



COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY, 1980

30 YEARS OF THE COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD

GENERAL REVIEW

1. **Record Crop**

The Board's six central factories processed a total of 451,164 boxes of cherry coffee during the year. This was a record amount and was due to very good weather conditions, a programme of fertilizer credit and also to the fact that the trees were recovering from a period of resting.
2. **Sales**

For the 1979/80 crop, total sales were J\$11,543,221 compared with J\$8,116,838 for the previous year. The average price realized from sales was US\$2.75 per pound.
3. **Expansion**

There were marked efforts in expanding coffee acreage during the year. The Board decided to take on lease 100 acres of land owned by the Worthy Park Estate Ltd. to plant coffee. It has also decided to establish nurseries at Bog Walk, St. Catherine, where some 250,000 seedlings will be grown. Another nursery was also established at Mahogany Vale, St. Andrew.

In addition, the Board continued discussions with the Commonwealth Development Corporation for the granting of a loan for the growing of some 3,000 acres of coffee in the Blue Mountain area
4. **Staff**

During the year under review Mr. Egerton Rhoden was appointed Chief Accountant and so replaced Mr. Kenneth Dunlop who had resigned the previous year.
5. **Scholarships**

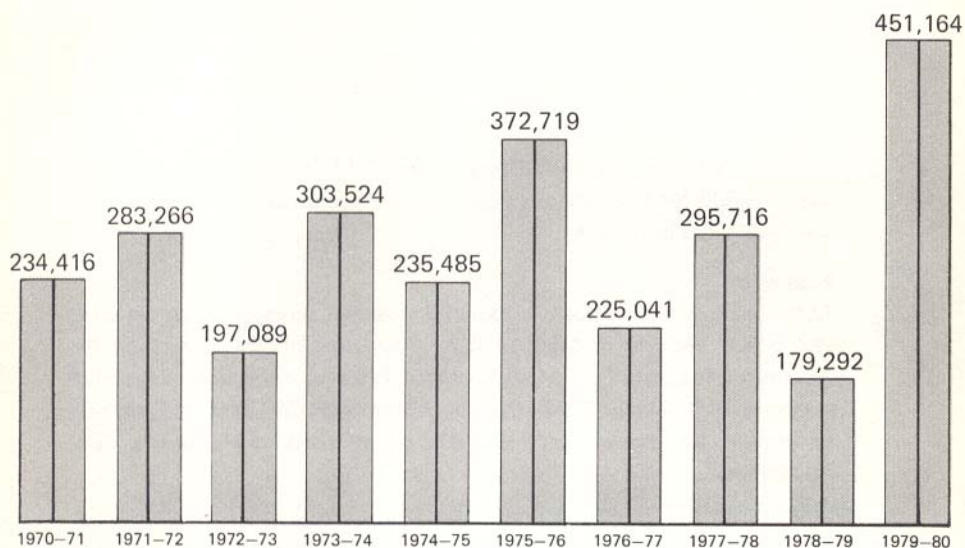
The Board granted two scholarships tenable at the Jamaica School of Agriculture.
6. **Jamaica Agricultural Society**

The Jamaica Agricultural Society received the annual grant of J\$10,000 for the varying services which it provides for the Coffee Industry. The Society also received 2 cents per box, for the J.A.S. Coffee Growers' Federation Ltd. and, in addition, 80 cents per box was paid to the Co-operatives towards expenses.

PRODUCTION

Total coffee output for the year under review was the highest since the inception of the Board. The reasons, as stated before were due largely to good weather conditions, fertilization and to recovering of the trees from resting.

The total receipts of cherry coffee by the Board's Central Factories for the past 10 years are given below:



Central Factories

The Board's six central factories all operated during the year.

Details of receipts are listed below:

	<u>1979/80</u> Receipts (Boxes)	<u>1978/79</u> Receipts (Boxes)
AENON TOWN	86,097	14,730
BOG WALK	68,918	23,429
CLARENDON PARK	77,371	56,793
DOVER	11,087	2,879
MAGGOTTY	60,352	30,993
TROUT HALL	<u>147,339</u>	<u>50,188</u>
	<u>451,164</u>	<u>179,012</u>

C.I.B. Plots

The Board over the years has played a significant role in increasing the amount of coffee grown in the island. This it has ensured through its extension services and by its established plots.

The Table below lists the plots, their size and their current output in boxes:

Plot	Size (Acres)	1979/80 Crop Output (Boxes)
Aenon Town	2	664
Alva	14	1,780
Higgin Land	18	1,590
Greenock	2	386
James Hill	86	8,354
Teak Pen	5	NIL ±
Litchfield	10	1,715
Mears	6	608
Oxford	18	1,981
Windsor	29	1,576
Worthy Park	104	836*
Sir John's Peak	96	374%
Wallenford	91	2,409
Mount Airy	30	1,461

±No production due to cut-back of all trees on the plot;

*From 4 acres only. 100 acres not yet in bearing.

STATISTICS

Price

Coffee growers continued to receive good prices for the coffee they grow.

The gross price paid per box by the Board for each of the last five years is set out below:

1975-76	—	\$ 9.47
1976-77	—	11.75
1977-78	—	20.35
1978-79	—	24.47
1979-80	—	24.82

Cooperatives

Most of the coffee growers in the island are members of coffee co-operatives. There are an estimated 45,000 to 55,000 members in the 18 registered cooperatives. All cooperatives are members of the Jamaica Agricultural Society Coffee Growers' Federation Limited.

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE ORGANIZATION

The International Coffee Organization (ICO) was formed in 1960 and represents all coffee-exporting and most of the major coffee-consuming countries. The Organization's main aim is to regulate the movement of coffee internationally and so remove the fluctuations in international coffee prices.

Jamaica became a member of the Organization in 1967.

Member countries are required to submit monthly, quarterly and annual statements pertaining to the export of coffee in all its forms (that is, green, roasted and soluble).

APPENDIX A

Details of deliveries & payments during 1979/80 crop year

Central Factories	No. of Boxes Delivered by Growers	Advance — \$16.00 per box to growers 80c per box to Cooperative Societies	Final Payment to Growers — \$8.00 per box	J.A.S. Coffee Growers Fed- eration Ltd. 2c per box	Total \$24.82 per box
Aenon Town	86,097	1,446,430	688,776	1,722	2,136,928
Bog Walk	68,918	1,157,822.40	551,344	1,378	1,710,545
Clarendon Park	77,371	1,299,833	618,968	1,547	1,920,348
Dover	11,087	186,262	88,696	222	275,179
Maggotty	60,352	1,013,914	482,816	1,207	1,497,937
Trout Hall	147,339	2,475,295	1,178,712	2,947	3,656,954
	451,164	7,579,556.40	3,609,312	9,023	11,197,891

