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WORLD COFFEE PRODUCTION

SLIGHTLY BELOW DEMAND

Summary

World coffee production for 1971-72 is forecast at 71.1 million bags (132.3 pounds), according to the third (December) estimate. After allowing for consumption in the producing countries, about 52.2 million bags should be available for export markets. Exportable production, as considered here, represents total harvested production less domestic consumption. With world import demand estimated at between 53 million and 54 million bags, there may be a very small drawdown on world accumulated stocks. If so, this would be the sixth consecutive year in which production has fallen short of demand.

The estimate for 1970-71 has been revised upward on the basis of more up-to-date and complete information from the producing countries. It now appears that production was about 58.1 million bags, with exportable production estimated at approximately 39.8 million bags.

Despite the relatively low initial world export quota, prices were steady early in the October-December quarter, with little market activity. However, a firming trend was noticeable from about the first of November, which gained momentum in late November and in early December.

COFFEE: GREEN:	PRODUCTION	IN SPECIFIED	COUNTRIES:	AVERAGE	1962-63/1966-67,	ANNUAL	1967-68/1971-72 1/	/
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REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1962-63/1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72
	1,000 BAG5 <u>2</u> /	1.000 BAG5 <u>2</u> /	1,000 BAG5 <u>2</u> /	1.000 BAG5 2/	1.000 BAG5 2/	1,000 8AG5 2
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IORTH AMERICA: COSTA RICA	1.043	1,350	1,260	1,400	1,250	1 220
	527	450	500	500	550	1,330 550
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	611	635	540	640	675	625
EL SALVADOR	1,898	2,400	1,900	2,500	2,170	2,400
GUAOELOUPE	7	5	5	1	ĩ	1
GUATEMALA	1.808	1,850	1,740	1,750	1.840	2,000
HAITI	542	500	480	465	480	450
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MARTINIQUE	2*	۲ <u>۲</u>	4	20	20	24
MEXICO	2,671	2,900	2,850	3,075	3+000	3,200
NICARAGUA	495	550	540	565	550	580
PANAMA	76	86	75	83	75	85
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO	61	72	65	43	69	T 0
US-HAWAII.	55	39	36	28	31	30
US-PUERTO RICO	254	325	280	300	300	300
TOTAL •••••••••••••••••••	10,488	11.667	10,742	11,921	11,582	12,246
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OUTH AMERICA:						
BOLIVIA	65	150	160	165	85	85
BRAZIL	24,580	23,000	16,500	19:000	9,750	23,600
COLOMBIA	7,820	8:000 1:175	7,900 1,000	8,450	7,800	7,300
GUYANA	12	1+1/5	20	660 18	1,300	
PARAGUAY	53	40	65	50	11 33	10 50
PERU,	835	880	860	940	990	1,030
5URINAM	11	7	7	6	5	6
VENEZUELA	809	750	860	900	900	920
TOTAL	35,017	34,021	27, 372	30+189	20+874	34,201
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FRICA:						
ANGOLA	3,017	3,400	3,100	3,300	3.300	3,400
BURUNDI	200	315	275	240	350	385 1,250
CAMEROON	5 934	1,100	1,100	1.200	1+150	
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	155	175	160	200	150	160
COMORO ISLANOS	3	3	3	3	3	3
CUNGO: BRAZZAVILLE	14	10	20	15	15	15
DAHOMEY	28	15	18	15	15	15
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	125	145	125	120	120	120
ETHIOPIA	1.603	1.750	2,045	2.000	2,100	2,150
GABON	17	15	20	20	15	15
GHANA	56	94	83	95	7=	85
GUINEA	164 3,565	170 4,500	180 3,400	200	175 4,000	175 4,000
IVORY COAST	769	4,500	800	1.000	1,160	
LIBERIA	58	58	65	75	85	1,100 7 5
MALAGASY REPUBLIC	915	1+100	900	830		965
NIGERIA	34	51	53	50	1,300 90	65
RWANDA	147	190	200	145	235	200
540 TOME-PRINCIPE	6	6	6	4	3	3
SIERRA LEONE	90	80	95	90	125	100
1 ANZ AN I A	653	740	950	775	90 n	900
	184 2+669	175 2,700	280 3,335	220 3,350	220 3,000	220
UGANDAZAIRE (CONGO,K)	1:005	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,200	3+000
	16,419	18,444	18,215	19,649	19.787	19,602
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INDIA	1,181	1,050	1,300	1,150	1+900	1,250
INDONESIA	2.016	2,150	2,000	2,200	2:350	2,250
MALAYSIA	111	135	135	63	60	63
PHILIPPINES	679	700	735	815	840	840
PORTUGUESE TIMOR	38	48	55	50	50	50
VIETNAM SOUTH	57	55	55	50	50	50
YEMEN.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>70</u> 4.350	<u> </u>	<u>60</u> 5+310	<u>60</u> 4+563
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CEANIA		25	24	2.0	3.	25
	35	35	30	30 408	3n 460	
NEW CALEOONIA	110					
NEW GUINEA	118	243	355	3		*12
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NEW GUINEA	4	4	4	3		

