1. Sugar

Sugar production in 1991 amounted to 611,340 tonnes as compared to 624,302 tonnes the previous year. The 1991 crop, for the second consecutive year, suffered from the effects of drought conditions that prevailed at the vegetative stage, mostly in the northern regions. In addition, a further reduction of 300 hectares was reported in total cane area harvested which brought the total area to about 76,000 hectares. It should be noted that total area under cane has been reduced by some 900 hectares over the last three years.

Yield of sugar cane per hectare, however, improved slightly to 73.9 tonnes from 72.7 tonnes in 1990 bringing the total cane harvested to 5,621.110 tonnes i.e. 1% higher than in 1990. On the other hand, the extraction rate was lower than the previous year and stood at 10.88% compared to 11.25% in 1990.

2. Tea

Area cultivated under tea decreased slightly by some 35 hectares to 2,870 hectares in 1991 yielding 30,635 tonnes of green leaves, a slightly higher crop than the previous year when it amounted to 29,868 tonnes. The black tea produced therefrom went up by 3% to reach 5,930 tonnes.

The average export price of black tea in 1991 dropped by about 6% selling at Rs 18.32 per kg against Rs 19.40 per kg in 1990.

3. Tobacco

Area under tobacco remained at around 620 hectares, but due to favourable climatic conditions that prevailed in the Eastern regions, the yield per hectare improved by about 10%. Consequently, a higher crop was harvested in 1991, amounting to 875 tonnes as compared to 800 tonnes the preceding year.

4. Foodcrops

Foodcrop production in 1991 dropped by about 2,500 tonnes or 4% to 63,350 tonnes from 65,850 tonnes in 1990. Total area harvested was also reduced by some 300 hectares.

Significant decreases were reported in the production of the following foodcrops as a result of the drought conditions that prevailed or by diseases or by both:-

Foodcrop	1990	1991	Decrease (%)
	(tonnes)		
Cauliflower	1,280	780	- 39%
Ginger	625	465	- 26%
Beans and Peas	1,280	980	- 24%
Groundnut	1,755	1,340	- 24%
Tomato	11,570	9,390	- 19%
Potato	17,820	16,000	- 10%

Unavailability of bean and groundnut seeds led to a reduction in the area under these crops. Instead, more creepers were grown thereby pushing the production of these commodities by 32% to reach 12,345 tonnes against 9,330 tonnes in 1990.

Production of ginger came back to its normal level of about 465 tonnes after over production in 1990.

The adoption of high yielding varieties by traditional onion growers resulted in a crop which was 8% higher.

5. Livestock and Poultry

Total beef production increased by 5% to around 2,160 tonnes. Production from local sources, exclusive of Rodrigues went up by 18%, whilst that from imported cattle remained at around 1,610 tonnes.

The share of local sources in total beef production is only 25%.

Production of goat meat and mutton in 1991 increased by 13% to reach 175 tonnes, whilst that of pork went up by 9% to attain 905 tonnes. Poultry production rose by 6% in 1991 and stood at 13,250 tonnes.

6. Fisheries

Total fish production in 1991, recorded a significant growth of 37% increasing by nearly 5,000 tonnes to attain 17,910 tonnes. The overall growth resulted mainly from a 70% increase reported in tuna fishing with the coming into operation of an additional vessel.

Production of fresh fish (coastal) increased by 4% and frozen fish, other than tuna, by 2%.

