

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF COCONUTS IN CEYLON

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Year	Estimated mid-year population (in thousands)	Estimated consumption of Coconuts*** (in thousands)	Exports of Coconuts** products (in thousands)	Estimated total production of Coconuts in Ceylon
1932	5,389	754,460	874,812	1,629,272,000
1933	5,419	758,660	1,047,088	1,805,748,000
1934	5,560	778,400	1,349,355	2,127,755,000
1935	5,608	785,120	944,535	1,729,655,000
1936	5,642	789,880	763,364	1,553,244,000
1937	5,725	801,500	1,111,691	1,913,191,000
1938	5,826	815,640	1,209,342	2,024,982,000
1939	5,916	828,240	1,020,344	1,848,584,000
1940	5,972	836,080	713,759	1,549,839,000
1941	6,044	846,160	806,977	1,653,137,000
1942	6,044	846,160	819,589	1,665,749,000
1943	6,161	862,540	1,172,106	2,034,646,000
1944	6,308	883,120	884,743	1,767,863,000
1945	6,516	912,240	948,880	1,861,120,000
1946	6,719	940,660	620,854	1,561,514,000
1947	6,903	966,420	575,934	1,542,354,000
1948	7,109	995,260	978,691	1,973,951,000
1949	7,321	1,024,940	953,037	1,977,977,000
1950	7,544	1,056,160	1,039,005	2,095,165,000
1951	7,742	1,083,880	1,269,771	2,353,651,000
1952	† 7,941	1,111,740	1,462,195	2,573,935,000
1953	*8,099	1,133,860	1,269,085	2,402,945,000

†Provisional (Quarterly Bulletin of Statistics, Vol. III, No. 4.)

*Census 1953.

Total Estimated acreage 1,100,000 (Approximately).

**Conversion Rates

1 ton of copra = 5,000 nuts
1 ton of oil = 8,125 nuts
1 ton of D.C. = 6,900 nuts

Basis

***Consumption of nuts per head of population : 140 nuts.

It will be noted that the industry reached its lowest ebb in 1947; the Ceylon Coconut Commission was appointed in 1949 to consider the position; the coconut industry is now producing increasing crops and replanting is making steady progress.