UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2017

Highlights:

- *This is the sixth report for the coffee year 2016/17. A total of 409,916-kilo bags of coffee valued at US$ 50.44 million were exported in March 2017 at an average weighted price of US $ 2.05 US cents 2 cents higher than the previous month.*
- *Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,500/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.5,050/= per kilo, Arabica parchment Shs 6,150/= per kilo and Drugar Sh. 6,500/kilo.*
- *Coffee exports for 12 months (April 2016 to March 2017) totalled 3.90 million bags worth $439 million comprising Robusta 2.90 million bags worth $303 million and Arabica 1.01 million bags worth $137 million.*
- *77.38% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters, out of 36 who performed during the month compared to 73.09% in February 2017.*
- *The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US cents 137.68 per lb. in February 2017 to US cents 134.07 per lb. in March 2017.*

1.0 **COFFEE EXPORTS**

Coffee exports in March 2017 amounted to 409,916 60-kilo bags worth US $ 50.44 million comprising 316,314 bags ($ 36.54 million) of Robusta and 93,602 bags ($13.90 million) of Arabica (*see Table 1*).

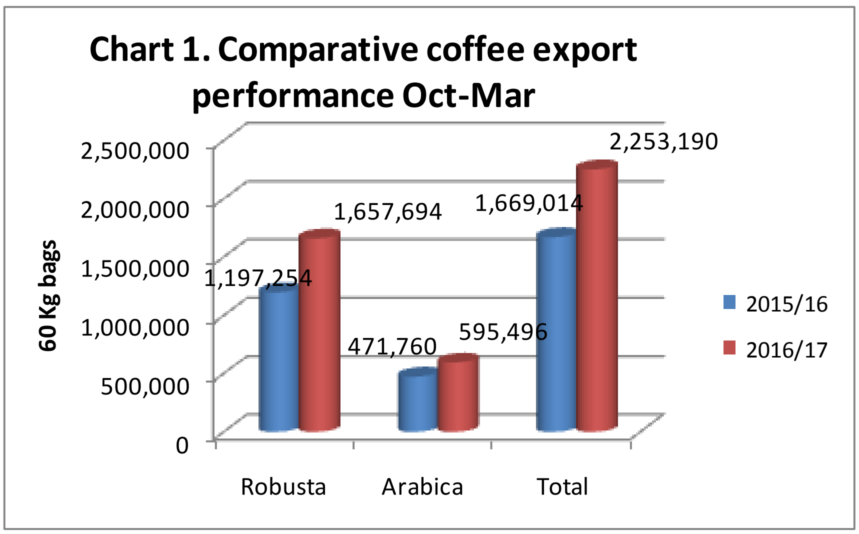
Table1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance – 60-kilo bags; US$

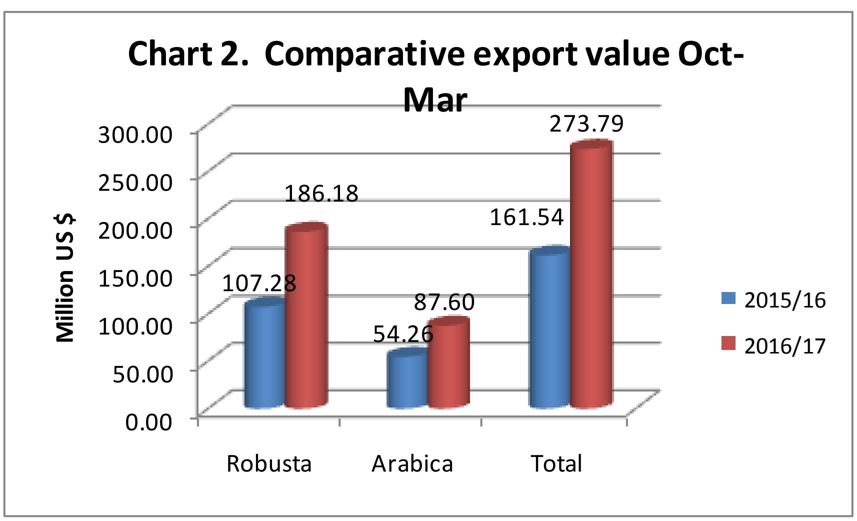
Coffee Year	2016/17		2015/16		%-age Change	
	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $
Grand Total	**2,253,190**	**273,785,834**	**1,669,014**	**161,544,504**	**35.00**	**69.48**
Total Robusta	**1,657,694**	**186,180,857**	**1,197,254**	**107,281,272**	**38.46**	**73.54**
Total Arabica	**595,496**	**87,604,977**	**471,760**	**54,263,232**	**26.23**	**61.44**
March	**409,916**	**50,443,414**	**247,798**	**23,074,015**	**65.42**	**118.62**
• Robusta	316,314	36,539,693	166,153	13,679,794	90.38	167.11
• Arabica	93,602	13,903,721	81,645	9,376,222	14.65	48.29
February	**396,523**	**48,306,210**	**271,941**	**25,121,054**	**45.81**	**92.29**
• Robusta	301,166	34,545,200	204,921	17,598,345	46.97	96.30
• Arabica	95,407	13,761,010	67,020	7,522,709	42.36	82.93
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	**425,241**	**51,515,317**	342,429	33,307,635	**24.18**	**54.67**
• Robusta	328,164	36,036,618	263,214	23,957,649	24.68	50.42
• Arabica	97,077	15,478,699	79,215	9,349,986	22.55	65.55
November	**407,693**	**50,345,770**	248,921	25,048,473	**63.78**	**100.99**
• Robusta	278,245	31,508,240	157,358	14,836,751	76.82	112.37
• Arabica	129,448	18,837,530	91,563	10,211,723	41.38	84.47