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Table 1 - Agricultural Crops: Area Harvested and Production

CROPS	1990 1/		1991 3/	
	Area Harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric Tons)	Area Harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric Tons)
1. Sugar cane	76,303	5,548,291	76,032	5,621,110
2. Tea (Green Leaves)	2,905 2/	29,868	2,870 2/	30,635
3. Tobacco	632	799	623	876
4. Foodcrops	5,699	65,840	5,413	63,350

1/ Revised
2/ Area under cultivation
3/ Provisional

Table 2 - Production of Agro-Industrial Products

Agro-industrial Products	Unit	1990	1991 3/
1. Sugar	M/Tons	624,302	611,340
2. Tea (manufactured)	"	5,751	5,934
3. Cattle 1/	"	2,049	2,157
Local including Rodrigues	"	(450)	(544)
Imported	"	(1,599)	(1,613)
4. Goat and Sheep 1/	"	155*	178
5. Pigs 1/	"	830	906
6. Poultry	"	12,500	13,250
7. Milk	000 Litres	11,000	10,800
8. Fish 2/	M/Tons	13,067*	17,910
Coastal	"	(2,537)*	(2,650)
Other	"	(10,530)*	(15,260)

1/ Comprises abattoir slaughters only
2/ Fresh weight equivalent
3/ Provisional
* Revised

Table 3(a) - Sugar Industry - Field Statistics

Ownership	1990[1]			1991[2]		
	Area harvested (hectares)	Cane produced (metric tons)	Yield (m.tons/ hectare)	Area harvested (hectares)	Cane produced (metric tons)	Yield (m.tons/ hectare)
1. Estates	39,057	3,356,318	85.93	39,239	3,512,423	89.51
2. Metayers	1,731	74,149	42.84	1,714	87,279	50.92
3. Planters	35,516	2,117,824	59.63	35,079	2,021,408	57.62
T O T A L	76,303	5,548,291	72.71	76,032	5,621,110	73.93

1/ Revised

2/ Provisional

Table 3(b) - Sugar Industry - Factory Statistics

Details	Unit	1990[1]	1991[2]
1. Tonnage of canes crushed	m.tons	5,548,291	5,621,110
2. Extraction rate (commercial sugar recovered % cane)		11.25	10.88
3. Average polarisation	degrees	98.78	98.78
4. Average yield of sugar	tons/ hectares	8.18	8.04
5. Average tons of cane per ton of sugar	m.tons	8.89	9.19
6. Production of sugar		624,302	611,340
(white)	"	(44,325)	(52,000)
(Raw)	"	(579,977)	(559,340)
7. Molasses	"	168,023	170,000

1/ Revised

2/ Provisional

Table 4 - Tea - Production of Green Leaves by Type of Producer

(Metric Tons)

Type of Producer	1990	1991 1/
1. Estates	1,851	1,740
2. Metayers	2,338	2,156
3. Free Planters	2,460	2,189
4. Planters in Co-operatives Societies	22,932	24,326
5. Other (including T.D.A.)	287	224
T O T A L	29,868	30,635

1/ Provisional

Table 5 - Tobacco - Area Harvested and Production of Leaf

Variety	1990 1/		1991 2/	
	Area Harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric Tons)	Area Harvested (Hectares)	Production (Metric Tons)
1. Virginia (flue cured)	552	695	559	780
2. Amarello (air cured)	80	104	64	96
T O T A L	632	799	623	876

1/ Revised

2/ Provisional

Table 6 - Foodcrops: area harvested and production 1/

Foodcrops	1990 2/		1991 3/	
	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (Metric tons)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (Metric tons)
Potato	984	17,820	810	16,000
Rice	-	-	2	10
Maize	542	2,265	569	2,115
Groundnut	592	1,755	463	1,340
Onion	216	2,635	210	2,850
Ginger	36	625	25	465
Garlic	21	170	17	135
Chillies	117	595	127	595
Tomato	975	11,570	887	9,390
Beans and peas	332	1,280	265	980
Cabbage	167	3,680	172	3,490
Cauliflower	69	1,280	52	780
Brinjal	92	1,230	98	1,270
Creepers	764	9,330	979	12,345
Other vegetables	355	4,115	289	3,635
Banana	350	6,135	355	6,470
Pineapple	87	1,355	93	1,480
Total foodcrops	5,699	65,840	5,413	63,350

1/ Calendar year

2/ Revised

3/ Provisional