea

The area under tea cultivation has remained almost at the same level as in 1991, i.e. at 2,850 hectares, but production of green leaves in the first semester of 1992, went down by 9%, from 18,300 tonnes to 16,700 tonnes. The bulk of this decrease was accounted for by a reduction in the number of plants per hectare.

4. Tobacco

The production of tobacco during the first semester of 1992 rose to 275 tonnes, 19% above that of the corresponding period in 1991, mainly due to larger area harvested which increased to 230 hectares against 180 hectares, a year earlier.

5. Foodcrops

Area under foodcrops harvested during the first six months of 1992 declined by 4% to about 2,190 hectares from 2,270 hectares during the corresponding period in 1991. But production of foodcrops for the same period of 1992 was 10% higher, increasing to 24,035 tonnes from 21,580 tonnes in the corresponding period last year. This increase was attributable to a better yield per hectare as a result of favourable weather conditions. By contrast, a decrease was noted in the production of certain foodcrops because of a significant decline in area harvested.

Comparative production figures for the first semester of 1991 and that of 1992 given in Table 5 show the following changes: Potato (+7%), Cabbage (-13%), Cauliflower (+19%), Creepers (+29%), Groundnut (-29%), Beans and Peas (+11%), Maize (-17%) and Banana (+25%).

6. Livestock

During the first half of this year, the production of cattle meat decreased by 2% to 1,035 tonnes against around 1,050 tonnes in the same period a year ago. This decrease was entirely due to a reduction in the slaughter of imported live cattle which dropped from about 900 tonnes in the first semester of 1991 to nearly 780 tonnes in the same period in 1992, thus showing a decline of almost 13%. Conversely, a sharp increase of 64% was noted in beef production from the slaughter of local cattle (including Rodrigues) which produced 255 tonnes in the first semester of 1992 as compared to around 155 tonnes during the same period in 1991.

Production of goat and sheep meat fell sharply by 33% to around 65 tonnes from 100 tonnes in the first six months of 1991. It is worthwhile to note that meat production from the slaughter of imported live goats which accounted for roughly 75% of total goat meat production in 1991 went down considerably by about 80% in 1992, whilst that from slaughter of local goat doubled in 1992.

During the first six months of 1992, pig meat production increased by nearly 8% to 460 tonnes as compared to the same period in 1991.

7. Fisheries

Total fish production during the first semester of 1992 rose by 1,255 tonnes (+16%) to attain around 9,230 tonnes against 7,975 tonnes in the corresponding period a year ago. Production of fresh fish (coastal) and that of frozen fish from banks and tuna registered a growth of 13% and 16% respectively.

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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	75,966	5,621,107	1,700	113,354	74,266	5,507,749	1,690	127,604
2. Tea (green) leaves	2,870	30,663	2,870	18,311	2,370	12,552	2,850	16,705
3. Tobacco	623	376	103	230	440	646	230	275
4. Foodcrops	5,494	64,050	2,271	21,578	3,225	42,512	2,194	24,037

1/ Area under cultivation

Table 2 - Production of agro-industrial products

Agro-industrial products	Unit	1 9 9 1			1 9 9 2
		Calendar Year	January-June	July-December	
1. Sugar	tonnes	611,340	9,818	601,522	12,070
2. Tea (manufactured)	"	5,918	3,492	2,426	3,214
3. Cattle <u>1/</u>	"	2,157	1,052	1,105	1,055
Local (including Rodrigues)	"	(544)	(155)	(389)	(254)
Imported	"	(1,613)	(897)	(716)	(781)
4. Goat and sheep <u>1/</u>	"	178	100	78	67
5. Pigs <u>1/</u>	"	906	425	481	457
6. Poultry	"	13,250	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
7. Milk	'000' Litres	10,800	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
8. Fish <u>2/</u>	tonnes	17,700	7,975	9,725	9,230
Coastal	"	(2,518)	(1,400)	(1,118)	(1,580)
Other	"	(15,182)	(6,575)	(8,607)	(7,650)

1/ abattoir slaughters only

2/ fresh weight equivalent

Table 3 - Sugar Industry Factory Statistics

Unit	1991			1992	
	Calendar year	January-June	July-December	January-June	
1. Tonnage of canes crushed	5,621,103	113,554	5,507,749	127,604	
2. Extraction rate (commercial sugar recovered % cane)	10.88	8.66	10.92	9.46	
3. Average polarisation	96.7	98.7	98.7	98.7	
4. Average yield of sugar	8.05	5.70	8.10	7.14	
5. Average m/tons of cane per m/ton of sugar	9.19	11.55	9.16	10.57	
6. Production of sugar	611,340	9,010	601,522	12,070	
7. Molasses	174,933	5,000	171,933	4,000	

Table 1. Employment in the Rubber Sector by Type of Establishment

	1951				January-June	July-December	January-June
	Calendar Year	January-June	July-December	1950			
1. Estates	1,740	215	825	836			
2. Metayers	2,156	1,316	840	1,099			
3. Free planters	1,180	1,330	350	1,127			
4. Planters in cooperative societies	24,500	14,602	9,053	13,475			
5. Other, including T.D.A.	223	139	84	120			
TOTAL	30,863	18,311	12,552	16,705			

Table 5 - Foodcrops, Area harvested and production

Foodcrops	1991						1992		
	Calendar year		January - June		July - December		January - June		Production (tonnes)
	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (Hectares)		
Potato	833	16,445	116	1,700	717	14,745	100	1,812	
Rice	2	10	1	3	1	7	1	4	
Maize	570	2,120	313	1,200	257	920	215	1,000	
Groundnut	480	1,380	225	606	255	774	152	431	
Onion	215	2,960	14	98	201	2,862	12	99	
Ginger	24	460	2	37	22	423	10	176	
Garlic	17	140	-	-	17	140	-	-	
Chillies	127	595	54	274	73	321	56	290	
Tomato	887	9,385	486	4,441	401	4,944	445	4,623	
Beans & peas	265	975	112	436	153	539	120	463	
Cabbage	172	3,490	67	1,256	105	2,234	59	2,069	
Cauliflower	52	780	12	186	40	594	12	222	
Brinjal	98	1,270	47	594	51	676	52	632	
Creepers	979	12,345	466	5,308	513	7,037	559	6,856	
Mixed vegetables	321	3,765	143	1,537	178	2,228	156	1,556	
Banana	359	6,490	169	3,197	190	3,293	215	4,000	
Pineapple	93	1,480	44	705	49	775	30	764	
Total foodcrops	5,494	64,090	2,271	21,578	3,223	42,512	2,194	24,037	

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 2. discusses the general principles
 3. of the proposed system.
 4. It is intended to provide a
 5. clear and concise summary of
 6. the key elements of the
 7. system, and to outline the
 8. main objectives and goals.
 9. The second part of the document
 10. describes the detailed structure
 11. and organization of the system,
 12. including the various components
 13. and their interrelationships.
 14. This part also discusses the
 15. implementation and operation of
 16. the system, and provides a
 17. detailed description of the
 18. various processes and procedures
 19. that will be used to manage
 20. the system.