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The *Agricultural Statistical Digest*, a publication of the Statistical Unit of the Ministry of Agriculture is designed to provide information on the Agricultural and Fishing industries in St. Lucia.

This edition presents data specifically for the period of January to December 1998, and it also provides data for the historical period 1994 -1997.

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The Agricultural Statistical Unit advises its readers to study the following notes before referring to the tables. The notes are intended to offer clarity to the data as well as to acquaint readers with its sources. Therefore, we hope that readers will have faith in the reliability of the data and find it easy to interpret and analyse.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

Meteorological data is recorded at as many as 21 Agromet stations situated at strategic points around St. Lucia. It is important to note that the readings from the various stations may differ, due to the geographic locations of the stations. Therefore, as in some tables, observations taken at the Union Agricultural Station are not typical of the whole island and must be treated as an average.

AGRICULTURAL FINANCING

Loans Approved for Agricultural and Fishing Activities

These figures are obtained from the St. Lucia Development Bank (SLDB). They relate to the number of loan applications that the SLDB has approved during each respective year, and the funding of these loans are facilitated by the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). It should be noted that not all the funds are disbursed by the SLDB in the same year that the loans were approved.

THE BANANA INDUSTRY

The figures published for banana production represents the total quantity of bananas purchased by the St. Lucia Banana Corporation (SLBC) from banana producers. However, since the privatization of the banana industry, the data is now being sourced from the Windward Island Development Exporting Company Ltd. (WIBDECO).

The quantities of bananas purchased account for an estimated 90-95% of the island's total production, and are exclusively for exports mainly to the United Kingdom. Variations in the purchase and export figures are due to rejected fruit.

THE COCOA INDUSTRY

Data on cocoa beans is collected from the sole exporter of the crop – the St. Lucia Agriculturist Association (SLAA). The SLAA also supplies cocoa beans to local private individuals for domestic and commercial purposes from time to time. Purchases of cocoa beans by SLAA represent an estimated 90% of the island's cocoa bean production. Cocoa bean exports are mainly to Europe—particularly to the United Kingdom—and the United States of America.

The Ministry of Agriculture has renewed its interest in the cocoa industry, and this will be manifested in concrete activities in subsequent years.

THE COCONUT INDUSTRY

Copra is produced from an estimated 85% of the island's total production of coconut and is purchased in bulk solely by the St. Lucia Coconut Growers Association (SLCGA). The SLCGA purchased the assets of the Copra Manufacturers Limited (CML). The SLCGA normally purchases all of the island's copra production for domestic use; so therefore, copra is not exported.

However, a few coconuts are exported in the green (water nuts) and dried forms. The early 1990's have seen an increasing demand for water nuts.

THE CROP MARKET

Presently, data concerning the quantities and prices of domestic agricultural produce are obtained from St. Lucia Marketing Board (SLMB) and leading supermarkets on a regular basis. The produce price is the price the farmer/producer is paid for his or her produce at the various market outlets.

THE FISHING INDUSTRY

These figures represent the estimated total amount of fish landed at the various fishing districts. Fish landing are monitored daily at the various fishing districts by the Department of Fisheries (Fisheries Management Unit (FMU)) of the Ministry of Agriculture. The fishing season extends from January to June and there are an estimated 372 boats on the island registered with the FMU.

An ongoing programme is established for boat registration with the Fisheries Co-operatives, and is done voluntarily by fishermen in order to obtain duty-free concessions such as duty-free gasoline.

THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR

Table egg production data is sourced from an estimated 100 poultry farms island wide and are monitored on a monthly basis by the Livestock Department of the Ministry of Agriculture.

The table egg production data does not include figures for backyard production or subsistence farming. All eggs produced are consumed locally, and local demand is supplemented by imports. The importation of table eggs is handled solely by the SLMB.

THE TRADE BALANCE ON FOOD

The data in this section illustrates Agricultural trade in non-traditional crops as well as fresh produce. Also presented in this section is the trade balance on food.

NOTES

1. Symbols used in this digest:

| | | |
|----------|---|-------------------|
| ... | - | Nil or Negligible |
| N.A./(-) | - | Not available |
| R | - | Revised |
| P | - | Provisional |

2. The figures in most tables are rounded off to the nearest final digit. The sum of those rounded off figures may not always agree exactly with the rounded off totals shown in the tables.
3. All monetary values are in Eastern Caribbean dollars (EC\$); EC\$2.71 is equivalent to US \$1.00
4. All trade data (i.e. import and export) for the 1998 period are provisional.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

The pattern of continual decline in the performance of the agricultural sector was arrested in 1998 by a less than one percent increase in earnings relative to the previous year. This year the sector's contribution to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was EC\$102.6 million compared to EC\$98.8 million¹ in 1997. This represents a marginal shift from 9.07% in 1997 to 9.14% in 1998 in real share of GDP.

In short, the agricultural sector has been making a relatively favourable contribution to the overall economy with earnings exceeding EC\$100 million during the period in review. During 1998, agricultural exports as a percentage of total domestic exports grew by 3%—from 63% in 1997 to 66% in 1998. This revival can be credited to the initiatives and recovery programmes undertaken by the agricultural sector in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Debbie, and in particular, to the banana industry's ability to persevere in the face of the mounting challenges that threaten its traditional international market within the arena of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Of real interest here, is that the overall increase in revenue from domestic exports for 1998 can be linked to the agricultural sector. Revenue from agricultural exports alone increased by EC\$10.7 million—an amount nearly equalling the EC\$10.06 million and EC\$10.9 million increases in the overall domestic export earnings and banana export earnings respectively. Banana exports experienced a respective growth in earnings from EC\$93.2 in 1997 to EC\$104.1 in 1998.

¹ The 1997 Annual Agricultural Statistical Digest shows a *provisional figure* of EC\$91.7 million in 1997, while the *revised figure* of EC\$98.8 is reported in this publication.

Therefore, as evident from the foregoing information, the increase in agricultural export earnings over the last year was due, in large measure, to the significant rise in banana export earnings. Moreover, this would seem to suggest that non-traditional agricultural exports (i.e. all agricultural exports excluding bananas) have little influence on the revenue generated by the agricultural sector. In 1998, non-traditional exports amounted to only a 2% share of the total agricultural exports, even less than the 3% share realised in the previous year. All in all, the total amount of non-traditional crops exported in 1998 relative to 1997 declined by 323 tonnes.

The quantum of bananas exported regionally increased by over 300% in 1998 – 32 tonnes in 1997 to 202 tonnes in 1998. The principal non-traditional markets for bananas in 1998 were Barbados and St. Marteen.

Current statistics have already shown the relative insignificance of non-traditional agricultural exports to foreign trade and overall agricultural earnings. These non-traditional crops, as well as livestock and the fisheries and forestry sub-sectors, on comparative levels, appear to have a limited impact on the overall performance of the agricultural sector. However, other references show that the fisheries sub-sector has expanded substantially during the 1990s, contributing higher earnings to the total GDP.

The diversification and further development of the agricultural sector have been stunted by a number of factors, many of which are influenced by occurrences outside the realm of the rural and agricultural sector.

The continued prevalence of many of these factors, such as low productivity and inadequate levels of technological innovation, are symptomatic of weak backward and forward linkages with other sectors within the economy. The agricultural sector also suffers from an unhealthy dependence on the public sector for employment generation programmes and meaningful investment opportunities.

Sustained and significant improvements in the performance of the agricultural sector are unlikely to be achieved without the development of a more diversified rural sector. This in effect, calls for the implementation of rural development strategies, which focus on the problems of the “marginalized” small farmers and the surplus unskilled rural labour force resulting from the contraction of the banana industry.

Towards this end, initiatives such as the St. Lucia Rural Enterprise Project and the Rural Economic Diversification Incentives Project, now being implemented, are committed to creating an enabling incentive environment within the sector, and the facilitation of an increased level of dynamism within the agricultural sector and the wider rural economy.

**Table I - 1 Gross Domestic Product at Factor Cost Constant Prices, 1994 - 98
(1994 - 1998) (R) - (Base Year 1990)**

| Sector | Million EC\$ | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| | 1994 R/r | 1995 R/r | 1996 R/r | 1997 R/ | 1998 P/ |
| Agriculture | 113.8 | 119.4 | 120.3 | 98.8 | 102.6 |
| Mining & Quarrying | 2.9 | 5.2 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 5.8 |
| Manufacturing | 71.7 | 75.1 | 70.0 | 69.7 | 68.3 |
| Construction | 83.1 | 90.9 | 87.3 | 87.6 | 90.7 |
| Electricity & Water | 36.3 | 39.7 | 40.1 | 42.1 | 43.4 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 152.8 | 145.0 | 145.4 | 150.1 | 156.8 |
| Hotels & Restaurants | 118.0 | 119.3 | 128.5 | 142.1 | 145.4 |
| Transport | 112.6 | 113.7 | 117.2 | 119.1 | 122.9 |
| Communication | 89.2 | 89.1 | 94.1 | 93.5 | 97.0 |
| Banking & Insurance | 88.2 | 91.9 | 98.3 | 105.7 | 115.3 |
| Real Estate etc. | 72.4 | 73.3 | 74.2 | 75.2 | 78.6 |
| Government Services | 131.9 | 135.8 | 136.0 | 136.5 | 138.6 |
| Other Services | 47.4 | 48.3 | 50.8 | 52.4 | 54.0 |
| Less: Imputed Banking | | | | | |
| Service Charge | (74.2) | (76.8) | (82.8) | (88.9) | (97.3) |
| Total | 1046.1 | 1069.9 | 1084.6 | 1089.6 | 1122.1 |

Source : Government Statistics Department

P/ Preliminary estimates

R/ Revised estimates

Table I - 2. Total Domestic, Agricultural and Banana Exports (\$'000s), 1994 - 98

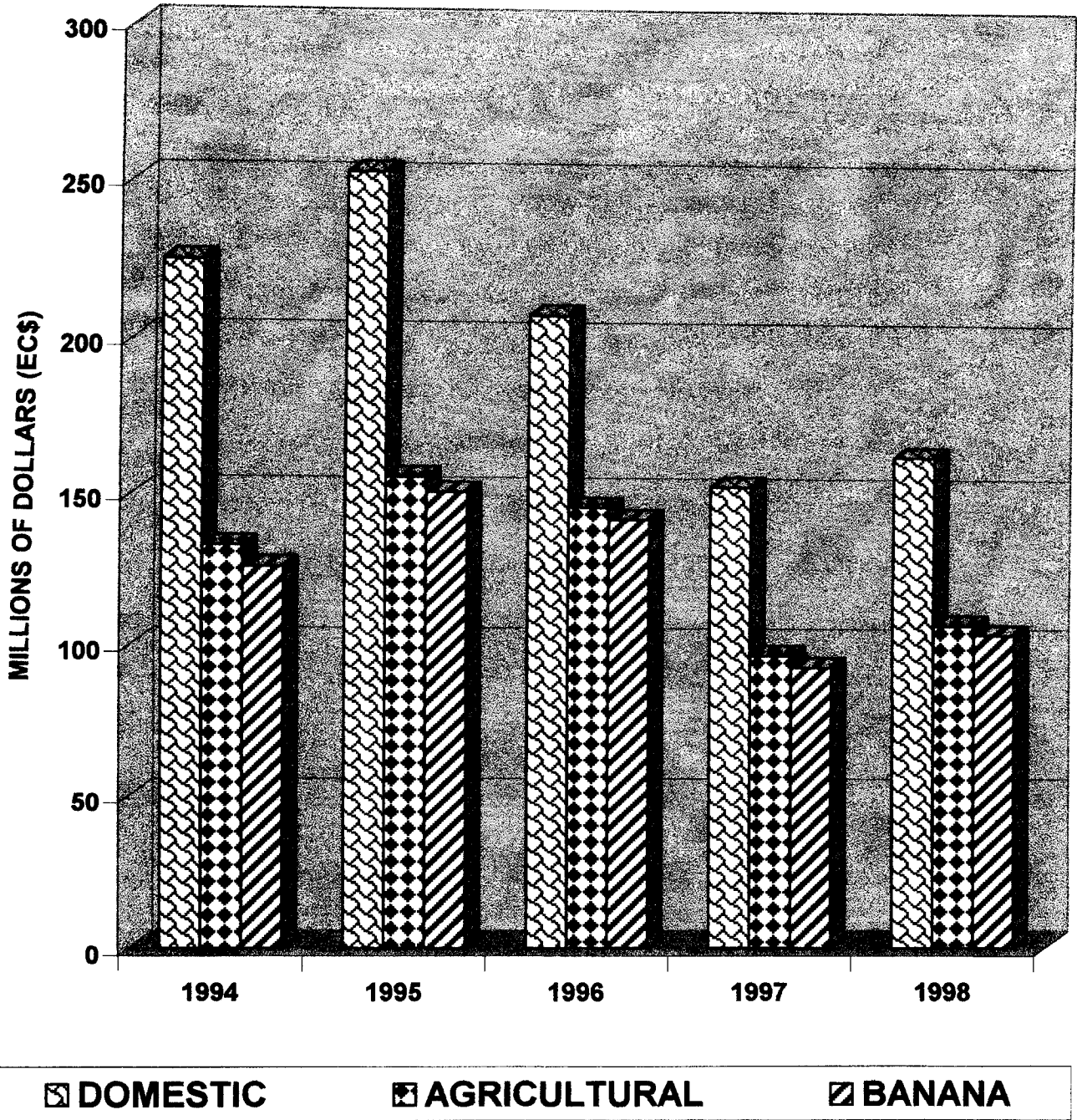
| Year | Total Domestic Exports (1) | Total Agricultural Exports (2) | Total Banana Exports (3) | (2) as a % of (1) | (3) as a % of (2) |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1994 | 225,078 | 133,186 | 126,409 | 59 | 95 |
| 1995 | 253,161 | 155,952 | 151,177 | 62 | 97 |
| 1996 | 208,344 | 145,700 | 142,360 | 70 | 98 |
| 1997 | 152,955 | 96,929 | 93,211 | 63 | 96 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 42,128 | 30,217 | 29,366 | 72 | 97 |
| 2nd Quarter | 36,556 | 22,395 | 21,482 | 61 | 96 |
| 3rd Quarter | 33,290 | 18,174 | 17,025 | 55 | 94 |
| 4th Quarter | 51,043 | 36,868 | 36,193 | 72 | 98 |
| Total 1998 | 163,017 | 107,654 | 104,066 | 66 | 97 |

Source: Foreign Trade Report

Note: The Banana Exports figures include exports to the UK and other non-traditional markets (e.g. Barbados)

FIG I - 1

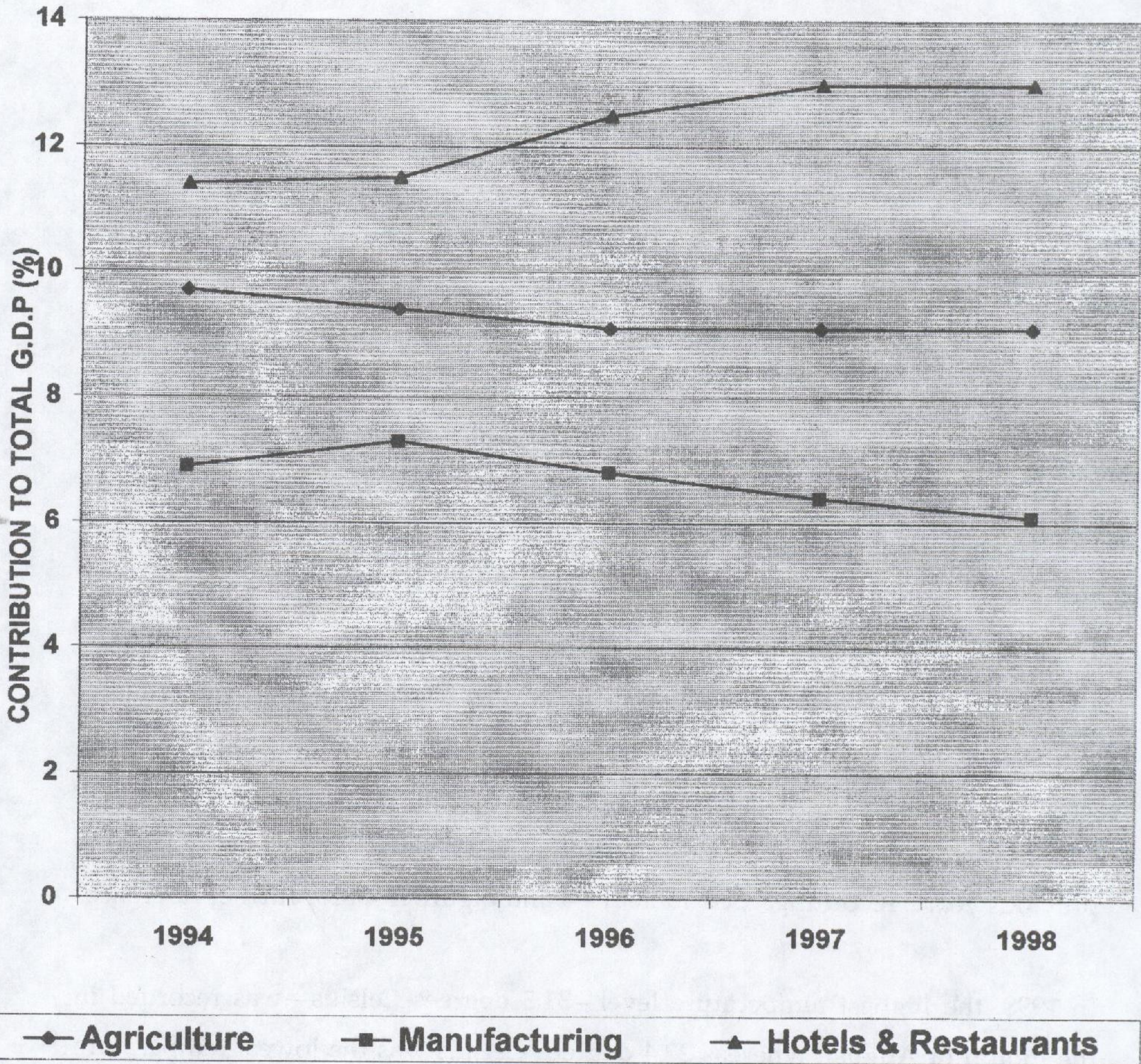
TOTAL DOMESTIC, AGRICULTURAL & BANANA EXPORTS, 1994 - 98



SOURCE: FOREIGN TRADE REPORT

FIG I - 2

COMPARISON AMONGST THE THREE MAIN SECTORS' CONTRIBUTION TO G.D.P, 1994-98



SOURCE : GOVERNMENT STATISTICS DEPARTMENT

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS

Records made at the various observation stations reveal there was a 25% increase in rainfall for the period of January to December 1998, compared to the same period in 1997 (see Table II - 2). The Edmond Forest Agromet Station—situated in the mountainous forest region on the island—continues to exceed the other observation stations in recorded rainfall, and in addition, some 13% more rainfall was recorded at the station in 1998 compared to the previous year. See Table II - 2 and Table II - 1.

The month of October experienced the highest level of rainfall for 1998, registering as much as 7846.3 mm. Furthermore, all the Agromet stations measured their highest rainfall levels in October, except for Marquis Estate and La Caye. See Table II - 1 for further reference.

The average temperature recorded for 1998 was 27.1 degrees Celsius. During the 1994-98 period the average temperature steadily increased within the range of 26.2 to 27.1 degrees Celsius. The average maximum temperature for 1998 was 30.5 degrees Celsius, and conversely, the average minimum temperature was 23.8 degrees Celsius, both figures reflecting a 1.3% increase compared to the previous year's recordings. See Table II - 4 and Figure II - 1 for further reference.

In 1998, the highest temperature level—31.5 degrees Celsius—was recorded in the month of August, whereas 22.4 degrees Celsius was the lowest temperature level measured in the months of November and December (see Table II - 3). For the third consecutive year, the mean relative humidity for 1998 was 76%. The mean evaporation per day was 4.5, showing a decrease of two-tenths (0.2) of a point compared to 1997.

There were no natural disasters or harsh weather conditions to severely disrupt agricultural production in 1998, except for a prolonged dry spell, which contributed to the slight dent in banana output.

Table II - 1. Monthly Rainfall (mm) from Observation Stations, 1998

| Observation Station | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total 1998 |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Marquis Estate | 128.5 | 29.2 | 79.2 | 57.1 | 159.6 | 274.9 | 141.4 | 209.1 | 228.0 | 286.3 | 293.1 | 280.9 | 2167.3 |
| La Caye | 108.4 | 21.6 | 36.8 | 37.2 | 161.6 | 231.6 | 291.2 | 168.0 | 224.0 | 285.2 | 292.4 | 279.4 | 2137.4 |
| Trouya | 77.4 | 23.0 | 44.6 | 32.2 | 106.2 | 270.0 | 172.0 | 254.2 | 176.8 | 345.4 | 126.0 | 229.4 | 1857.2 |
| Union | 119.2 | 35.0 | 65.0 | 27.8 | 196.4 | 274.0 | 207.6 | 262.2 | 284.6 | 391.8 | 164.8 | 261.4 | 2289.8 |
| George V Park | 118.7 | 21.4 | 62.3 | 14.0 | 146.1 | 337.5 | 227.7 | 211.0 | 259.9 | 396.4 | 211.4 | 296.0 | 2302.4 |
| Government House | 122.2 | 22.7 | 64.1 | 13.6 | 140.4 | 312.2 | 209.1 | 195.4 | 148.5 | 388.4 | 210.3 | 299.2 | 2126.1 |
| Roseau, Winban | 123.0 | 23.6 | 50.2 | 18.0 | 103.6 | 285.4 | 245.2 | 209.0 | 205.4 | 442.4 | 176.0 | 290.6 | 2172.4 |
| Barre D'Isle | 178.6 | 47.0 | 53.7 | 30.4 | 158.5 | 303.3 | 326.2 | 248.8 | 226.2 | 340.4 | 349.6 | 316.2 | 2578.9 |
| Cardi | 146.1 | 16.7 | 55.9 | 27.9 | 127.9 | 349.7 | 283.4 | 248.2 | 255.8 | 357.8 | 332.4 | 315.6 | 2517.4 |
| Mamiku | 153.8 | 10.0 | 52.8 | 21.6 | 125.4 | 173.8 | 229.4 | 168.0 | 182.4 | 294.8 | 233.3 | 238.4 | 1883.7 |
| Patience | 90.0 | 17.6 | 54.0 | 34.0 | 137.6 | 214.6 | 260.8 | 166.4 | 205.0 | 338.8 | 268.6 | 228.2 | 2015.6 |
| Errard Estate | 160.8 | 26.0 | 66.4 | 62.4 | 146.4 | 229.4 | 332.4 | 203.2 | 263.0 | 430.2 | 371.4 | 262.4 | 2554.0 |
| Mahaut | 170.0 | 48.0 | 54.4 | 61.4 | 164.2 | 329.0 | 264.2 | 211.1 | 247.8 | 522.2 | 362.9 | 313.4 | 2748.6 |
| Barthe Nursery | 151.2 | 76.8 | 66.4 | 31.6 | 141.0 | 351.0 | 255.6 | 240.8 | 290.2 | 573.4 | 271.8 | 533.7 | 2983.5 |
| Union Vale | 127.6 | 62.2 | 31.4 | 16.0 | 75.6 | 301.6 | 231.4 | 224.8 | 152.0 | 348.6 | 197.0 | 275.4 | 2043.6 |
| Edmond Forest | 207.4 | 101.0 | 117.6 | 73.6 | 225.6 | 454.0 | 164.2 | 285.5 | 325.9 | 628.9 | 351.2 | 615.3 | 3550.2 |
| Troumassee | 80.4 | 22.2 | 40.6 | 35.2 | 76.4 | 160.2 | 189.6 | 152.0 | 164.8 | 264.9 | 226.6 | 191.0 | 1603.9 |
| Hewannora Airport | 71.7 | 16.3 | 31.1 | 25.5 | 98.1 | 212.4 | 311.3 | 118.7 | 195.6 | 256.2 | 237.8 | 169.0 | 1743.7 |
| Cap Estate | 65.1 | 8.9 | 54.6 | 34.4 | 128.1 | 233.5 | 111.4 | 253.6 | 143.6 | 338.6 | 81.8 | 184.4 | 1638.0 |
| Beausejour | 64.0 | 17.7 | 28.0 | 27.0 | 100.9 | 217.1 | 317.7 | 121.8 | 200.0 | 261.7 | 242.9 | 172.9 | 1771.7 |
| George Charles Airport | 101.1 | 18.0 | 53.8 | 35.6 | 134.9 | 289.5 | 210.9 | 206.7 | 223.0 | 353.9 | 171.8 | 261.0 | 2060.2 |