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COFFEE, GREEN EXPT:	PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED	COUNTRIES, AVERAGE	1962-63/1966-67,	ANNUAL 1967-68/1971-72 1/	
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REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1962-63/1966-67	1967-68	1968-69	1969-70	1970-71	197 1-72
	1,000 BAG5 2/	1,000 8AGS2/	1.000 8AG52/	1.000 8AGS2/	1.000 BAGS2/	1.000 BAGS2/
NORTH AMERICA:						
COSTA RICA	917	1.210	1,115	1,250	1,095	1+170
CU8A	10					
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	455	465	365	450	48 0	425
EL SALVADOR	1+775	2.260	1,755	2,350	2+015	2,240
GUADELOUPE	2 1+597	1.625	3/	3/	3/	3/
GUATEMALA	374	320	1,505	1,510 260	1+590	1+745
H0N0UR45	330	390	350	445	275	240 485
JAMAICA ANO DEP	11	9	4	5	1	
MARTINIQUE						
MEXICO	1.561	1.500	1.400	1,575	1+480	1,635
NICARAGUA	444	490	495	495	47 n	495
PANAMA	21	24	11	18	- 9	15
TRINIOAD-TO84G0	51	59 10	51 26	33	53	54
US-PUERTO RICO	35	10	20			
TOTAL	7,594	8,362	7,372	8,391	7,928	8,506
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OUTH AMERICA:						
BOLIVIA	26	50	55	55	65	65
8RAZIL	17.280	14,745	8.000	10,250	1,500	14,850
COLOMBIA	6.710	6,700	6,570	7.080	6,390	5,850
ECUADOR 4/	650	975	795	450	1,080	975
GUYANA	3	29	2	2		
PARAGUAT ************************************	43 648	670	40 645	25	13	30
SURINAM	6	2	3	720	760	795 3
VENEZUELA	294	180	270	285	265	270
TOTAL	25,660	23,352	16,380	18,870	10,075	22,838
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FRICAJ						
ANGOLA	2,960	3:340	3.040	3.200	3+200	3,300
BURUNDI	195	310	270	235	345	380
	912	1.070	1,070	1+170	1+125	1+220
CAPE VERDE ISLANOS	2 150	2 170	2	1		
COMORO ISLANOS	150	1/0	155	195	145	155
CONGO, BRAZZAVILLE	17	9	19	1	1	1
OAHOMEY	24	13	16	13	13	14 14
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	115	135	115	110	115	115
ETHIOPIA	1+251	1,380	1,420	1+375	1+450	1,490
GABON	18	13	18	18	14	14
GHANA	45	92	70	81	62	72
GUINEA	149	155	175	190	170	170
IVORY COAST	3,514	4,445	3.350	4,535	3,950	3,950
KENYA	`749 56	630 56	780	980	1+135	1,075
MALAGASY REPUBLIC			63 785	70 710	8n 1,175	70
NIGERIA	814	990 49	43	30	65	835 40
RWANQA	142	180	190	135	230	195
5AO TOME-PRINCIPE	5	5	3	2	1	1
SIERRA LEONE	80	70	85	85	120	95
TANZANIA	638	725	935	760	880	880
TOGO	180	170	275	217	217	217
UGANDA	2,655	2,685	3,320	3,335	2,985	2,985
ZAIRE (CONGO,K)	955	950	950	1+025	1+125	1+125
=	15,664	17,645	17,150	18,487	18,618	18,413
INOIA	522	350	560	410	1,150	485
INCONESIA	1.694	1,650	1,500	1,500	1,450	1,320
MALAYSIA						
PHILIPPINE5					22	10
PORTUGUESE TIMOR	33	43	50 3/	45 3/	3)	40
VIETNAM SOUTH	3/	<u>3/</u> 50		3/		3/
YEMEN	2,319	2.093	2,170	2,005	50	50
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CEANTAL						
CEANIA: NEW CALEOONIA	20	3.0	2.0	D A	•	
NEW GUINEA	30	30	20	20	20	15
NEW HEBRIDE5	103	240	315	404	456	471
TOTAL	137	274	338	426	478	488
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VORLO TOTAL	51,374	51,726	43,410	48,179	39,811	52,150

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Production

North America. Only a few relatively minor changes were made in the previous production estimates for the Caribbean and North American coffee producing countries. The most significant were a slight increase in the forecast for El Salvador and a small reduction in the estimate for Mexico.

