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Report Highlights:

Honduran coffee production in 2009 is forecast at 4.1 million (60 kilograms) bags, a seven percent increase from the previous year. Coffee exports for 2009 are forecast at 3.6 million 60 kilogram bags, also a seven percent increase from 2008. The increase is due to greater utilization of inputs such as of fertilizer, provision of new seeds, and an increase of technical assistance programs. Higher coffee prices in the first months of 2008 motivated producers to pay more attention to their farms, increasing productivity.

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Country	Honduras										
Commodity	Coffee, Green										
	2007		Revised	2008		Estimate	2009		Forecast	Post Estimate	UOM
	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New	USDA Official	Post Estimate	Post Estimate New		
Market Year Begin	10/2006		10/2006	10/2007		10/2007	10/2008		10/2008	MM/YYYY	
Area Planted	243	243	243	243	243	243	0	0	243	(1000 HA)	
Area Harvested	230	230	230	230	230	230	0	0	230	(1000 HA)	
Bearing Trees	1049	1049	1049	1049	1049	1049	0	0	1049	(MILLION TREES)	
Non-Bearing Trees	141	141	141	141	141	141	0	0	141	(MILLION TREES)	
Total Tree Population	1190	1190	1190	1190	1190	1190	0	0	1190	(MILLION TREES)	
Beginning Stocks	63	63	63	137	137	88	0	0	235	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Arabica Production	3500	3500	3500	3600	3600	3802	0	0	4079	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Robusta Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Other Production	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Total Production	3500	3500	3500	3600	3600	3802	0	0	4079	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Bean Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Roast & Ground Imports	6	6	6	6	6	7	0	0	7	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Soluble Imports	6	6	6	6	6	7	0	0	7	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Total Imports	12	12	12	12	12	14	0	0	14	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Total Supply	3575	3575	3575	3749	3749	3904	0	0	4328	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Bean Exports	3218	3218	3246	3400	3400	3395	0	0	3642	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Rst-Grnd Exp.	2	2	2	2	2	35	0	0	35	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Soluble Exports	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Total Exports	3220	3220	3248	3402	3402	3430	0	0	3677	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Rst,Ground Dom. Consu	212	212	230	210	210	230	0	0	240	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Soluble Dom. Cons.	6	6	9	6	6	9	0	0	9	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Domestic Use	218	218	239	216	216	239	0	0	249	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Ending Stocks	137	137	88	131	131	235	0	0	402	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Total Distribution	3575	3575	3575	3749	3749	3904	0	0	4328	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	
Exportable Production	3282	3282	3261	3384	3384	3563	0	0	3830	(1000 60 KG BAGS)	

Production

The new data from the Honduran Coffee Institute (IHCAFE) suggests that the 2008/2009 harvest is expected to reach 4.1 million (60 kilograms) bags, this is a seven percent increase from the previous year. Production for the 2007/2008 harvest is estimated at 3.8 million bags. The increase in production is a result of work done by the IHCAFE and other coffee producer organizations on the renewal of plantations, facilitating access to fertilizers, and a strategy of integrated pest management nationwide.

Through a trust fund, IHCAFE bought fertilizers to implement a distribution program. About 85,000 coffee producers participated in this program. The fertilizer was sold at a low cost and payment was deferred for one year. Coffee producers did not expand the area planted, but instead invested in their plantations. The application of the fertilizer, the provision of new seeds, improvement of planting density, soil conservation, and the incentive of higher coffee prices have motivated producers, resulting in increased productivity.

Trade

Coffee exports for 2007/2008 are estimated at 3.4 million 60 kilogram bags. There is a slight decrease in exports from the estimated amount due to lowering coffee prices. Exports in 2008/2009 are forecast at 3.6 million, 60 kilogram bags (a seven percent increase from 2008).

Stocks

The increase in stock numbers is substantiated by the new IHCAFE data. Coffee beans stored by the roasters are only toasted upon request. Roasters keep the remaining beans for domestic consumption. The coffee might also be sold to other Central American countries throughout the year.