Source : Engineering Division - Ministry of Agriculture

Table II - 2. Annual Rainfall (mm) from Observation Stations, 1994 - 98

| Observation Stations | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Marquis Estate | 1172.0 | 2068.1 | 2146.2 | 1577.3 | 2167.3 |
| Trouya | 1496.0 | 1788.2 | 1945.9 | 1411.6 | 1857.2 |
| Union | 1903.0 | 2082.9 | 2550.7 | 1747.5 | 2289.8 |
| George V Park | 1616.0 | 1708.3 | 1934.6 | 1870.1 | 2302.4 |
| Government House | 1913.0 | 1862.6 | 2284.8 | 1779.1 | 2126.1 |
| Roseau, Winban | 1990.3 | 2003.4 | 2350.6 | 1892.3 | 2172.4 |
| Barre De L'isle | 2419.0 | 2247.5 | 2554.7 | 2057.7 | 2578.9 |
| La Caye | 1648.0 | 2093.7 | 2011.1 | 1571.3 | 2137.4 |
| Mamiku | 1422.7 | 1757.8 | 1812.9 | 1536.0 | 1883.7 |
| Patience | 1687.0 | 2197.5 | 2176.8 | 1573.3 | 2015.6 |
| Mahaut | 2334.9 | 2228.4 | 2294.3 | 2229.2 | 2748.6 |
| Beausejour | 1371.0 | 1669.2 | 1683.7 | 1465.7 | 1771.7 |
| Bath Nursery | 2709.0 | 2546.1 | 2896.8 | 2392.4 | 2983.5 |
| Union Vale | 1793.0 | 1986.2 | 2109.3 | 1628.4 | 2043.6 |
| Edmond Forest | 3257.7 | 3474.4 | 3673.8 | 3132.6 | 3550.2 |
| Troumassee | 1429.0 | 1886.6 | 1904.1 | 1247.4 | 1603.9 |
| George Charles Airport* | 1748.0 | 1868.6 | 2197.5 | 1611.3 | 1960.2 |
| Hewannora Airport | 1364.0 | 1640.1 | 1574.1 | 1284.1 | 1743.7 |

Source : Engineering Division, Ministry of Agriculture

*** George F. L. Charles Airport is now the official name for Vigie Airport.**

**Table II - 3. Average Monthly Minimum and Maximum Temperature*, 1994 - 98
(degrees Celsius)**

| Year | 1994 | | 1995 | | 1996 | | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max | Min | Max |
| January | 22.0 | 28.7 | 20.9 | 28.7 | 22.8 | 29.5 | 22.6 | 28.5 | 23.2 | 29.4 |
| February | 21.7 | 28.0 | 22.4 | 29.6 | 22.7 | 29.3 | 22.4 | 28.3 | 22.6 | 29.9 |
| March | 20.8 | 28.5 | 22.7 | 29.1 | 21.8 | 28.6 | 22.6 | 28.5 | 23.7 | 29.8 |
| April | 22.2 | 29.0 | 23.2 | 29.5 | 22.4 | 29.1 | 22.1 | 29.4 | 24.2 | 30.8 |
| May | 24.4 | 29.8 | 24.0 | 30.0 | 23.9 | 29.4 | 25.0 | 30.2 | 25.2 | 31.1 |
| June | 25.2 | 29.6 | 25.1 | 30.1 | 24.6 | 29.9 | 24.0 | 30.8 | 24.5 | 30.7 |
| July | 25.0 | 29.7 | 25.3 | 31.0 | 24.7 | 29.7 | 25.1 | 29.8 | 24.8 | 30.9 |
| August | 24.7 | 29.7 | 24.3 | 30.9 | 24.0 | 30.3 | 24.2 | 30.9 | 24.3 | 31.5 |
| September | 23.9 | 29.7 | 23.9 | 31.1 | 24.1 | 32.5 | 24.5 | 31.0 | 24.2 | 31.4 |
| October | 22.7 | 30.0 | 21.9 | 31.1 | 24.0 | 32.6 | 23.9 | 31.3 | 23.8 | 30.8 |
| November | 23.8 | 29.9 | 22.3 | 30.5 | 23.7 | 31.2 | 21.5 | 32.1 | 22.4 | 30.5 |
| December | 22.1 | 29.9 | 23.6 | 29.0 | 22.6 | 29.2 | 23.7 | 29.9 | 22.4 | 29.7 |
| Yearly Average | 23.2 | 29.4 | 23.3 | 30.1 | 23.4 | 30.1 | 23.5 | 30.1 | 23.8 | 30.5 |

Source: Engineering Division - Ministry of Agriculture

* Data recorded at Union Agricultural Station

**Table II - 4. Temperature, Relative Humidity, Wind and Evaporation
Recorded at Union Agricultural Station, 1994 - 98**

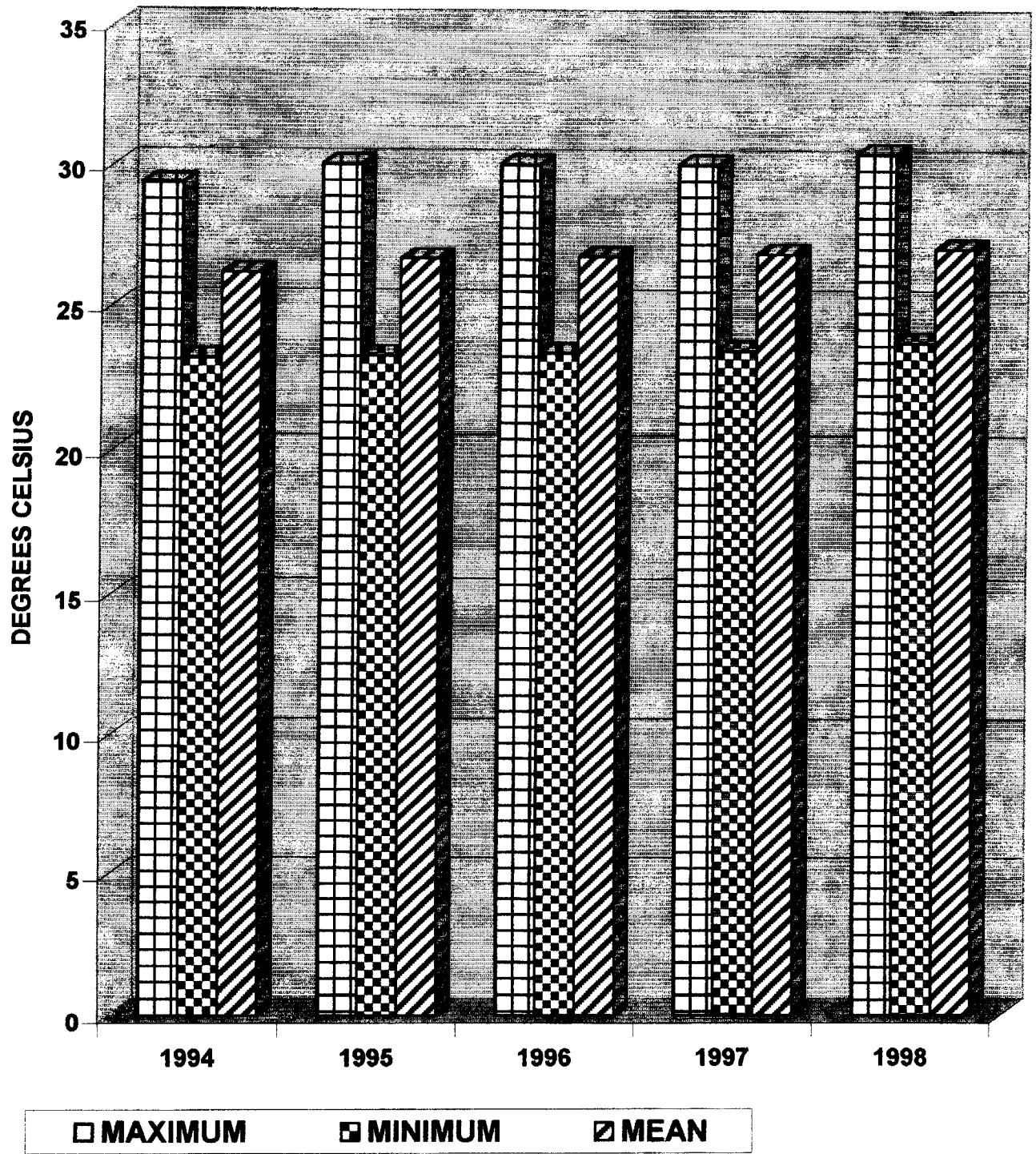
| Year | Mean Temperature (degrees Celsius) | | | Mean Relative Humidity (%) | Mean Evaporation (mm) * |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Max | Min | Mean | | |
| 1994 | 29.4 | 23.2 | 26.2 | 74 | 5.0 |
| 1995 | 30.1 | 23.3 | 26.7 | 77 | 4.9 |
| 1996 | 30.1 | 23.4 | 26.8 | 76 | 4.7 |
| 1997 | 30.1 | 23.5 | 26.9 | 76 | 4.7 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 29.7 | 23.2 | 26.4 | 73 | 4.7 |
| 2nd Quarter | 30.8 | 24.6 | 27.7 | 75 | 4.9 |
| 3rd Quarter | 31.2 | 24.4 | 27.8 | 78 | 4.5 |
| 4th Quarter | 30.3 | 22.8 | 26.6 | 79 | 3.7 |
| Average 1998 | 30.5 | 23.8 | 27.1 | 76 | 4.5 |

Source : Engineering Division - Ministry of Agriculture

*** Mean Evaporation per Day**

FIG II - 1

ANNUAL TEMPERATURE RANGE, 1994 - 98



AGRICULTURAL FINANCING

The number of loans granted for agricultural and fishing activities by the various lending institutions and/or credit schemes increased by 23% in 1998 compared to the previous year. However, this increase did not extend to the sum of the overall value of loans disbursed. As illustrated in Table III - 1, the value of the total number of loans granted in 1998 was roughly EC\$1.97 million compared to EC\$2.5 million in 1997. This represents a 21% decrease in the total value of loan disbursements in 1998.

The Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) still continues to be the principal source of credit for agricultural and fishing activities. In 1998, CDB funded 99% of the total loans approved. Loans granted by the other credit facilitators (like local sources) have declined by 85% during 1994-98. See Table III - 1 for further reference.

Categorically, 58% of all loans granted in 1998 in terms of agricultural financing were for farm development—valued at EC\$707, 000. The majority of these loans were used to upgrade the smallest farms (1-5 acres) and in this scenario, no loans have been granted for the development of the largest farms (11+ acres) since 1996. See Table III - 2 for further reference.

Loans for fishing activities constituted the second highest proportion—24%—of all loans disbursed for agricultural purposes. Moreover, 1998 was a record year for the number of loans granted for fishing activities. The forty-two (42) loans granted for this activity is valued at EC\$905,000—22% more than that for farm development, which made use of 98 loans (see Figure III - 1 and Figure III - 2).

Table III - 1. Number, Value and Percentage of Agricultural and Fishing Loans Approved by Type of Lending Institution, 1994 - 98

| Year | Type of Lending Institution | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----|-------|-----------|----|-------|-----------|-----|
| | CDB | | | Local | | | Total | | |
| | No. | (\$'000s) | % | No. | (\$'000s) | % | No. | (\$'000s) | % |
| 1994 | 143 | 1,754 | 95 | 13 | 94 | 5 | 156 | 1,848 | 100 |
| 1995 | 126 | 1,604 | 87 | 5 | 241 | 13 | 131 | 1,845 | 100 |
| 1996 | 106 | 2,692 | 96 | 3 | 117 | 4 | 109 | 2,809 | 100 |
| 1997 | 134 | 2,475 | 96 | 3 | 17 | 4 | 137 | 2,492 | 100 |
| 1998 | 167 | 1,964 | 100 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 169 | 1,967 | 100 |

Source: St. Lucia Development Bank

CDB - Caribbean Development Bank

FIG. III - 1

NUMBER OF AGRIC. LOANS DISBURSED
BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY, 1994 - 98

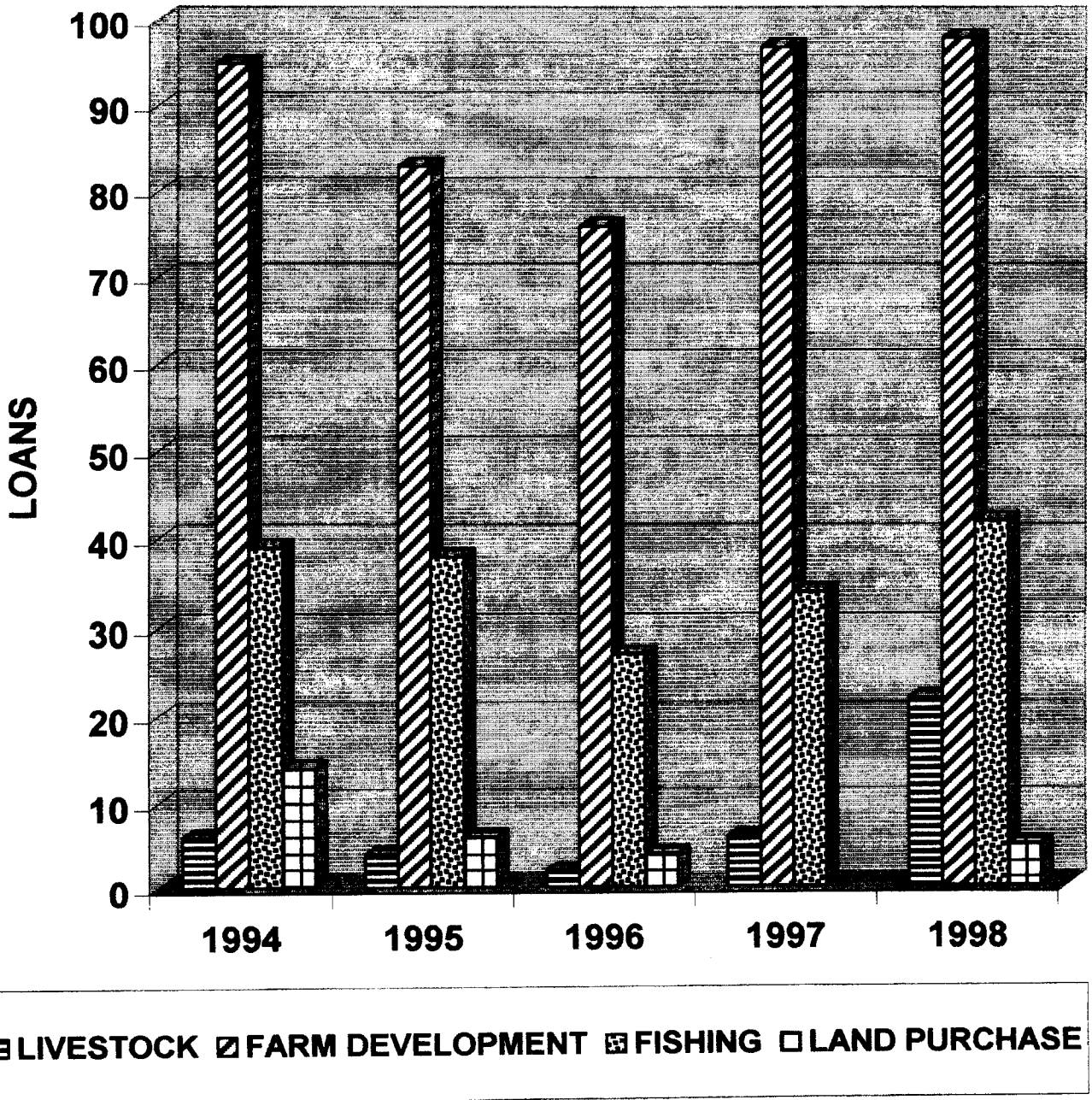


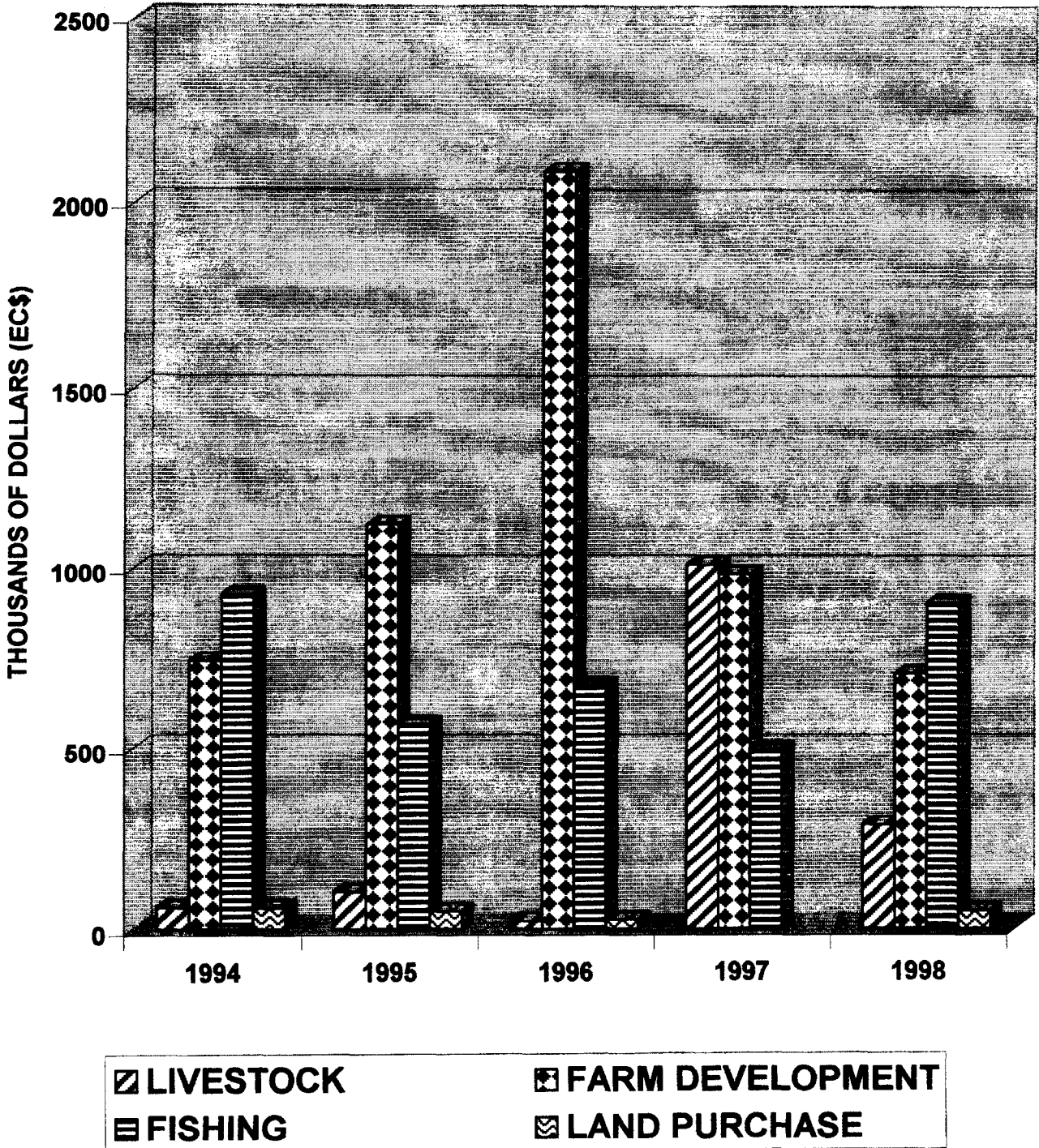
Table III - 2. Value of Loans (EC\$) Approved for Agricultural and Fishing Activities, 1994 - 98

| Type of Activity | 1994 | | 1995 | | 1996 | | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | No. | (\$'000s) | No. | (\$'000s) | No. | (\$'000s) | No. | (\$'000s) | No. | (\$'000s) |
| <u>Livestock</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Poultry | 3 | 45 | 1 | 11 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 985 | 8 | 145 |
| - Cattle | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - Sheep | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 21 |
| - Pigs | 1 | 5 | 2 | 89 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 18 | 8 | 104 |
| - Bees | 2 | 11 | 1 | 3 | - | - | 2 | 8 | 2 | 18 |
| Total Livestock | 6 | 61 | 4 | 103 | 2 | 22 | 6 | 1,011 | 22 | 288 |
| <u>Fishing</u> | 39 | 928 | 38 | 567 | 27 | 674 | 34 | 496 | 42 | 905 |
| <u>Farm Development</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| - 1-5 acres | 73 | 592 | 68 | 556 | 71 | 2,006 | 95 | 930 | 86 | 652 |
| - 6-10 acres | 19 | 103 | 13 | 164 | 5 | 81 | 2 | 55 | 12 | 55 |
| - 11+ acres | 3 | 49 | 2 | 405 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total Farm Development | 95 | 744 | 83 | 1,125 | 76 | 2,087 | 97 | 985 | 98 | 707 |
| <u>Industry</u> | 2 | 56 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 17 |
| <u>Land Purchase and Development</u> | 14 | 59 | 6 | 50 | 4 | 26 | - | - | 5 | 50 |
| Grand Total | 156 | 1,848 | 131 | 1,845 | 109 | 2,809 | 137 | 2,492 | 169 | 1,967 |

Source : St. Lucia Development Bank

FIG III - 2

VALUE OF AGRIC. LOANS DISBURSED
BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY, 1994 - 98



THE BANANA INDUSTRY

St. Lucia continues to dominate the other Windward Islands in banana production and exports, and 1998 was no exception as St. Lucia contributed to a little over 50% of the Windward Islands¹ total banana exports (see Table IV - 4). However, St. Lucia's banana exports decreased by roughly 578 tonnes² in 1998 relative to 1997 (see Table IV - 1 and Figure IV - 1), provoked primarily by a prolonged dry spell.

During the year in review, the banana industry underwent structural change and became a private entity. Consequently, the St. Lucia Banana Corporation (SLBC) and the Tropical Quality Fruit Company (TQFC)³ were set up and have now assumed some of the basic functions once conducted by the St. Lucia Banana Growers Association (SLBGA). In addition, the Windward Island Banana Growers Association (WINBAN)—the previous marketing agency—has now been replaced by the Windward Islands Banana Development & Exporting Company Ltd. (WIBDECO), who is now responsible for operating the banana industry's marketing activities.

In 1997 and 1998, St. Lucia recorded its lowest banana exports contribution to the total Windward Islands' banana exports—roughly 52%—as far back as 1992. In contrast, the country exported its largest quantity of bananas in 1996—104,777 tonnes—generating a total of EC\$142,360,000 in revenue. See Table IV - 1 and Table I - 2.

¹ The Windward Islands include St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Dominica and Grenada.

² Note that the **export** figures in Table IV - 1 and Table IV - 4 may differ. The exports figures in Table IV - 1 account for rejected fruit.