Harvesting of the 1971-72 crop commenced during the quarter (October-December) and appeared to be progressing normally in all countries.

In <u>Costa Rica</u>, hurricane "Irene" caused some slight, localized damage in the Meseta and Pacific slope areas but estimates for the total harvest remain unchanged. Coffee circles are increasingly concerned over the growing surplus of coffee and efforts are being intensified to sell coffee to Annex B countries (countries to which exports are not charged against quota under the International Coffee Agreement).

On the basis of more recent information, the production estimate for <u>El Salvador</u> has been increased slightly to about 2.4 million bags total, or <u>about 2.24 million</u> bags exportable. This large crop, on top of an extremely large carryover stock on Oct. 1 from previous years, poses difficult problems for storing and financing of coffee.

Nicaraguan coffee production during the current crop year still is estimated at about 580,000 bags, up somewhat from the revised 1970-71 figure. However, though last year's production appeared to be in reasonable balance with final exports and domestic consumption, the country was confronted for the first time by a fairly heavy carryover on Oct. 1, 1971. Various explanations are offered, but the view cannot be discounted that a substantial amount of coffee from other Central American countries entered the country clandestinely.

It is still anticipated that production in <u>Guatemala</u> for 1971-72 will reach approximately 2 million bags. Although not yet a problem, a slight accumulation of stocks occurred in 1970-71.

Estimates for Honduras remain unchanged. Surplus stocks are building up, and increased efforts to move this coffee to nonquota markets can be expected.

Though 1971-72 production in Jamaica is expected to increase over the previous year's output, imports continue to grow to meet increasing local demand. These imports generally are of lower-priced coffees, thus allowing Jamaica to continue to export its higher-quality coffee, including the famous Blue Mountain variety. Production estimates for Trinidad for 1971-72 have been revised downward in the light of recent information.

South America. There has been only one change in the 1971-72 production estimates for the South American coffee-producing countries since the second estimate in October. However, the figures for both Brazil and Colombia remain subject to revision after further evaluation of Brazilian recovery from the 1969 frost and the effects in Colombia of the prolonged rains of the past year.

The current Brazilian crop still is estimated at 23.6 million bags, though subsequent revisions, probably downward, may become necessary. There have been reports of "broca" damage in certain areas, though this coffee still would be usable for producing soluble coffee.

In a public statement in October, the Brazilian Coffee Institute (IBC) President Panteado confirmed the presence of <u>Hemileia</u> vastatrix, the dreaded "coffee rust" in the State of Parana. Since its initial discovery in the State of Bahia in January 1970, the fungus disease has spread to all the Brazilian coffee producing States. The IBC statement expressed the belief that there was no justification for alarm since adequate control measures are available which would ensure that Brazilian planters could continue to produce coffee economically.

Information from a number of sources regarding 1971-72 coffee production in Colombia is more variable than usual. Originally, it had been anticipated that the crop would be a large one. However, prolonged and extremely severe rains affecting widespread areas of the country induced most observers to drastically reduce their estimates. For the present, 1971-72 production is estimated at 7.3 million bags. Conceivably, this estimate might have to be lowered still further as more detailed information becomes available. Meanwhile, the estimates for the preceding 1970-71 crop have been increased somewhat to about 7.8 million bags.

Africa. With milling of the 1970-71 harvest now completed in Kenya, it is clear that production exceeded previous estimates and reached new record levels. The 1971-72 crop, presently estimated at about 1.1 million bags also will be well above the average of recent years, though somewhat smaller than last year's harvest. With accumulated stocks reaching burdensome proportions for the first time, it is evident that Kenya must direct increasing efforts towards expansion of exports to nonquota countries.

Angola will have another good harvest in 1971-72 with production estimated at about 3.4 million bags. Production has shown only minor fluctuations in recent years, ranging from about 3.1 million to 3.4 million bags. Coffee production in Uganda is forecast at 3 million bags for the current year, about the same as in 1970-71. A succession of large harvests during the past 4 years now has resulted in the accumulation of large surplus stocks, despite efforts to expand sales to nonquota markets. As more Robusta-producing countries compete for the rather limited nonquota markets available to them, it seems likely that many, such as Uganda, will begin to stress crop diversification with less emphasis on coffee, if for no other reason than to reduce the high costs of maintaining stocks.