October	**209,144**	**24,193,173**	**223,198**	**22,867,849**	**-6.30**	**5.80**
• Robusta	129,068	13,577,626	148,278	14,301,171	-12.96	-5.06
• Arabica	80,076	10,615,548	74,920	8,566,678	6.88	23.92

Compared to the same month last year, Robusta exports increased by 90.38% while Arabica exports increased by 14.65%. Similarly, Robusta and Arabica values increased by 167.11% and 48.29% respectively compared to March 2016. Coffee exports for 12 months (April 2016-March 2017) totalled 3.90 million bags valued at $ 439 million compared to 3.54 million bags worth US $ 365 million in the corresponding period the previous year, an increase of 10.22% and 20.43% 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 6 months (October- March) 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 March 2017.The weighted average export price was US$ 2.05 per kilo, 2 cents higher than what was realized last month. Robusta exports accounted for 77.17% of total exports compared to 75.84% last month. The weighted average Robusta price was US $ 1.93 per kilo, 2 cents higher than US$ 1.91 per kilo realized last month. Organic Robusta had the highest price of US$ 2.28 per kilo compared to US $ 2.56 per kilo in February 2017, fetching a premium of 20 cents over conventional Screen 18 sold at an average of US$ 2.08 per kilo. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of US $ 2.48 per Kilo, US cents 8 up from US$ 2.40 per kilo realized last month. The highest price was for Organic Fully Washed Sipi Falls that was sold at US $ 4.62 per kilo, US $ 1.91 higher than conventional Bugisu AA. It was followed by White Nile at a unit price of US$ 4.12, with a premium of US $ 1.41 over conventional Bugisu AA price.

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

Coffee type/ Grade	Quantity 60-Kilo Bags	%-age Quantity	Value in US $	%-age Value	Unit Price $/Kilo
TOTAL	**409,916**		**50,443,414**		**2.05**
ROBUSTA	**316,314**	**100.00**	**36,539,693**	**100.00**	**1.93**
ORG ROBUSTA	2,335	0.74	319,238	0.87	2.28
WASHED ROBUS	2,897	0.92	383,181	1.05	2.20
SCREEN 18	26,491	8.37	3,301,566	9.04	2.08
SCREEN 17	13,096	4.14	1,665,623	4.56	2.12
SCREEN 15	162,723	51.44	19,598,156	53.64	2.01
SCREEN 14	668	0.21	87,477	0.24	2.18
SCREEN 12	72,114	22.80	8,181,670	22.39	1.89
BHP 1199	28,210	8.92	2,405,963	6.58	1.42
OTHERS	7,780	2.46	596,819	1.63	1.28
ARABICA	**93,602**	**100.00**	**13,903,721**	**100.0**	**2.48**
ORG OKORO	360	0.38	61,191	0.44	2.83
ORG. BUGISU	3,080	3.29	533,304	3.84	2.89
SIPI FALLS	1,288	1.38	356,821	2.57	4.62
ORG WUGAR	590	0.63	110,199	0.79	3.11
WHITE NILE	500	0.53	123,711	0.89	4.12
MT.ELGON A	4,987	5.33	684,131	4.92	2.29
BUGISU AA	9,363	10.00	1,519,666	10.93	2.71
BUGISU A	2,519	2.69	344,016	2.47	2.28
BUGISU AB	4,690	5.01	818,578	5.89	2.91
BUGISU PB	106	0.11	12,557	0.09	1.97
BUGISU B	54	0.06	7,643	0.05	2.36
WUGAR	12,932	13.82	2,114,263	15.21	2.72
DRUGAR	49,853	53.26	6,953,284	50.01	2.32
OTHERS	3,280	3.50	264,359	1.90	1.34

