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Introduction

This issue of the Economic and Social Indicators presents data on agricultural and fish production for the Island of Mauritius for the first six months of 2024, as well as revised figures for year 2023. Table 1 shows area harvested and production in respect to the main agricultural crops, while Table 2 shows production of the main agro-industrial products. Details on the sugar industry and food crops are given in Tables 3 and 5 respectively.

2. Sugar cane

As at end of June 2024, 24,322 tonnes of sugar cane were harvested, while there was no sugar cane production as at end of June 2023 since harvest for crop year 2023 started on 3 July 2023.

According to Mauritius Chamber of Agriculture, production of sugar for the crop year 2024 will be around 250,000 tonnes, representing an increase of 4.7%, compared to 238,854 tonnes in 2023.

3. Tea

At the end of June 2024, area under tea plantation was 630 hectares, representing an increase of 0.5% over the figure of 627 hectares during the same period of 2023. However, the production of green tea leaves went down by 15.6%: 3,315 tonnes in first semester of 2024 as compared to 3,930 tonnes during the same period of 2023.

The production of manufactured tea decreased by 16.3% from 737 tonnes in the first semester of 2023 to 617 tonnes in the same period of 2024. Further details on tea production are given in Table 4.

4. Food crops

Data on food crops production, are supplied by the Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI). Figures are thereafter adjusted to take into account backyard production of banana, eddoes, manioc and sweet potato.

The area harvested under food crops for open fields increased by 4.9% from 3,555.5 hectares in the first semester of 2023 to 3,728.2 hectares in the same period of 2024. The production of food crops increased by 7.3% from 49,277.6 tonnes to 52,883.3 tonnes during the same period.

The area harvested under food crops for under covered cultures increased by 8.0% from 46.1 hectares in the first semester of 2023 to 49.8 hectares in the same period of 2024. However, the production of food crops decreased by 15.6% from 5,450.7 tonnes to 4,602.5 tonnes during the same period.

The total area harvested under food crops increased by 4.9% from 3,601.7 hectares in the first semester of 2023 to 3,778.0 hectares in the same period of 2024. The total production of food crops went up by 5.0% from 54,728.3 tonnes to 57,485.8 tonnes during the same period.

5. Livestock

Data on production of beef, goat meat, mutton and pork are supplied by Mauritius Meat Authority. It is to be noted that these data represent only animals slaughtered by the Central Abattoir, including live animals imported from Rodrigues and other countries for slaughter.

During the first half of 2024, the production of beef from live cattle was 1,116 tonnes, as compared to 1,166 tonnes registered in the corresponding period of 2023. Beef production from the slaughter of imported cattle, accounting for 96.6% of the total production, decreased by 5.8% from 1,144 tonnes to 1,078 tonnes. Local beef production went up from 22 tonnes to 38 tonnes.

The production of goat meat and mutton increased by 10.0% from 20 tonnes during the first semester of 2023 to 22 tonnes for the same period of 2024. The share of local production, inclusive of Rodrigues, stood at 40.9%.

The production of pork went up by 8.2% from 257 tonnes in the first semester of 2023 to 278 tonnes during the same period of 2024.

6. Poultry

The production of poultry decreased by 19.9% from 28,600 tonnes in the first semester of 2023 to 22,900 tonnes during the same period of 2024.

7. Fish

Total fish production went down by 20.0% from 19,008 tonnes in the first six months of 2023 to 15,211 tonnes in the same period of 2024. This decrease was attributable to a drop of 20.8% in the production of other catch (tuna, bank etc) from 18,243 tonnes in the first semester of 2023 to 14,454 tonnes in the same period of 2024, coupled with a decrease of 1.0% in the production of fresh coastal fish catch from 765 tonnes in the first semester of 2023 to 757 tonnes during the same period of 2024.

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Table 1 - Agricultural crops: Area harvested and production, 2023 - 2024

Crops	2023 ¹						2024 ²	
	Calendar year		January-June		July-December		January-June	
	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
Sugar cane ³	35,863	2,452,653	0	0	35,863	2,452,653	336	24,322
Tea (green leaves)	627 ⁴	6,762	627 ⁴	3,930	627 ⁴	2,832	630 ⁴	3,315
Food crops	9,211	155,219	3,602	54,728	5,609	100,490	3,778	57,486

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Harvest of sugarcane for crop year 2023 started on 3 July 2023.