Recent information indicates that previous estimates of production in Madagascar may have been overly conservative. The estimates for both 1970-71 and 1971-72 have been increased to conform to more recent data. The exceptionally large 1970-71 harvest may have been caused, in part at least, by the enhanced vigor of the trees following the relatively small 1969-70 crop.

Asia and Oceania. With processing now complete, it appears that last year's record-breaking harvest in India was even larger than estimated earlier. Final data indicate production of about 1.9 million bags. The current 1971-72 crop is substantially less, and more in line with long-term trends.

Production estimates for <u>Papua and New Guinea</u>, for both 1970-71 and 1971-72, have been revised downward slightly in the light of the most recent reports from those areas.

Very minor changes will be noted in the exportable production estimates for <u>Indonesia</u>, because of a revision in the estimate of the amount of coffee consumed domestically.

Other Developments

Market Situation. The United States coffee market generally was quiet throughout the quarter as both importers and foreign exporters were apparently content to wait out resolution of the confused dock strike situation, with neither side entering the market aggressively. On Oct. 1, many of the atlantic and gulf coast ports were closed down by a strike of longshoremen. However, a number of ports in these areas continued to operate, and others resumed operation after more or less brief closures as a result of court actions. Meanwhile, longshoremen on the west coast went back to work early in October under a Taft-Hartley injunction. Although a good deal of disruption has occurred, at no time have all ports in the United States been inoperative at the same time; thus imports have continued to enter the country. Additionally, inventories had been built up to very high levels by unusually large imports, amounting to 7.6 million bags in the July-September quarter and, about 18.3 million bags for the first 9 months of 1971. According to Bureau of the Census data, inventories of green coffee in the United States were at a record high level of nearly 5.3 million bags on Sept. 30, 1971.

Despite the lack of any substantial U.S. demand for green coffee, prices for all four major types of coffee remained firm during the quarter and, in fact, trended gradually upward from late October on. The strengthening trend was particularly noticeable for <u>Colombian Milds</u> and <u>Other Milds</u> which increased from 47.0 cents and 42.5 cents per pound on Oct. 1 to 51.75 and 45.25 cents per pound on Dec. 30, respectively.

International Coffee Agreement Actions. A number of decisions affecting 1971-72 quotas were taken by the Executive Board of the International Coffee Organization (ICO) during the October-December quarter.

Since the indicator price for <u>Other Milds</u> was 137 points below the agreed floor for the group at the start of the coffee year on Oct. 1, 1971, a 15marketing-day countdown was commenced. The price having remained below the floor for the required period, the 2.5-percent quota reduction for the members of the group (amounting to about 240,000 bags) went into effect on Oct. 28, 1971, despite a plea from the countries concerned that the cut not be implemented. A second countdown was commenced on Oct. 29 and completed Nov. 19, with an average price of only 43.5 cents per pound, still below the floor. However, since the indicator price had risen to 44 cents by the time the countdown ended, it was agreed to suspend this second 2.5-percent cut in quota for the <u>Other</u> Milds group.

In another action early in November, the Executive Board approved a redistribution of quarterly export quotas for the following countries: India, El Salvador, Liberia, Mexico, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru, Sierra Leone, Guatemala, Venezuela, and Costa Rica. Subsequently, Honduras was added to the list. These countries now will be permitted to ship 30 percent of their annual quota in the first quarter, 30 percent in the second quarter, and 20 percent in each of the last two quarters of the coffee year, instead of the 22, 25, 26, and 27 percent originally stipulated.

Subsequently, on Nov. 22 the Executive Board approved a U.S. request to switch the first-and second-quarter export quotas for the other three groups of coffee.

In late November the upward movement of prices pushed <u>Colombian Milds</u> over their ceiling of 50 cents and <u>Robustas</u> over their ceiling of 42.5 cents per pound. Fifteen marketing-day countdowns were initiated on Nov. 29 for Colombian Milds, and Dec. 1 for Robustas.

On Dec. 3 a similar countdown was commenced to determine whether a 1-millionbag overall quota increase would be put into effect, since the composite price had passed the 45-cents-per-pound level. The Diversification Fund Board of the ICO met during the last week of October and approved proposals for financing projects in 5 producing countries. The total value of these projects amounts to US\$19.56 million. The countries involved are Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Ivory Coast, and Tanzania. Following Board authorization for the projects, the Executive Director of the ICO will enter into negotiations with the governments of these countries and will sign the appropriate loan contracts on behalf of the Fund.

