Uganda Coffee Development Authority

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRIES AND FISHERIES

UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE 2017

Highlights:

- *This is the ninth report for the coffee year 2016/17. A total of 430,565-kilo bags of coffee valued at US$ 49.59 million were exported in June 2017 at an average weighted price of US $ 1.92 US cents, 2 cents lower than the previous month.*
- *Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,100/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.5,000/= per kilo, Arabica parchment Shs 6,100/= per kilo and Drugar Sh. 6,200/kilo.*
- *Coffee exports for 12 months (July 2016 to June 2017) totalled 4.19 million bags worth $490 million comprising Robusta 3.19 million bags worth $349.78 million and Arabica 0.99 million bags worth $140.47 million.*
- *81.44% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters, out of 35 who performed during the month compared to 86.41% in May 2017, reflecting increasing concentration.*
- *The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US cents 125.40 per lb. in May 2017 to US cents 122.39 per lb. in June 2017.*

1.0 COFFEE EXPORTS

Coffee exports in June 2017 amounted to 430,565 60-kilo bags worth US $ 49.59 million comprising 356,925 bags ($ 39.46 million) of Robusta and 73,640 bags ($10.13 million) of Arabica (*see Table 1*).

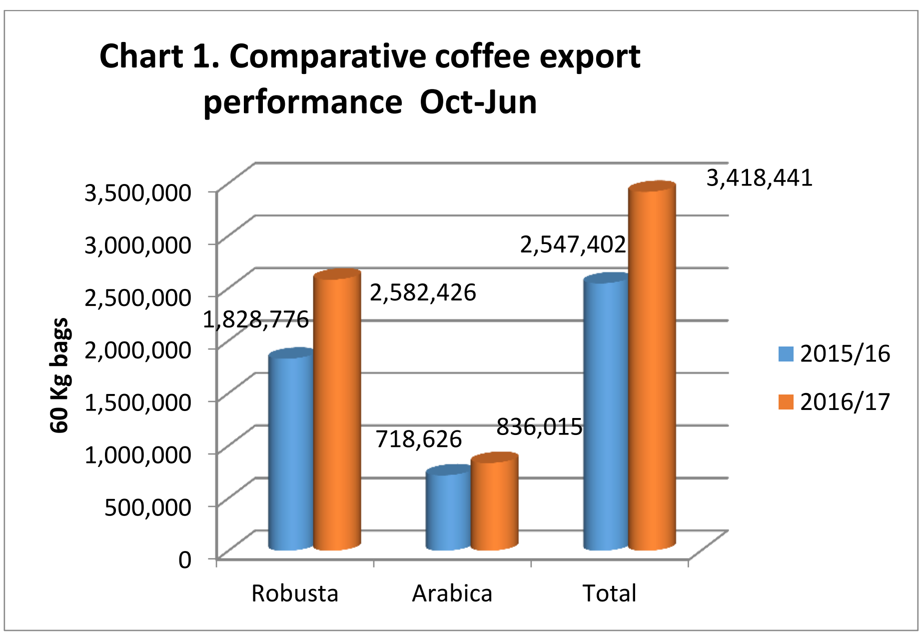
Table1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance – 60-kilo bags; US$