3.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 shows the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of March 2017 in terms of quantity and market share. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd led with a market share of

15.72% compared to a market share of 12.81% last month. It was followed by Ugacof (U) Ltd with a market share of 12.49% compared to 9.62% last month, followed by Olam (U) Ltd- 10.39% (9.41%), Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd -9.41% (8.72%); Kawacom(U) Ltd. -6.57% (3.34%); Export Trading Co (U) Ltd.-6.17% (5.76%); Ibero (U) Ltd – 5.77% (4.80%); Kampala Domestic Store-5.51% (5.83%); Besmark Coffee Co. Ltd. -3.84% (4.13%); and Commodity Solutions Ltd- 2.57% (3.40%). The first 10 exporters held a market share of 77.38% compared to 73.09% last month reflecting increased concentration at this level. Out of 36 exporters who performed, 15 compared to 16 last month exported Robusta Coffee only while 7 exported Arabica coffee only. Ugacof (U) Ltd. had the highest Robusta exports followed by Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd. while Kawacom (U) Ltd. led in Arabica exports followed by Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd. *The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in February 2017.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in March 2017

	EXPORTING COMPANY	POSITION HELD IN FEBRUARY	QUANTITY (Bags)			PERCENTAGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
			316,314	**93,602**	**409,916**	**100.00**	
1	Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd	1	44,569	19,878	64,447	15.72	15.72
2	Ugacof Ltd	3	46,286	4,900	51,186	12.49	28.21
3	Olam (U) Ltd	4	35,146	7,444	42,590	10.39	38.60
4	Ideal Commodities (U)	2	31,096		31,096	7.59	46.18
5	Kawacom (U) Ltd	12	5,748	21,191	26,939	6.57	52.76
6	Export Trading Co Ltd	7	20,782	4,521	25,303	6.17	58.93
7	Ibero (U) Ltd	8	22,196	1,440	23,636	5.77	64.70
8	Kampala Domestic Store	6	22,587		22,587	5.51	70.21
9	Besmark Coffee Co. Ltd	9	4,540	11,200	15,740	3.84	74.05
10	Commodity Solutions (U	11	10,474	3,200	13,674	3.34	77.38
11	Great Lakes Coffee Ltd	15		11,502	11,502	2.81	80.19
12	Savannah Commodities L	13	9,890	1,600	11,490	2.80	82.99
13	LD Commodities (U) Ltd	5	10,536		10,536	2.57	85.56
14	Coffee World Ltd	13	6,977	668	7,645	1.87	87.43
15	Touton (U) Ltd	18	6,008	320	6,328	1.54	88.97
16	Ishaka Quality Commodities	14	5,887	17	5,904	1.44	90.41
17	Bulamu Coffee Buyers L	-	5,170	640	5,810	1.42	91.83
18	Ankole Coffee Processors	20	5,448		5,448	1.33	93.16
19	Tata Coffee Ltd	-	4,200		4,200	1.02	94.18
20	Bakhson Trading Co.(U)	17	3,424		3,424	0.84	95.02
21	Sena Indo (U) Ltd	21	3,370		3,370	0.82	95.84
22	Kaweri Coffee Plantation	26	2,880		2,880	0.70	96.54
23	Mbale Importers & Expo	28		2,571	2,571	0.63	97.17
24	Risala (U) Ltd	19	2,456		2,456	0.60	97.77
25	Nakana Coffee Factory	16	2,018		2,018	0.49	98.26
26	Ankole Coffee Producers	31	1,600	270	1,870	0.46	98.72
27	Banyankole Kweterana	29	998		998	0.24	98.96
28	Pearl Crops Ltd	-	680		680	0.17	99.12
29	Rezlex Investments Ltd	35	668		668	0.16	99.29
30	Bukonzo Joint Co.Op Ltd	33		640	640	0.16	99.44
31	Turads Trading (U) Ltd	30		640	640	0.16	99.60
32	Kibinge Coffee Farmers	27	360		360	0.09	99.69
33	Bakwanye Trading Co .Ltd	24	320		320	0.08	99.77
34	Bugisu Coop Union Ltd	32		320	320	0.08	99.84
35	NUCAFE Ltd	25		320	320	0.08	99.92
36	United Organic Coffee Ltd	36		320	320	0.08	100.00