³ **Banana Export figures for 1998 include exports *only* by SLBC. Export figures by TQFC were not available, since the company only began operation in late 1998.**

The average price paid to farmers (i.e. the banana producers) by the St. Lucia Banana Growers Association (SLBGA) increased from EC\$0.49/kg in 1997 to EC\$0.69/kg in 1998 – indicating a 24% rise. Likewise, the average price paid to SLBGA by the United Kingdom – the principal buyer – increased by 20%. See Table IV - 3 for further reference⁴.

Banana purchases at the various boxing depots declined by 9% in 1998 relative to the previous year. Nevertheless, Private estates⁵ continue to dominate in the overall supply of the fruit – constituting 69% of all supplies. The Grand Riviere boxing depot is also a major supplier of bananas, coming in second only to the private estates. See Table IV - 2 for further reference.

Table IV - 5 itemises all banana inputs by price, and Table IV - 6 gives a further breakdown of the banana fertilizers used and their comparative import costs.

In terms of outlook, St. Lucia's banana production is projected to increase in total to the 80,000 tonne level per year, barring prolonged dry spells and other natural disasters.

⁴ Note that the overall prices paid to the banana associations/companies, and subsequently to the farmers, depend on the foreign exchange rates for the pound sterling at the time of purchase.

⁵ Private estates are not under the jurisdiction of the SLBC and TQFC, unlike the boxing depots.

Table IV - 1. Banana Purchases and Exports, 1994 - 98

| Year | (tonnes) | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Purchases 1/ | Exports 2/ |
| 1994 | 90,713 | 90,061 |
| 1995 | 105,452 | 103,063 |
| 1996 | 105,341 | 104,777 |
| 1997 | 71,353 | 71,393 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 20,766 | 20,765 |
| 2nd Quarter | 14,777 | 14,762 |
| 3rd Quarter | 12,702 | 12,701 |
| October | 6,248 | 7,574 |
| November | 7,505 | 7,504 |
| December | 8,879 | 7,509 |
| 4th Quarter | 22,632 | 22,587 |
| Total 1998 | 70,877 | 70,815 |

Source : St. Lucia Banana Corporation (SLBC)

1/ These are purchases made by SLBC from the Buying Depots and Private Estates.

2/ These are sales made only to Geest by SLBC (does not include sales made to other non-traditional markets)

FIG IV - 1

BANANA PURCHASES & EXPORTS, 1994 98

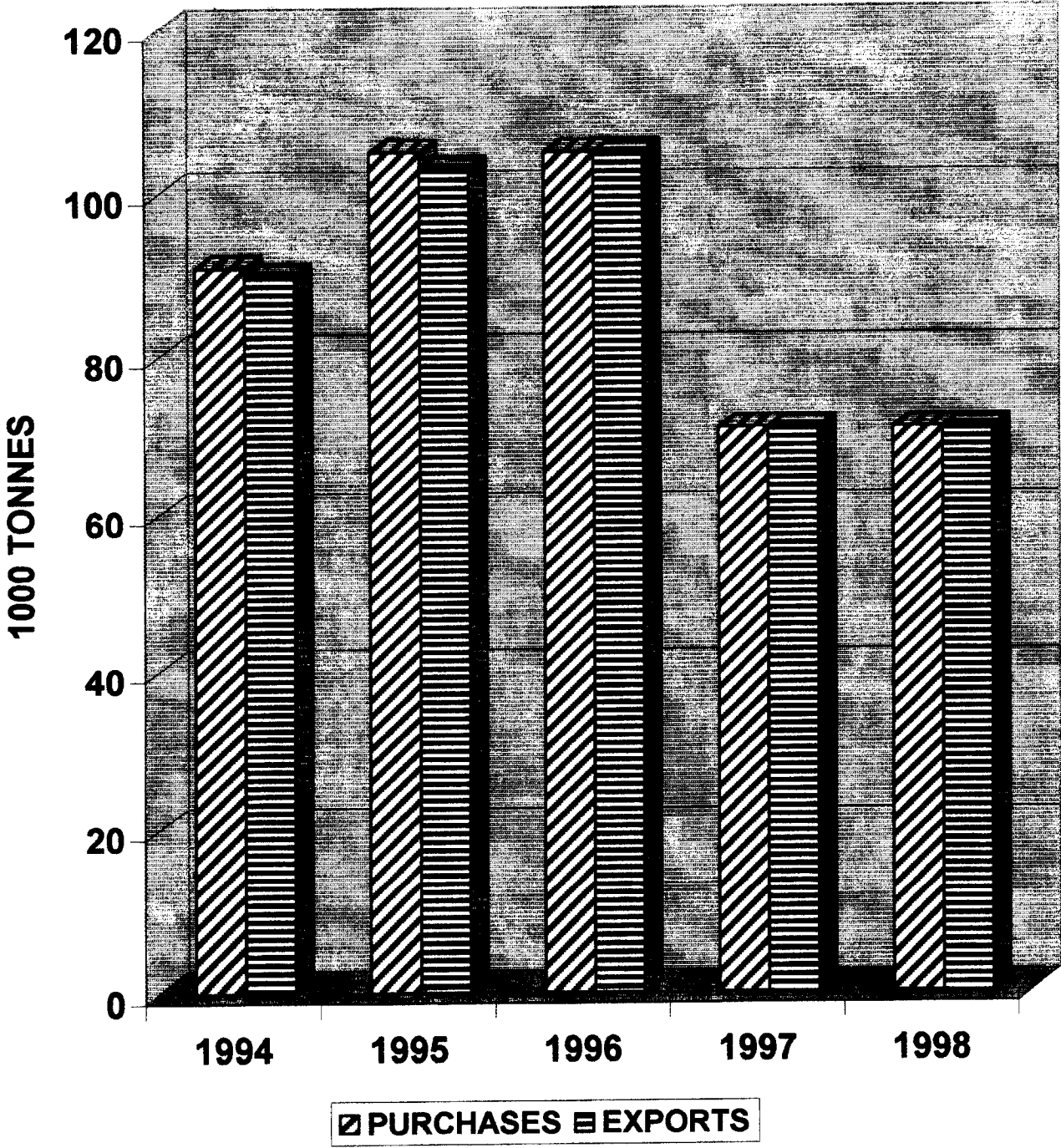


Table IV - 2. Banana Purchases (tonnes) from Boxing Depots, 1994 - 98

| Buying Depots | Zone | 1998 | | | | | | | Total 1998 | Total 1997 | Total 1996 | Total 1995 | Total 1994 |
|-------------------|-------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| | | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | October | November | December | 4th Quarter | | | | | |
| Fond Assau | A - 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 65 | 281 | 188 | 292 |
| Forestierre | A - 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 60 | 272 | 245 | 316 |
| Union | A - 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ti Rocher | A - 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Deneriere Riviere | B - 1 | 505 | 391 | 95 | - | - | - | 0 | 991 | 1,761 | 2,103 | 1,677 | 1,413 |
| Gadette | B - 2 | 791 | 496 | 432 | - | - | - | 0 | 1,719 | 2,187 | 2,198 | 1,627 | 1,344 |
| Grand Riviere | C - 1 | 1,204 | 893 | 798 | 567 | 582 | 529 | 1,678 | 4,573 | 4,399 | 5,810 | 4,935 | 3,719 |
| Theobald | C - 2 | 304 | 189 | - | - | - | - | 0 | 493 | 1,069 | 1,553 | 1,222 | 883 |
| Errard | C - 3 | 460 | 331 | 245 | 26 | - | - | 26 | 1,062 | 1,376 | 1,662 | 1,001 | 710 |
| Troumassee | F - 1 | 1,247 | 756 | 571 | 326 | 355 | 371 | 1,052 | 3,626 | 2,742 | 3,627 | 2,215 | 1,217 |
| Blanchard | F - 2 | 1,007 | 741 | 516 | 229 | 206 | 211 | 646 | 2,910 | 2,305 | 2,602 | 1,829 | 1,211 |
| Retraite | H - 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 599 | 995 | 1,037 | 941 |
| Belle Vue | H - 2 | 1,540 | 985 | 698 | 342 | 378 | 414 | 1,141 | 4,364 | 3,770 | 4,478 | 3,518 | 2,742 |
| Banse | H - 3 | 652 | 414 | 312 | 152 | 185 | 213 | 550 | 1,928 | 1,371 | 1,365 | 1,331 | 1,208 |
| Morne Cayenne | H - 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 1,070 | 2,254 | 1,548 | 893 |
| Victoria | I - 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Giraud | I - 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 83 | 245 | 309 | 197 |
| Odsan | J - 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 487 | 1,034 | 949 | 959 |
| Vanard | J - 2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 727 | 1,102 | 891 | 1,049 |
| Bexon | J - 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| S.L.M.F. | | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | | 85 | - | - |
| Private Estates | | 13,055 | 9,568 | 9,035 | 5,934 | 5,628 | 5,772 | 17,334 | 48,992 | 53,796 | 73,139 | 78,143 | 71,375 |
| Total | | 20,765 | 14,764 | 12,702 | 7,576 | 7,334 | 7,510 | 22,427 | 70,658 | 77,867 | 104,805 | 102,665 | 90,469 |

Source : St. Lucia Banana Corporation (SLBC)

(-) These Boxing Depots are now closed.

Table IV - 3. Banana Price Structure, 1994 - 98

| Year | Average sterling Price Value - EC\$ | Price (EC\$ per Kg) | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| | | Green Market Price 1/ | Price paid to SLBC 2/ | Price paid to Producers 3/ |
| 1994 | 4.11 | 2.54 | 1.27 | 0.74 |
| 1995 | 4.23 | 2.35 | 1.26 | 0.80 |
| 1996 | 4.16 | 2.27 | 1.17 | 0.75 |
| 1997 | 4.42 | 2.05 | 1.08 | 0.49 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 4.45 | NA | 1.39 | 0.62 |
| 2nd Quarter | 4.46 | NA | 1.26 | 0.64 |
| 3rd Quarter | 4.48 | NA | 1.16 | 0.62 |
| October | 4.58 | NA | 1.85 | 0.40 |
| November | 4.48 | NA | 1.45 | 0.62 |
| December | 4.50 | NA | 0.84 | 0.64 |
| 4th Quarter | 4.52 | NA | 1.38 | 0.55 |
| Average 1998 | 4.48 | NA | 1.30 | 0.61 |

Source : Windward Island Development Export Company (WIDECO)

1/ Price paid by purchaser in the U.K. to Geest Industries for the Green Fruit

2/ Price paid by WIDECO to SLBC

3/ Price paid by SLBC to the Banana Producers

NA Not available

Table IV - 4. Banana Exports Classified by Quantity and Value for the Windward Islands, 1994 - 98

| Year | St. Lucia | | St. Vincent | | Dominica | | Grenada | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| 1994 | 90,061 | 115,713 | 30,925 | 39,826 | 42,702 | 55,373 | 4,542 | 5,906 |
| 1995 | 103,667 | 128,093 | 49,898 | 61,281 | 32,322 | 45,145 | 4,546 | 5,205 |
| 1996 | 104,805 | 125,792 | 43,985 | 52,426 | 39,532 | 44,527 | 1,849 | 1,474 |
| 1997 | 71,395 | 85,939 | 31,021 | 37,106 | 34,902 | 41,471 | - | - |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 20,766 | 25,890 | 10,360 | 13,190 | 7,499 | 9,460 | - | - |
| 2nd Quarter | 14,777 | 18,850 | 8,343 | 12,810 | 6,806 | 9,050 | - | - |
| 3rd Quarter | 12,702 | 15,680 | 8,076 | 11,580 | 6,567 | 8,700 | - | - |
| 4th Quarter | 22,461 | 29,720 | 12,088 | 16,300 | 6,681 | 9,030 | 94 | 490 |
| Total 1998 | 70,706 | 90,140 | 38,867 | 53,880 | 27,553 | 36,240 | 94 | 490 |

Source: Windward Islands Banana Development & Exporting Company Ltd.(WIBDECO)

(-) No sales

Note: These figures represent sales made only to the United Kingdom (UK).

Table IV - 5. Price Range of Banana Inputs, 1998

| Type of Inputs | Unit of Quantity | Price Range EC\$ |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Blue Diothene - Large | 30 Kg roll | 167.95 - 212.95 |
| Blue Diothene - Treated | 10 Kg roll | 108.82 - 336.41 |
| Blue Diothene - Small | 15 Kg roll | 88.24 - 111.31 |
| White Diothene | 30 Kg roll | 124.40 - 155.50 |
| Twine | Roll | 12.26 - 36.28 |
| <u>FERTILIZERS</u> | | |
| Fertilizer N.P.K. - 13.7.23.5 | 50 Kg Bag | |
| - 16.8.24+2 | 50 Kg Bag | 42.00 - 52.28 |
| - 16.4.24+2 | 50 Kg Bag | |
| Sulphate of Ammonia | 50 Kg Bag | |
| Muriate of Potash | 50 Kg Bag | 41.52 - 43.71 |
| Sodium Nitrate | 50 Kg Bag | |
| Urea | 50 Kg Bag | 40.85 - 43.00 |
| Dolomite Lime | 50 Kg Bag | 26.29 - 27.68 |
| <u>WEEDICIDES</u> | | |
| Daconate | Gallon | 32.35 - 34.06 |
| Gramaxone | 5 Litre | 54.88 - 57.77 |
| Gramaxone | 1 Litre | 12.63 - 13.30 |
| Reglone | 5 Litre | 76.64 - 80.67 |
| Reglone | 1 Litre | 16.72 - 17.60 |
| Round Up | Gallon | 83.69 - 88.10 |
| Round Up | 1 Litre | 25.24 - 26.57 |
| Touch Down | 5 Litre | 124.26 - 130.80 |
| Touch Down | 1 Litre | 27.31 - 28.74 |
| Talent | 1 Litre | 32.56 - 34.38 |
| <u>INSECTICIDES</u> | | |
| Furadan | 25 Kg Bag | 176.50 - 185.79 |
| Furadan | 10 Kg Bag | 70.60 - 74.32 |
| Primicid | 5 Litre | 150.96 - 158.90 |
| Vydate | Gallon | 98.56 - 103.85 |
| <u>FUNGICIDES</u> | | |
| Calixin | 1 Litre | 47.95 - 59.94 |
| Mertect | 1 Litre | 80.96 - 85.22 |
| Allum | Lb/Kg | 0.44 - 0.46 |

Source : St. Lucia Banana Corporation (SLBC)

Table IV - 6. Fertilizer Imports by Type, Quantity and Cost, 1994 - 98

| Year | Ammonium Nitrate | | Ammonium Sulphate | | Urea | | Other Fertilizers | |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| 1994 | 84 | 145 | - | 2 | 25 | 16 | 4,915 | 5,508 |
| 1995 | 17 | 36 | 334 | 656 | 31 | 42 | 6,730 | 5,934 |
| 1996 | 7 | 16 | - | 5 | 9 | 12 | 8,027 | 7,835 |
| 1997 | 38 | 21 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 15 | 5,760 | 7,700 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1,399 | 783 |
| 2nd Quarter | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 903 | 723 |
| 3rd Quarter | - | - | - | - | 1,647 | 797 | 478 | 891 |
| 4th Quarter | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | 133 | 586 |
| Total 1998 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,650 | 800 | 2,913 | 2,983 |

Source: Foreign Trade Report

(-) No imports

THE COCOA INDUSTRY

In 1998, cocoa purchases (for export) fell by 27% relative to 1997 and even more so when compared to previous years (see Table V - 1). This decrease can be attributed, in part, to the drought conditions experienced in the first quarter of 1998. The St. Lucia Agriculturist Association (SLAA), which purchases dried cocoa beans from farmers, also cites the reason for the overall decline in cocoa purchases to be due to the increasing demand for cocoa sticks on the local market.

Cocoa bean exports fell by 42% in 1998 and this is in keeping with the relative contraction in cocoa bean purchases. There was only one shipment of cocoa beans for export which took place in the first quarter of 1998. See Table V - 1 and Figure V - 1 for further reference.

There has been little change in world market conditions for cocoa, and as a result, local producers of cocoa continue to receive a fixed price of EC\$6.60/kg for their product. An attempt to revitalize the cocoa industry commenced in 1996 and efforts are still ongoing. A total of 350 acres of land, which was damaged during "Tropical Storm Debbie" in 1994, has been targeted for use in the Cocoa Rehabilitation Project.

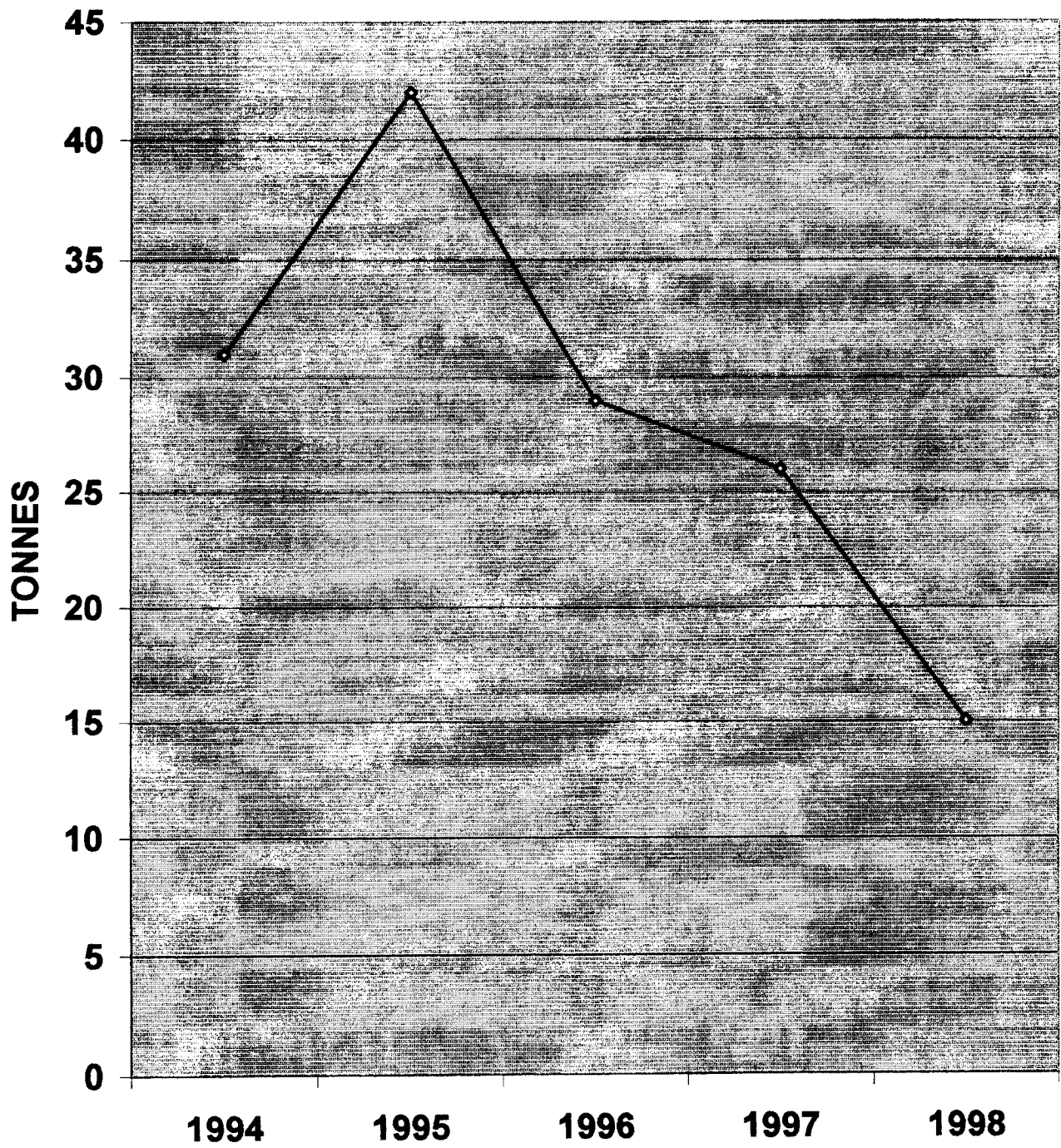
Table V - 1. Cocoa Bean Purchases and Exports, 1994 - 98

| Year | Purchases (R) by Principal Exporter (tonnes) | Exports | | Average Price paid to Producers EC\$/kg |
|-------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|--|
| | | Quantity (tonnes) | Value (\$'000s) | |
| 1994 | 53 | 31 | 334 | 6.60 |
| 1995 | 29 | 42 | 300 | 6.60 |
| 1996 | 31 | 29 | 191 | 6.60 |
| 1997 | 30 | 26 | 185 | 6.60 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 19 | 15 | 96 | 6.60 |
| 2nd Quarter | 3 | | | 6.60 |
| 3rd Quarter | - | | | 6.60 |
| 4th Quarter | - | | | 6.60 |
| Total 1998 | 22 | 15 | 96 | 6.60 |

Source : St. Lucia Agriculturist Association & Foreign Trade Report

FIG. V - 1

COCOA BEAN EXPORTS, 1994 - 98



THE COCONUT INDUSTRY

The coconut industry indicated a decline in its performance in 1998, as copra purchases fell by 41% compared to the previous year. Copra sales were recorded only in the second and fourth quarters of 1998, amassing nearly EC\$1.5 million in earnings, but measuring a 42% decline compared to 1997. See Table VI - 1 and Figure VI - 1 for reference.

The export market for some coconut products has been inactive. For much of the period in review (1994 - 98), exports of laundry soap and coconut meal have been nil and this trend is projected to continue. On the other hand, exports of refined coconut oil have been more or less continuous, but with significant declines in exports. Exports of unrefined coconut oil were not recorded for the period of January to December 1998. See Table VI - 2 for reference.

In sum, the revenue received from exports of coconut products fell substantially from EC\$172,000 to EC\$36,000—representing a 79% decline. See Table VI - 2 for further reference.

Table VI - 1. Income from Copra Sales, 1994 - 98

| Year | Quantity (tonnes) | Value (\$'000s) |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1994 | 2,867 | 6,552 |
| 1995 | 2,098 | 1,484 |
| 1996 | 1,946 | 778 |
| 1997 | 2,823 | 2,534 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | - | - |
| 2nd Quarter | 1,096 | 964 |
| 3rd Quarter | - | - |
| 4th Quarter | 565 | 498 |
| Total 1998 | 1,661 | 1,462 |

Source : St. Lucia Coconut Growers Association

(--) No purchases.

