Uganda Coffee Development Authority

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRIES AND FISHERIES

UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017

Highlights:

- *This is the fifth report for the coffee year 2016/17. A total of 397,883-kilo bags of coffee valued at US$ 48.50 million were exported in February 2017 at an average weighted price of US $ 2.03 US cents 1 cent higher than the previous month.*
- *Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,650/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.5,150/= per kilo, Arabica parchment Shs 6,250/= per kilo and Drugar Sh. 6,500/kilo.*
- *Coffee exports for 12 months (March 2016 to February 2017) totalled 3.74 million bags worth $412 million comprising Robusta 2.75 million bags worth $280 million and Arabica 0.99 million bags worth $132 million.*
- *73.09% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters, out of 36 who performed during the month compared to 78.87% in January 2016.*
- *The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US cents 139.07 per lb. in January 2017 to US cents 137.68 per lb. in February 2017.*

1.0 COFFEE EXPORTS

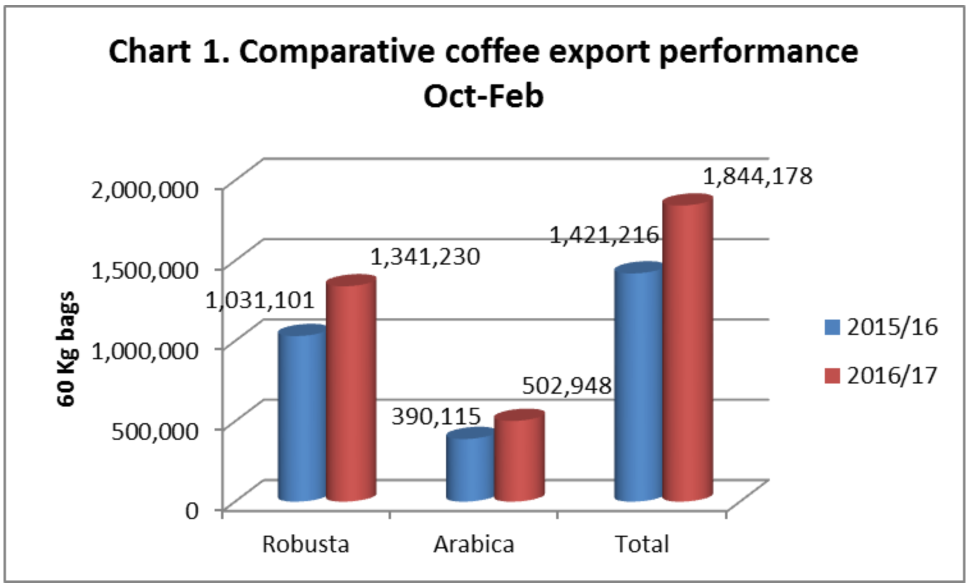
Coffee exports in February 2017 amounted to 397,883 60-kilo bags worth US $ 48.50 million comprising 301,756 bags ($ 34.64 million) of Robusta and 96,127 bags ($13.86 million) of Arabica (*see Table 1*).

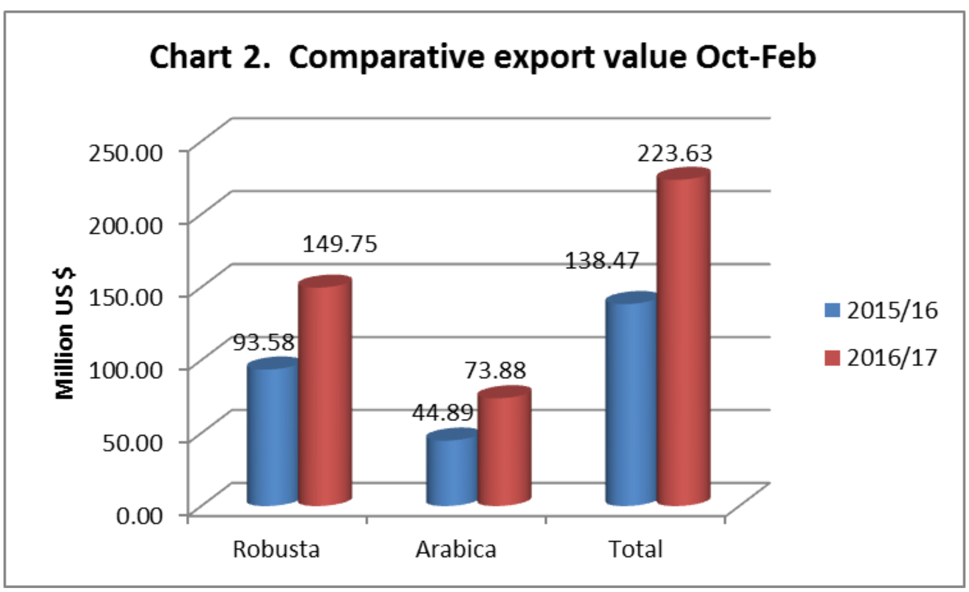
Table1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance – 60-kilo bags; US$

