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**COFFEE
INDUSTRY
BOARD**

ANNUAL REPORT



**FOR THE YEAR
ENDING
31st JULY, 1971**

Maggotty	—	15,580	16,863
Dover	—	<u>7,393</u>	<u>3,172</u>
		234,416	237,134

In addition Receipts at the two
Co-operative Factories were:

Catadupa	—	2,335	4,645
Guy's Hill	—	11,256	10,649
	TOTAL	<u>248,007</u>	<u>252,428</u>

The following table sets out the total number of boxes processed at the Board's six (6) Central Factories during the past five (5) crop years:

1966-67	—	202,933
1967-68	—	294,512
1968-69	—	194,022
1969-70	—	237,134
1970-71	—	234,416

(The average outturn of one box cherry coffee is approximately 10 lb. clean coffee).

Details of deliveries and disbursements by each Factory are set out at Appendix 'A'.

For the crop the Board paid a total of \$2.80 gross per box. Growers received a total nett cash payment of \$2.60 per box — i.e., a first advance of \$1.60 per box and a final payment (Bonus) of \$1.00 per box, which was made by the Board after sales of the crop were completed. The Board also paid 5c per box to the Jamaica Agricultural Society to be credited to the Growers' Share Capital Account in their respective Co-operative Societies, 14c per box to the Co-operatives to meet their expenses which include payment to Coffee Collectors, Group Secretaries, Secretaries of Co-operatives, etc., and 1c per box to the Jamaica Agricultural Society Coffee Growers' Federation Limited for the expense of the Federation. All costs incurred in the transportation of the cherry coffee from the collecting depots to the Central Factories as well as all processing and finishing expenses are met by the Board. The gross price per box by the Board over the last five (5) crop years is as follows:

1966-67	—	\$2.54
1967-68	—	\$2.59
1968-69	—	\$2.59
1969-70	—	\$2.79
1970-71	—	\$2.80

ORGANIZATION OF GROWERS

The majority of coffee growers in the areas served by the Central and Co-operative Factories are organised into groups which are affiliated to the Registered Coffee Co-operative Societies and Coffee Area Councils. These Organizations are all affiliated to the Jamaica Agricultural Society Coffee Growers' Federation Limited, which exercises control over them.

There are 20 coffee Co-operative Societies and 2 Coffee Area Councils with a total membership of approximately 53,977 organized in 649 Coffee Groups. The Board makes an annual grant of \$7,000.00 to the Jamaica Agricultural Society to provide Accounting Services for the Co-operatives and also to undertake Organizational Work within the Industry. Growers supplying coffee to the Catadupa and Guy's Hill Factories receive the same Advance Price per box and the same Bonus payment as growers supplying the Board's Central Factories. The Board provides funds for this purpose, and in addition, the Board also pays the actual processing expenses of the two Factories.

A comparison of the deliveries of coffee by growers to the Board's Central Factories through the Coffee Co-operatives, are set out below:—

<u>CO-OPERATIVE</u>	<u>1968/69 Crop No. of Boxes</u>	<u>1969/70 Crop No. of Boxes</u>	<u>1970/71 Crop No. of Boxes</u>
West St. Ann	17,576	30,410	24,090
East St. Ann	10,741	8,649	5,509
Upper Trelawny	6,182	5,670	10,816
Frankfield	41,665	47,665	51,870
South Clarendon	3,955	7,818	5,219
North East Clarendon	21,000	30,617	26,347
North Manchester	16,139	19,951	24,490
South Manchester	18,482	20,164	23,268
West St. Andrew	1,158	2,646	2,430
Central St. Catherine	12,159	16,156	9,688
North West St. Catherine	26,617	31,591	24,890
Central St. Mary	3,460	1,324	4,429
West Portland	1,138	426	1,817
Darliston	990	765	1,029
St. Elizabeth	7,430	8,939	7,634

MARKETING

All cherry coffee pulped and washed at the Board's six Central Factories and the two Co-operative Factories at Guy's Hill and Catadupa is

Destinations and quantities of all coffee exported during the period 1st August 1970 to 31st July 1971, are set out hereunder:

<u>Destinations</u>	<u>Quantities Exported (X) (Bags of 60 Kilos)</u>
Antigua	10.36
Bahamas	21.59
Barbados	216.97
Bermuda	4.32
Canada	15.47
Dominica	13.26
Grenada	42.28
Guyana	992.29
Japan	12,147.05
Monsterrat	1.63
St. Kitts	5.78
St. Lucia	10.06
St. Vincent	13.90
Switzerland (For de-caffeination and return to Jamaica)	332.64
Trinidad (Sent for processing in Jamaica and return to Trinidad)	173.50
Trinidad	844.91
United Kingdom	687.55
United States of America	244.61
Surinam	1.43
Italy	99.79
British Honduras	2.72
	<u>15,882.11</u>

(X) Roasted Coffee and Soluble Coffee Exports are converted to their original weights in Green Coffee for the purpose of the statement.

COFFEE PROCESSORS

The Law requires all firms engaged in the manufacture of coffee to be licensed by the Board. The following firms were granted Coffee Works Licences during the period—

Coffee Company of Jamaica Ltd.,
Salada Foods Jamaica Limited

Jamaica Standard Products Co. Ltd.
Acme Products Corporation

Salada Foods Jamaica Limited is the sole manufacturer of Soluble Coffee. As the Board is not able to supply the type of coffee required by the Manufacturers of soluble coffee and the cheaper blends of roasted coffee, 8,344 bags (132 lb. nett) of Robusta Coffee from Trinidad and 7581 bags (132 lb. nett) of Arabica Coffee from Haiti, were imported for use by the Local Processors.

With the establishment of the Caribbean Free Trade Association, the local processors of coffee have been increasing their exports of roasted and soluble coffee to the CARIFTA countries.