FIG VI - 1

COPRA SALES, 1994 - 98
(to principal purchaser)

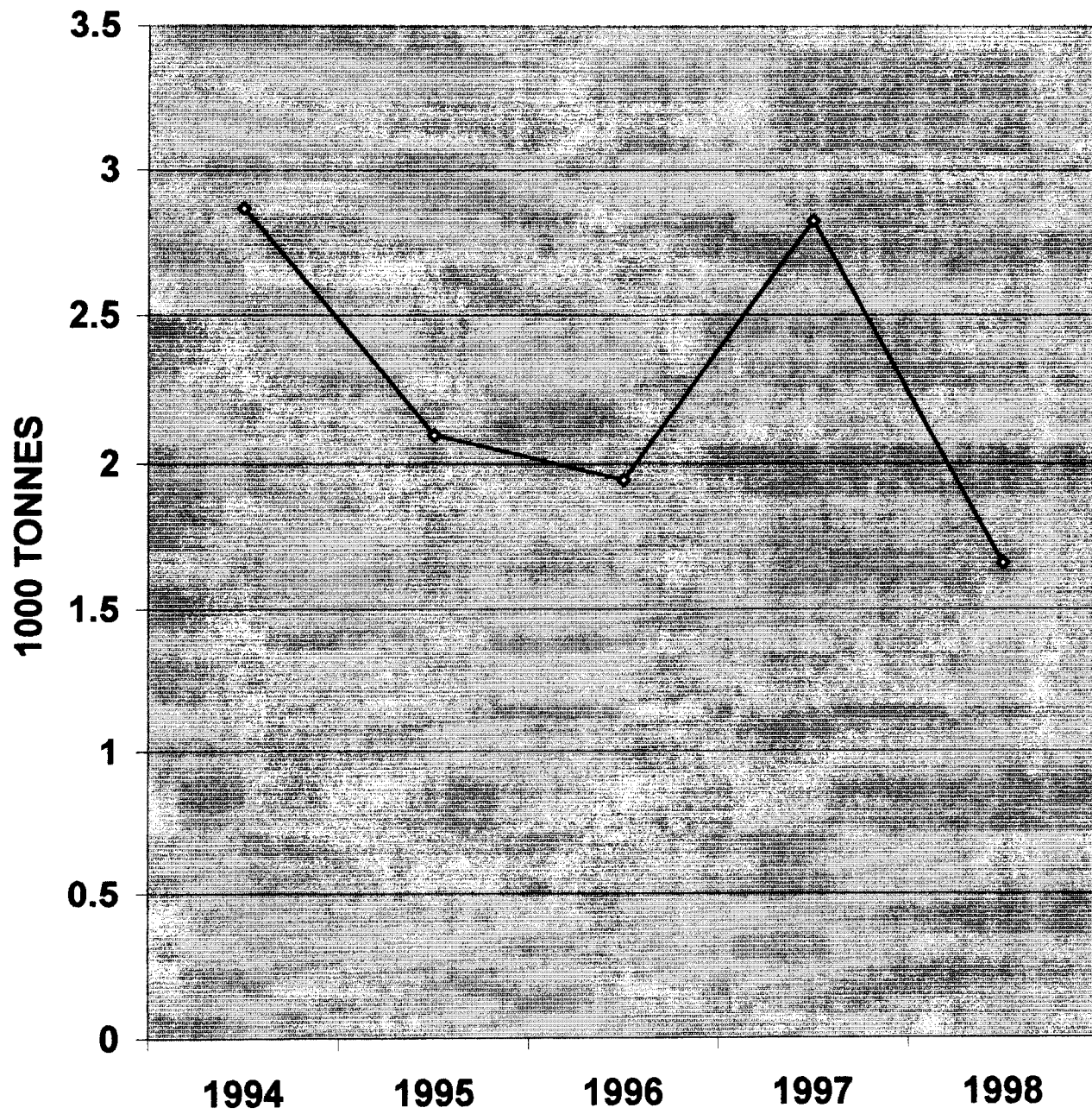


Table VI - 2. Exports of Copra Products by Quantity and Value, 1994 - 98

| Year | Coconut Oil | | | | Laundry Soap | | Coconut Meal | | Total Value (\$'000s) |
|------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| | Refined | | Unrefined | | Quantity | Value | Quantity | Value | |
| | (000 litres) | (\$'000s) | (000 litres) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | |
| 1994 | 889 | 1,982 | - | - | - | - | 308 | 74 | 2,056 |
| 1995 | 334 | 670 | - | - | - | - | 13 | 5 | 675 |
| 1996 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1997 | 15 | 60 | 14 | 112 | - | - | - | - | 172 |
| 1998 | 12 | 36 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 36 |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

THE CROP MARKET

The volume of crops purchased from farmers by the principal market outlets¹ increased by a moderate 5% in 1998 relative to 1997. However, this increase is the aggregate of the rise in the purchases of fruits and tree crops and the decrease in the purchases of vegetables, root crops, and herbs and spices.

Tree crops measured the highest increase in sales—21%. In this category, plantain was purchased in the highest volume, and this is consistent with the trend during the historical period (1994-97). The 7% hike in fruit purchases can be attributed to the increase in the sales of such fruits like grapefruits, ripe bananas, avocados and watermelons. These are just some of the fruits which generally do exceedingly well on the market. See Table VII - 1 and Table VII - 2 for further reference.

On the other hand, the highest of the overall decreases in crop purchases was recorded for herbs and spices—12%. In this group, thyme sales suffered the highest dip—roughly 81%. Root crop purchases measured the second highest decrease, with sales falling by 71%. In this category, the decline was most notable in the sales of sweet potatoes, tania, and most types of yams.

The volume of vegetable purchases also fell by 4%, and throughout the historical period (1994-97), vegetable sales fluctuated by an average margin of 8%. However, despite this scenario, vegetables like cucumbers, hot peppers, tomatoes, white cabbages and pumpkins continue to generate impressive figures in terms of purchase volumes. See same tables as above for further reference.

In the main, the most popular crops like avocados, green and ripe bananas, grapefruits, mangoes, sweet oranges, plantains, salad beans, cabbages, tomatoes, yams, celery and chive, continue to do well in the marketplace—securing sales by tens of thousands of volumes. (All in all, fruits generally exceed the other crops in sales).

Moreover, many of the aforementioned crops command some of the highest prices², with celery fetching as high as EC\$11.04/kg in 1998. On the other hand, thyme—one of the crops purchased in the lowest volumes—is the highest priced crop, commanding as much as EC\$31.44/kg in 1998. It must be noted here that these prices are the prices paid to the farmers by the market outlets for retail³. See Table VII - 3 for further reference.

Many of the most popular crops purchased from the farmers are also purchased on the same grand scale by the hotels⁴. Ripe bananas, grapefruits and tomatoes especially, reflect this trend, and in general, fruits were purchased in the highest volumes (see Table VII - 4). Furthermore, in terms of price, the hotels almost never pay less than 50% over the price that was paid to the farmers (see Table VII - 3 and Table VII - 5). Overall, hotel crop purchases have increased during the period of 1996-98. In 1998, hotel crop purchases increased by 8% relative to the previous year.

¹ The market outlets comprise of two leading supermarkets and the St. Lucia Marketing Board (SLMB).

² The prices in Table VII - 3 are an average of the prices paid by all the market outlets (to the farmers) for each crop.

³ Prices are usually determined by the rate of inflation and by the economic dynamics of supply and demand.

⁴ The hotels buy their crops mainly from SLMB.

Table VII - 1. Quantity (kgs) of Selected Agricultural Produce Purchased by Selected Market Outlets, 1998

| Produce | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total 1998 |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Apricot | | | | | 40 | 9 | | 26 | 12 | | | | 87 |
| Avocado | 658 | 18 | 22 | | 39 | 900 | 7,048 | 3,960 | 7,880 | 3,018 | 1,934 | 1,805 | 27,282 |
| Banana [ripe] | 7,010 | 5,519 | 7,309 | 6,670 | 7,437 | 7,798 | 7,910 | 5,553 | 8,990 | 7,141 | 7,391 | 8,916 | 87,644 |
| Cantaloupe | 10 | 12 | 28 | 83 | 578 | 209 | 1,719 | 1,066 | 423 | 355 | 12 | 22 | 4,517 |
| Carambola | 1,706 | 1,264 | 710 | 22 | 264 | 2,293 | 2,166 | 1,044 | 352 | 1,606 | 1,482 | 1,387 | 14,296 |
| Genip | | | | | | | | 79 | | | | | |
| Golden Apple | 139 | 81 | | | 58 | 158 | 2,460 | 3,497 | 4,248 | 5,398 | 3,389 | 549 | 19,977 |
| Grapefruit | 38,056 | 28,828 | 44,345 | 55,608 | 36,459 | 8,065 | 1,296 | 253 | 6,315 | 16,771 | 9,994 | 23,641 | 269,631 |
| Guava | | | | 5 | | | | 30 | 475 | 531 | 98 | | 1,139 |
| Lemon | 1,753 | 1,760 | 2,412 | 1,042 | 127 | 73 | 2 | 9 | 41 | 160 | 669 | 710 | 8,758 |
| Lime | 2,357 | 1,005 | 728 | 728 | 2,771 | 3,780 | 6,006 | 5,711 | 8,182 | 4,913 | 4,416 | 2,321 | 42,918 |
| Love Apple | | 405 | 52 | | | 590 | 8 | 60 | 13 | | | 20 | 1,148 |
| Mandarine | 477 | 257 | 41 | 17 | | | | | | 29 | 115 | 287 | 1,223 |
| Mango - Graham | | | 5 | 32 | 993 | 12,349 | 5,865 | 6,526 | 2,179 | 31 | | | 27,980 |
| - Julie | | | 170 | 416 | 2,962 | 5,063 | 2,406 | 1,360 | 65 | | | | 12,442 |
| - Others | 35 | 337 | 981 | 220 | 12,573 | 10,475 | 4,955 | 5,070 | 958 | | | | 35,604 |
| Orange - sour | 1,739 | 3,032 | 3,045 | 1,902 | 1,536 | 959 | 970 | 208 | 102 | 312 | 1,107 | 1,284 | 16,196 |
| - sweet | 31,135 | 12,497 | 4,646 | 280 | 10 | 178 | 893 | 7,425 | 14,435 | 21,095 | 18,706 | 19,990 | 131,290 |
| Ortanique | 1,939 | 1,191 | 827 | 156 | | | | | | 28 | 385 | 320 | 4,846 |
| Passion Fruit | 4,373 | 1,990 | 299 | 2,832 | 4,350 | 4,984 | 2,591 | 4,210 | 1,829 | 2,503 | 3,988 | 4,085 | 38,034 |
| Paw Paw | 1,827 | 1,282 | 1,222 | 1,315 | 1,469 | 1,523 | 940 | 385 | 243 | 200 | 808 | 930 | 12,144 |
| Pineapple | 595 | 400 | 205 | 182 | 1,710 | 1,356 | 421 | 987 | 195 | 1,045 | 82 | 710 | 7,888 |
| Plum | | | | | | | | 50 | 120 | 46 | | | 216 |
| Sapodilla | 90 | 63 | 10 | 25 | 88 | | | 9 | 14 | | | | 299 |
| Shaddock | 44 | 57 | 130 | 245 | | | | | | | | 49 | 525 |
| Sorrel | 614 | 115 | | | | | | | | | 30 | 225 | 984 |
| Sour Sop | 400 | 127 | 314 | 503 | 863 | 813 | 1,188 | 1,514 | 1,622 | 1,762 | 78 | 51 | 9,235 |
| Sugar Apple | | | | | | | 14 | 115 | 321 | 2 | | | 452 |
| Tamarind | | | 155 | 133 | 237 | 11 | | | | | | | 536 |
| Tangerine | 8,795 | 3,809 | 4,573 | 526 | 27 | | | | | 9 | 1,360 | 1,901 | 21,000 |
| Watermelon | 1,981 | 340 | 458 | 2,330 | 4,302 | 1,100 | 7,826 | 7,311 | 5,023 | 187 | | | 30,858 |
| Waxapple | | 26 | | 1,003 | 803 | 1,167 | 100 | | | | | | 3,099 |
| Total Fruit | 105,733 | 64,415 | 72,687 | 76,275 | 79,696 | 63,853 | 56,784 | 56,458 | 64,037 | 67,142 | 56,044 | 69,203 | 832,248 |
| Bora Beans | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bean Sprout | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Broccoli | 42 | 151 | 56 | 26 | 156 | 41 | 25 | 10 | 43 | 64 | 36 | 13 | 663 |
| Cabbage | 3,280 | 6,758 | 8,864 | 9,620 | 2,501 | 876 | 1,910 | 8,245 | 7,238 | 4,421 | 1,734 | 7,565 | 63,012 |
| Calaloo | 101 | 56 | 10 | 22 | 6 | 37 | 62 | 109 | 180 | 153 | 206 | 193 | 1,135 |
| Carrot | 497 | 524 | 278 | 143 | | 172 | 189 | | | | 5 | 116 | 1,924 |
| Cauliflower | 33 | 26 | | 4 | | | | | | | | | 63 |
| Cherry Tomato | | | 7 | | | | | | | | | | 7 |
| Chinese Cabbage | 1,328 | 1,683 | 1,442 | 1,601 | 1,249 | 819 | 1,025 | 404 | 817 | 1,178 | 1,246 | 675 | 13,467 |
| Christophene | 2,725 | 2,645 | 1,014 | 69 | 44 | 6 | | 2 | | | 70 | 631 | 7,206 |
| Corn | 10 | 14 | 139 | 55 | | 162 | 207 | 501 | 76 | 9 | 225 | | 1,398 |
| Cucumber | 11,292 | 4,041 | 10,722 | 12,641 | 8,692 | 18,341 | 17,868 | 12,566 | 10,035 | 5,084 | 9,675 | 7,494 | 128,451 |
| Eggplant | 1,682 | 786 | 721 | 79 | 165 | 945 | 1,925 | 1,942 | 968 | 640 | 210 | 320 | 10,383 |
| Lettuce | 1,598 | 1,999 | 3,692 | 2,685 | 2,010 | 1,779 | 1,576 | 1,309 | 765 | 650 | 891 | 1,367 | 20,321 |
| Okra | 426 | 330 | 319 | 167 | 140 | 442 | 1,842 | 2,213 | 1,643 | 1,708 | 1,056 | 318 | 10,604 |
| Pepper - Hot | 8,689 | 3,505 | 6,463 | 4,358 | 1,700 | 1,760 | 2,102 | 2,584 | 1,694 | 2,111 | 1,978 | 738 | 37,682 |
| - Seasoning | 320 | 644 | 789 | 171 | 1,119 | 1,515 | 3,106 | 1,292 | 1,238 | 1,129 | 597 | 376 | 12,296 |
| - Sweet | 623 | 401 | 743 | 980 | 1,187 | 1,584 | 1,170 | 313 | 292 | 128 | 61 | 34 | 7,516 |

Table VII - 1. Quantity (kgs) of Selected Agricultural Produce Purchased by Selected Market Outlets, 1998

| Produce | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total 1998 |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Pumpkin | 5,040 | 5,223 | 6,040 | 3,366 | 1,407 | 947 | 1,114 | 5,352 | 4,871 | 3,056 | 3,165 | 1,977 | 41,558 |
| Radish | | | | | | 3 | | | | | | | 3 |
| Salad Beans | 1,592 | 1,399 | 1,640 | 1,459 | 472 | 205 | 1,575 | 2,398 | 504 | 251 | 1,200 | 1,387 | 14,082 |
| Spinach | 490 | 432 | 439 | 335 | 455 | 1,208 | 962 | 959 | 777 | 661 | 325 | 227 | 7,270 |
| Squash | 127 | 50 | 18 | 2 | 27 | 5 | 403 | 742 | 126 | 53 | 108 | 57 | 1,718 |
| Tomato | 10,395 | 6,447 | 9,269 | 12,658 | 9,653 | 7,791 | 2,080 | 3,233 | 2,461 | 441 | 202 | 1,882 | 66,512 |
| Turnip | 86 | | 84 | 43 | 5 | | | | | | | | 218 |
| Watercress | 6 | 33 | 65 | 17 | 25 | 56 | 16 | 11 | 5 | 22 | 5 | 6 | 267 |
| Zucchini | | | | 376 | 123 | 29 | 6 | 49 | 2 | | | | 585 |
| Total Vegetables | 50,382 | 37,147 | 52,814 | 50,877 | 31,136 | 38,723 | 39,163 | 44,234 | 33,735 | 21,759 | 22,995 | 25,376 | 448,341 |
| Banana [Green] | 8,177 | 14,030 | 6,374 | 5,992 | 5,790 | 9,818 | 17,591 | 10,221 | 3,994 | 10,095 | 10,201 | 5,667 | 107,950 |
| Breadfruit | 1,765 | 1,378 | 1,942 | 1,936 | 2,510 | 1,925 | 5,208 | 4,075 | 521 | 162 | | | 186 |
| Breadnut | 61 | | 16 | 233 | 263 | 34 | 35 | | 87 | 588 | 170 | 165 | 1,652 |
| Cashew Nut | 6 | | 5 | 371 | 408 | 285 | 205 | | 63 | 22 | 11 | 13 | 1,389 |
| Coconut [Dry] (No) | | 138 | 27 | 1,683 | 417 | 262 | 1,282 | 397 | 356 | 916 | 679 | 479 | 6,636 |
| Coffee | 10 | 36 | 85 | 60 | 34 | 17 | | | 5 | | 9 | | 256 |
| Macambou | 5,723 | 6,741 | 6,969 | 6,660 | 5,781 | 4,686 | 3,615 | 3,400 | 3,795 | 3,985 | 3,115 | 4,136 | 58,606 |
| Plantain | 17,895 | 21,648 | 29,384 | 24,660 | 31,112 | 24,166 | 28,468 | 25,947 | 24,792 | 25,209 | 21,688 | 24,922 | 299,891 |
| Total Tree Crops | 33,637 | 43,971 | 44,802 | 41,595 | 46,315 | 41,193 | 56,404 | 44,040 | 33,613 | 40,977 | 35,873 | 35,568 | 497,988 |
| Dasheen | 21,496 | 18,576 | 23,485 | 24,840 | 18,961 | 11,240 | 8,531 | 4,321 | 9,571 | 16,025 | 15,290 | 13,398 | 185,734 |
| Eddoes | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sweet Potato | 14,466 | 8,752 | 9,110 | 2,951 | 1,551 | 3,385 | 3,079 | 3,668 | 5,322 | 8,140 | 6,015 | 3,547 | 69,986 |
| Tannia | 1,018 | 886 | 3,440 | 2,740 | 1,609 | 1,385 | 381 | 354 | 93 | 84 | 139 | 346 | 12,475 |
| Yams - Banja | 10,244 | 7,809 | 3,965 | 2,480 | 3,336 | 4,002 | 469 | | | | 1,104 | 5,745 | 39,154 |
| - Cush Cush | 179 | 1,207 | 1,616 | 395 | 28 | | | | | | | 18 | 3,443 |
| - Oriental | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| - Portuguese | 1,510 | 607 | 316 | 87 | | | 74 | 1,606 | 4,886 | 4,999 | 4,114 | 2,188 | 20,387 |
| - Red | 334 | 122 | 86 | 5 | 18 | | | | | | 892 | 66 | 1,523 |
| - White - (African) | 3,451 | 1,624 | 1,053 | 361 | 105 | 30 | 207 | | 435 | 323 | 4,480 | 7,819 | 19,888 |
| - Yellow | 3,045 | 3,641 | 6,774 | 9,549 | 4,754 | 1,710 | 1,222 | 302 | 291 | 410 | 580 | 1,796 | 34,074 |
| Total Root Crops | 55,743 | 43,224 | 49,845 | 43,408 | 30,362 | 21,752 | 13,963 | 10,251 | 20,598 | 29,981 | 32,614 | 34,923 | 386,664 |
| Basil | | | 2 | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Celery | 449 | 834 | 958 | 1,192 | 575 | 401 | 132 | 29 | 6 | 9 | 87 | 350 | 5,022 |
| Chive | 1,065 | 1,094 | 1,165 | 1,334 | 607 | 782 | 884 | 768 | 709 | 1,146 | 469 | 636 | 10,659 |
| Cinnamon | 106 | 298 | 333 | 228 | 336 | 27 | 145 | 309 | 380 | 239 | 199 | 187 | 2,787 |
| Clove | 48 | | 9 | 87 | 19 | 12 | 47 | | 25 | 371 | 13 | 57 | 688 |
| Ginger | 973 | 1,367 | 890 | 830 | 74 | 38 | 13 | | 4 | 732 | 1,033 | 1,093 | 7,047 |
| Leek | 12 | 8 | 6 | 36 | 15 | 18 | 5 | | 5 | | | | 105 |
| Nutmeg | 29 | 22 | 35 | 153 | 146 | 127 | 14 | 132 | 15 | 9 | 30 | | 712 |
| Parsley | 70 | 39 | 163 | 168 | 55 | 182 | 97 | 6 | 13 | 5 | 2 | | 800 |
| Thyme | 6 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 4 | | 2 | | | 43 |
| Total Condiments | 2,758 | 3,668 | 3,520 | 3,842 | 1,905 | 1,616 | 1,421 | 1,177 | 1,274 | 2,519 | 1,810 | 2,355 | 27,865 |
| Grand Total | 248,253 | 192,425 | 223,668 | 215,997 | 189,414 | 167,137 | 167,735 | 156,160 | 153,257 | 162,378 | 149,336 | 167,425 | 2,193,106 |

Source: Leading Supermarkets and the St. Lucia Marketing Board

**Table VII - 2. Quantity (kgs) of Selected Agricultural Produce
Purchased by Selected Market Outlets, 1994 - 98**

| Produce | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Apricot | | | 66 | 152 | 88 |
| Avocado | 27,077 | 22,497 | 29,215 | 25,413 | 27,282 |
| Banana [ripe] | 45,126 | 83,026 | 89,299 | 80,090 | 87,644 |
| Canteloupe | 4,239 | 4,667 | 3,275 | 5,796 | 4,497 |
| Carambola | 645 | 1,784 | 7,716 | 10,591 | 14,296 |
| Golden Apple | 9,358 | 14,481 | 20,055 | 17,821 | 19,978 |
| Grapefruit | 133,592 | 195,897 | 142,217 | 243,098 | 269,630 |
| Guava | 45 | 44 | 1,088 | 1,796 | 1,139 |
| Lemon | 6,947 | 9,560 | 9,287 | 10,326 | 8,760 |
| Lime | 51,286 | 51,671 | 60,249 | 50,131 | 42,919 |
| Loveapple | 60 | 22 | 53 | 274 | 1,147 |
| Mandarine | 69 | 684 | 423 | 507 | 1,224 |
| Mango - Graham | 37,771 | 11,332 | 30,119 | 34,847 | 27,979 |
| - Julie | 9,581 | 8,264 | 12,481 | 14,209 | 12,442 |
| - Others | 29,504 | 20,720 | 26,701 | 29,388 | 35,605 |
| Orange [sour] | 5,575 | 6,897 | 9,086 | 13,979 | 16,194 |
| Orange [sweet] | 113,573 | 120,330 | 127,197 | 139,807 | 131,290 |
| Ortaniques | 258 | 307 | 2,386 | 3,322 | 4,847 |
| Passion Fruit | 9,713 | 9,586 | 22,883 | 14,725 | 38,035 |
| Paw Paw | 5,861 | 7,855 | 12,005 | 8,643 | 12,142 |
| Pineapple | 13,112 | 14,389 | 9,839 | 9,210 | 7,887 |
| Plum | 38 | 327 | 311 | 439 | 217 |
| Sapodilla | 242 | 215 | 226 | 479 | 300 |
| Shaddock | | 142 | 332 | 344 | 525 |
| Sorrel | 35 | 115 | 233 | 877 | 983 |
| Sour Sop | 5,117 | 3,440 | 6,913 | 7,991 | 9,236 |
| Sugar Apple | | 35 | 69 | 139 | 451 |
| Tamarind | | 21 | 30 | | 537 |
| Tangerine | 19,277 | 23,648 | 15,699 | 23,518 | 21,000 |
| Watermelon | 21,100 | 11,236 | 24,907 | 25,968 | 30,857 |
| Waxapple | | | 1,522 | 1,671 | 3,099 |
| Total Fruit | 649,201 | 623,192 | 685,882 | 755,551 | 872,330 |
| Bora Beans | 15 | | | | |
| Bean Sprout | 305 | 287 | 177 | | |
| Broccoli | 51 | 184 | 371 | 354 | 664 |
| Brussel Sprouts | 109 | | | | |
| Cabbage - White | 121,854 | 120,616 | 138,325 | 60,327 | 63,013 |
| - Red | | | 450 | | |
| Calaloo | 94 | 308 | 372 | 530 | 1,136 |
| Carrot | 4,538 | 1,947 | 4,477 | 7,015 | 1,924 |
| Cherry Tomato | 46 | 33 | 179 | 450 | 7 |
| Chinese Cabbage | 13,820 | 16,289 | 16,624 | 13,532 | 13,466 |
| Christophene | 24,042 | 15,437 | 19,704 | 14,211 | 7,206 |
| Corn | 28 | 171 | 460 | 433 | 1,398 |
| Cucumber | 109,357 | 98,750 | 119,735 | 120,817 | 128,451 |
| Eggplant | 5,882 | 8,937 | 8,952 | 7,565 | 10,382 |
| Lettuce | 29,864 | 26,308 | 27,742 | 22,351 | 20,322 |
| Okra | 9,619 | 14,730 | 14,150 | 8,755 | 10,606 |
| Pepper - Hot | 4,907 | 6,644 | 12,379 | 33,610 | 37,682 |
| - Seasoning | 9,081 | 10,602 | 9,570 | 8,680 | 12,297 |
| - Sweet | 11,849 | 11,373 | 17,970 | 14,275 | 7,515 |