The five projects are as follows:

- 1. \$1.98 million for surveys of the coffee industry and improving statistical techniques in Brazil;
- 2. \$7.2 million for developing cocoa production in coffee-producing areas of Colombia;
- 3. \$3.34 million for Guatemala for developing oil palm fruit and dairy farming in coffee-producing areas;
- 4. a \$5.87-million project for the Ivory Coast for cultivating rice at Yamoussoukro;
- 5. a \$1.17-million project to contribute toward financing a project for small-holder tea development for Tanzania in participation with the International Development Association and the Norweigan Agency for International Development.

The projects in Colombia, Guatemala, and the Ivory Coast are designed to meet domestic demands. Resources in the ICO Fund presently amount to some \$81 million. It is expected that this will increase to \$134 million by the time the International Coffee Agreement expires in September 1973. The first project approved by the Fund was in April 1971 and was to Kenya in the amount of \$460,000 for a livestock development project.

Continent and country	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
North America: Costa Rica. Dominican Republic. El Salvador. Guatemala. Haiti. Honduras. Mexico. Nicaragua.	38.8 15.4 47.1 44.3 51.2 14.0 6.1 15.3	39.8 10.8 46.8 34.5 37.2 11.4 4.7 13.9	31.4 10.9 43.5 33.0 38.9 12.0 6.3 14.0	27.0 11.6 43.1 31.9 44.0 11.1 5.0 13.0	34.5 12.1 49.4 34.6 31.5 15.2 6.0 18.4
South America: Brazil. Colombia. Ecuador. Peru. Venezuela.	43.9 64.7 17.2 3.7 .5	42.6 63.2 19.9 3.9 .5	41.2 62.9 17.9 4.1 .3	35.2 56.6 14.6 3.6 .5	37.1 66.0 24.3 4.2 0.6
Africa: Angola. Cameroon. Ethiopia. Ivory Coast. Kenya. Malagasy Republic. Tanzania. Uganda.	48.1 29.4 57.7 39.4 32.2 31.5 19.1 52.8	51.9 31.9 55.2 31.7 29.3 31.6 15.4 53.5	45.3 27.0 59.3 34.2 22.2 30.8 16.7 54.6	35.7 20.2 59.6 25.5 26.6 28.4 15.4 55.8	31.6 N.A. 61.5 33.2 31.1 27.2 18.5 58.3
Asia and Oceania: India Indonesia	1.4 4.8	1.0 6.6	1.4 6.2	1.5 6.4	1.6 8.5

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Country of destination	Angola	: Brazil	: Colombia :	: : Guatemala	:Ivory Coast:	Mexico
:	Bags 1/	Bags 1/	Bags 1/	Bags 1/	Bags 1/	Bags 1/
Europe:						
Austria		56,475	117	167		
Belgium-Luxembourg:	34,500	267,494	109,117	64,450		27,000
Bulgaria		1,353				
Czechoslovakia		188,815	25,350			
Denmark:	23,567	693,336	74,817	6,033		2,733
Finland	7,717	274,909	323,850	107,050		1,750
France:	14,567	706,500	54,267	15,250	1,314,533	8,850
Germany, East		242,824	106,533			
Germany, West	41,983	717,741	1,280,800	346,550	187,667	87,883
Greece:		90,963	11,000			
Hungary		173,823	15,000		8,400	
Iceland		27,063				
Italy	917	2,245,766	, 52, 583	18,617	61,283	2,150
Netherlands	618,283	561,779	403,533	134,466	5,900	14,400
Norway	11,833	412,462	44,017	16,967		
Poland	39,033	127,220	17,633			
Portugal	286,217					
Rumania		20,044	, 33, 333	4,600		
Spain	145,400	356,575	421,250	2,333		70,933
Sweden:	15,750	971,186	267,183	55,850		1,683
Switzerland	23,300	100,295	29,300	10,150	 h.g. 050	74,733
United Kingdom	55,517	413,025	55,767	11,350	47,850	13,617
USSR			200,000			
Yugoslavia		250,554	100,000			34,367
Others						
Total	1,318,584	8,900,202	3,625,450	793,833	1,625,633	340,099
North America:	anti dali dalambina any kalance any fi					
Canada	189,683	268,333	52,417	27,433		21,433
United States		4,952,279	2,470,617	703,567	1,273,433	985,833
Others						
	1,551,600	5,220,612	2,523,034	731,000	1,273,433	1,007,266
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: South America		558,068	111,283			
: Africa	117,217	376,953	1,283	32,400	80,117	
: Asia and Oceania:	21,800	987,993	134,083	27,350	217,500	1,035
: Not specified	266		467		58,400	
-	3,009,467	16,043,828	6,395,600	1,584,583	3,255,083	1,348,400

1/ Bags of 60 kilograms or 132.276 pounds.

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