Coffee Year	2016/17		2015/16		%-age Change	
	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $
Grand Total	**1,844,178**	**223,631,119**	**1,421,216**	**138,470,490**	**29.76**	**61.50**
Total Robusta	**1,341,230**	**149,748,542**	**1,031,101**	**93,583,479**	**30.08**	**60.02**
Total Arabica	**502,948**	**73,882,577**	**390,115**	**44,887,011**	**28.92**	**64.60**
February	**397,883**	**48,501,363**	**271,941**	**25,121,054**	**46.31**	**93.57**
• Robusta	301,756	34,637,019	204,921	17,598,345	47.25	97.47
• Arabica	96,127	13,864,344	67,020	7,522,709	43.43	84.43
January	**404,673**	**48,981,950**	**334,727**	**32,125,478**	**20.90**	**52.47**
• Robusta	304,787	33,973,480	257,330	22,889,563	18.44	48.42
• Arabica	99,886	15,008,470	77,397	9,235,915	29.06	62.50
December	**424,451**	**51,416,282**	342,429	33,307,635	23.95	54.37
• Robusta	**327,374**	**35,937,583**	263,214	23,957,649	24.38	50.00
• Arabica	**97,077**	**15,478,699**	79,215	9,349,986	22.55	65.55
November	**408,027**	**50,406,739**	248,921	25,048,473	63.92	101.24
• Robusta	278,245	31,508,240	157,358	14,836,751	76.82	112.37
• Arabica	129,782	18,898,499	91,563	10,211,723	41.74	85.07
October	**209,144**	**24,200,270**	**223,198**	**22,867,849**	-6.30	5.83
• Robusta	**129,068**	**13,577,626**	148,278	14,301,171	-12.96	-5.06
• Arabica	80,076	10,622,644	74,920	8,566,678	6.88	24.00

Compared to the same month last year, Robusta exports increased by 47.25% while Arabica exports increased by 43.43%. Similarly, Robusta and Arabica values increased by 97.47% and 84.43% respectively compared to February 2016 .Coffee exports for 12 months (March 2016-February 2017) totalled 3.74 million bags valued at $ 412 million compared to 3.60 million bags worth US $ 382 million in the corresponding period the previous year, an increase of 3.79% and 7.69% in quantity and value of coffee exports respectively.

Charts 1 and 2 give comparative export performance by coffee type in both quantity and value in 2 coffee years during the first 5 months (October- February) of 2016/17 and 2015/16 and cumulatively. Chart 1 shows an increase in exports for both Robusta and Arabica over last year. The Arabica exports' performance is attributed to its biennial cycle of production while Robusta increase is on account of newly planted coffee which has started yielding. Chart 2 also shows an increase in value for the 2 coffee types on account of high export volumes and improvement on the global prices.





