

COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY, 1982

32 YEARS OF THE COFFEE INDUSTRY BOARD 

**Coffee Industry Development Company (CIDCO)**

CIDCO came fully into operation during the month of October 1981.

During the year, the company continued to operate the industry's fertilizer programme for coffee farmers. This programme was implemented mainly through the coffee cooperatives throughout the island. During the year only \$57,792 of fertilizers were taken up by farmers. This amount was very unsatisfactory to the company and cooperatives have been encouraged to make better use of the facilities available under the programme.

**Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) 3,000-acre Programme – Blue Mountain Area**

The agreement between the Government of Jamaica and the Coffee Industry Board and CDC was signed on June 3, 1981.

During the year the company continued its efforts to gear itself to begin implementation of the programme.

The 1st drawdown of £300,000 (J\$960,563) from CDC was received at the end of March 1982.

At the end of July 1982 the following had been achieved:

<u>No. of Applications received</u>	<u>Applications approved</u>	<u>Acreage planted</u>	<u>Total sum committed</u>
66 for 880 acres	8 for 230 acres	110	\$920,000

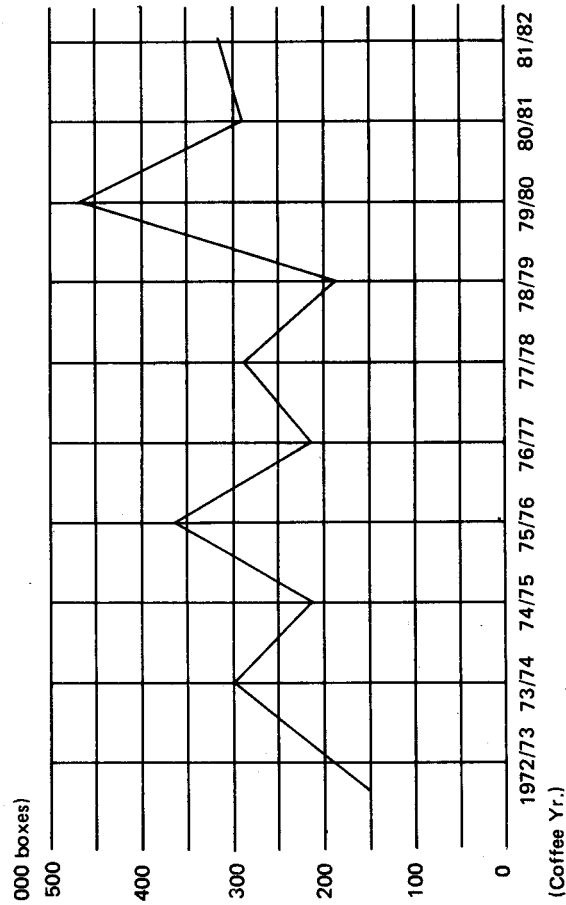
Because of the severe drought in the Blue Mountain area, CIDCO did not undertake any planting under the programme during the year.

Farmers have shown enthusiasm for the programme and more acres would have been planted if the 1st drawdown had been obtained during the fall period of 1981 instead of in the 2nd half of the coffee crop year and the drought had not been so severe.

Details of receivals over the crop years 1980/81 and 1981/82 are as follows:

<u>Factory</u>	<u>1981/82</u> <u>Receivals</u> <u>(Boxes)</u>	<u>1980/81</u> <u>Receivals</u> <u>(Boxes)</u>
Aenon Town	32,066%	42,472¼
Bog Walk	51,343½	54,063%
Clarendon Park	57,812	39,128%
Dover	8,416	7,355½
Maggotty	39,896	32,851%
Trout Hall	93,035	74,399¼
	<u>282,569%</u>	<u>250,271¼</u>

Comparisons of receivals of cherry coffee by the Board's central factories for the past 10 years are shown below:



## MARKETING

Since the inception of the Coffee Industry Board in 1950 it has been marketing coffee successfully and production has been well below the requirements of the export market.

