



**COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY, 1981**

**31 YEARS OF THE COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD**

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Board wishes to state its appreciation of the services rendered by all its employees and other persons who contributed towards the success of the industry during the 1980/81 crop year.

## **PRODUCTION**

Coffee production for the crop year under review was 298,769 boxes, which is a sharp decline below the record 451,164 boxes produced the previous year. The reduction in yield was attributed to the normal biennial pattern of bearing of the trees and the fact that after the very heavy bearing of the year before the biennial pattern would be very pronounced especially as good cultural practices were not performed by most farmers.

The prolonged drought in many areas during the year also adversely affected production.

The Coffee Establishment and Maintenance Programme (CEMP) which was established during the fall of 1979 continued during the 1980/81 crop year. During the year, 301 acres of coffee were planted, making a total of 461 acres planted under the programme by the end of July, 1981. The total amount committed for the programme was \$1.46 million. Most of the planting was concentrated in the lowland areas.

The fertilizer revolving credit programme which is implemented almost entirely through the Cooperatives also continued successfully during the year.

In August, 1980, Hurricane Allen severely damaged most of the farms in the Blue Mountain area and in the parish of Portland. As a result, the Board implemented a Hurricane Assistance Programme for these two areas, costing \$43,200. In order to further assist farmers who were affected by the hurricane, the Board decided to defer repayment of loans due under the Japanese Loan Programme for 1–2 years depending on the extent of the damage done to the individual farms.

The recently discovered Coffee Berry Borer (*Hypothenemus Hampei*) continued to be controlled under a programme carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture since 1980.

## **C. I. B. FARMS**

The Board continued to maintain and develop its 13 farms of varying sizes (2 acres – 100 acres and over) successfully. The average yield per box during the year under review for the farms in the lowland areas was 96 boxes per acre and 38 boxes in the Blue Mountain area. This yield per acre from the Blue Mountain farms was as a result of Hurricane Allen which had damaged about 75% of the farms in the area during August, 1980. Nevertheless, these yields compare very favourably to the average yield of 25 to 30 boxes per acre for the island production. It should be noted that the Board's farms are in varying stages of development.

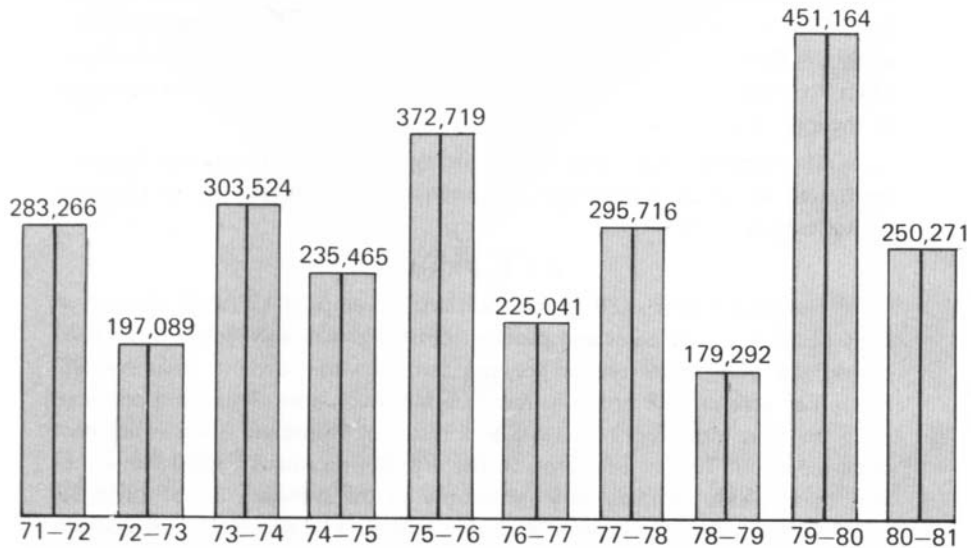
The total acreage established at July 31, 1981, was 507 acres, of which 252.6 acres were immature and 35 acres had been resuscitated so that reaping was carried out from only 219 acres.