4.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices ranged from Sh. 2,400-2,600 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 4,800-5,000/= for FAQ; Sh. 5,800-6,500/= for Arabica parchment; and Sh. 6,300-6,700/= per kilo for Drugar from Kasese. The averages were: Sh. 2,500 per kilo for Kiboko coffee; Sh. 5,050 for Robusta FAQ; Sh. 6,150 for Arabica parchment and Sh. 6,250/= for Drugar.

GLOBAL SITUATION

Total global exports for February were 9.7 million bags bringing the cumulative total for the first five months of coffee year 2016/17 to 49.52 million bags, 6.7% higher than the same period of 2015/16 coffee year.

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 137.68 per lb. in February 2017 to US cents 134.07 per lb. in March 2017. It ranged from US cents 133.02 to 142.09 per lb. The prices were mainly affected by the steady supplies from the origins despite poor Robusta harvests in Brazil and Vietnam.

COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

Table 4 illustrates the destinations of Uganda's coffee exports during the month of March 2017. Exports to EU countries totaled 238,886 bags with a market share of 58.28% compared with 259,112 bags (65.12%) exported last month. EU was followed by Sudan with 73,803 bags (18%) compared to 29,955 bags (7.53%) the previous month. Morocco imported 24,759 bags (6.04%) compared to 16,651 (4.18%); Tunisia -12,074 (2.95%) compared to 7,063 bags (1.78%); USA 11,813 bags -2.88% compared to 13,819 bags (3.47%) in February 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 March 2017

	DESTINATION	POSITION HELD IN FEBRUARY	QUANTITY (60kg bags)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**316,314**	**93,602**	**409,916**	**100.00**	
1	EU	1	183,032	55,854	238,886	58.28	58.28
2	Sudan	2	72,483	1,320	73,803	18.00	76.28
3	Morocco	5	23,789	970	24,759	6.04	82.32
4	Tunisia	8	554	11,520	12,074	2.95	85.27
5	USA	6	2,834	8,979	11,813	2.88	88.15
6	India	4	10,910		10,910	2.66	90.81
7	Switzerland	3	3,998	1,370	5,368	1.31	92.12
8	New zealand	22	2,493	2,788	5,281	1.29	93.41
9	Canada	9		4,140	4,140	1.01	94.42
10	Algeria	20	4,008		4,008	0.98	95.40
11	Russia	13	3,223	320	3,543	0.86	96.26
13	South Africa	10	2,880	640	3,520	0.86	97.12
14	UK	15	960	2,220	3,180	0.78	97.89
15	China	11	1,644	960	2,604	0.64	98.53
17	Japan	18	1,583	200	1,783	0.43	98.96
18	Syria	-		1,280	1,280	0.31	99.28
19	Israel	17	680		680	0.17	99.44
20	Turkey	-		640	640	0.16	99.60
21	Taiwan	-	620		620	0.15	99.75
22	Albania	-	320		320	0.08	99.83
23	Iran	-	303	17	320	0.08	99.91
24	Vietnam	19		320	320	0.08	99.98
25	Kenya	21		57	57	0.01	100.00
26	Hongkong	-		5	5	0.00	100.00
27	South Korea	7		2	2	0.00	100.00

5.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Buyers of Uganda coffee in March 2017 are shown in table 5. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 69.77% compared to 65.53% last month. Olam International led with a market share of 11.71% compared to 11.94% last month. This was followed by Elmathahib - 11.61% compared to (1.23%); Sucafina –11.28 (9.53%); Touton -7.32% (10.88%); Volcafe - 7.09% (8.04%); Ecom Agro Industrial – 5.93% (2.45%); Bernhard Rothfos – 5.77% (4.80%); Cofftea-3.42% ; Icona Cafe -2.91% (3.87%); and Bercher – 2.73%. 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 –February 2017.*