2.0 EXPORTS BY TYPE AND GRADE

Table 2 shows coffee exports by type, grade and average realized price for each coffee grade during the month of February 2017 .The weighted average export price was US$ 2.03 per kilo, 1 cents higher than what was realized last month. Robusta exports accounted for 75.84% of total exports compared to 75.32% last month. The weighted average Robusta price was US $ 1.91 per kilo, 5 cents higher than US$ 1.86 per kilo realized last month. Organic Robusta had the highest price of US$ 2.56 per kilo compared to US $ 2.38 per kilo in January 2017, fetching a premium of 45 cents over conventional Screen 18 sold at an average of US$ 2.11 per kilo. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of us $ 2.40 per Kilo, US cents 10 down from US$ 2.50 per kilo realized last month. The highest price was for Organic Fully Washed Sipi Falls that was sold at US $ 4.03 per kilo, US $ 1.22 higher than conventional Bugisu AA. It was followed by Mt. Elgon A+ at a unit price of US$ 3.79, with a premium of 98 cents over conventional Bugisu AA price.

Table 2: Coffee Exports by Type, Grade & Unit Price in February 2017

Coffee type/ Grade	Quantity 60-Kilo Bags	%-age Quantity	Value in US $	%-age Value	Unit Price $/Kilo
TOTAL	**397,883**		**48,501,363**		**2.03**
ROBUSTA	**301,756**	**100.00**	**34,637,019**	**100.00**	**1.91**
ORGANIC ROBUSTA	1,023	0.34	157,013	0.45	2.56
WASHED ROBUSTA	1,304	0.43	184,507	0.53	2.36
SCREEN 18	22,754	7.54	2,880,262	8.32	2.11
SCREEN 17	10,284	3.41	1,304,039	3.76	2.11
SCREEN 15	150,684	49.94	18,041,972	52.09	2.00
SCREEN 14	974	0.32	127,107	0.37	2.17
SCREEN 12	75,636	25.07	8,557,368	24.71	1.89
BHP 1199	27,135	8.99	2,372,241	6.85	1.46
OTHER ROBUSTAS	11,962	3.96	1,012,512	2.91	1.41
ARABICA	**96,127**	**100.00**	**13,864,344**	**100.0**	**2.40**
ORG BUGISU	620	0.64	116,932	0.84	3.14
ORG. FW SIPI FALLS	1,703	1.77	412,226	2.97	4.03
MT.ELGON A+	960	1.00	218,541	1.58	3.79
MT.ELGON A	6,261	6.51	908,650	6.55	2.42
ORG DRUGAR	657	0.68	126,425	0.91	3.21
BUGISU AA	10,990	11.43	1,849,727	13.34	2.81
BUGISU A	2,910	3.03	430,386	3.10	2.46
BUGISU AB	3,330	3.46	512,398	3.70	2.56
BUGISU PB	276	0.29	62,516	0.45	3.78
BUGISU B	10	0.01	1,548	0.01	2.58
RWENZORI A	720	0.75	95,239	0.69	2.20
MIXED ARABICA	600	0.62	65,873	0.48	1.83
WUGAR	15,757	16.39	2,382,591	17.19	2.52
DRUGAR	46,199	48.06	6,285,698	45.34	2.27
OTHER ARABICAS	5,134	5.34	395,595	2.85	1.28

3.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 shows the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of February 2017 in terms of quantity and market share. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd led with a market share of 12.81% compared to a market share of 14.50% last month. It was followed by Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd with a market share of 9.89% compared to 8.72% last month, followed by Ugacof (U) Ltd- 9.62% (6.85%), Olam (U) Ltd 9.41% (8.72%); LD Commodities (U) Ltd. -7.39% (5.86%); Kampala Domestic Store- 5.83% (7.72%); Export Trading Co(U) Ltd. -5.76% (3.01%); Ibero (U) Ltd.-4.80% (5.76%); Besmark Coffee (U) Ltd. -4.13% (5.75%); and Coffee World Ltd- 3.45% (3.60%). The first 10 exporters held a market share of 73.09% compared to 72.38% last month reflecting increased concentration at this level. Out of the 36 exporters who performed, 16 compared to 14 exported Robusta Coffee only while 8 exported Arabica coffee only. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd. had the highest Arabica exports followed by Export Trading Co (U) Ltd while Ideal Commodities Ltd led in Robusta exports followed by Ugacof (U) Ltd. *The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in January 2017.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in February 2017