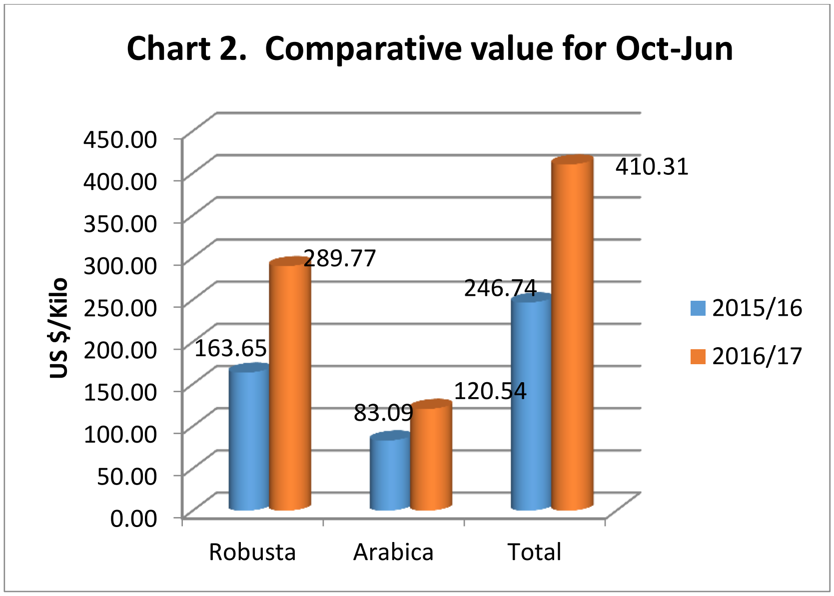
Coffee Year	2016/17		2015/16		%-age Change	
	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $
Grand Total	**3,418,441**	**410,311,232**	**2,547,402**	**246,738,910**	**34.19**	**66.29**
Total Robusta	**2,582,426**	**289,770,943**	**1,828,776**	**163,649,075**	**41.21**	**77.07**
Total Arabica	**836,015**	**120,540,289**	**718,626**	**83,089,835**	**16.34**	**45.07**
June	**430,565**	**49,591,172**	**265,650**	**26,454186**	**62.08**	**87.46**
• Robusta	**356,925**	**39,456,374**	**201,382**	**18,555,784**	**77.24**	**112.64**
• Arabica	**73,640**	**10,134,798**	**64,268**	**7,898,402**	**14.58**	**28.31**
May	**408,454**	**47,571,639**	**285,945**	**27,619,592**	**42.84**	**72.24**
• Robusta	324,640	36,132,372	207,393	18,504,259	**56.53**	**95.27**
• Arabica	83,814	11,439,266	78,553	9,115,334	**6.70**	**25.49**
April	**326,232**	**39,362,589**	**326,793**	**31,120,627**	**0.17**	**26.48**
• Robusta	243,167	28,001,340	222,748	19,307,760	**9.17**	**45.03**
• Arabica	83,065	11,361,248	104,045	11,812,867	**20.16**	**3.82**
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	301,116	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, both Robusta and Arabica exports increased by 77.24% and 14.58% respectively. Similarly, Robusta and Arabica export value increased by 112.64% and 28.31% respectively compared to June 2016. Coffee exports for 12 months (July 2016-June 2017) totalled 4.19 million bags valued at $ 490 million compared to 3.56 million bags worth US $ 352 million in the corresponding period the previous year, an increase of 17.71% and 39.46% in quantity and value respectively.

Charts 1 and 2 give comparative export performance by coffee type in both quantity and value in 2 coffee years during the first 9 months (October- June) 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.





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 June 2017.The weighted average export price was US$ 1.92 per kilo, 2 cents lower than what was realized last month. Robusta exports accounted for 82.90% of total exports compared to 79.48% last month. The weighted average Robusta price was US $ 1.84 per kilo, 1 cent lower than US$ 1.85 per kilo realized last month. Organic Robusta had the highest price of US$ 2.16 per kilo, fetching a premium of 16 cents over conventional Screen 18 sold at an average of US$ 2.00 per kilo. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of US $ 2.29 per Kilo, US cents 2 up from US$ 2.27 per kilo realized last month. The highest price was for Mt. Elgon AA with minimal quantities and was sold at US $ 3.04 per kilo, US cents 50 higher than conventional Bugisu AA. It was followed by Bugisu UTZ at a unit price of US$ 2.70. Worth noting is the relatively high proportion of Drugar in the Arabicas (65%).

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

Coffee type/ Grade	Quantity 60-Kilo Bags	%-age Quantity	Value in US $	%-age Value	Unit Price $/Kilo
TOTAL	**430,565**		**49,591,172**		**1.92**
ROBUSTA	**356,925**	**100.00**	**39,456,374**	**100.00**	**1.84**
ORG ROBUSTA	1,340	0.38	173,705	0.44	2.16
WASHED ROBUSTA	5,440	1.52	630,269	1.60	1.93
SCREEN 18	21,712	6.08	2,605,773	6.60	2.00
SCREEN 17	20,985	5.88	2,468,053	6.26	1.96
SCREEN 15	174,806	48.98	19,960,417	50.59	1.90
SCREEN 12	104,437	29.26	11,294,799	28.63	1.80
BHP 1199	13,055	3.66	1,179,356	2.99	1.51
others	15,150	4.24	1,144,002	2.90	1.26
ARABICA	**73,640**	**100.00**	**10,134,798**	**100.0**	**2.29**
ORG OKORO	360	0.49	54,524	0.54	2.52
BUGISU UTZ	1,770	2.40	286,807	2.83	2.70
ORG DRUGAR	350	0.48	48,843	0.48	2.33
MT.ELGON AA	1	0.00	183	0.00	3.04
MT.ELGON A	3,346	4.54	458,998	4.53	2.29
BUGISU AA	6,598	8.96	1,004,961	9.92	2.54
BUGISU A	4,244	5.76	581,856	5.74	2.29
BUGISU AB	1,920	2.61	292,044	2.88	2.54
BUGISU C/PB	345	0.47	52,315	0.52	2.53
WUGAR	3,925	5.33	518,390	5.11	2.20
DRUGAR	48,981	66.51	6,626,300	65.38	2.25
OTHERS	1,800	2.44	209,578	2.07	1.94