TABLE 5: Buyers of Uganda Coffee in February 2017

	BUYERS	POSITION HELD IN FEBRUARY	QUANTITY (60kg BAGS)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**316,314**	**93,602**	**409,916**	100.00	
1	Olam International	1	43,436	4,564	48,000	11.71	11.71
2	Elmathahib	20	47,600		47,600	11.61	23.32
3	Sucafina	3	41,336	4,900	46,236	11.28	34.60
4	Touton	2	27,400	2,588	29,988	7.32	41.92
5	Volcafe	4	24,080	4,982	29,062	7.09	49.01
6	Ecom Agro Industrial	13	5,108	19,209	24,317	5.93	54.94
7	Bernhard Rothfos	4	22,196	1,440	23,636	5.77	60.70
8	Cofftea	-	14,000		14,000	3.42	64.12
9	Icona Café	8	10,028	1,920	11,948	2.91	67.03
10	Bercher	-		11,200	11,200	2.73	69.77
11	Aldwami	11	9,800		9,800	2.39	72.16
12	Gebr Westhoff	15		9,101	9,101	2.22	74.38
13	Tata Coffee	16	7,970		7,970	1.94	76.32
14	Coex Coffee	14	7,276		7,276	1.77	78.10
15	Louis Dreyfus	5	5,878		5,878	1.43	79.53
16	Integrano	26	4,864	970	5,834	1.42	80.95
17	Office Du	17		5,440	5,440	1.33	82.28
18	Strauss Commodities	18	3,120	1,440	4,560	1.11	83.39
19	Luigi Lavazza	24	4,320		4,320	1.05	84.45
20	Guzman Global	21	4,012		4,012	0.98	85.43
21	Vow For J	-	2,160	1,050	3,210	0.78	86.21
22	Falcon Commodities	-		3,200	3,200	0.78	86.99
23	Export Trading Group	12	3,050		3,050	0.74	87.73
24	Mitsubishi	27		2,880	2,880	0.70	88.44
25	Tropical GmbH	-	2,880		2,880	0.70	89.14
26	Tropicore	10	2,280	600	2,880	0.70	89.84
27	GRB	-	1,750	1,050	2,800	0.68	90.53
28	Others	-	21,770	17,068	38,838	9.47	100.00

6.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

6.1 The Weather Situation

Central Region

- Save for some few parts of Nakaseke and North Mukono, the weather has been generally wet with most districts receiving on average two rainy days a week.
- Farmers took advantage of these rains to prepare their gardens for planting by digging the right size of holes i.e. 2 ft wide by 2 ft deep.
- The surviving coffee in the field has also continued to recover from water stress that characterized the start of the year.
- Some of the already established coffee trees were flowering.
- Clonal Coffee mother gardens also sprouted again and are expected to be harvested in April.

Western Region

- Kyenjojo, Mubende and Hoima region still had no rains but there were signs of imminent rainfall. Kyegegwa and Kamwenge Districts had rain in the first week but ceased and later resumed towards the end of month. This has delayed the planting exercise.
- Mityana, Kasese and parts of Kabarole region had relatively stable rain especially in the last two weeks of the month. This has enabled kick start of coffee planting.

Northern Region

- During the month, most parts experienced weather changes from total dryness to some fairly good rainfall interval of about 6 rain days.
- The onset of rains have enabled heightened flowerings/fruiting, land opening and holes digging for new coffee planting. This also favored seedlings performance thus reducing on mortality rate as well as making field preparation easy for coffee planting.

Eastern Region

- The month was a wet one and farmers throughout the region have been engaged in planting activities especially food crops.
- All the Busoga sub region and Mt. Elgon zone apart from Bukwo and Kween received adequate rains.
- Coffee trees from the badly hit areas may take longer to recover from the stress caused by the previous drought. This effect of the prolonged and harsh dry weather is likely to cause a negative impact on the volumes of the April-May fly crop.

South Western Region

- The weather was fairly wet throughout the entire month, with intermittent dry spells towards end of the month. Therefore, with exception of only Ntungamo and Kiruhura districts which are still facing constraints with LG Officials and as such procurement forms not yet finalized, the rest of districts from South Western region were on course and some had started distribution by end of the reporting month.