	EXPORTING COMPANY	POSITION HELD IN JANUARY	QUANTITY (Bags)			PERCENTAGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
			301,756	96,127	397,883	100.00	
1	Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd	1	22,592	28,396	50,988	12.81	12.81
2	Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd	3	38,630	720	39,350	9.89	22.70
3	Ugacof Ltd	5	36,932	1,340	38,272	9.62	32.32
4	Olam (U) Ltd	2	28,307	9,120	37,427	9.41	41.73
5	LD Commodities (U) Ltd	6	14,370	15,047	29,417	7.39	49.12
6	Kampala Domestic Store	4	23,194		23,194	5.83	54.95
7	Export Trading Co (U) Ltd	14	5,010	17,566	22,576	5.76	60.71
8	Ibero (U) Ltd	7	19,116		19,116	4.80	65.52
9	Besmark Coffee	8	15,716	700	16,416	4.13	69.64
10	Coffee World Ltd	13	13,731		13,731	3.45	73.09
11	Commodity Solutions (U) L	10	13,544		13,544	3.40	76.50
12	Kawacom (U) Ltd	9	5,753	7,520	13,273	3.34	79.83
13	Savannah Commodities Ltd	11	12,555	320	12,875	3.24	83.07
14	Ishaka Quality Commoditie	12	10,876		10,876	2.73	85.80
15	Great Lakes Coffee Ltd	15		9,470	9,470	2.38	88.18
16	Nakana Coffee Factory Ltd	16	8,685		8,685	2.18	90.36
17	Bakhsons Trading Co (U) L	18	7,720		7,720	1.94	92.30
18	Touton (U) Tld	33	6,523	320	6,843	1.72	94.02
19	Risala (U) Ltd	24	2,370	2,694	5,064	1.27	95.30
20	Ankole Coffee Processors	19	4,296		4,296	1.08	96.38
21	Sena Indo (U) Ltd	17	3,135		3,135	0.79	97.16
22	Bulamu Coffee Buyers Ltd	24	2,030		3,030	0.68	97.84
23	Platinum Commodities (U)	28	1,666		1,666	0.42	98.26
24	Bakwanye Trading Co.Ltd	20	1,002		1,002	0.25	98.51
25	Nucafe Ltd	27	655	330	985	0.25	98.76
26	Kaweri Coffee Plantation	22	974		974	0.24	99.01
27	Kibinge Coffee Farmers Lt	26	720		720	0.18	99.19
28	Mbale Importers & Exporte	-		680	680	0.17	99.36

29	Banyankole Kweterana Coop	-	334		334	0.08	99.44
30	Turads Trading (U) Ltd	-		334	334	0.08	99.52
31	Ankole Cofee Producers Co	-	320		320	0.08	99.61
32	Bugisu Co-Operative Union	30		320	320	0.08	99.69
33	Bukozo Joint Co.Op Ltd	-		320	320	0.08	99.77
34	Empire Agricultural Coffe	-		320	320	0.08	99.85
35	Rezlex Investment Ltd			320	320	0.08	99.93
36	United Organic Coffee Ltd			290	290	0.07	100.00

4.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices ranged from Sh. 2,500-2,800 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 4,900-5,400/= for FAQ; Sh. 6,000-6,500/= for Arabica parchment; and Sh. 6,300-6,700/= per kilo for Drugar from Kasese. The averages were: Sh. 2,650 per kilo for Kiboko coffee; Sh. 5,100 for Robusta FAQ; Sh. 6,500 for Arabica parchment and Sh. 6,250/= for Drugar.

GLOBAL SITUATION

Total global exports for the first four months of 2016/17 coffee year were 9.8 million bags bringing the cumulative total to 39.9 million bags, 8.9% higher than the same period of 2015/16 coffee year. Both Robusta and Arabica exports increased by 7.4% and 9.7 % respectively.

The 2016/17 Global production is still estimated at 151.6 million bags an increase of 0.1% from last year and consumption at 155.1 million bags, which is a slight decrease of 0.4%

The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 139.07 per lb. in January 2017 to US cents 137.68 per lb. in February 2017. It ranged from US cents 133.02 to 142.09 per lb. The positive outlook for the upcoming crop in Brazil and increased stock affected the prices.

COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

Table 4 illustrates the destinations of Uganda's coffee exports during the month of February 2017. Exports to EU countries totaled 259,112 bags with a market share of 65.12% compared with 227,138 bags (56.13%) exported last month. EU was followed by Sudan with 29,955 bags (7.53%) compared to 52,056 bags (12.86%) the previous month. Switzerland imported 20,969 bags (5.27%) compared to 18,853 (4.66%); India -19,730 (4.96%) compared to 21,454 bags (5.30%); Morocco 16,651 bags -4.18% compared to 4,142 bags (1.02%) in January 2017. Coffee exports to Africa amounted to 49,801 bags, a market share of 12.52%. The figures in brackets represent the percentage market share of the previous month.

Table 4: Main Destinations of Uganda Coffee in February 2017

	DESTINATION	POSITION HELD IN JANUARY	QUANTITY (60kg bags)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		301,756	96,127	397,883	100.00	
1	EU	1	205,494	53,618	259,112	65.12	65.12
2	Sudan	2	29,635	320	29,955	7.53	72.65
3	Switzerland	6	18,529	2,440	20,969	5.27	77.92
4	India	5	16,380	3,350	19,730	4.96	82.88
5	Morocco	8	16,651		16,651	4.18	87.07
6	USA	3	5,249	8,570	13,819	3.47	90.54
7	Korea	7		12,657	12,657	3.18	93.72
8	Tunisia	4	343	6,720	7,063	1.78	95.49
9	Canada	8		2,600	2,600	0.65	96.15
10	South Africa	11	2,220	320	2,540	0.64	96.79
11	China	20	1,890	640	2,530	0.64	97.42
13	Russia	14	1,954	380	2,334	0.59	98.01
14	Singapore	13	1,002	1,040	2,042	0.51	98.52
15	UK	-	290	1,280	1,570	0.39	98.92
17	Israel	15	1,484		1,484	0.37	99.29
18	Japan	9	300	622	922	0.23	99.52
19	Vietnam	23		640	640	0.16	99.68
20	Algeria	18	335		335	0.08	99.77
21	Kenya	-		320	320	0.08	99.85
22	New zeaLand	22		320	320	0.08	99.93
23	Australia	17		290	290	0.07	100.00

5.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Buyers of Uganda coffee in February 2017 are shown in table 5. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 65.53% compared to 57.57% last month. Olam International led with a market share of 11.94% compared to 8.54% last month. This was followed by Touton -10.88% compared to (1.94%); Sucafina –9.53 (7.00%); Volcafe -8.04% (6.18%); Louis Dreyfus -6.03% (5.77%); Bernhard Rothfos – 4.80% (5.68%); Altasheel – 3.96% (3.63%); Icona Cafe-3.87% (4.71%); Indus Coffee -3.45% (2.20%); and Tropicore – 3.03% (1.27%) . The changes in relative positions of the buyers compared to last month reflect fair competition for Uganda coffee among different buyers. Note: *The figures in brackets represent percentage performance in the previous month -January 2017.*