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Table VII - 2. Quantity (kgs) of Selected Agricultural Produce Purchased by Selected Market Outlets, 1994 - 98

| Produce | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Pumpkin | 43,595 | 44,155 | 52,914 | 48,478 | 41,558 |
| Radish | 287 | | 50 | | 3 |
| Salad Beans | 17,277 | 13,578 | 17,191 | 15,382 | 14,083 |
| Spinach | 4,165 | 2,723 | 3,793 | 5,280 | 7,272 |
| Squash | 146 | 564 | 474 | 654 | 1,719 |
| Tomato | 53,491 | 46,720 | 48,767 | 75,985 | 66,513 |
| Turnip | 2,071 | 1,455 | 2,735 | 3,175 | 218 |
| Watercress | 12 | 97 | 189 | 246 | 268 |
| Zucchini | 2,042 | 2,995 | 1,600 | 2,753 | 585 |
| Total Vegetables | 468,547 | 444,903 | 519,350 | 464,858 | 448,288 |
| Banana - Green | 9,445 | 27,783 | 73,216 | 63,170 | 107,950 |
| Breadfruit | 5,023 | 18,188 | 17,350 | 18,592 | 21,608 |
| Breadnut | 1,218 | 1,360 | 1,936 | 2,304 | 1,651 |
| Cashew Nut | | | 1,678 | 1,834 | 1,389 |
| Coconut - Dry (No) | 557 | 233 | 363 | 935 | 6,636 |
| Coffee | 18 | 178 | 251 | 635 | 256 |
| Macambou | 14,108 | 23,217 | 57,525 | 59,196 | 58,605 |
| Plantain | 129,391 | 148,265 | 299,830 | 245,353 | 299,890 |
| Total tree crops | 159,760 | 219,224 | 452,149 | 392,019 | 497,985 |
| Dasheen | 111,455 | 140,195 | 225,897 | 182,906 | 185,735 |
| Sweet Potato | 48,419 | 92,854 | 111,939 | 90,974 | 69,986 |
| Tannia | 6,981 | 6,119 | 13,327 | 14,264 | 12,475 |
| Yams - Banja | 12,689 | 16,650 | 35,550 | 35,708 | 39,153 |
| - Belep | | | | | |
| - Cush Cush | 8,498 | 5,132 | 5,654 | 6,508 | 3,442 |
| - Oriental | 1,545 | | 19 | 55 | |
| - Portuguese | 6,676 | 11,519 | 20,488 | 25,692 | 20,388 |
| - Red | 198 | 324 | 1,185 | 616 | 1,523 |
| - White | 28,702 | 23,426 | 12,738 | 17,322 | 19,888 |
| - Yellow | 23,446 | 29,157 | 44,993 | 40,625 | 34,075 |
| Total Root Crops | 248,609 | 325,376 | 471,790 | 414,670 | 386,665 |
| Basil | | 14 | | 1 | 2 |
| Celery | 7,088 | 5,000 | 9,893 | 8,039 | 5,022 |
| Chive | 6,847 | 7,171 | 11,542 | 11,782 | 10,660 |
| Cinnamon | 1,580 | 2,032 | 1,993 | 2,912 | 2,786 |
| Clove | 44 | 25 | 5 | 104 | 689 |
| Ginger | 4,122 | 5,236 | 7,222 | 7,443 | 7,047 |
| Leek | | 65 | 204 | 333 | 105 |
| Nutmeg | 734 | 280 | 510 | 419 | 711 |
| Parsley | 4,373 | 1,790 | 2,476 | 461 | 800 |
| Thyme | 506 | 285 | 361 | 227 | 44 |
| Total Herbs and Spices | 25,294 | 21,884 | 34,206 | 31,720 | 27,864 |
| Grand Total | 1,451,411 | 1,634,579 | 2,143,377 | 2,078,618 | 2,193,032 |

Source : Leading Supermarkets and the St. Lucia Marketing Board

Table VII - 3. Prices (\$EC/Kg) of Selected Agricultural Produce Purchased by Selected Market Outlets, 1998

| Produce | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Apricot | | | | | 1.32 | 1.32 | | 1.32 | 1.32 | | | |
| Avocado | 2.66 | 2.20 | 3.30 | | 3.67 | 3.39 | 2.22 | 0.88 | 0.66 | 2.33 | 2.97 | 2.99 |
| Banana [ripe] | 0.86 | 0.88 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 0.86 | 0.86 | 0.88 |
| Cantaloupe | 1.65 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.79 | 3.94 | 2.20 | 3.65 | 1.83 | 2.31 | 2.57 | 2.20 | 2.20 |
| Carambola | 0.81 | 0.99 | 1.10 | 3.17 | 2.13 | 1.65 | 0.70 | 0.44 | 1.47 | 1.65 | 1.65 | 1.17 |
| Golden Apple | 0.88 | 0.99 | | | 0.99 | 0.97 | 0.86 | 0.37 | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.37 | 0.46 |
| Grapefruit | 0.42 | 0.31 | 0.42 | 0.64 | 1.01 | 1.12 | 1.34 | 1.39 | 1.12 | 0.97 | 0.40 | 0.51 |
| Guava | | | | 1.10 | | | | 1.10 | 1.10 | | 1.10 | |
| Lemon | 0.51 | 0.46 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 0.95 | 1.10 | 1.08 |
| Lime | 2.55 | 4.00 | 6.53 | 6.64 | 5.57 | 1.91 | 1.61 | 1.19 | 0.92 | 0.97 | 1.23 | 2.57 |
| Loveapple | | 2.20 | 2.20 | | | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | | | 2.20 |
| Mandarine | 0.57 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 1.10 | | | | | | 1.10 | 1.08 | 0.81 |
| Mango - Graham | | | 1.43 | 1.32 | 1.58 | 0.75 | 0.64 | 0.46 | 0.55 | 1.10 | | |
| - Julie | | | 1.45 | 1.54 | 1.19 | 1.01 | 0.84 | 1.03 | 1.10 | | | |
| - Others | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.57 | 0.95 | 0.57 | 0.48 | 0.64 | 0.62 | 0.92 | | | |
| Orange - sour | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.37 | 0.46 | 0.84 | 0.88 | 0.90 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.77 | 0.55 |
| - sweet | 1.01 | 1.25 | 2.02 | 2.09 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.16 | 1.76 | 1.30 | 1.28 | 1.08 | 1.08 |
| Ortanique | 0.95 | 0.88 | 0.88 | 2.20 | | | | | | 2.20 | 2.20 | 1.78 |
| Passion Fruit | 2.20 | 2.73 | 2.66 | 4.38 | 4.43 | 3.30 | 3.26 | 2.57 | 2.75 | 3.28 | 2.77 | 2.33 |
| Paw Paw | 1.41 | 1.47 | 1.34 | 1.50 | 1.41 | 1.50 | 1.52 | 1.50 | 1.72 | 1.45 | 1.45 | 1.45 |
| Pineapple | 3.85 | 3.85 | 3.85 | 3.72 | 3.48 | 3.32 | 3.41 | 2.73 | 3.81 | 3.21 | 3.85 | 3.83 |
| Plum | | | | | | | | 1.65 | 1.65 | 1.65 | | |
| Sapodilla | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 2.20 | 3.83 | | | 2.20 | 2.20 | | | |
| Shaddock | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.37 | 0.37 | | | | | | | | 0.33 |
| Sorrel | 8.80 | 7.66 | | | | | | | | | 8.80 | 8.80 |
| Sour Sop | 0.90 | 0.99 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 1.28 | 1.14 | 0.92 | 0.90 | 0.92 | 1.21 | 0.88 | 0.88 |
| Sugar Apple | | | | | | | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.30 | | |
| Tamarind | | | 1.89 | 1.10 | 1.50 | 1.65 | | | | | | |
| Tangerine | 0.97 | 1.03 | 1.39 | 2.00 | 0.88 | | | | | 1.10 | 1.08 | 0.95 |
| Watermelon | 3.04 | 3.26 | 3.26 | 3.30 | 3.85 | 3.30 | 3.15 | 3.02 | 2.02 | 4.08 | | |
| Waxapple | | 2.20 | | 2.22 | 3.01 | 2.99 | 2.84 | | | | | |
| Broccoli | 8.43 | 8.80 | 7.68 | 8.80 | 9.35 | 9.35 | 9.35 | 9.35 | 8.73 | 9.17 | 8.80 | 7.59 |
| Cabbage - White | 4.62 | 4.18 | 3.67 | 3.83 | 3.43 | 3.85 | 4.00 | 4.77 | 4.03 | 4.03 | 4.22 | 4.07 |
| Calaloo | 6.05 | 6.82 | 6.07 | 6.84 | 3.61 | 6.40 | 7.04 | 7.13 | 7.15 | 7.22 | 7.15 | 7.15 |
| Carrot | 3.28 | 2.99 | 3.19 | 3.12 | | 2.38 | 2.49 | | | | 2.20 | 2.60 |
| Cauliflower | | 6.60 | 8.80 | | 8.80 | | | | | | | |
| Cherry Tomato | | | 8.80 | | | | | | | | | |
| Chinese Cabbage | 1.72 | 1.94 | 1.65 | 1.58 | 1.85 | 2.18 | 2.18 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.97 | 2.93 | 2.20 |
| Christophene | 2.99 | 2.75 | 1.87 | | 3.65 | 3.85 | | 3.30 | | | 3.39 | 4.22 |
| Corn | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | |
| Cucumber | 1.01 | 2.18 | 2.93 | 1.25 | 2.27 | 1.61 | 0.40 | 1.08 | 1.30 | 2.53 | 2.88 | 2.18 |
| Eggplant | 1.19 | 0.86 | 0.90 | 1.65 | 0.81 | 1.28 | 0.92 | 0.40 | 0.51 | 0.84 | 0.86 | 0.84 |

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Table VII - 3. Prices (\$/EC/Kg) of Selected Agricultural Produce Purchased by Selected Market Outlets, 1998

| Produce | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Lettuce | 3.81 | 3.70 | 3.21 | 3.45 | 4.58 | 5.54 | 6.07 | 5.52 | 6.80 | 6.62 | 5.52 | 6.05 |
| Okra | 4.36 | 4.29 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.38 | 4.93 | 4.42 | 2.40 | 1.94 | 2.82 | 3.87 | 3.37 |
| Pepper - Hot | 2.20 | 2.31 | 2.42 | 2.46 | 2.40 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.27 | 2.66 | 2.71 | 2.68 |
| - Seasoning | 6.97 | 8.65 | 8.60 | 8.80 | 8.76 | 6.47 | 2.55 | 0.81 | 2.20 | 4.14 | 4.33 | 5.61 |
| - Sweet | 6.65 | 5.70 | 6.71 | 5.70 | 6.14 | 5.98 | 4.97 | 4.93 | 5.46 | 4.91 | 7.74 | 5.54 |
| Pumpkin | 2.20 | 2.18 | 2.18 | 2.27 | 3.28 | 4.03 | 4.73 | 4.07 | 1.94 | 1.50 | 2.07 | 2.95 |
| Radish | | | | | | 5.50 | | | | | | |
| Salad Beans | 4.36 | 5.83 | 5.37 | 5.28 | 5.83 | 6.36 | 5.13 | 2.57 | 1.72 | 4.20 | 6.07 | 5.98 |
| Spinach | 3.72 | 3.67 | 3.85 | 4.22 | 4.09 | 4.09 | 4.09 | 4.22 | 4.31 | 4.29 | 4.22 | 4.16 |
| Squash | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.94 | 1.83 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 |
| Tomato | 5.90 | 4.93 | 5.54 | 4.27 | 3.65 | 4.66 | 5.87 | 5.46 | 5.90 | 6.36 | 5.63 | 6.84 |
| Turnip | 2.20 | | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | | | | | | | |
| Zucchini | | | | 4.25 | 2.77 | 4.40 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 4.40 | | | |
| Watercress | 4.40 | 3.15 | 2.93 | 2.86 | 3.74 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 4.05 | 3.30 | 3.30 |
| Banana [Green] | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.22 | 0.22 | 0.31 | 0.33 | 0.29 | 0.22 | 0.29 | 0.33 | 0.26 | 0.33 |
| Breadfruit | 1.30 | 1.47 | 1.36 | 1.19 | 0.97 | 1.47 | 0.59 | 0.44 | 0.48 | 0.73 | | 0.90 |
| Breadnut | 0.66 | | 0.88 | 0.97 | 1.10 | 1.10 | 1.10 | | 1.10 | 1.08 | 1.10 | 1.10 |
| Cashew Nut | 3.30 | | | 3.04 | 2.88 | 2.44 | 2.24 | | 2.68 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 |
| Coconut [Dry] (No) | | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.20 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.18 | 0.15 | 0.15 |
| Coffee | 6.60 | 11.00 | 7.85 | 8.34 | 7.15 | 6.60 | | | 10.27 | | 6.60 | |
| Macambou | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 0.51 | 0.62 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.64 | 0.66 | 0.66 |
| Plantain | 1.06 | 0.99 | 0.86 | 0.88 | 0.95 | 0.97 | 1.03 | 0.90 | 1.01 | 1.06 | 1.03 | 0.99 |
| Dasheen | 1.85 | 1.47 | 1.23 | 1.45 | 1.80 | 2.31 | 2.84 | 2.77 | 2.84 | 2.55 | 2.33 | 2.27 |
| Sweet Potato | 1.96 | 1.67 | 1.96 | 2.02 | 3.04 | 2.75 | 2.97 | 2.75 | 2.73 | 2.62 | 2.31 | 2.40 |
| Tannia | 3.65 | 3.28 | 3.26 | 3.23 | 3.15 | 3.30 | 3.30 | | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.10 | 3.30 |
| Yams - Banja | 1.43 | 1.14 | 1.03 | 1.43 | 1.94 | 1.94 | 1.78 | | | | 2.18 | 1.78 |
| - Cush Cush | 4.73 | 4.93 | 4.82 | 4.82 | 4.95 | | | | | | | 4.95 |
| - Oriental | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Portuguese | 2.05 | 2.51 | 1.89 | 1.87 | | | 4.40 | 4.07 | 3.96 | 3.08 | 2.55 | 2.42 |
| - Red | 2.20 | 2.18 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | | | | | | 3.23 | 2.20 |
| - White | 2.84 | 2.95 | 2.09 | 2.93 | 2.66 | 3.30 | 3.30 | | 4.22 | 3.92 | 3.30 | 2.73 |
| - Yellow | 4.20 | 3.78 | 3.48 | 4.09 | 3.32 | 3.41 | 4.05 | 4.03 | 4.20 | 4.27 | 4.82 | 4.49 |
| Celery | 9.94 | 9.13 | 8.78 | 8.71 | 8.76 | 8.73 | 8.45 | 11.00 | 10.54 | 11.00 | 11.00 | 11.04 |
| Chive | 5.52 | 5.39 | 5.02 | 4.60 | 5.96 | 5.98 | 5.15 | 5.63 | 5.26 | 5.37 | 5.50 | 3.76 |
| Cinnamon | 17.93 | 20.61 | 21.65 | 21.12 | 16.57 | 16.04 | 20.57 | 21.30 | 19.93 | 20.90 | 20.92 | 19.56 |
| Clove | 17.60 | | | 44.00 | 33.55 | 25.15 | 44.00 | 40.15 | 44.00 | 44.00 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Ginger | 3.23 | 2.64 | 2.64 | 2.31 | 2.20 | 2.13 | 4.40 | | 3.17 | 4.93 | 3.26 | 4.18 |
| Leek | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 5.50 | 5.50 | | 5.50 | | | |
| Nutmeg | 12.89 | 12.80 | | 11.75 | 12.30 | 13.20 | 12.74 | 9.79 | 9.97 | 13.20 | 13.20 | 8.69 |
| Parsley | 11.77 | 11.00 | 11.00 | 10.76 | 10.69 | 10.91 | 10.89 | 11.00 | 11.00 | 11.00 | | 11.33 |
| Thyme | 23.52 | 25.81 | 23.56 | 20.59 | 23.56 | 18.13 | 15.20 | 19.40 | 31.44 | 23.43 | | 31.44 |

Table VII - 4. Quantity (Kgs) of Selected Agricultural Produce Purchased by Selected Hotels, 1996 - 98

| Produce | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total 1998 | Total 1997 | Total 1996 |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Apricot | | | 34 | | 161 | 124 | 80 | 165 | 28 | 11 | | | 602 | 490 | 750 |
| Avocado | 840 | 490 | 70 | 15 | 52 | 417 | 905 | 1829 | 1158 | 1418 | 828 | 879 | 8903 | 10207 | 11590 |
| Banana [ripe] | 19234 | 18790 | 20234 | 19810 | 17288 | 16137 | 15356 | 14733 | 14302 | 15026 | 14210 | 17210 | 202330 | 195827 | 177652 |
| Cantaloupe | 540 | 251 | 867 | 1735 | 1763 | 1210 | 856 | 1419 | 1103 | 1068 | 314 | 80 | 11205 | 14874 | 20045 |
| Carambola | 375 | 339 | 320 | 35 | 229 | 283 | 512 | 307 | 165 | 622 | 403 | 418 | 4009 | 2728 | 2594 |
| Cherry | 3 | | | | 39 | 74 | 13 | 14 | 76 | 51 | 3 | | 274 | 199 | 115 |
| Golden Apple | 62 | 120 | 48 | 29 | 53 | 57 | 229 | 354 | 358 | 416 | 274 | 273 | 2273 | 2194 | 1627 |
| Grapefruit | 8934 | 8949 | 10143 | 11280 | 9373 | 5515 | 2549 | 1565 | 2015 | 4925 | 4991 | 7215 | 77453 | 74527 | 57381 |
| Guava | 176 | 329 | 245 | 50 | 38 | 125 | 38 | 93 | 483 | 985 | 247 | 11 | 2820 | 2956 | 2008 |
| Lemon | 641 | 2046 | 2460 | 1531 | 910 | 157 | | | 3 | | | 274 | 8023 | 6365 | 7498 |
| Lime | 2039 | 436 | 286 | 211 | 881 | 1030 | 1297 | 1439 | 1208 | 1512 | 1385 | 1568 | 13292 | 12733 | 12543 |
| Love Apple | | 38 | 54 | | 24 | 46 | | | | | 16 | 19 | 197 | 107 | 286 |
| Mandarine | 22 | 372 | 518 | 37 | | | | | | | | | 950 | 1725 | 518 |
| Mango - Graham | | | 42 | 47 | 28 | 30 | 270 | 253 | 86 | | | | 756 | 1756 | 4192 |
| - Julie | | | | | 26 | 227 | 105 | 44 | 35 | | | | 437 | 1149 | 841 |
| - Others | 873 | 2652 | 1015 | 1815 | 4012 | 4801 | 4905 | 4777 | 3625 | 397 | | 34 | 28906 | 28313 | 28799 |
| Mummy Apple | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 8 | 20 |
| Orange - sour | 383 | 200 | 182 | 210 | 115 | | | | | | | 21 | 1110 | 1565 | 377 |
| - sweet | 7375 | 6317 | 4513 | 899 | 153 | 517 | 1402 | 2743 | 2624 | 4745 | 4014 | 8720 | 44021 | 40390 | 36721 |
| Ortanique | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 80 |
| Palm Heart | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 | 12 | 121 |
| Passion Fruit | 739 | 257 | 241 | 334 | 733 | 558 | 633 | 553 | 450 | 646 | 628 | 700 | 6471 | 3746 | 3426 |
| Paw Paw | 3368 | 2495 | 2264 | 2551 | 2422 | 2465 | 2092 | 1620 | 1193 | 1420 | 1836 | 2114 | 25840 | 25711 | 21578 |
| Pineapple | 3334 | 3382 | 2809 | 3067 | 5201 | 4318 | 4821 | 4218 | 1985 | 3294 | 602 | 1178 | 38209 | 40960 | 67551 |
| Plum | | | | | | | | | 6 | 22 | 5 | | 33 | 127 | 262 |
| Sapodilla | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 21 | 114 |
| Sorrel | 24 | 46 | | | | | | | | | | 6 | 77 | | |
| Sour Sop | 585 | 455 | 289 | 467 | 651 | 418 | 304 | 553 | 387 | 377 | 188 | 60 | 4734 | 5125 | 4726 |
| Sugar Apple | | | | | | | | | 18 | 36 | 6 | | 61 | 110 | |
| Tamarind | | 68 | 35 | 70 | 10 | 26 | 5 | | | | | | 215 | 132 | 281 |
| Tangerine | 736 | 907 | 1026 | 954 | 133 | | | | 13 | 67 | 285 | 213 | 4334 | 3318 | 5033 |
| Watercoconut | 1400 | 800 | 1400 | 1601 | 1620 | 1100 | 1150 | 1650 | 650 | 1600 | 2000 | 2058 | 17029 | 13538 | 21225 |
| Watermelon | 2398 | 1483 | 1344 | 3735 | 5585 | 2410 | 3113 | 5424 | 4760 | 3363 | 1866 | 1017 | 36498 | 39550 | 34475 |
| Waxapple | 44 | 200 | 145 | 391 | 490 | 292 | 167 | 29 | | | 26 | 15 | 1800 | 444 | 474 |
| Total | 54136 | 51421 | 50584 | 50874 | 51991 | 42336 | 40803 | 43780 | 36733 | 42002 | 34126 | 44083 | 542869 | 530907 | 524703 |
| Broccoli | | | 10 | 12 | | | | 31 | | | | | 52 | 27 | 79 |
| Cabbage | 811 | 686 | 832 | 882 | 621 | 362 | 322 | 214 | 376 | 653 | 367 | 311 | 6437 | 11535 | 14539 |
| Calaloo | 50 | 29 | 34 | 30 | 33 | 32 | 38 | 76 | 57 | 58 | 56 | 54 | 546 | 608 | 530 |
| Carrot | | 30 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | 41 | 547 | 1480 |
| Cauliflower | | | 34 | | 2 | | | | | | | | 36 | | |
| Cherry Tomato | 30 | 22 | 61 | 10 | 6 | | | | | | | | 130 | 889 | 427 |
| Chinese Cabbage | 626 | 594 | 658 | 573 | 432 | 476 | 380 | 333 | 287 | 486 | 428 | 347 | 5621 | 7630 | 5956 |
| Christophene | 2187 | 2320 | 1855 | 958 | 419 | 189 | 233 | 603 | 656 | 1170 | 1061 | 1268 | 12919 | 13254 | 18180 |
| Com | 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 0 | 33 |
| Cucumber | 4236 | 3371 | 4281 | 3829 | 4220 | 3310 | 3606 | 3232 | 2804 | 2905 | 2470 | 4371 | 42636 | 36442 | 35195 |
| Eggplant | 505 | 837 | 675 | 583 | 470 | 417 | 560 | 717 | 450 | 517 | 406 | 517 | 6654 | 7084 | 6182 |
| Lettuce | 2297 | 2649 | 2892 | 2383 | 2048 | 1985 | 1882 | 1620 | 870 | 1154 | 1151 | 1725 | 22657 | 21114 | 23844 |
| Okra | 84 | 53 | 98 | 120 | 65 | 185 | 292 | 310 | 228 | 235 | 208 | 127 | 2005 | 1779 | 2304 |
| Pepper - Hot | 11 | 9 | | | | 5 | | 5 | 2 | 2 | | | 34 | 59 | 50 |
| - Seasoning | 145 | 168 | 199 | 177 | 226 | 175 | 184 | 229 | 267 | 273 | 130 | 154 | 2326 | 1627 | 1650 |
| - Sweet | 628 | 679 | 629 | 598 | 900 | 730 | 524 | 353 | 234 | 156 | 40 | 47 | 5518 | 7315 | 8041 |