Coffee from Jamaica is exported mainly to the United Kingdom, Japan, the United States of America and CARICOM, and the local market is also well supplied from local production. Japan has been Jamaica's best market for the past 14 years and 90% of export sales have gone to that country. Green coffee is sold FOB Kingston. The high quality coffee produced by Jamaica has gained the confidence of overseas buyers and offers come for the entire crop.

With improved methods of processing and exacting quality control performed at the CIB, prices have steadily increased and these increases have been passed on to growers.

Comparative figures showing the sales and value of coffee over the last five (5) years are set out below:

<u>Crop Year</u>	<u>Local Sales (Bags 132 lb)</u>	<u>F.O.B. Value J\$</u>	<u>Export Sales (Bags 132 lb.)</u>	<u>F.O.B. Value J\$</u>
1977/78	7,606	2,128,392	12,563	5,220,179
1978/79	11,009	3,257,519	10,400	4,859,319
1979/80	9,366	4,684,041	13,470	6,859,180
1980/81	9,003	4,239,362	10,147	6,318,180
1981/82	6,890	3,260,780	12,867	8,481,912

## PRICE TO FARMERS

The price paid to the farmer for the 81/82 crop was \$21 per box. This represented an increase of \$1.50 per box on the price paid the previous year. Farmers received a 1st payment of \$12.00 per box and \$9.00 per box as final payment.

In addition, the Board paid 80 cents per box of coffee to each Co-operative to assist in defraying their expenses including payment to coffee collectors, group secretaries, secretaries of cooperatives etc., 50 cents cess to the Coffee Industry Board towards the cost of extension services provided by the Board to coffee growers and 2 cents per box to the Jamaica Agricultural Society Coffee Federation Ltd. towards defraying the expenses of the Federation.

All costs incurred for the transportation of cherry coffee from the collecting depots to the central factories as well as all processing and finishing expenses were met by the Board.

Total prices per box of cherry coffee paid by the Board over the last five (5) years are set out below:

	<u>Lowland</u>	<u>Blue Mountain</u>
	\$	\$
1977/78	20.35	54.00
1978/79	24.47	60.00
1979/80	24.82	60.00
1980/81	20.82	70.00
1981/82	22.32	81.00

### COOPERATIVES

Most of the approximately 61,000 coffee growers are members of registered Cooperative Societies which are controlled by the Coffee Growers Federation Limited which is affiliated to the Jamaica Agricultural Society.

There are eighteen (18) registered cooperatives with a total membership of approximately 60,000 growers who are also organized into 508 coffee groups.

Deliveries of cherry coffee made by the 18 cooperatives to the Board's six factories and the 2 cooperative factories over the last 3 years are set out below:

<u>Cooperative</u>	<u>1981/82</u> <u>(Boxes)</u>	<u>1980/81</u> <u>(Boxes)</u>	<u>1979/80</u> <u>(Boxes)</u>
West St. Ann	15,125½	16,624	41,054
East St. Ann	4,250½	6,905¾	7,788
Upper Trelawny	6,205	7,963¾	16,833
Frankfield	54,478	47,869	85,736
South Clarendon	11,038	3,754¾	9,479
North-East Clarendon	33,527¾	23,519	52,592
West St. Andrew	1,245½	843½	3,314
Central St. Catherine	16,738½	12,133¾	25,517
North-West St. Catherine	28,565½	32,184¾	45,548
Central St. Mary/West Portland	7,409¾	7,551¼	8,259
Darliston	1,162½	925	2,010
St. Elizabeth	13,961	11,572¾	22,274
East Portland Area Council	661¾	140	194
Guy's Hill	12,657½	16,146	12,463
Catadupa	8,601	6,772	13,216
North Manchester	19,465¾	17,518¾	35,972
South Manchester	33,821	19,424¾	35,178
	<u>268,914¾</u>	<u>231,847¾</u>	<u>417,178</u>