SEEDLINGS

For the second consecutive year the Ministry of Agriculture was not able to produce the total quantity of seedlings required for distribution to growers during 1970-71. The Board, therefore, had to make a sum of \$11,500 available to the Christiana Area Land Authority for the production of 250,000 coffee seedlings for Fall Planting.

COFFEE RESUSCITATION AND EXPANSION PROGRAMME

The Coffee Resuscitation and Expansion Programme came into operation on the 1st of April 1969. Briefly the programme aims to establish 5,000 acres of new plantings during the five year period ending in the Spring of 1974. (Private growers to establish 4,00 acres and Government Agencies 1,000 acres). It also envisages the resuscitation of 8,000 acres of old unproductive coffee during the period. It is expected that within 3-4 years after the programme ends, when all the new plantings will be in full bearing the total production will be approximately 650,000 boxes of cherry coffee annually. This, of course, will depend on the care and maintenance of the Orchards.

Under the Programme growers receive subsidies for establishment of new acreages and for the resuscitation of old fields, fertilizer at a subsidized rate of 33- 1/3% is also available. Pest and disease control measures are available free of cost to the growers.

COFFEE RESUSCITATION AND EXPANSION PROGRAMME

FINAL REPORT FOR 1969 – 1ST. YEAR OF PROGRAMME

Number of Growers who established coffee under the Programme	–	1,533
Total Acreage established by the above Growers	–	957 acres
Total Acreage established by the Coffee Industry Board	–	32½ "
Total number of seedlings distributed to participants and to non-participants	–	955,574

Breakdown by Parishes

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>No. of Growers</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Subsidy Paid</u>
St. Ann	362	202¼	\$ 6,080
St. Elizabeth	245	137¾	4,134
Clarendon	193	134½	4,032
Manchester	295	116	3,481
St. Catherine	160	112½	3,376
St. Mary	91	109½	3,282
Trelawny	114	63	1,890
St. Thomas	30	38¾	1,161
Portland	22	19¼	577
St. Andrew	11	11	334
Westmoreland	14	6	183
St. James	6	6	180
TOTAL	<u>1,533</u>	<u>957</u>	<u>\$28,710</u>

Breakdown by Acreages

<u>Acreages</u>	<u>No. of Growers</u>	<u>Acres Planted</u>
¼ and Under	394	78¼
Over ¼ - ½	624	275½
Over ½ - 1	391	344¼
Over 1 - 2	101	162¼
Over 2 - 5	18	55
Over 5	5	41¼
TOTAL	<u>1,533</u>	<u>957</u>

Details of Coffee Industry Board Plantings

CLARENDON	—	Aenon Town	—	1 acre
		James Hill		12½ acres
MANCHESTER	—	Litchfield		10 acres
PORTLAND	—	Wallenford		6 acres
ST. ELIZABETH	—	Oxford		3 acres
				<u>32½ acres</u>

Establishment Subsidy – Payable only after inspection by Field Officer.

Number of Growers who received Subsidy – 1,533
 Acreage for which Subsidy paid – 957
 Total Amount paid \$28,710.00

**COFFEE RESUSCITATION AND EXPANSION PROGRAMME
 FINAL REPORT FOR 1970 – 2ND YEAR OF PROGRAMME**

EXPANSION

Number of Growers who established Coffee – 1,969
 Total Acreage established by the above Growers – 1,145 Acres
 Total Acreage established by Coffee Industry Board – 76 Acres
 Total number of seedlings distributed to participants in the Programme and non-participants – 1,221,149

Breakdown by Parishes – Coffee Established

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>No. of Growers</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Subsidy Paid</u>
St. Mary	100	106	\$ 3,336.00
Clarendon	379	213	6,381.00
St. Catherine	205	158	4,899.00
Westmoreland	12	5	145.00
St. Elizabeth	289	148	4,443.00
St. James	7	8	249.00
St. Ann	379	191	5,723.00
St. Thomas	66	63	1,885.00
Trelawny	123	54	1,648.00
Manchester	313	136	4,070.00
Portland	80	56	1,666.00
St. Andrew	16	7	217.00
TOTAL	<u>1,969</u>	<u>1,145</u>	<u>\$34,662.00</u>

Breakdown by Acreages

<u>Acreages</u>	<u>No. of Growers</u>	<u>Acres Planted</u>
¼ Acre and Under	480	98
Over ¼ - ½	854	397
Over ½ - 1	533	452
Over 1 - 2	90	148

COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board awards two scholarships annually to the son and to the daughter of a coffee grower. The Scholarships are tenable at the Jamaica School of Agriculture for a period of three (3) years.

STAFF

The Board records its deep appreciation for the loyalty and devotion displayed by the Officers and Staff at the Central Grading and Finishing Works, Central Factories and in the Field. The Officers perform their work under extremely difficult conditions at times.

Over the past few years the Board has lost to private enterprise, experienced Factory and Office Staff. This has put a severe strain on the Organization. Experience in all aspects of coffee processing is not acquired overnight, it takes many years to train a Factory Manager. It is unfortunate that the salaries offered by the Board at present precludes it from attracting Staff that are prepared to remain and grow with the organisation.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Board acknowledges and records its indebtedness to the many Organizations which so willingly co-operated at all times. The Board is grateful for their interest and assistance. Particular reference must be made to the Watersheds Protection Commission for leasing approximately 100 acres of land at James Hill, and to Kaiser Bauxite Company for leasing approximately 70 acres of land at Alva/Downs Lodge, both areas for Coffee Expansion by the Board.

The Board is deeply grateful to all Coffee Growers, who despite many problems, and especially severe drought conditions experienced during the year, have continued to maintain an interest in the Industry.