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Table VII - 4. Quantity (Kgs) of Selected Agricultural Produce Purchased by Selected Hotels, 1996 - 98

| Produce | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total 1996 | Total 1997 | Total 1998 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Pumpkin | 1530 | 1486 | 1026 | 1370 | 1143 | 1117 | 494 | 1290 | 1442 | 1675 | 1196 | 1050 | 14819 | 14330 | 15065 |
| Salad Beans | 194 | 195 | 151 | 226 | 65 | 68 | 88 | 207 | 46 | 107 | 153 | 196 | 1697 | 2763 | 3538 |
| Spinach | 532 | 314 | 392 | 226 | 319 | 396 | 349 | 213 | 251 | 355 | 299 | 252 | 3899 | 3205 | 2979 |
| Squash | 193 | 20 | 34 | 15 | 30 | 46 | 25 | 200 | 39 | 19 | | | 623 | 732 | 527 |
| Tomato | 5881 | 6345 | 8614 | 8129 | 8191 | 5044 | 2996 | 4064 | 3702 | 2465 | 841 | 2683 | 58955 | 46053 | 42780 |
| Turnip | | | 35 | 100 | 112 | | | | | | | | 247 | 133 | 80 |
| Watercress | 28 | 7 | 34 | 15 | 10 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 173 | 328 | 428 |
| Zucchini | 79 | 113 | 28 | 274 | 307 | 160 | 87 | 15 | 23 | | 6 | 18 | 1110 | 3621 | 2990 |
| Total | 20050.01 | 19926.95 | 22581.38 | 20510 | 19621 | 14711 | 12074 | 13725 | 11736 | 12236 | 8825 | 13141 | 189136 | 181075 | 186877 |
| Banana [Green] | 2056 | 1629 | 1551 | 1725 | 1638 | 1581 | 1918 | 3618 | 1861 | 2169 | 1863 | 2046 | 23655 | 16120 | 17456 |
| Breadfruit | 2094 | 1871 | 1444 | 1910 | 1739 | 1396 | 1948 | 2463 | 1772 | 1876 | 916 | 1965 | 21393 | 19718 | 13305 |
| Breadnut | 32 | | | | | | | | | | 27 | 23 | 82 | 75 | 24 |
| Coconut [Dry] (No) | 1718 | 1307 | 954 | 935 | 974 | 451 | 220 | 253 | 82 | 348 | 236 | 513 | 7991 | 2876 | 4120 |
| Macambou | 29 | 43 | | 60 | | 56 | 23 | 18 | 23 | 56 | 67 | 57 | 432 | 298 | 556 |
| Plantain | 3471 | 3330 | 3523 | 3337 | 4058 | 3288 | 2965 | 3138 | 2681 | 3494 | 3053 | 3668 | 40007 | 20267 | 17544 |
| Total | 9400 | 8181 | 7472 | 7968 | 8409 | 6772 | 7074 | 9490 | 6419 | 7942 | 6182 | 8272 | 93560 | 59354 | 53005 |
| Dasheen | 3036 | 2992 | 3223 | 3160 | 3790 | 2773 | 1835 | 1227 | 1610 | 2557 | 2527 | 3131 | 31861 | 23908 | 25823 |
| Eddoes | | | | 5 | | | | | | | | | 5 | 17 | |
| Sweet Potato | 2634 | 2230 | 2192 | 1768 | 1283 | 1321 | 1973 | 1846 | 1989 | 2190 | 2288 | 2640 | 24354 | 20487 | 19021 |
| Tannia | 120 | 43 | 84 | 205 | 199 | 65 | | 22 | 18 | 23 | 36 | 63 | 878 | 1561 | 1083 |
| Yams - Banja | 719 | 784 | 592 | 630 | 665 | 841 | 65 | 23 | | | 103 | 265 | 4686 | 4810 | 5001 |
| - Chinese | 54 | 214 | 48 | 80 | | | | | | | | | 395 | | |
| - Cush Cush | | 98 | | 15 | | | | | | | | | 113 | 158 | 310 |
| - Portuguese | | | | | | | | | | 43 | | 55 | 97 | 1256 | 3798 |
| - Red | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 52 |
| - White - (African) | 415 | 459 | 189 | 136 | 27 | 181 | 57 | 69 | 625 | 400 | 329 | 210 | 3096 | 3714 | 3268 |
| - Yellow | | 40 | 220 | 170 | 124 | 6 | 114 | 0 | 24 | 56 | 40 | | 794 | 766 | 430 |
| - NES | 1345 | 1520 | 1343 | 1161 | 1681 | 1056 | 224 | 605 | 835 | 1105 | 1893 | 2646 | 15414 | 8686 | 7237 |
| Total | 8321 | 8379 | 7891 | 7330 | 7768 | 6244 | 4266 | 3792 | 5102 | 6374 | 7216 | 9009 | 81693 | 65363 | 66023 |
| Basil | 76 | 44 | 33 | 46 | 78 | 53 | 34 | 33 | 37 | 69 | 45 | 22 | 571 | 503 | 408 |
| Celery | 28 | 42 | 42 | 22 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 10 | 17 | 19 | 7 | 31 | 270 | 344 | 355 |
| Chive | 180 | 225 | 224 | 201 | 129 | 149 | 159 | 191 | 141 | 187 | 147 | 184 | 2117 | 2063 | 1253 |
| Cinnamon | 6 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 51 | 45 | 46 |
| Ginger | 60 | 50 | 87 | 37 | 43 | 55 | 17 | 2 | 16 | 37 | 31 | 36 | 472 | 586 | 324 |
| Herbs | 260 | 293 | 274 | 221 | 299 | 233 | 220 | 229 | 193 | 180 | 173 | 256 | 2832 | 3200 | 2409 |
| Leek | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Nutmeg | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| Parsley | 91 | 140 | 113 | 118 | 86 | 72 | 69 | 57 | 53 | 77 | 87 | 104 | 1066 | 790 | 933 |
| Thyme | 22 | 28 | 28 | 25 | 23 | 26 | 28 | 12 | 22 | 22 | 17 | 14 | 268 | 196 | 123 |
| Total | 723 | 829 | 804 | 672 | 678 | 610 | 548 | 536 | 485 | 600 | 509 | 651 | 7646 | 7729 | 5851 |
| Grand Total | 92631 | 88738 | 89332 | 87354 | 88468 | 70672 | 64764 | 71323 | 60475 | 69154 | 56838 | 75155 | 914904 | 844428 | 836459 |

Source: Leading Supermarkets and the St. Lucia Marketing Board

Table VII - 5. Prices (EC\$/kg) of Selected Agricultural Produce Purchased by Selected Hotels, 1998

| Produce | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-----------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| Apricot | | | 1.65 | | 2.07 | 2.13 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.82 | | |
| Avocado | 4.55 | 4.49 | 4.95 | 5.50 | 6.60 | 5.63 | 4.95 | 4.47 | 4.36 | 4.53 | 4.51 | 4.95 |
| Banana [ripe] | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.92 | 0.92 | 0.95 | 0.97 | 0.95 | 0.90 | 0.90 | 0.92 |
| Cantaloupe | 4.64 | 5.10 | 4.58 | 4.55 | 4.58 | 4.71 | 4.66 | 4.82 | 4.55 | 4.73 | 4.80 | 4.55 |
| Carambola | 4.16 | 3.78 | 3.94 | 3.56 | 3.74 | 4.27 | 4.33 | 3.81 | 3.92 | 4.07 | 4.00 | 4.00 |
| Cherry | | | | | 5.50 | 4.95 | 5.50 | 5.50 | 5.15 | 2.90 | 5.50 | |
| Genip | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Golden Apple | 1.98 | 3.74 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 2.20 | 1.83 | 1.83 | 1.36 | 1.91 | 1.87 | 2.82 |
| Grapefruit | 1.74 | 1.65 | 1.63 | 1.56 | 1.58 | 2.00 | 2.51 | 2.84 | 2.53 | 2.49 | 2.35 | 2.07 |
| Guava | 2.40 | 2.93 | 3.04 | 3.32 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.30 | 3.17 | 3.10 | 2.95 | 3.12 | 3.30 |
| Lemon | 2.24 | 2.16 | 2.16 | 2.42 | 2.00 | 1.89 | | | 2.20 | | | 2.73 |
| Lime | 3.89 | 4.29 | 5.08 | 3.89 | 5.48 | 4.97 | 4.09 | 4.07 | 3.70 | 3.67 | 3.37 | 3.89 |
| Love Apple | | 3.19 | 1.65 | | 3.41 | 3.43 | | | | | 4.40 | 4.40 |
| Mandarine | 2.75 | 2.42 | 2.38 | 2.20 | | | | | | | | |
| Mango - Graham | | | 3.61 | 4.40 | 4.40 | 3.30 | 2.22 | 2.09 | 2.22 | | | |
| - Julie | | | | | 4.40 | 3.56 | 2.75 | 4.25 | 3.85 | | | |
| - Others | 4.11 | 3.04 | 3.19 | 3.78 | 3.48 | 2.86 | 2.51 | 2.44 | | 2.88 | | 4.40 |
| Orange - sour | 2.09 | 2.20 | 2.18 | 1.96 | 2.46 | | | | | | | 2.20 |
| - sweet | 2.29 | 2.38 | 2.57 | 2.97 | 2.88 | 3.98 | 4.31 | 3.74 | 3.21 | 2.90 | 2.73 | 2.24 |
| Ortanique | | | | | | | | | | 4.40 | 6.60 | |
| Passion Fruit | 4.44 | 4.33 | 4.42 | 4.55 | 3.96 | 4.44 | 4.51 | 4.44 | 4.51 | 4.60 | 4.58 | 4.60 |
| Paw Paw | 2.55 | 2.49 | 2.38 | 2.44 | 2.35 | 2.44 | 2.44 | 2.49 | 2.53 | 2.51 | 2.51 | 2.44 |
| Pineapple | 5.54 | 5.46 | 5.43 | 5.48 | 5.39 | 5.41 | 5.43 | 5.10 | 5.32 | 5.19 | 5.41 | 5.70 |
| Plum | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sapodilla | 5.50 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shaddock | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sorrel | 9.90 | 9.90 | | | | | | | | | | 16.19 |
| Sour Sop | 1.54 | 1.45 | 1.50 | 1.56 | 1.47 | 1.52 | 1.45 | 1.56 | 1.58 | 1.74 | 1.85 | 1.89 |
| Sugar Apple | | | | | | | | | 4.77 | 5.32 | 5.50 | 22.00 |
| Tamarind | | 2.49 | 1.96 | 2.11 | 3.04 | 3.72 | 4.40 | | | | | |
| Tangerine | 2.77 | 2.84 | 2.55 | 2.82 | 2.86 | | | | 4.40 | 4.00 | 2.97 | 2.95 |
| Watercoconut | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.01 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| Watermelon | 4.18 | 3.89 | 4.91 | 4.33 | 4.22 | 4.60 | 4.29 | 4.11 | 4.03 | 4.42 | 4.73 | 4.77 |
| Waxapple | 3.30 | 3.04 | 3.26 | 3.23 | 3.12 | 3.37 | 3.37 | 4.20 | | | 4.40 | 4.40 |
| Bora Beans | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bean Sprout | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Broccoli | | | 6.60 | 8.80 | | | | 10.52 | | | | |
| Cabbage | 4.62 | 4.36 | 4.29 | 4.16 | 4.42 | 4.42 | 4.62 | 4.51 | 4.88 | 4.66 | 4.84 | 4.86 |
| Calaloo | 7.61 | 7.24 | 6.47 | 7.39 | 8.38 | 6.82 | 6.51 | 5.59 | 7.94 | 7.37 | 7.79 | 7.52 |
| Carrot | | 4.84 | 2.20 | | | | | | | | | |
| Cauliflower | | | 6.60 | | 8.80 | | | | | | | |
| Cherry Tomato | 11.00 | 6.60 | 10.60 | 11.00 | 11.00 | | | | | | | |
| Chinese Cabbage | 3.96 | 3.89 | 3.87 | 3.78 | 4.03 | 3.85 | 3.94 | 3.94 | 3.89 | 3.87 | 4.00 | 3.96 |
| Christophene | 5.43 | 4.86 | 5.04 | 5.17 | 4.55 | 6.51 | 5.92 | 6.71 | 5.94 | 6.12 | 6.01 | 6.07 |
| Corn | 6.60 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cucumber | 2.77 | 3.12 | 3.70 | 3.30 | 3.01 | 3.08 | 2.99 | 2.68 | 2.77 | 3.15 | 3.28 | 3.23 |
| Eggplant | 3.98 | 3.78 | 3.78 | 3.63 | 3.70 | 4.20 | 4.18 | 3.72 | 3.94 | 4.09 | 3.92 | 3.87 |
| Lettuce | 8.23 | 7.68 | 7.15 | 7.06 | 7.22 | 7.26 | 7.48 | 8.03 | 8.60 | 9.31 | | 9.28 |
| Okra | 5.32 | 4.86 | 5.72 | 5.50 | 6.67 | 4.95 | 4.91 | 6.12 | 4.99 | 5.63 | 5.37 | 4.73 |
| Pepper - Hot | 4.40 | 4.40 | | | | 4.40 | | | 4.40 | 4.40 | | |
| - Seasoning | 8.05 | 8.16 | 8.10 | 7.77 | 7.52 | 8.07 | 7.59 | 6.38 | 6.58 | 7.00 | 7.33 | 7.50 |
| - Sweet | 7.28 | 7.19 | 6.51 | 6.27 | 6.47 | 6.38 | 6.25 | 6.75 | 7.19 | 5.96 | 7.33 | 8.10 |

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Table VII - 5. Prices (EC\$/kg) of Selected Agricultural Produce Purchased by Selected Hotels, 1998

| Produce | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Pumpkin | 3.50 | 3.52 | 3.61 | 3.52 | 3.70 | 4.93 | 5.50 | 5.21 | 4.77 | 4.27 | 4.29 | 4.64 |
| Radish | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Salad Beans | 6.40 | 5.92 | 6.60 | 6.67 | 5.76 | 6.25 | 6.38 | 5.74 | 6.09 | 6.38 | 6.36 | 5.32 |
| Spinach | 6.67 | 6.38 | 6.56 | 6.53 | 6.53 | 6.40 | 6.34 | 6.47 | 6.53 | 6.58 | 6.60 | 6.49 |
| Squash | 5.32 | 5.50 | 5.50 | 5.50 | 5.24 | 4.49 | 5.50 | 4.64 | 4.71 | 4.40 | | |
| Tomato | 7.92 | 7.33 | 7.26 | 7.06 | 6.84 | 7.11 | 7.83 | 8.14 | 7.83 | 8.21 | 8.54 | 9.17 |
| Turnip | | | 4.40 | 6.60 | 6.60 | | | | | | | |
| Watercress | 8.80 | 8.80 | 8.80 | 8.80 | 7.33 | 8.80 | 8.80 | 6.60 | 8.80 | 8.80 | 8.80 | 8.80 |
| Zucchini | 5.85 | 4.44 | 6.60 | 6.45 | 4.38 | 4.49 | 5.59 | 4.40 | 3.85 | | 4.40 | 7.70 |
| Banana [Green] | 0.73 | 0.70 | 0.73 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.73 | 0.79 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.73 | 0.75 |
| Breadfruit | 2.66 | 2.49 | 2.60 | 2.66 | 2.53 | 2.53 | 2.38 | 2.40 | 2.35 | 2.51 | 2.73 | 2.86 |
| Breadnut | 3.94 | | | | | | | | | | 4.40 | 2.20 |
| Cashew Nut | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Coconut [Dry] (No) | 0.50 | 0.48 | 0.45 | 0.50 | 0.49 | 0.49 | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.48 | 0.61 |
| Coffee | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Macambou | 0.66 | 0.66 | | 0.66 | | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 0.66 | 1.30 |
| Plantain | 2.42 | 2.35 | 2.49 | 2.11 | 1.89 | 2.11 | 2.11 | 2.16 | 2.09 | 2.05 | 2.09 | 2.24 |
| Dasheen | 2.99 | 2.88 | 2.79 | 2.79 | 2.79 | 2.93 | 3.12 | 3.34 | 3.37 | 3.12 | 2.99 | 3.04 |
| Eddoes | | | | 4.40 | | | | | | | | |
| Sweet Potato | 3.30 | 3.21 | 3.17 | 3.30 | 3.39 | 4.14 | 4.11 | 3.81 | 3.87 | 3.72 | 3.78 | 3.65 |
| Tannia | 4.53 | 4.25 | 5.04 | 4.84 | 4.69 | 4.93 | | 5.50 | 5.50 | 4.40 | 5.50 | 5.50 |
| Yams - Banja | 3.34 | 3.21 | 3.30 | 2.86 | 3.41 | 3.23 | 3.59 | 2.75 | | | 2.86 | 3.28 |
| - Chinese | 3.30 | 3.45 | 3.30 | 4.03 | | | | | | | | |
| - Cush Cush | | 5.57 | | 5.50 | | | | | | | | |
| - Oriental | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - Portuguese | | | | | | | | | | 5.50 | | 5.50 |
| - Red | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| - White - (African) | 4.29 | 4.36 | 4.40 | 4.22 | 4.40 | 4.69 | 4.95 | 4.29 | 5.15 | 5.17 | 5.15 | 4.80 |
| - Yellow | | | 5.50 | 5.39 | 5.46 | 4.95 | 4.55 | | | 4.40 | 4.40 | |
| - NES | 4.93 | 4.88 | 4.99 | 4.69 | 3.92 | 4.00 | 5.28 | 6.01 | 5.57 | 5.32 | 5.30 | 5.17 |
| Basil | 11.75 | 11.88 | 10.93 | 10.30 | 11.13 | 10.43 | 11.00 | 11.13 | 10.96 | 10.89 | | 11.40 |
| Celery | 11.26 | 11.44 | 11.44 | 11.90 | 11.33 | 12.39 | 12.34 | 11.00 | 12.23 | 12.85 | 11.31 | 12.34 |
| Chive | 11.97 | 11.95 | 12.06 | 12.50 | 12.50 | 12.34 | 12.67 | 12.78 | 12.47 | 12.91 | 12.52 | 12.83 |
| Cinnamon | 30.10 | 33.00 | 33.00 | 33.00 | 44.00 | 33.00 | 33.00 | 33.00 | 23.30 | 33.00 | 33.00 | 33.00 |
| Clove | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ginger | 9.77 | 7.00 | 7.02 | 7.83 | 6.34 | 7.88 | 8.45 | 13.20 | 7.35 | 9.88 | 11.31 | 8.29 |
| Herbs | 12.39 | 13.13 | 13.16 | 12.56 | 13.16 | 13.27 | 13.20 | 12.65 | 13.20 | 13.20 | 12.98 | 13.11 |
| Leek | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nutmeg | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Parsley | 12.41 | 15.33 | 14.12 | 14.45 | 13.07 | 13.16 | 13.18 | 13.20 | 12.91 | 13.20 | 13.20 | 13.16 |
| Thyme | 25.98 | 36.12 | 33.70 | 36.37 | 34.83 | 33.44 | 32.80 | 27.04 | 35.09 | 32.89 | 36.34 | 29.72 |

Source : 9 Leading Hotels on the island

THE FISHING INDUSTRY

After a sudden decline in 1994, the fishing industry has shown a progressive increase in its output. During the period in review (1994-98), domestic fish output increased by an average of 145 tonnes per year. Traditionally, the Vieux-Fort, Dennery and Soufriere landing sites contribute most significantly to the total domestic fish output, although output in Soufriere has demonstrated a decline for the past three years. In 1998, Vieux-Fort recorded the highest quantity of fish caught—433 tonnes— representing 30% of St. Lucia's overall fish output for that year. See Table VIII - 1 for further reference.

Of the various types of fish caught in 1998, Tuna and Dolphin made up the largest quantities. Tuna and Dolphin, in total, constituted 46% of the total fish output—with Tuna exceeding Dolphin by 6%. For most of the 1994-98 period, these fish accounted for an average of over 50% of the total fish output. See Table VII - 2 for further reference.

Despite the increase in the overall domestic fish output, fish imports increased by 8% in 1998, relative to the previous year, and accordingly, so did fish import costs. Furthermore, both fish import and fish import costs have increased progressively each year during the period 1994-98. Of the various categories of fish imported in 1998, canned fish was imported in the largest quantity— reflecting the same trend as in the 1994-98 period. Canned fish accounted for 60% of all fish imports and this incurred a cost that constituted over 50% of the total fish import costs for 1998. See Table VIII - 3 for further reference.

St. Lucia's fish exports have deteriorated and have not been active since 1994. Figure VIII - 1 illustrates this fact, and it also shows St. Lucia's domestic fish outputs versus its fish imports for the 1994-98 period.

**Table VIII - 1. Estimated Quantity of Fish Landed
at Landing Site, 1994 - 98**

| Landing Site | TONNES | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 (P) |
| Gros Islet | 43 | 54 | 99 | 105 | 153 |
| Castries | 63 | 66 | 91 | 46 | 71 |
| Anse la Raye | 22 | 20 | 17 | 19 | 37 |
| Canaries* | 18 | 81 | 85 | - | - |
| Soufriere | 124 | 136 | 48 | 95 | 83 |
| Choiseul* | 108 | 125 | 145 | - | - |
| Laborie* | 32 | 42 | 34 | - | - |
| Vieux - Fort 1/ | 257 | 154 | 325 | 511 | 433 |
| Micoud | 48 | 60 | 55 | 50 | 70 |
| Praslin* | - | - | - | 29 | - |
| Dennerly | 168 | 245 | 285 | 255 | 263 |
| Fisheries 2/ | - | - | 12 | 201 | - |
| Others 3/ | | | | | 352 |
| Total | 883 | 983 | 1,196 | 1,311 | 1,462 |

Source : Fisheries Management Unit, M.O.A

1/ Note that the data for the Vieux Fort landing site includes data from the landing site at Savannes Bay

2/ This is not a specific district, but fish landed at and purchased there by the Fish Marketing Co-operation in the district of Castries.