### OPERATIONS OF THE CENTRAL FACTORIES

The Board's six central factories were in operation during the year. Details of receipts over the crop years 1979/80 and 1980/81 are below:

Aenon Town	42,472¼	86,097
Bog Walk	54,063¾	68,918
Clarendon Park	39,128¾	77,371
Dover	7,355½	11,087
Maggotty	32,851¼	60,352
Trout Hall	74,399¾	147,339
Total	<u>250,271¼</u>	<u>451,164</u>

The total receipts of cherry coffee by the Board's central factories for the past 10 years are as follows:



Co-operative	1980/81 (Boxes)	1979/80 (Boxes)	1978/79 (Boxes)
West St. Ann	16,624	41,054	4,760
East St. Ann	6,905¼	7,788	963
Upper Trelawny	7,963¾	16,833	2,878
Frankfield	47,869	85,736	22,825
South Clarendon	3,754¾	9,479	13,391
North East Clarendon	23,519	52,592	22,483
West St. Andrew	843½	3,314	593
Central St. Catherine	12,133¾	25,517	10,691
North West St. Catherine	32,184¼	45,548	23,086
Central St. Mary/ West Portland	7,551¼	8,259	2,209
Darliston	925	2,010	1,188
St. Elizabeth	11,572¾	22,274	10,566
East Portland Area Council	140	194	296
Guy's Hill	16,146	12,463	3,240
Catadupa	6,772	13,216	4,555
North Manchester	17,518¾	35,972	10,953
South Manchester	19,424¾	35,178	29,654
	<u>231,847¾</u>	<u>417,178</u>	<u>164,331</u>
<b>Blue Mountain Co-operative Factories</b>			
Moy Hall/Langley	11,170	10,879	8,234
Silver Hill	8,345	4,532	6,180
	<u>19,515</u>	<u>15,411</u>	<u>14,414</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<u>251,362¾</u>	<u>432,838</u>	<u>178,745</u>

**COFFEE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY  
LIMITED (CIDCO)**

The CIDCO, a wholly-owned company of the CIB was incorporated on 12th March, 1981. Its main functions are:

- 1) to implement the 3,000 acres CDC coffee loan programme in the Blue Mountains (which was expected to begin in the latter part of 1981);
- 2) to maintain and develop the CIB's coffee farms;
- 3) to continue implementation and management of the Board's current loan programmes to farmers;
- 4) to provide extension services for all the Board's loan farmers;
- 5) to carry out research on behalf of the CIB.

**COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
3,000 ACRES PROGRAMME – BLUE MOUNTAIN AREA**

The Government of Jamaica, in collaboration with the CIB, concluded negotiations with the CDC for the development of 3,000 acres of coffee in the Blue Mountain area. The loan agreement was signed at Jamaica House on 3rd June, 1981.

Under this Agreement the CDC will lend the CIB up to £3.6 million with a government guarantee to assist in financing the cost of the programme. Of the 3,000 acres to be planted, CIDCO will plant 1,330 acres and farmers the remaining 1,670 acres. Implementation of the programme was expected to be completed by the end of 1986.

Arrangements to begin implementation of the loan were being carried out up to July 31, 1981.

**MARKETING**

Jamaica became a member of the International Coffee Organisation in 1967 and exports coffee under the annual quota allocated by that organisation. For the year, Jamaica's quota of 40,000 bags green coffee remained in force.

The Board continued to receive good prices for green coffee exported to its traditional overseas markets in Japan, the USA and England. All exports were made on the basis of f.o.b. Kingston.

The customary even flow of exports during the year was not maintained due to a shortage of the special containers required for coffee.

The types of green coffee exported by the Board are:

- Prime Washed
- High Mountain Supreme
- Blue Mountain

The total amount of coffee processed and sold by the Board during the last 5 crop years is set out below:

Year	Local Sale Bags 132 lbs.	Export Bags 132 lbs.
1976/77	6,715	12,989
1977/78	7,606	11,991
1978/79	11,009	10,400
1979/80	11,638	13,470
1980/81	9,003	10,147

For the year under review, Jamaica exported a total of 10,147 bags of coffee in green, roasted and soluble form.

G. K. G. SHARP  
CHAIRMAN