6.2 Generation of Coffee Planting Material

- A cumulative total **56,821 MT** of seed was distributed to nursery operators.
- **35,220** Coffee Wilt Disease Resistant seedlings were allocated to 21 beneficiaries across the country.

6.3 Coffee Planting

- Allocation of seedlings for March – May 2017 planting would be sent to individual districts based on their demand and availability of seedlings.
- During the month, pre-planting meetings between UCDA, OWC, LGs Officials (Production Department) and nursery operators were held across the country.

Table 6: Status of District seedlings availability, demand and allocation

DISTRICT	NURSERIES	AVAILABLE SEEDLINGS	DISTRICT DEMAND		PROPOSED ALLOCATION	ALREADY ALLOCATED
			ROBUSTA	ARABICA		
EASTERN	400	25,699,500	28,217,000	12,399,000	24,455,000	**25,330,000**
SOUTH WESTERN	320	23,045,000	12,500,000	1,250,000	13,750,000	**13,650,000**
CENTRAL	632	52,413,000	37,394,116	-	37,394,116	**35,042,716**
NORTHERN	167	6,810,607	6,421,298	3,057,404	6,800,623	**5,630,323**
WESTERN	539	40,490,800	23,606,157	6,450,000	29,922,157	**29,872,157**
TOTAL	**2,079**	**150,318,907**	**110,373,571**	**21,906,404**	**115,366,896**	**109,525,196**

6.4 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
3. Black Twig borer	Very low	Increased incidences have been reported in several Districts across all the Regions Farmers have been advised to spray their coffee with insecticides which has proved to be very effective. Good agricultural and practices coupled with phytosanitary practices has also kept the pest under check.
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 all the Arabica regions, 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. CWD		The disease has not been reported as of serious occurrence in any of the Robusta Districts.

7.0 COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

7.1 Collaborative engagement with other stakeholders;

- MOU on preparation of farmers to receive and plant coffee seedlings has been signed between UCDA, NAADS, OWC and all the DLGs.

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

- In order to increase capacity of the sector players in controlling quality, UCDA trained 18 (8 female) University students in Basic Quality Control (green coffee grading, cupping, roasting and barista). They have been attached to factories for hands on training.

7.3 Promotion of coffee consumption

UCDA participated at the exhibition held at Kibinge Coffee Farmers Cooperative in Bukomansimbi district where the President of Uganda was the Chief Guest. UCDA provided brewed coffee for tasting, explained the health benefits of coffee drinking, and disseminated information on good agricultural practices. Exported greed coffee grades and finished products were also showcased.

7.4 Trade Logistics Information Pipeline (TLIP) Formation & Implementation Workshop

UCDA participated in a one day workshop of Trade Logistics Information Pipeline (TLIP) Formulation and Implementation that was organised by Trade Mark East Africa (TMEA) and was held at Sheraton Hotel on 23rd March 2017. TLIP is an integrated ICT data system aimed at enhancing information exchange. It focuses on setting up an enabling ICT infrastructure to support EAC imports and exports become more competitive and affordable through reducing costs related to information sharing. The workshop that drew participants from both public and private sector who are involved in international trade or facilitate trade had three main objectives and these were to:

1. Have a holistic view of the trade flow from end to end and discuss the challenges that traders face by using the existing trade supply chains in the country.
2. Discuss possible and viable solutions that would aim at addressing the current challenges in the trade environment as far as trade documentation and information flow is concerned.
3. Develop a roadmap that will enable the country start the basic implementation and realisation of a truly interconnected and coordinated trade supply chain connecting the country to international supply chains more effectively.

This initiative Will enable users get information they need to complete the transaction from integrated communication systems, consequently creating more independence and transparency on how the information is used to complete transactions.

7.5 Validation Workshop of the Youth in Agriculture Decent Employment Strategy

UCDA participated in a one day validation workshop organized by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries in conjunction with Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) at Silver Springs Hotel. The workshop was opened by the FAO Representative in Uganda who underscored the importance of skilling the youth in agriculture which will have a knock-on effect on youth employment since the agricultural sector is the biggest employer. He urged all actors to ensure effective implementation of the Strategy.

8.0 OUTLOOK FOR APRIL 2017

April exports are projected at 360,000 bags since the fly crop from Central and Eastern regions has started ripening.