3/ Includes all none sample sites *

(P) Provisional

Table VIII - 2. Fish Landed by Type and Quantity, 1994 - 98

| Year | Type of Fish (Tonnes) | | | | | | Total |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|-------------|----------------------|--------|--------------|
| | Tuna | Dolphin | King Fish | Flying Fish | Shark/ Black Fish | Others | |
| 1994 | 300 | 142 | 6 | 47 | 6 | 382 | 883 |
| 1995 | 300 | 200 | 20 | 50 | 6 | 407 | 983 |
| 1996 | 229 | 319 | 235 | 36 | 10 | 367 | 1,196 |
| 1997 | 247 | 455 | -- | 33 | 3 | 573 | 1,311 |
| 1998(P) | 395 | 271 | 250 | 234 | 8 | 304 | 1,462 |

Source: Fisheries Management Unit - Ministry of Agriculture

(P) Provisional

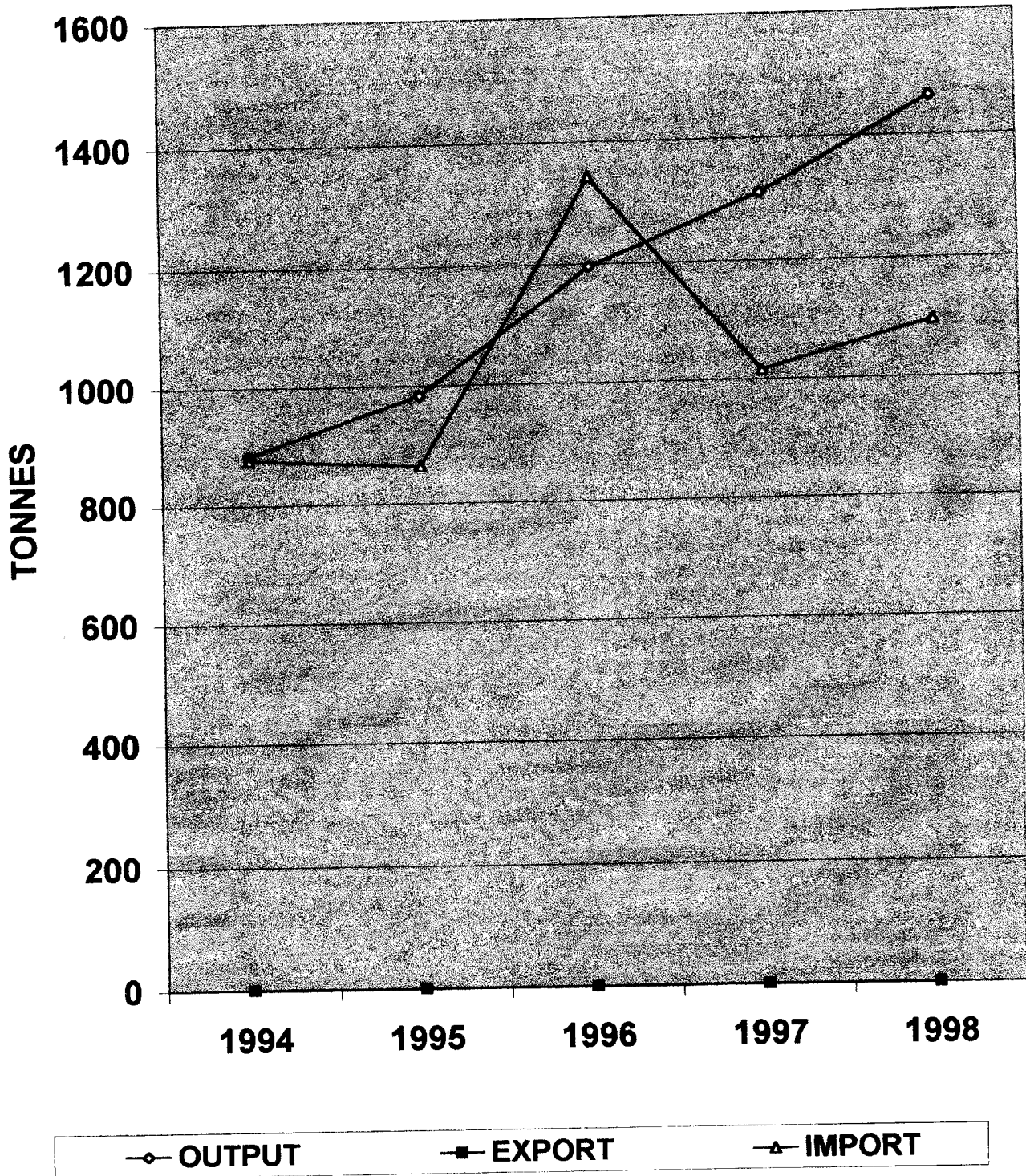
Table VIII - 3. Fish Imports by Type, Quantity and Cost, 1994-98

| Year | Total | | Fresh & Chilled | | Canned | | Other | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| 1994 | 876 | 8,126 | 36 | 452 | 512 | 4,088 | 328 | 3,586 |
| 1995 | 863 | 8,907 | 63 | 993 | 515 | 4,295 | 285 | 3,619 |
| 1996 | 1,343 | 9,930 | 59 | 947 | 694 | 5,951 | 590 | 3,032 |
| 1997 | 1,016 | 9,719 | 88 | 1,059 | 570 | 4,332 | 358 | 4,328 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 260 | 2,367 | 28 | 310 | 143 | 1,163 | 89 | 894 |
| 2nd Quarter | 274 | 2,520 | 5 | 80 | 175 | 1,326 | 94 | 1,114 |
| 3rd Quarter | 296 | 2,970 | 10 | 139 | 203 | 1,787 | 83 | 1,044 |
| 4th Quarter | 267 | 2,733 | 20 | 283 | 142 | 1,184 | 105 | 1,266 |
| Total 1998 | 1,097 | 10,590 | 63 | 812 | 663 | 5,460 | 371 | 4,318 |

Source: Foreign Trade Report

FIG. VIII - 1

FISH OUTPUT, EXPORTS & IMPORTS, 1994 - 98



THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR

The number of heads of livestock (cattle, sheep/goat, pigs and poultry¹) slaughtered in 1998 compared to 1996² declined by 17%, and this trend is also obvious for most part of the period of 1994-98. Although pork was the most popular meat consumed, the number of pigs slaughtered recorded the most significant decline – 22%. See Table IX - 2 for further reference.

The above information examines the livestock sector on a domestic scale, but St. Lucia also imports meats, basically to supplement its domestic supply. Typically, poultry imports account for the vast majority of meat imports, and in 1998, poultry measured 83% of all meat imports (see Figure IX - 3). Table IX - 4 also illustrates poultry import activity for the period 1994-98. The figures show that poultry imports were relatively stable, but in 1998, imports fell by 3% compared to the previous year.

Beef, pork, and the mutton of sheep and goat are imported on a much smaller scale compared to poultry (see Figure IX - 3), and furthermore, imports of beef, pork and mutton have declined significantly from 1994. Mutton of sheep was imported in the highest quantity in 1998, but for most of the 1994-98 period, beef was imported in the largest quantity. See Table IX - 5 for further reference.

Feed imports for cattle were imported in the largest quantity during 1994 - 98, but in general, feed imports fluctuated during that period. However, in 1998, feed imports for poultry and pig increased significantly but feed imports for cattle decreased considerably compared to 1997 (see Table IX - 7).

¹ Poultry figures have not been available for many years.

Egg and Milk Production

Local egg production fluctuated slightly during the historical period (1994-97) (see Figure IX - 2), but in 1998, local egg production increased by an average of 22,000 dozen eggs – or 3% – relative to 1997.

This percentage also corresponds to a EC\$345,000 increase in the overall value of local egg production for 1998. Moreover, for the second consecutive year since 1997, there has been no egg imports. This is a welcomed trend as it indicates that St. Lucia is becoming self-sufficient in its egg production. See Table IX - 3 for reference.

Milk production fluctuated during the period 1994-97 and in 1998, production fell by 13% compared to the previous year – representing a loss of a little over EC\$14,600 (see Table IX - 1). St. Lucia also imports milk, but 1998 showed the lowest in milk imports for the period in review (1994-98), with imports declining by 13% relative to 1997. However, in the main, the cost of milk imports exceeds the earnings from local milk production, and in 1998, the deficit for milk was more than EC\$13.6 million. See Tables IX - 1 and IX - 6.

In 1998, other livestock products, such as cheese and butter, measured a decline in their imports. Cheese imports fell by 0.3% (although the cost of imports increased by 23%). See Table IX - 6 for further reference.

² Livestock figures were not available for 1997.

Table IX - 1. Milk Production, 1994-98

| Year | Quantity (litres) | Value EC\$ |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1994 | 241,401 | 712,130 |
| 1995 | 269,810 | 795,940 |
| 1996 | 263,157 | 776,313 |
| 1997 | 333,718 | 866,228 |
| 1998 1st Quarte | 79,535 | 234,628 |
| 2nd Quarter | 76,779 | 226,498 |
| 3rd Quarter | 66,598 | 196,464 |
| 4th Quarter | 65,764 | 194,004 |
| Total 1998 | 288,676 | 851,594 |

Source: Livestock Development Project, Beausejour, Vieux Fort

Table IX - 2. Estimated Livestock Slaughtering s, 1994-98

| Livestock | NUMBER OF HEADS | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|-------|------|------|------|
| | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| CATTLE * | 701 | 835 | 493 | N/A | 445 |
| SHEEP/GOAT * | 326 | 393 | 157 | N/A | 139 |
| PIGS * | 1,379 | 1,442 | 760 | N/A | 592 |
| POULTRY | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

Source : Ministry of Health & STAFCO

*** Figures are of carcasses inspected by the Public Health Department and the Castries City Council Health Department**

N/A Not available

FIG IX - 1

MILK PRODUCTION, 1994 - 98

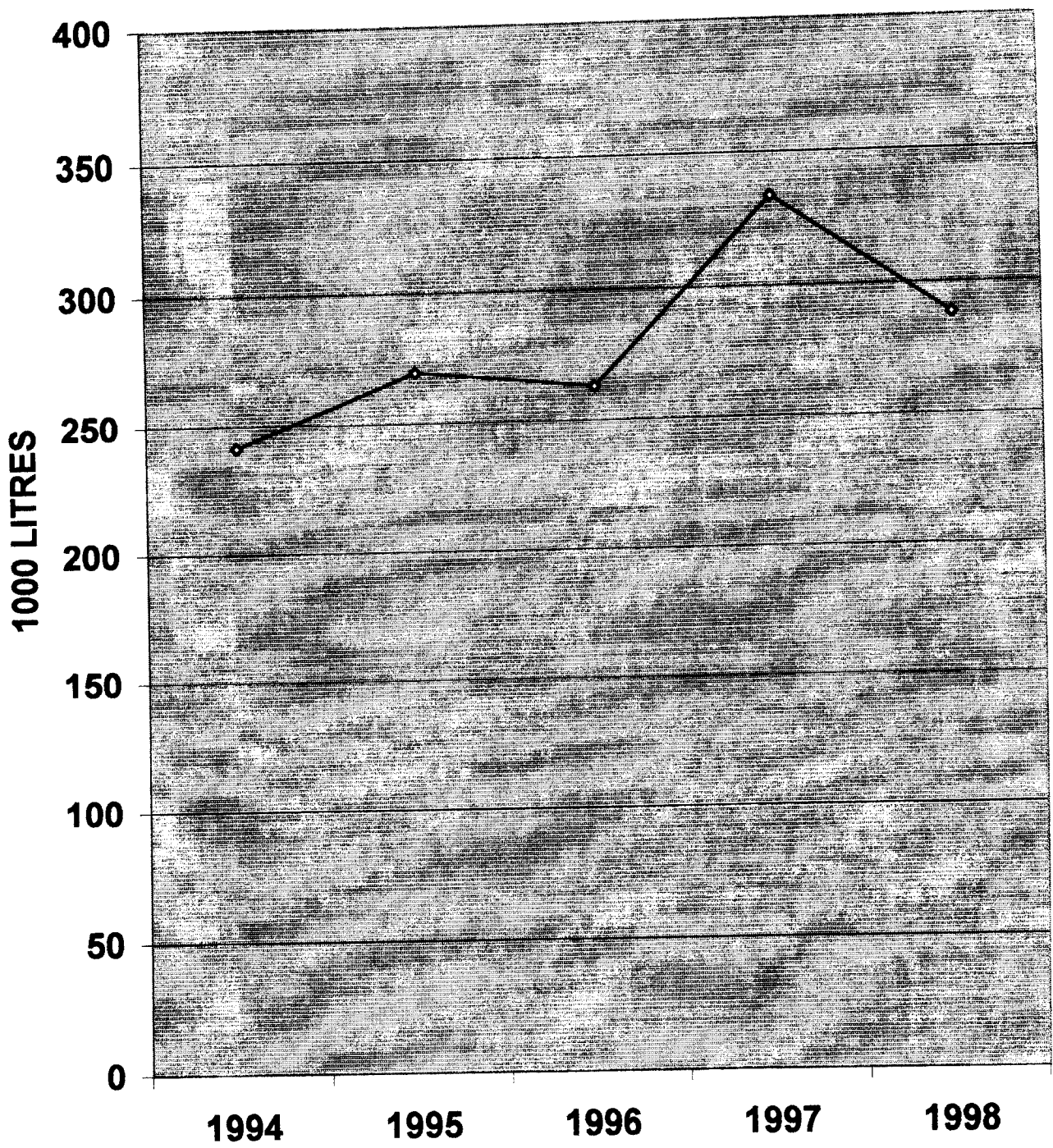


Table IX - 3. Table Egg Production and Imports, 1994 - 98

| Year | Average Laying Hens on Farm (000s) | Local Production | | Imports | | Available Supply 1/ | |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | | Quantity 1000 Dozen Eggs | Producer Value (\$'000s) | Quantity 1000 Dozen Eggs | Value (\$'000s) | Quantity 1000 Dozen Eggs | Value (\$'000s) |
| 1994 | 48 | 791 | 4,746 | 18 | 84 | 809 | 4,830 |
| 1995 | 46 | 819 | 3,419 | - | - | 819 | 3,419 |
| 1996 | 46 | 743 | 3,715 | 1 | 12 | 744 | 3,727 |
| 1997 | 47 | 804 | 5,025 | - | - | 804 | 5,025 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 50 | 212 | 1,378 | - | - | 212 | 1,378 |
| 2nd Quarter | 45 | 190 | 1,235 | - | - | 190 | 1,235 |
| 3rd Quarter | 44 | 187 | 1,216 | - | - | 187 | 1,216 |
| 4th Quarter | 51 | 237 | 1,541 | - | - | 237 | 1,541 |
| Total 1998 | 48 | 826 | 5,370 | - | - | 826 | 5,370 |

Source : Livestock Department - Ministry of Agriculture & Foreign Trade Report

1/ Available Supply equals production plus imports

FIG IX - 2

EGG PRODUCTION, 1994 - 98

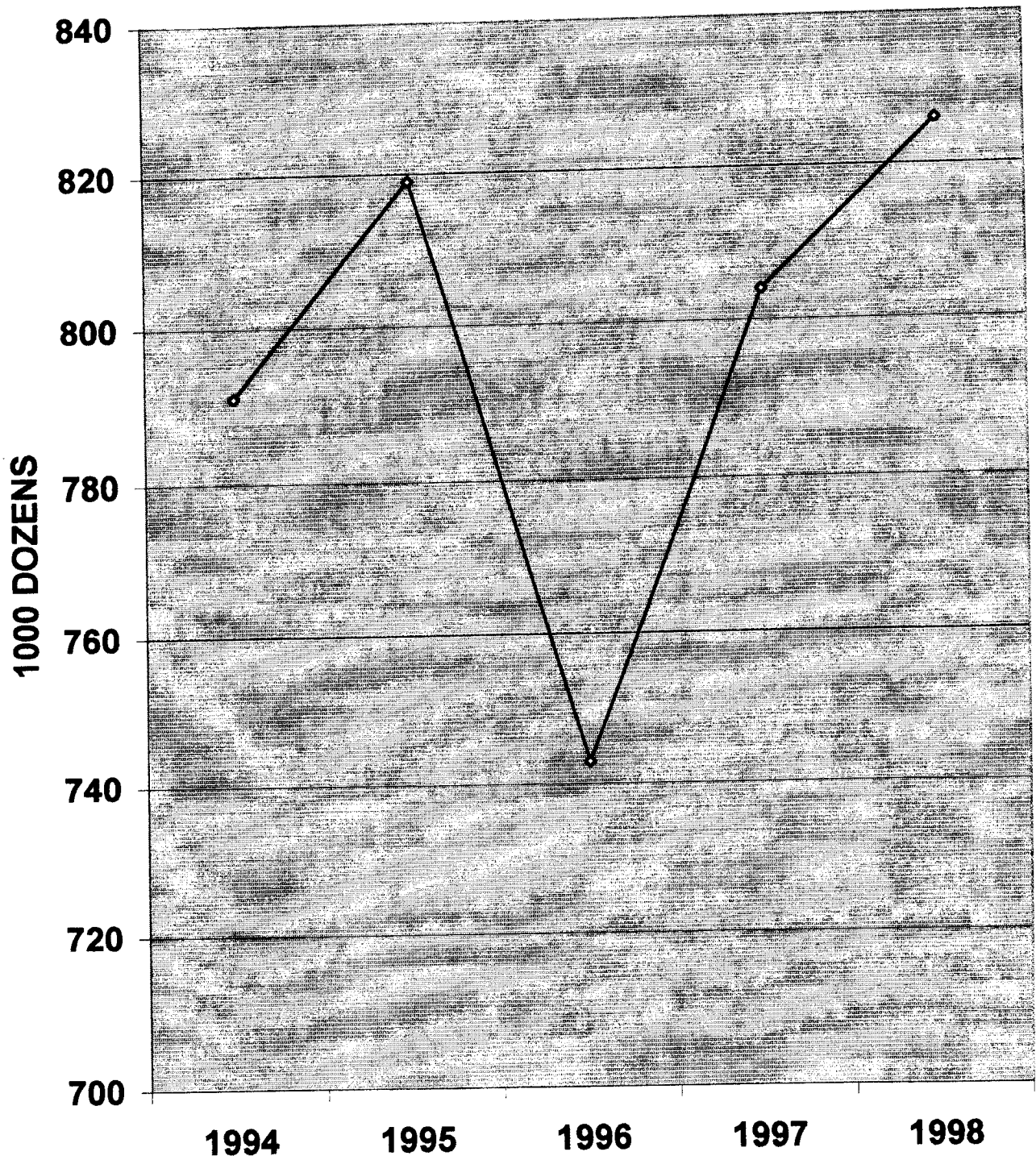


Table IX - 4. Poultry Imports by Type, Quantity and Cost, 1994-98

| Year | POULTRY | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Total | | Whole | | Necks, Backs, Wings | | Other Parts | |
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| 1994 | 7,721 | 27,978 | 369 | 1,527 | 3,326 | 9,633 | 4,026 | 16,818 |
| 1995 | 7,701 | 29,080 | 495 | 2,160 | 3,779 | 10,888 | 3,427 | 16,032 |
| 1996 | 7,678 | 31,834 | 290 | 1,552 | 3,837 | 10,985 | 3,551 | 19,297 |
| 1997 | 7,885 | 27,596 | 130 | 846 | 4,073 | 11,415 | 3,682 | 15,335 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 2,001 | 6,445 | 26 | 224 | 873 | 2,787 | 1,102 | 3,434 |
| 2nd Quarter | 1,697 | 5,715 | 11 | 48 | 811 | 2,181 | 875 | 3,486 |
| 3rd Quarter | 1,814 | 6,008 | 9 | 60 | 841 | 2,214 | 964 | 3,734 |
| 4th Quarter | 2,133 | 7,287 | 81 | 454 | 831 | 2,336 | 1,221 | 4,497 |
| Total 1998 | 7,645 | 25,455 | 127 | 786 | 3,356 | 9,518 | 4,162 | 15,151 |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

1/ Frozen and/or Chilled

Table IX - 5. Meat Imports* by Type, Quantity and Cost, 1994-98

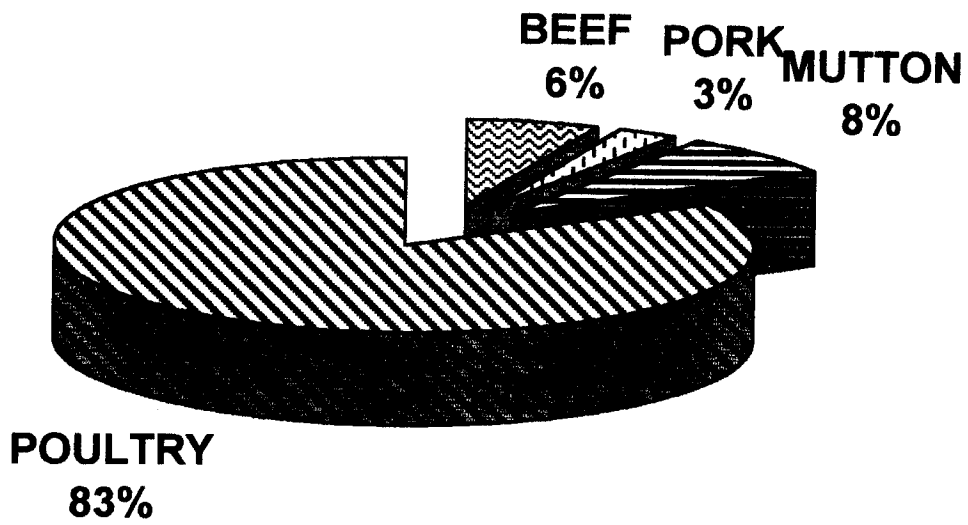
| Year | Beef | | Pork | | Mutton of sheep | | Mutton of Goat | |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| 1994 | 1,231 | 7,960 | 217 | 1,852 | 367 | 2,381 | 187 | 1,134 |
| 1995 | 702 | 7,731 | 222 | 1,972 | 478 | 2,888 | 106 | 669 |
| 1996 | 625 | 6,096 | 185 | 1,541 | 1,172 | 3,327 | 77 | 538 |
| 1997 | 625 | 6,409 | 243 | 1,907 | 592 | 3,538 | 54 | 425 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 119 | 1,410 | 71 | 495 | 250 | 1,305 | 27 | 211 |
| 2nd Quarter | 138 | 1,225 | 50 | 349 | 113 | 649 | 14 | 106 |
| 3rd Quarter | 145 | 1,514 | 32 | 280 | 130 | 670 | 3 | 26 |
| 4th Quarter | 164 | 1,750 | 108 | 554 | 159 | 757 | 10 | 67 |
| Total 1998 | 566 | 5,899 | 261 | 1,678 | 652 | 3,381 | 54 | 410 |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

* Frozen and/or Chilled

FIG. IX - 3

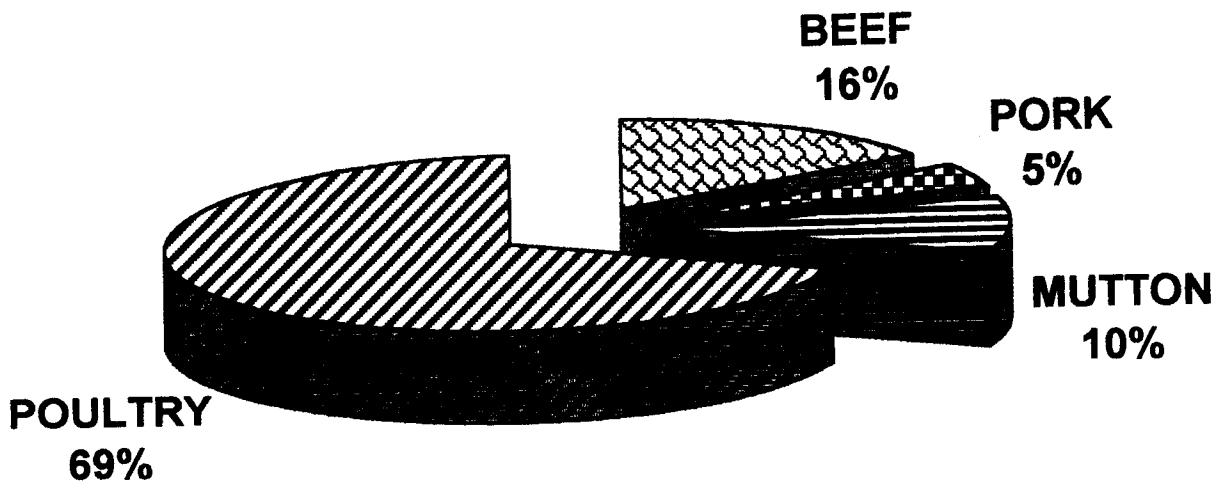
MEAT IMPORTS (TONNES), 1998



Mutton here includes both sheep and goat meats

FIG. IX - 4

**COST OF MEAT IMPORTS, 1998
(EC\$ Millions)**



Mutton here includes both sheep and goat meats

Table IX - 6. Imports of Selected Livestock Products, 1994 - 98

| Year | Milk | | Cheese | | Butter/Butterfat | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| 1994 | 3,486 | 12,712 | 607 | 5,833 | 347 | 1,781 |
| 1995 | 3,199 | 15,419 | 604 | 5,557 | 255 | 1,979 |
| 1996 | 2,855 | 14,446 | 627 | 6,064 | 228 | 1,790 |
| 1997 | 3,186 | 14,896 | 731 | 6,320 | 199 | 1,452 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 550 | 2,982 | 209 | 2,046 | 65 | 473 |
| 2nd Quarter | 439 | 2,242 | 125 | 2,174 | 4 | 49 |
| 3rd Quarter | 972 | 4,647 | 175 | 1,729 | 6 | 67 |
| 4th Quarter | 816 | 4,634 | 220 | 2,258 | 63 | 533 |
| Total 1998 | 2,777 | 14,505 | 729 | 8,207 | 138 | 1,122 |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

Table IX - 7. Feed Imports by Type, Quantity and Cost, 1994 - 98

| Year | Total | | Poultry | | Cattle | | Pig | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| 1994 | 4,095 | 2,617 | 100 | 112 | 2,633 | 2,198 | 1,362 | 307 |
| 1995 | 3,518 | 3,118 | 263 | 224 | 2,428 | 2,552 | 827 | 342 |
| 1996 | 3,479 | 2,831 | 633 | 658 | 2,591 | 1,923 | 255 | 250 |
| 1997 | 3,783 | 3,329 | 400 | 355 | 2,995 | 2,774 | 388 | 200 |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 782 | 885 | 28 | 32 | 731 | 836 | 23 | 17 |
| 2nd Quarter | 1,792 | 1,030 | 914 | 880 | 56 | 39 | 822 | 111 |
| 3rd Quarter | 971 | 854 | 802 | 732 | 22 | 15 | 147 | 107 |
| 4th Quarter | 892 | 690 | 679 | 554 | 34 | 23 | 179 | 113 |
| Total 1998 | 4,437 | 3,459 | 2,423 | 2,198 | 843 | 913 | 1,171 | 348 |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

THE TRADE BALANCE ON FOOD

The trade balance on food for St. Lucia sustained a deficit for the whole of the period in review (1994 - 98). In 1998, the trade balance on food increased by an overwhelming 162% compared to the previous year. The trade balances for both 1997 and 1998 show the highest negative trade balances that St. Lucia has incurred to date. Furthermore, 1992 was the last time since the country has realised a surplus in its trade balance—roughly EC\$38,988,000. See Table X - 1 for further reference.