⁴ Area under cultivation

Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding

Table 2 - Production of agro-industrial products, 2023 - 2024

Agro-industrial products	Unit	2023 ¹			2024 ²
		Calendar year	January-June	July-December	January-June
Sugar ³	tonnes	238,854	0	238,854	2,576
Tea (manufactured)	tonnes	1,345	737	608	617
Beef ⁴	tonnes	2,049	1,166	883	1,116
<i>Local (including Rodrigues)</i>	tonnes	(53)	(22)	(31)	(38)
<i>Imported</i>	tonnes	(1,996)	(1,144)	(852)	(1,078)
Goat meat and mutton ⁴	tonnes	46	20	26	22
<i>Local (including Rodrigues)</i>	tonnes	(26)	(14)	(12)	(9)
<i>Imported</i>	tonnes	(20)	(6)	(14)	(13)
Pork ⁴	tonnes	572	257	315	278
Poultry meat	tonnes	59,200	28,600	30,600	22,900
Milk	'000 litres	2,788	1,100	1,688	1,378
Fish ⁵	tonnes	36,098	19,008	17,090	15,211
<i>Coastal</i>	tonnes	(1,524)	(765)	(759)	(757)
<i>Other</i>	tonnes	(34,574)	(18,243)	(16,331)	(14,454)

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³ Harvest of sugarcane for crop year 2023 started on 3 July 2023.

⁴ Abattoir slaughter only

⁵ Fresh weight equivalent

Table 3 - Sugar Industry : Factory statistics, 2023 - 2024

Factory statistics	Unit	2023 ¹			2024 ²
		Calendar year	January-June ³	July-December	January-June
Cane crushed	tonnes	2,451,829	0	2,451,829	31,960
Extraction rate (commercial sugar recovered % cane)	%	9.74	Napp	9.74	8.06
Average polarisation	degrees	98.5	Napp	98.5	98.5
Average yield of sugar	tonnes/hectare	6.66	Napp	6.66	7.67
Average tonnes of cane for one tonne of sugar	tonnes	10.26	Napp	10.26	12.41
Production of sugar	tonnes	238,854	0	238,854	2,576
<i>(Plantation white sugar ⁴)</i>	tonnes	<i>(108,115)</i>	0	<i>(108,115)</i>	NA
<i>(Special)</i>	tonnes	<i>(130,738)</i>	0	<i>(130,738)</i>	NA
Molasses	tonnes	87,575	0	87,575	NA

¹ Revised

NA : Not available Napp : Not applicable

² Provisional

³ Harvest of sugarcane for crop year 2023 started on 3 July 2023.

⁴ A processed raw sugar used to manufacture refined white sugar

Table 4 - Tea : Production of green leaves by type of producer, 2023 - 2024

(Tonnes)

Type of producer	2023			2024 ¹
	Calendar year	January-June	July-December	January-June
Estates	288	176	112	127
Metayers	1,647	1,029	618	762
Free planters	3,276	1,832	1,444	1,679
Planters in cooperative societies	1,551	894	657	747
Total	6,762	3,930	2,832	3,315

¹ Provisional

Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding

Source: National Agricultural Products Regulatory Office (NAPRO)