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 will conduct training on basic Quality Control for processors. This is aimed building capacity to ensure good quality coffee.

- ***Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA)Expo, Seattle USA. 20th* -23rd April 2017.** UCDA will participate in this expo to promote Uganda's coffee**. www.scaa.org.**

- **25 Years of UCDA's Existence:** UCDA be celebrating 25 years of existence on 13th April 2017 at Serena Hotel

Coffee exports by exporter for October 2016-March 2017

EXPORTER	Robusta	Arabica	Total	%age mkt Share	Cumulative Mkt share
KYAGALANYI COFFEE LTD	187,986	122,732	310,718	13.79	13.79
UGACOF (U)LTD	215,970	29,278	245,248	10.88	24.67
OLAM (U) LTD	144,148	76,109	220,257	9.78	34.45
IDEAL COMMODITIES (U) LTD	195,406	11,052	206,458	9.16	43.61
IBERO (U) LTD	132,986	3,917	136,903	6.08	49.69
KAMPALA DOMESTIC STORE	131,966	285	132,251	5.87	55.56
EXPORT TRADING CO. LTD	81,456	35,833	117,289	5.21	60.76
KAWACOM (U) LTD	50,447	62,328	112,775	5.01	65.77
BESMARK COFFEE CO. LTD	44,000	51,880	95,880	4.26	70.02
COMMODITY SOLUTIONS (U) LTD	60,244	27,654	87,898	3.90	73.93
LD COMMODITIES (U) LTD	47,083	37,576	84,659	3.76	77.68
GREAT LAKES COFFEE LTD		74,030	74,030	3.29	80.97
COFFEE WORLD LTD	52,844	12,848	65,692	2.92	83.88
SAVANNA COMMODITIES	60,101	5,360	65,461	2.91	86.79
ISHAKA QUALITY COMMODITIES	39,902	17	39,919	1.77	88.56
NAKANA COFFEE FACTORY LTD	32,697		32,697	1.45	90.01
ISHAKA QUALITY COMMODITIES LTD	26,527		26,527	1.18	91.19
ANKOLE COFFEE PRODUCERS	22,143	613	22,756	1.01	92.20
ANKOLE COFFEE PROCESSORS	20,968	1,780	22,748	1.01	93.21
RISALA (U) LTD	9,304	11,964	21,268	0.94	94.15
BULAMU COFFEE BUYERS	18,398	640	19,038	0.84	95.00
SENA INDO (U) LTD	17,905		17,905	0.79	95.79
BAKHSONS TRADING CO (U) LTD	16,472		16,472	0.73	96.52
MBALE IMPORTERS & EXPORTERS		13,651	13,651	0.61	97.13
TOUTON	12,531	966	13,497	0.60	97.73
KAWERI COFFEE PLANTATION	9,134		9,134	0.41	98.13
BANYANKOLE KWETERANA COOP	5,696	1,780	7,476	0.33	98.47

BAKWANYE TRADING CO. LTD	1,990	3,020	5,010	0.22	98.69
KARAZ COFFEE FACTORY LTD	3,160	1,280	4,440	0.20	98.88
TATA	4,200		4,200	0.19	99.07
BARHSONS TRADING CO. LTD	3,600		3,600	0.16	99.23
BUKONZO JOINT COOP LTD		3,340	3,340	0.15	99.38
KIBINGE COFFEE FARMERS COOP	2,760		2,760	0.12	99.50
NUCAFE LTD	1,320	980	2,300	0.10	99.60
PLATINUM COMMODITIES (U)	1,666		1,666	0.07	99.68
ZIGOTI COFFEE WORKS LTD	1,336		1,336	0.06	99.74
REZLEX INVESTMENT LTD	668	320	988	0.04	99.78
TURADS TRADING (U) LTD		974	974	0.04	99.82
UNITED ORGANIC COFFEE GROWERS LTD		930	930	0.04	99.87
PEARL CROPS	680		680	0.03	99.90
EMPIRE		640	640	0.03	99.92
BUGISU CO-OPERATIVE UNION		640	640	0.03	99.95
BIO NILE (U) LTD		400	400	0.02	99.97
SUPERBIA INTERNATIONAL TRADERS		349	349	0.02	99.99
NITUBAASA EXPORT LTD		330	330	0.01	100.00
TOTAL	**1,657,694**	**595,496**	**2,253,190**	**100.00**	