As evident from the above information, St. Lucia has become a net importer of food. Food imports have exceeded domestic food exports by as much as 51% in 1997, and 46% in 1998. For the most part, food exports have declined because of the decrease in banana exports. Banana exports to the United Kingdom (the principal buyer) fell by roughly 32% both in 1997 and 1998, relative to 1996 (see Table IV - 1). This decline translates to an average loss of EC\$37,752,500. However, banana exports to the UK constituted 55% of the total domestic exports in 1998 compared to 47% in 1997. See Table I - 1 and Table IV - 4 for further reference.

On the other hand, Table I - 2 indicates that banana exports' contribution to total domestic exports rose by 3 percentage points in 1998 compared to 1997—from 60% in 1997 to 63% in 1998. In this scenario, these banana exports include exports to other non-traditional markets like Barbados, and therefore, this signifies an increase in banana exports only to non-traditional markets—roughly 10%.

Another factor contributing to the decline in food exports is the overall decrease in other agricultural crops like fruits and vegetables. Table X - 5 and Table X - 6 illustrate the decline and/or fluctuations in the exports of selected agricultural produce. Some of the most popular fruits exported like avocados, grapefruits, pineapples and breadfruits show an overall decline in their exports, but others like bananas and plantains more or less fluctuated. However, in the main, exports of agricultural produce fell by 12% in 1998 compared to 1997 – effecting a EC\$339,000 loss in revenue.

Table X - 3 and Table X - 4 provide a summary of the imports of selected agricultural produce, and for the period 1994-98, the quantities of produce imported fluctuated throughout this period. In particular, 1998's agricultural produce imports increased by 7% compared to 1997. Rice, Irish potatoes, carrots, cabbages, garlic, onions are some of the crops that are usually imported in the largest quantities, and their import volumes remain fairly constant throughout 1998 (see Table X - 3).

Rice imports surpass all other agricultural imports and in 1997, imports of rice increased by 10%. Vegetable imports have fluctuated during the 1994-98 period, but amongst the most commonly imported vegetables like carrots, tomatoes, cabbages and sweet peppers, carrots were imported in the largest quantities (see Figure X - 2).

Table X - 2 displays the composition of food import costs in St. Lucia for the period 1994-98. Food import costs have increased progressively during this period – except for an 8% dip in 1996. For the period in review (1994-98), meat and meat preparations constituted for the highest proportion of the total food import bill – measuring as high as 26%.

Eggs & Dairy Products, Cereal & Cereal preparations and Fruits & Vegetables also contribute significantly to the food import bill (although their costs have fluctuated during the 1994-98 period).

Figure X - 1 further demonstrates a linear relationship between food import and food export costs for the 1994-98 period. During the earlier half of that period (1994-96), food import costs exceeded food export earnings at a relatively constant rate; but during the latter half of the period in review—i.e. 1996 until 1998—while food import costs increased by an average of 5%, food export earnings declined by an average of 12%. That being stated, this is by no means an direct indication that food imports exceed food exports twofold, but nevertheless, the current trend in the correlation between food imports and food exports is somewhat of a concern.

Table X - 1. Trade Balance on Food (EC\$), 1994 - 98

| Year | EXPORTS (\$000s) | | | IMPORTS (\$000s) | | | Trade Balance on Food |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | Domestic Exports (1) | Food Exports (2) | (2) as a % of (1) | Total Imports (3) | Food Imports (4) | (4) as a % of (3) | |
| 1994 | 225,078 | 133,186 | 59 | 816,748 | 173,166 | 21 | (39,980) |
| 1995 | 253,161 | 155,952 | 62 | 824,307 | 188,639 | 23 | (32,687) |
| 1996 | 208,344 | 145,700 | 69 | 820,249 | 180,879 | 22 | (35,179) |
| 1997 | 152,955 | 96,929 | 63 | 896,864 | 196,188 | 22 | (99,259) |
| 1998 1st Quarter | 42,128 | 30,217 | 72 | 217,528 | 50,379 | 23 | (20,162) |
| 2nd Quarter | 36,556 | 22,395 | 61 | 208,819 | 47,498 | 23 | (25,103) |
| 3rd Quarter | 33,290 | 18,174 | 55 | 221,183 | 49,697 | 22 | (31,523) |
| 4th Quarter | 51,043 | 36,868 | 72 | 230,255 | 52,315 | 23 | (15,447) |
| Total 1998 | 163,017 | 107,654 | 65 | 877,785 | 199,889 | 23 | (92,235) |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

FIG. X - 1

FOOD IMPORTS & EXPORTS, 1994 - 98

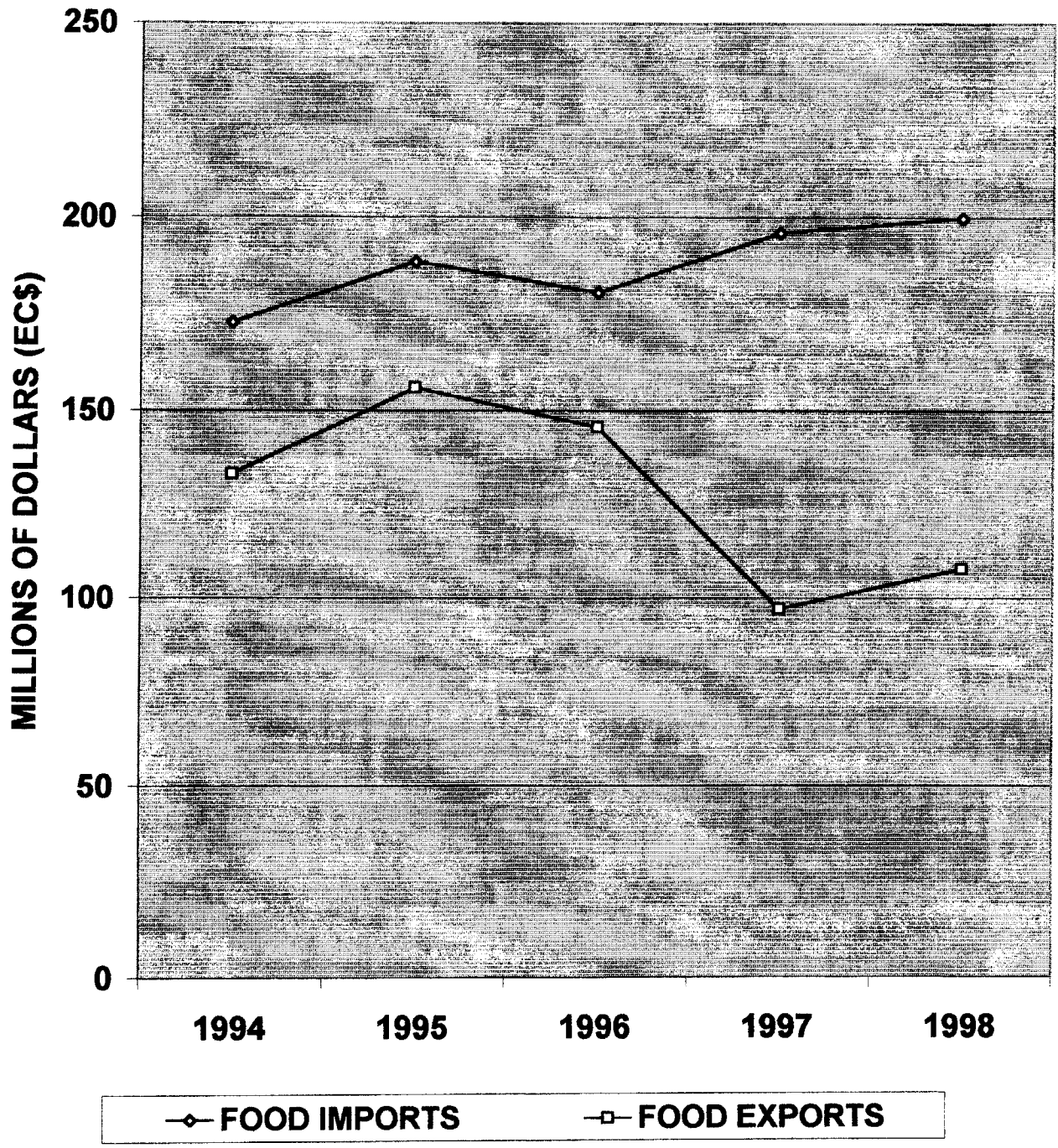


Table X - 2. Composition of Food Imports, 1994 - 98

| Item | 1994 | | 1995 | | 1996 | | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| | (\$'000s) | % | (\$'000s) | % | (\$'000s) | % | (\$'000s) | % | (\$'000s) | % |
| Live Animals | 286 | .. | 213 | .. | 410 | .. | 404 | .. | 734 | ... |
| Meat & Meat Preparations | 51,162 | 26 | 52,073 | 26 | 52,545 | 26 | 49,108 | 25 | 46,018 | 23 |
| Eggs & Dairy Products | 21,399 | 11 | 23,027 | 12 | 23,592 | 12 | 23,838 | 12 | 26,222 | 13 |
| Fish & Fish Preparation | 10,721 | 5 | 11,719 | 6 | 11,670 | 6 | 11,383 | 6 | 12,917 | 6 |
| Cereal & Cereal Preparation | 32,221 | 16 | 36,747 | 18 | 29,293 | 15 | 43,772 | 22 | 41,302 | 21 |
| Vegetables & Fruits | 25,597 | 13 | 26,052 | 13 | 21,861 | 11 | 26,836 | 13 | 29,829 | 15 |
| Sugar Preparation & Honey | 8,590 | 4 | 11,921 | 6 | 7,146 | 4 | 12,819 | 6 | 12,078 | 6 |
| Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Spices | 4,717 | 2 | 5,180 | 3 | 3,952 | 2 | 5,248 | 3 | 5,765 | 3 |
| Animal Feed | 3,450 | 2 | 4,255 | 2 | 3,926 | 2 | 4,902 | 2 | 5,034 | 3 |
| Miscellaneous Food Preparation | 14,758 | 7 | 16,528 | 8 | 17,542 | 9 | 17,876 | 9 | 19,824 | 10 |
| Total | 172,901 | 100 | 187,715 | 100 | 171,937 | 100 | 196,186 | 100 | 199,723 | 100 |

Source: Foreign Trade Report

(...) Negligible

Table X - 3. Imports of Selected Agricultural Produce by Quantity and Cost, 1998

| Produce | 1st Quarter | | 2nd Quarter | | 3rd Quarter | | 4th Quarter | | Total 1998 | |
|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| Rice | 1,093 | 2,078 | 628 | 1,763 | 811 | 1,633 | 607 | 1,317 | 3,139 | 6,791 |
| Irish Potato | 374 | 508 | 397 | 1,166 | 319 | 431 | 450 | 602 | 1,540 | 2,707 |
| Carrot | 52 | 144 | 43 | 180 | 67 | 164 | 91 | 172 | 253 | 660 |
| Cabbage | 44 | 112 | 4 | 23 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 | 135 |
| Lettuce | 15 | 64 | 14 | 58 | 15 | 48 | 20 | 61 | 64 | 231 |
| Tomato | 11 | 80 | 4 | 25 | 16 | 71 | 33 | 158 | 64 | 334 |
| Sweet Pepper | 11 | 82 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 18 | 105 |
| Garlic | 43 | 242 | 43 | 246 | 45 | 251 | 56 | 284 | 187 | 1,023 |
| Onion | 266 | 387 | 255 | 462 | 287 | 466 | 332 | 481 | 1,140 | 1,796 |
| Black Eye Peas | 9 | 32 | 9 | 27 | 11 | 32 | 21 | 65 | 50 | 156 |
| Pigeon Peas | 15 | 28 | 5 | 17 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 24 | 62 |
| Red Kidney Beans | 23 | 68 | 29 | 98 | 15 | 43 | 55 | 152 | 122 | 361 |
| Other Legumes | 115 | 278 | 154 | 676 | 190 | 422 | 190 | 391 | 649 | 1,767 |
| Apples | 49 | 207 | 73 | 288 | 54 | 163 | 75 | 222 | 251 | 880 |
| Grapes | 21 | 169 | 24 | 196 | 19 | 140 | 26 | 163 | 90 | 668 |
| Total 1998 | 2,141 | 4,479 | 1,685 | 5,234 | 1,854 | 3,881 | 1,959 | 4,082 | 7,639 | 17,676 |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

(...) Less than one tonne

Table X - 4. Imports of Selected Agricultural Produce by Quantity and Cost, 1994 - 98

| Produce | 1994 | | 1995 | | 1996 | | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| Rice | 2,740 | 4,995 | 3,089 | 5,635 | 2,759 | 5,334 | 2,811 | 7,540 | 3,139 | 6,791 |
| Irish Potato | 1,396 | 2,090 | 1,924 | 2,731 | 1,312 | 1,930 | 1,404 | 1,698 | 1,540 | 2,707 |
| Carrot | 314 | 538 | 255 | 724 | 254 | 566 | 187 | 540 | 253 | 660 |
| Cabbage | 102 | 204 | 118 | 242 | 112 | 235 | 126 | 301 | 48 | 135 |
| Lettuce | 41 | 160 | 56 | 214 | 56 | 199 | 43 | 204 | 64 | 231 |
| Tomato | 93 | 432 | 99 | 507 | 74 | 364 | 45 | 271 | 64 | 334 |
| Sweet Pepper | 17 | 120 | 18 | 118 | 35 | 246 | 31 | 229 | 18 | 105 |
| Garlic | 123 | 1,039 | 131 | 841 | 133 | 797 | 155 | 914 | 187 | 1,023 |
| Onion | 843 | 1,390 | 866 | 1,520 | 928 | 1,251 | 1,011 | 1,606 | 1,140 | 1,796 |
| Black Eye Peas | 65 | 222 | 69 | 201 | 64 | 208 | 134 | 281 | 50 | 156 |
| Pigeon Peas | 25 | 97 | 11 | 41 | 9 | 39 | 9 | 39 | 24 | 62 |
| Red Kidney Beans | 181 | 480 | 109 | 309 | 160 | 335 | 183 | 508 | 122 | 361 |
| Other Legumes | 638 | 1,491 | 743 | 1,288 | 575 | 1,311 | 659 | 1,522 | 649 | 1,767 |
| Apples | 286 | 754 | 189 | 633 | 232 | 664 | 256 | 879 | 251 | 880 |
| Grapes | 59 | 455 | 48 | 422 | 76 | 478 | 78 | 576 | 90 | 668 |
| Total | 6,923 | 14,467 | 7,725 | 15,426 | 6,779 | 13,957 | 7,132 | 17,108 | 7,639 | 17,676 |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

FIG. X - 2

IMPORTS OF SELECTED VEGETABLES, 1994-98

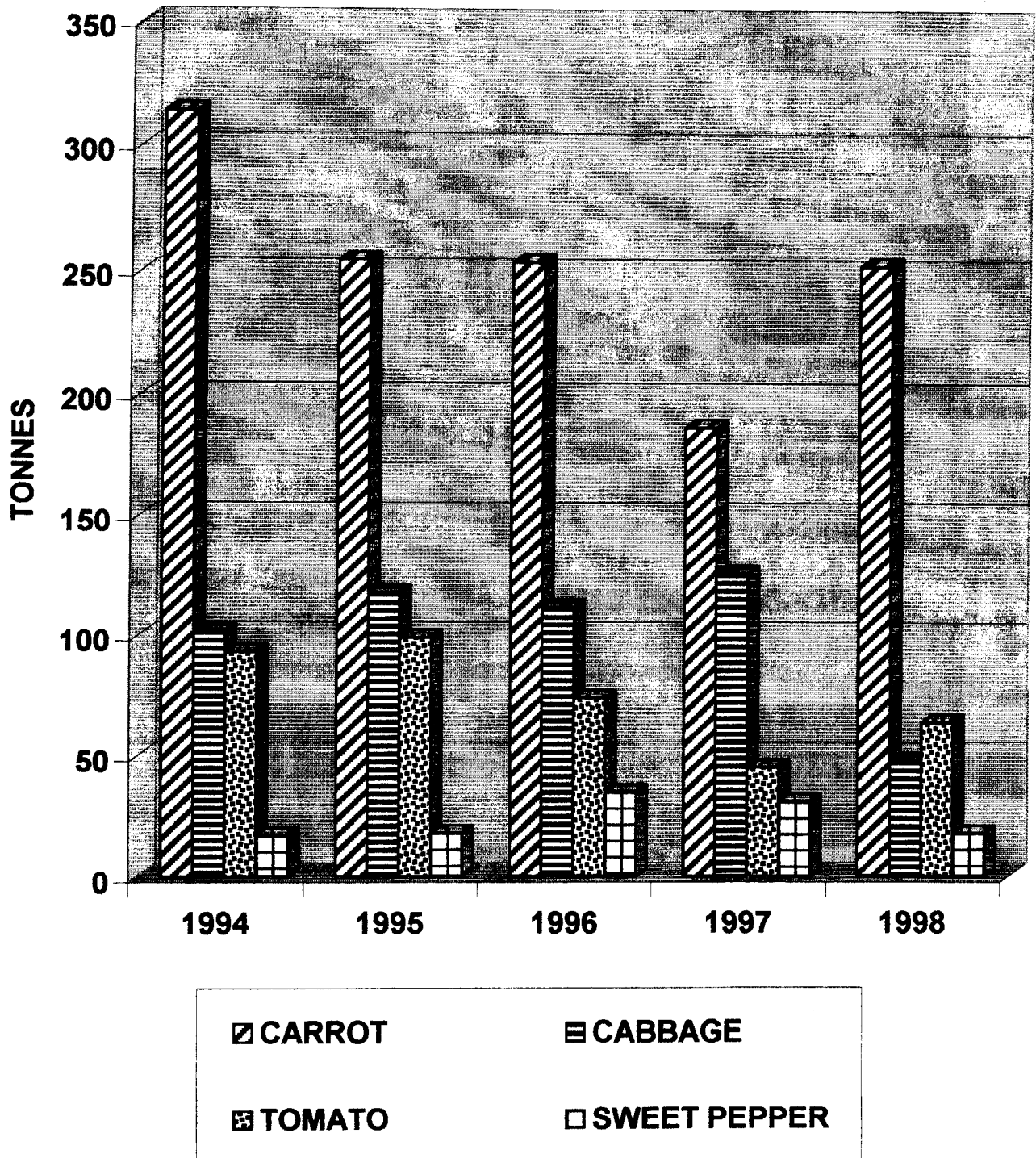


Table X - 5. Exports of Selected Agricultural Produce, 1998

| Produce | 1st Quarter | | 2nd Quarter | | 3rd Quarter | | 4th Quarter | | Total 1998 | |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| Avocado | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 | 54 | 9 | 23 | 32 | 77 |
| Grapefruit | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| Mango | 18 | 20 | 123 | 98 | 86 | 124 | 1 | 1 | 228 | 243 |
| Pineapple | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 3 |
| Sweet Orange | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Breadfruit | 182 | 213 | ... | ... | 238 | 286 | 87 | 104 | 507 | 603 |
| Plantain | 25 | 44 | 31 | 50 | 78 | 113 | 5 | 10 | 139 | 217 |
| Aroids 1/ | 5 | 16 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 20 |
| Sweet Potato | ... | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3 |
| Yam | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 2 |
| Pumpkin | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 | 1 |
| Sub Total 2/ | 232 | 299 | 158 | 156 | 425 | 577 | 102 | 138 | 917 | 1,170 |
| Banana 3/ | 20 | 17 | 35 | 32 | 83 | 81 | 64 | 77 | 202 | 207 |
| Total | 252 | 316 | 193 | 188 | 508 | 658 | 166 | 215 | 1,119 | 1,377 |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

1/ Aroids here are dasheen, tannia and eddoes.

2/ Total amount of selected non-traditional crops exported.

3/ Exports to other territories excluding the United Kingdom

(...) Less than one tonne

Table X - 6. Exports of Selected Agricultural Produce, 1994 - 98

| Produce | 1994 | | 1995 | | 1996 | | 1997 | | 1998 | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) | (tonnes) | (\$'000s) |
| Avocado | 49 | 111 | 48 | 128 | 128 | 301 | 37 | 81 | 32 | 77 |
| Grapefruit | 21 | 19 | 23 | 61 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Mango | 735 | 1,072 | 379 | 626 | 263 | 389 | 457 | 558 | 228 | 243 |
| Pineapple | 158 | 433 | 58 | 169 | 31 | 92 | 13 | 25 | 3 | 3 |
| Sweet Orange | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 3 | ... | 1 | ... | ... |
| Breadfruit | 751 | 1,083 | 762 | 989 | 694 | 864 | 637 | 866 | 507 | 603 |
| Plantain | 38 | 50 | 85 | 131 | 153 | 242 | 71 | 102 | 139 | 217 |
| Aroids 1/ | 4 | 11 | 4 | 15 | ... | 3 | 6 | 21 | 6 | 20 |
| Sweet Potato | 1 | 2 | 5 | 18 | 6 | 13 | 10 | 21 | 1 | 3 |
| Yam | ... | 2 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 4 | ... | 2 |
| Pumpkin | ... | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 7 | ... | 1 |
| Sub Total 2/ | 1,758 | 2,786 | 1,372 | 2,159 | 1,279 | 1,917 | 1,240 | 1,688 | 917 | 1,170 |
| Banana 3/ | 655 | 547 | 1,234 | 930 | 93 | 72 | 32 | 28 | 202 | 207 |
| Total | 2,413 | 3,333 | 2,606 | 3,089 | 1,372 | 1,989 | 1,272 | 1,716 | 1,119 | 1,377 |

Source : Foreign Trade Report

1/ Aroids here are dasheen, tannia and eddoes.

2/ Total amount of non-traditional crops exported.

3/ Exports to other territories excluding the United Kingdom

(...) Less than one tonne