TABLE 5: Buyers of Uganda Coffee in February 2017

	BUYERS	POSITION HELD IN JANUARY	QUANTITY (60kg BAGS)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	**Arabica**	**Total**	**Individual**	**Cumulative**
	Total		**301,756**	**96,127**	**397,883**	100.00	
1	Olam International	1	46,045	1,470	47,515	11.94	11.94
2	Touton	16	42,958	320	43,278	10.88	22.82
3	Sucafina	2	36,586	1,340	37,926	9.53	32.35
4	Volcafe	4	17,159	14,813	31,972	8.04	40.39
5	Louis Dreyfus	5	9,594	14,407	24,001	6.03	46.42
6	Bernhard Rothfos	4	19,116		19,116	4.80	51.22
7	Al-Tasheel	11	15,750		15,750	3.96	55.18
8	Icona Café	7	14,048	1,360	15,408	3.87	59.05
9	Indus Coffee	14	11,920	1,800	13,720	3.45	62.50
10	Tropicore	21	11,438	600	12,038	3.03	65.53
11	Aldwami	8	11,200		11,200	2.81	68.34
12	Export Trading Group	23	3,790	6,620	10,410	2.62	70.96
13	Ecom Agro Industrial	10	3,143	6,597	9,740	2.45	73.41
14	Coex Coffee	19	8,636		8,636	2.17	75.58
15	Gebr Westhoff	-		8,049	8,049	2.02	77.60
16	Tata Coffee	13	6,260	1,500	7,760	1.95	79.55
17	Office Du	12		7,040	7,040	1.77	81.32
18	Strauss	20	2,040	3,480	5,520	1.39	82.71
19	Hamburg Coffee	24	5,000		5,000	1.26	83.96
20	Elmathahib	18	4,900		4,900	1.23	85.20
21	Guzman Global	26	3,710	330	4,040	1.02	86.21
22	Socadec	3	3,405	350	3,755	0.94	87.15
23	Namyang D	-		3,657	3,657	0.92	88.07
24	Lavazza	-27	3,600		3,600	0.90	88.98
25	Tcl Germany	-	620	2,694	3,314	0.83	89.81
26	Intergrano	25	3,034		3,034	0.76	90.57
27	Mitsubish	22		2,880	2,880	0.72	91.30
28	China Tea	-	1,600	960	2,560	0.64	91.94
	Others		16,204	15,860	32,064	8.06	100.00

6.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

6.1 The Weather Situation

Central Region

- The first half of the month was hot and dry while the second half was rainy and wet in most of the districts. On average, a minimum of two rainy days were received per week across the entire region.
- The surviving coffee in the field was steadily recovering from water stress while some of the already established coffee trees were flowering.
- Meanwhile farmers were busy preparing for the March – May 2017 planting season.

Western Region

- The region starting receiving rains towards end of the month, and this has helped the early planted crop planted that was stressed.
- Consequently, farmers embarked on preparations for the March May 2017 planting.

Northern Region

- The weather remained hot and dry though some light to medium rains were encountered during the third week of the month which was fairly distributed both in time and space.
- The harsh weather remains a major challenge to the new plantings of the second season despite the ongoing advocacy for possible mitigations including adopting better field management practices across the region.

Eastern Region

- The first half the month was hot, dry and occasionally cloudy. Heavy and steady (sometimes windy) rains were received from the third week relieving the heat from the long dry spell.
- Coffee trees from badly hit areas may take longer to recover from the stress caused by the drought. This effect of the prolonged and harsh dry weather is likely to cause a negative impact on the volumes of the April fly crop.

South Western Region

- The weather was moderately wet throughout the entire month, with heavy showers towards end of the month. Early commencement of rains seems to have caught all off guard as planting should have commenced early as well.

6.2 Generation of Coffee Planting Material

- A cumulative total **56,821 MT** of seed was distributed to nursery operators.

Table 6: Available seedlings for planting March – May 2017

REGION	NUMBER OF NURSERIES	AVAILABLE SEEDLINGS
EASTERN	400	25,699,500
SOUTH WESTERN	320	23,045,000
CENTRAL	632	52,413,000
NORTHERN	167	6,810,607
WESTERN	539	40,490,800
TOTAL	**2,058**	**148,458,907**

6.3 Coffee Planting

- Allocation of seedlings for March – May 2017 planting would be sent to Districts based on their demand and availability of seedlings.

6.4 Table 7: Management of Diseases and Pest Out breaks.

Type of pest or disease	Incidence	Extent of damage
a) Pests		
1. Stem borers	Very low	Affecting mainly old trees which need stumping
2. Coffee Berry borer	Very low	Very common on Arabica but affects 60% of Robusta coffee in Busoga region
3. Black Coffee Twig borer (BCTB)	Low	Scattered incidences have been reported in some districts. Farmers have been advised to spray their coffee with pesticides which has proved to be very effective. Drying of coffee trees due to the dry spell has been confused to be symptoms of the BCTB attack.
b) Diseases		
1. Coffee leaf rust	Very low	Severity is low. Most of the coffee trees look disease free although there are localized fields showing symptoms of nutrient deficiency.
2. Coffee berry disease	Very low	Affecting most Arabica coffee fields in Kapchorwa and Bulambuli especially ripening berries
3. Red blister disease	High	Mostly affected Robusta coffee fields with poor husbandry practices and farmers have been told to practice on methods that improve and enhance soil fertility soil.
4.Coffee Wilt Disease (CWD)	Very low	The disease has not been reported in any sub-county in the region.