Table 5.1 - Food crops, Open Fields: Area harvested and production, 2023 - 2024

Foodcrops	2023 ¹						2024 ²	
	Calendar year		January - June		July - December		January - June	
	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
Potato	738.3	13,772.2	1.0	13.0	737.3	13,759.3	0.7	15.1
Maize	129.1	1,501.5	46.9	487.0	82.2	1,014.7	38.9	466.0
Groundnut	151.1	347.7	81.1	176.0	70.1	171.3	68.4	139.8
Onion	380.4	5,402.8	0.9	16.0	379.5	5,386.6	4.6	49.7
<i>of which hybrid</i>	<i>(351.7)</i>	<i>(4,860.8)</i>	<i>(0.9)</i>	<i>(16.0)</i>	<i>(350.8)</i>	<i>(4,844.6)</i>	<i>(4.6)</i>	<i>(49.7)</i>
Ginger	77.2	1,757.9	9.6	248.5	67.6	1,509.4	21.2	505.4
Garlic	11.9	51.8	0.0	0.0	11.9	51.8	0.0	0.0
Chillies	391.2	3,161.1	180.4	1,360.8	210.7	1,800.3	154.2	1,027.7
Tomato	579.9	12,297.3	252.1	4,530.3	327.7	7,766.9	211.6	3,871.0
<i>of which hybrid</i>	<i>(579.9)</i>	<i>(12,297.3)</i>	<i>(252.1)</i>	<i>(4,530.3)</i>	<i>(327.7)</i>	<i>(7,766.9)</i>	<i>(211.6)</i>	<i>(3,871.0)</i>
Beans & peas	316.8	2,622.8	142.3	1,042.5	174.5	1,580.2	112.1	745.0
Cabbage	360.2	13,077.2	167.4	5,560.4	192.7	7,516.8	175.6	5,778.2
Cauliflower	100.2	1,898.1	20.4	296.9	79.8	1,601.2	31.6	614.2
Brinjal	360.4	4,769.2	155.7	1,609.8	204.7	3,159.4	137.9	1,812.4
Creepers ³	2,526.0	38,848.8	1,181.6	15,897.3	1,344.4	22,951.5	1,162.3	16,457.8
<i>of which Cucumber</i>	<i>(372.4)</i>	<i>(5,960.0)</i>	<i>(188.5)</i>	<i>(2,743.3)</i>	<i>(183.9)</i>	<i>(3,216.7)</i>	<i>(168.8)</i>	<i>(2,586.5)</i>
Greens ⁴	311.6	2,989.7	140.2	1,064.4	171.4	1,925.3	176.9	1,686.9
Lettuce	220.1	3,284.3	94.1	944.0	126.0	2,340.3	131.6	1,867.2
Sweet pepper	1.6	10.7	1.6	10.7	0.0	0.0	1.4	8.9
Mixed vegetables ⁵	1,447.9	20,979.5	594.8	7,922.5	853.1	13,057.1	761.4	10,275.3
Banana	714.8	11,246.0	363.5	5,657.3	351.3	5,588.7	394.2	4,878.6
Pineapple	292.9	5,918.1	121.9	2,439.9	171.0	3,478.2	143.5	2,684.1
Total food crops	9,111.5	143,936.6	3,555.5	49,277.6	5,556.0	94,659.0	3,728.2	52,883.3

¹ Revised

² Provisional

³ Includes Bittergourd, Calabash, Chouchou, Courgette, Cucumber, Patole, Pipengaille, Pumpkin, Squash and Voehm

⁴ Includes "Brede Baton blanc/vert/ de chine/ Chouchou/ Giraumon/ Malabar/ Tom pouce"

⁵ Includes Beet, Broccoli, Carrot, Echalotte, Eddoes, Ladies Finger, Leek, Manioc, Petsai and Sweet Potato

Note: Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding

Source: Food and Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (FAREI) and Statistics Mauritius estimates

Table 5.2 - Food crops, Under Covered Cultures ¹: Area harvested and production, 2023 - 2024

Foodcrops	2023 ²						2024 ³	
	Calendar year		January - June		July - December		January - June	
	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)	Area harvested (hectares)	Production (tonnes)
Potato	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maize	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Groundnut	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Onion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<i>of which hybrid</i>	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Ginger	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garlic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chillies	0.3	4.4	0.1	0.8	0.3	3.5	0.2	2.0
Tomato	45.8	8,086.1	23.3	4,129.7	22.4	3,956.4	27.4	3,485.6
<i>of which hybrid</i>	(45.8)	(8,086.1)	(23.3)	(4,129.7)	(22.4)	(3,956.4)	(27.4)	(3,485.6)
Beans & peas	0.4	5.1	0.1	1.3	0.3	3.8	...	0.1
Cabbage	0.8	46.6	0.7	43.5	0.1	3.2	0.1	2.7
Cauliflower	0.1	1.8	...	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.0
Brinjal	1.3	90.5	0.8	54.8	0.5	35.7	0.4	20.5
Creepers ⁴	10.9	1,479.7	4.3	574.5	6.5	905.2	5.5	566.0
<i>of which Cucumber</i>	(10.0)	(1,463.2)	(3.8)	(562.6)	(6.2)	(900.6)	(5.2)	(561.6)
Greens ⁵	1.4	36.2	0.4	5.9	1.0	30.3	1.6	26.0
Lettuce	26.7	538.6	11.4	207.5	15.3	331.1	9.9	207.3
Sweet pepper	11.5	982.5	4.7	422.8	6.8	559.8	4.5	286.9
Mixed vegetables ⁶	0.3	10.3	0.3	9.8	0.0	0.5	0.3	5.5
Banana	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pineapple	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total food crops	99.5	11,281.9	46.1	5,450.7	53.4	5,831.2	49.8	4,602.5

