AGRICULTURAL AND FISH PRODUCTION

 **Year 2022**

**Introduction**

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on agricultural and fish production for the Island of Mauritius for year 2022, as well as revised figures for year 2021. 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 15.5% from 2,669,667 tonnes in 2021 to 2,256,806 tonnes in 2022. The area harvested decreased from 41,897 hectares in 2021 to 39,199 hectares in 2022. The average yield has decreased by 9.7% from 63.72 tonnes per hectare in 2021 to 57.57 in 2022.

The production of sugar fell by 9.0% from 255,818 tonnes in 2021 to 232,707 tonnes in 2022. Compared to 9.59% in 2021, the average extraction rate was 10.32% in 2022, representing an increase of 7.6%.

1. **Tea**

The area under tea plantation in 2022 was 659 hectares, representing a decrease of 1.5% over the figure of 669 hectares in 2021. The production of green tea leaves went up by 26.2% from 5,034 tonnes in 2021 to 6,351 tonnes in 2022.

Production of manufactured tea increased by 5.4% from 1,097 tonnes in 2021 to 1,156 tonnes in 2022. 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 decreased by 3.3% from 7,951 hectares in 2021 to 7,692 hectares in 2022. The production of food crops increased by 4.0% from 101,901 tonnes to 105,974 in 2022.

The area harvested under food crops for under covered cultures increased by 47.2% from 53 hectares in 2021 to 78 hectares in 2022. The production of food crops increased by 51.2% from 6,111 tonnes to 9,237 tonnes during the same period.

The total area harvested under food crops decreased by 2.9% from 8,004 hectares in 2021 to 7,770 hectares in 2022. The total production of food crops went up by 6.7% from 108,012 tonnes to 115,211 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 2022, the production of beef from live cattle was 2,071 tonnes, which is 13.6% higher than the figure of 1,823 tonnes registered in 2021. Beef production from the slaughter of imported cattle, accounting for 94.1% of the total production, increased by 7.5% from 1,812 tonnes to 1,948 tonnes. Local beef production also went up from 11 tonnes to 123 tonnes.

The production of goat meat and mutton increased by 34.1% from 41 tonnes in 2021 to 55 tonnes in 2022.

The production of pork increased by 1.6% from 574 tonnes in 2021 to 583 tonnes in 2022.

**6. Poultry**

The production of poultry increased by 13.4% from 49,100 tonnes in 2021 to 55,700 tonnes in 2022.

**7. Fish**

Total fish production increased by 15.6% from 28,769 tonnes in 2021 to 33,254 tonnes in 2022. This increase was attributable to a rise of 15.1% in the production of other catch (tuna, bank etc) from 27,629 tonnes in 2021 to 31,812 tonnes in 2022, as well as an increase of 26.5% in the production of fresh coastal fish catch from 1,140 tonnes in 2021 to 1,442 tonnes in 2022.

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