6.5 TECHNICAL EXTENSION SERVICES

- The harvesting season has virtually ended. Preparations for the upcoming season is underway, especially in the South Western Region.

7.0 COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

7.1 Board Visit

The UCDA Board of Directors and Senior Management visited the Eastern Region to evaluate the performance of the work plan activities. The team visited both the Arabica and Robusta growing sub-regions to appreciate the problems of the stakeholders. The team visited:

- Buginyanya Zonal Agricultural Research and Development Institute
- Export processing facilities, coffee roasters, Farmer groups
- Coffee rehabilitation demonstrations, Soil and water conservation sites, Irrigation facilities
- Private seed gardens and producers, Nursery operators, Farmers, Coffee replanting programs
- UCDA/Local leadership/OWC collaborative efforts
- Centre of Robusta Excellence (CORE) micro centers and lead farmers

7.2 Vision Harvest Money Agricultural Expo

UCDA participated and made a presentation at the Vision **Harvest Money Agricultural Expo at Namboole** on Saturday 18th February 2017. Coffee consumption was also promoted at the event.

Over 350 participants attended the presentation that was also co-presented with Hon. Mathias Kasamba, who did the part of Mobilization and Sensitization. NaCORI was also represented to handle research Issues and Dr. Godfrey Kagezi accompanied by an Agronomist and a specialist in Value Addition took part in the enjoining discussions.

7.3 Capacity building of industry players through training and skills development to enhance skills of industry players.

UCDA conducted Basic Quality Control Course at its laboratory in Lugogo. The course attracted over 20 representatives from stakeholders. The goal of the course is to equip stakeholders with skills on coffee from seed to cup.

7.4 Support and promote specialty coffee concept

UCDA participated at the African Fine Coffees Association (AFCA) conference and exhibition in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 14-17th February 2017 whose theme was "Reshaping African Coffee industry for Productivity and Investment'. UCDA show cased specialty Arabica and Fine Robusta Coffee and also operated a coffee bazaar, attended the conference and networked with the coffee fraternity from all over the world. The Ugandan barista champion was the third in Africa after South Africa and Kenya. Uganda Coffee (Kawacom -Kabeywa) was the fifth in the Africa Taste of Harvest

7.5Farmer Organization training workshop

A Farmer Organization's training was held from 23rd to 24th February 2017 at Luwero Diocese Guest House. Thirty (30) participants who included one lady came from 3 districts of Luwero, Nakasongola and Nakaseke. The main objectives of the workshop were to elaborate more about Institutional development of farmer organizations leading to an establishment of an Apex body and how to increase production and productivity in a sustainable way. Among the topics that were presented and discussed include; the Coffee strategy 2020, farming as a business, establishment of the Farmer Apex body, agro inputs, youth and gender equality in the coffee sector and many others. Recommendations advanced include;

- Information on genuine farm inputs should be provided.
- Let all farmer groups/associations work together (inter-working relationship between farmer groups)
- Farmer groups should encourage members to bring the youth and women on board
- Chemicals experts should have refresher courses (retooling)
- Certification of agro-input dealers by UNBS should be intensified.
- UCDA should encourage and distribute clonal cuttings since they prove to be better than the current elite seedlings provided to farmers.
- The Land policy should be addressed as soon as possible if the target is to be achieved.
- UCDA should link the FOs to the market
- The apex body of coffee farmers should be established using bottom up approach and regulated. UCDA should play a facilitating role.

8.0 OUTLOOK FOR MARCH 2017

March exports are projected at 300,000 bags since the main harvesting season in Central and Eastern regions has ended.

9.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

Elementary Basic Quality Control training for sector players at UCDA office, Lugogo. 6th February to 31st March 2017

In order to build capacity of sector players UCDA is conducting training on basic Quality Control for processors. This is aimed at building capacity to ensure good quality coffee.