¹ Includes hydroponic and non-hydroponic cultures

... : Negligible

² Revised

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Table 5.3 -Total ¹ Food crops: Area harvested and production, 2023 - 2024

Foodcrops	2023 ²						2024 ³	
	Calendar year		January - June		July - December		January - June	
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Maize	129.1	1,501.5	46.9	486.8	82.2	1,014.7	38.9	466.0
Groundnut	151.1	347.7	81.1	176.4	70.1	171.3	68.4	139.8
Onion	380.4	5,402.8	0.9	16.2	379.5	5,386.6	4.6	49.7
<i>of which hybrid</i>	<i>(351.7)</i>	<i>(4,860.8)</i>	<i>(0.9)</i>	<i>(16.2)</i>	<i>(350.8)</i>	<i>(4,844.6)</i>	<i>(4.6)</i>	<i>(49.7)</i>
Ginger	77.2	1,757.9	9.6	248.5	67.6	1,509.4	21.2	505.4
Garlic	11.9	51.8	0.0	0.0	11.9	51.8	0.0	0.0
Chillies	391.5	3,165.5	180.5	1,361.7	211.0	1,803.8	154.4	1,029.7
Tomato	625.7	20,383.4	275.5	8,660.0	350.2	11,723.3	238.9	7,356.6
<i>of which hybrid</i>	<i>(625.7)</i>	<i>(20,383.4)</i>	<i>(275.5)</i>	<i>(8,660.0)</i>	<i>(350.2)</i>	<i>(11,723.3)</i>	<i>(238.9)</i>	<i>(7,356.6)</i>
Beans & peas	317.2	2,627.9	142.4	1,043.8	174.8	1,584.1	112.1	745.1
Cabbage	361.0	13,123.9	168.1	5,603.9	192.8	7,520.0	175.7	5,780.9
Cauliflower	100.3	1,899.9	20.4	297.2	79.9	1,602.7	31.6	614.2
Brinjal	361.7	4,859.7	156.5	1,664.6	205.2	3,195.1	138.3	1,832.9
Creepers ⁴	2,536.9	40,328.5	1,185.9	16,471.8	1,351.0	23,856.7	1,167.9	17,023.8
<i>of which Cucumber</i>	<i>(382.4)</i>	<i>(7,423.2)</i>	<i>(192.3)</i>	<i>(3,305.9)</i>	<i>(190.1)</i>	<i>(4,117.3)</i>	<i>(174.0)</i>	<i>(3,148.1)</i>
Greens ⁵	313.0	3,025.8	140.6	1,070.3	172.4	1,955.6	178.5	1,712.9
Lettuce	246.8	3,822.9	105.5	1,151.5	141.3	2,671.4	141.5	2,074.4
Sweet pepper	13.1	993.3	6.3	433.5	6.8	559.8	5.8	295.8
Mixed vegetables ⁶	1,448.2	20,989.9	595.0	7,932.2	853.2	13,057.6	761.7	10,280.8
Banana	714.8	11,246.0	363.5	5,657.3	351.3	5,588.7	394.2	4,878.6
Pineapple	292.9	5,918.1	121.9	2,439.9	171.0	3,478.2	143.5	2,684.1
Total food crops	9,211.0	155,218.5	3,601.7	54,728.3	5,609.3	100,490.2	3,778.0	57,485.8

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