

PRICE TRENDS AND SALES OF COCONUT PRODUCTS

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TABLE 1

Average prices of coconut products for the first half of 1967

Month	Week	Estate Copra Market Price per Candy	Oil price per Ton	Poonac price per Ton	Desiccated coconut price per pound
		Rs. cts.	Rs. cts.	Rs. cts.	Rs. cts.
JANUARY	1st	189.12	1112.00	312.00	-.44
	2nd	192.50	1130.00	314.00	-.44
	3rd	193.95	1158.00	323.00	-.44 $\frac{1}{2}$
	4th	208.60	1238.00	330.00	-.46 $\frac{1}{2}$
FEBRUARY	1st	212.94	1236.00	340.00	-.46
	2nd	211.75	1198.00	342.00	-.45
	3rd	204.40	1171.00	351.00	-.45
	4th	200.80	1176.00	352.00	-.46
MARCH	1st	202.55	1196.00	350.00	-.46 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2nd	203.85	1195.00	343.00	-.46 $\frac{1}{2}$
	3rd	205.30	1200.00	350.00	-.47
	4th	203.60	1186.00	350.00	-.47
APRIL	1st	201.35	1162.00	350.00	-.46 $\frac{1}{2}$
	2nd	194.75	1093.00	345.00	-.44 $\frac{1}{2}$
	3rd	186.00	1060.00	350.00	-.43 $\frac{1}{2}$
	4th	172.90	1026.00	340.00	-.42 $\frac{1}{2}$
MAY	1st	169.12	1020.00	331.00	-.44
	2nd	171.65	1033.00	327.00	-.45
	3rd	173.20	1048.00	290.00	-.45 $\frac{1}{2}$
	4th	178.05	1050.00	283.00	-.45 $\frac{1}{2}$
JUNE	1st	183.25	1070.00	252.00	-.46
	2nd	184.10	1098.00	250.00	-.47
	3rd	179.55	1100.00	245.00	-.45
	4th	178.25	1090.00	240.00	-.46

TABLE 2

Monthly sales of coconut products for the first half of 1967

Month	Copra in tons	Oil in tons	D. C. in pounds
JANUARY ..	9730.5	5045	6,499,536
FEBRUARY ..	7533.2	4220	5,786,264
MARCH ..	9151.8	8648	6,481,165
APRIL ..	7158.0	4454	5,435,631
MAY ..	7835.8	7345	7,171,100
JUNE ..	10651.0	6012	9,250,695

(Figures obtained from the Ceylon Coconut Board)

CROP INTELLIGENCE

TABLE 1

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1st, 2nd and 3rd crops of 1967 in different localities

LOCALITY	CROP	Nuts per palm			Copra Outturn		
		Average	This crop	% Departure from Average	Average	This crop	% Departure from Average
Gonawila (1)	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	6.1	5.3	-13	1257	1257	0
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	8.0	6.5	-19	1240	1424	-15
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	10.3	11.1	+8	1249	1495	-20
Gonawila (2)	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	7.5	6.7	-11	1184	1234	-4
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	9.3	12.9	+39	1139	1323	-16
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	12.9	12.9	0	1167	1388	-19
Giriulla	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	6.2	4.2	-32	1220	1277	-5
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	8.3	7.2	-13	1193	1397	-17
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	14.2	13.2	-7	1254	1460	-16
Kurunegala (1)	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	5.2	4.2	-19	1359	1412	-4
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	7.7	7.7	0	1398	1570	-12
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	12.2	11.0	-10	1409	1555	-10
Kurunegala (2)	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	5.9	5.1	-14	1196	1274	-7
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	5.9	7.9	+34	1196	1400	-17
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	11.1	10.9	-2	1271	1235	+3
Lunuwila	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	7.7	6.3	-18	1215	1434	-18
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	11.6	11.3	-3	1217	1528	-26
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	15.3	12.3	-20	1267	1385	-9
Nattandiya	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	6.4	6.9	+8	1202	1381	-15
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	13.0	9.3	-28	1227	1558	-27
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	15.7	7.8	-50	1289	1334	-3
Kudawewa	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	7.9	9.4	+19	987	1098	-11
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	11.3	14.0	+24	988	1152	-17
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	17.1	15.8	-8	1051	1217	-16
Chilaw	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	10.2	9.0	-12	—	1504	—
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	13.0	8.0	-38	—	1757	—
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	12.5	6.0	-52	—	1208	—
Bingiriya (1)	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	7.3	6.5	-11	—	—	—
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	10.4	9.4	-10	—	—	—
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	17.3	9.7	-44	—	—	—
Bingiriya (2)	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	7.9	7.2	-9	1245	1117	+10
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	13.2	10.8	-18	1346	1041	+23
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	14.8	*	—	1365	*	—
Rajakadaluwa	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	10.3	9.1	-12	1151	1313	-14
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	12.5	10.5	-16	1135	1331	-17
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	17.1	13.9	-19	1182	1424	-20
Madurankuli	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	8.9	11.0	+24	1063	1265	-19
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	10.8	11.2	+4	1066	1310	-23
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	13.2	11.2	-15	1119	1265	-13
Negombo	1st Crop (Jan-Feb. '67)	6.7	5.8	-13	1097	1125	-3
	2nd Crop (March-April '67)	7.5	7.4	-1	1085	1213	-12
	3rd Crop (May-June '67)	*	9.5	—	*	1316	—

* Returns not received.

TABLE 2
Rainfall of different localities in the first half of 1967

Month	Gonawila	Giriulla	Kurunegala	Lunuwila	Nattandiya & Kuda- wewa	Chilaw	Bingiriya	Rajakada- luwa	Maduran- kuli	Negombo
JANUARY	2.21	5.78	2.22	0.90	0.86	0.25	2.76	0.80	2.98	0.88
FEBRUARY	2.93	3.18	9.00	3.52	2.53	0.86	2.76	—	0.52	3.30
MARCH	3.18	7.62	7.95	1.76	2.02	2.80	4.78	2.31	—	5.85
APRIL	3.41	6.72	11.07	4.21	6.04	5.50	3.05	3.84	2.67	2.90
MAY	9.63	11.34	6.19	9.90	10.51	7.98	*	—	3.34	15.56
JUNE	8.86	13.08	6.45	6.82	5.07	2.49	*	—	1.53	5.39
TOTAL FOR SIX MONTHS	30.22	47.72	42.88	27.11	27.03	19.88	—	6.95	11.04	33.88

*Returns not received