3.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 shows the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of June 2017 in terms of quantity and market share. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd led with a market share of 18.20% compared to a market share of 15.35% last month. It was followed by Ugacof (U) Ltd with a market share of 16.84% compared to 20.44% last month, followed by Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd- 9.16% (11.26%), Olam (U) Ltd -8.89% (8.05%); Kampala Domestic Store Ltd. -7.93% (5.00%); Export Trading Co.Ltd.-6.78% (6.13%); Kawacom (U) Ltd – 3.89% (11.32%); Ibero (U) Ltd-3.71% (3.46%); Commodity Solutions (U) Ltd -3.45% (1.68%); and Great Lakes Coffee Ltd- 2.50% (2.80%). The first 10 exporters held a market share of 81.44% compared to 86.41% last month reflecting increased concentration at this level. Out of 35 exporters who performed, 20 compared to 21 last month exported Robusta Coffee only while 8 exported Arabica coffee only. Ugacof (U) Ltd. had the highest Robusta exports followed by Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd. Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd led in Arabica exports followed by Great Lakes Company Ltd. *The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in May 2017.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in June 2017

	EXPORTING COMPANY	POSITION HELD IN MAY	QUANTITY (Bags)			PERCENTAGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
			356,925	**73,640**	**430,565**	**100.00**	
1	Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd	2	60,477	17,890	78,367	18.20	18.20
2	Ugacof Ltd	1	71,160	1,340	72,500	16.84	35.04
3	Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd	4	39,438		39,438	9.16	44.20
4	Olam (U) Ltd	5	23,538	14,720	38,258	8.89	53.08
5	Kampala Domestic Store Ltd	7	34,494		34,494	8.01	61.10
6	Export Trading Co Ltd	6	21,632	7,580	29,212	6.78	67.88
7	Kawacom (U) Ltd	3	8,614	8,150	16,764	3.89	71.77
8	Ibero (U) Ltd	8	15,994		15,994	3.71	75.49
9	Commodity Solutions (U) Ltd	12	14,860		14,860	3.45	78.94
10	Great Lakes Coffee Ltd	9		10,780	10,780	2.50	81.44
11	Savannah Commodities Ltd	11	10,466	7	10,473	2.43	83.88
12	LD Commodities (U) Ltd	10	2,994	4,950	7,944	1.85	85.72
13	Bakhison	13	7,578		7,578	1.76	87.48
14	Coffee World Ltd	16	7,076	320	7,396	1.72	89.20
15	Besmark Coffee Co Ltd	14	5,902	1,002	6,904	1.60	90.80
16	Touton (U) Ltd	15	2,330	4,520	6,850	1.59	92.39
17	Ankole Coffee Processors Ltd	18	5,582		5,582	1.30	93.69
18	Kaweri Coffee Plantation Ltd	32	5,120		5,120	1.19	94.88
19	Nakana Coffee Factory Ltd	31	3,828		3,828	0.89	95.77
20	Ankole Coffee Producers	19	3,240		3,240	0.75	96.52
21	Karaz (U) Ltd	-	3,110	39	3,149	0.73	97.25
22	Qualicoff (U) Ltd	-	2,672		2,672	0.62	97.87
23	Sena Indo (U) Ltd	17	2,465		2,465	0.57	98.44
24	Discovery Trading Ltd	-	1,500		1,500	0.35	98.79
25	Power Storm (U) Ltd	33	1368		1368	0.32	99.11
26	Cisco Petroleum Ltd	24		700	700	0.16	99.27
27	Mbale Importers & Exporters Ltd	20		700	700	0.16	99.44
28	Kibinge Coffee Farmers Coop Ltd	30	680		680	0.16	99.59
29	Pearl Crops Ltd	-	447	159	606	0.14	99.73
30	Turads Trading (U) Ltd	27		440	440	0.10	99.84
31	Kamba Petroleum (U) Ltd	29	360		360	0.08	99.92
32	Bakwanye Trading Co. Ltd	22		320	320	0.07	99.99
33	Titan Roasters Ltd	-		20	20	0.00	100.00
34	Klu (U) Ltd	-		2	2	0.00	100.00
35	Bakhita Twase Produce Ltd	-		1	1	0.00	100.00

4.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices ranged from Sh. 2,000-2,200 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 4,700-5,300/= for FAQ; Sh. 5,800-6,400/= for Arabica parchment; and Sh. 6,000-

6,400/= per kilo for Drugar from Kasese. The averages were: Sh. 2,100 per kilo for Kiboko coffee; Sh. 5,000 for Robusta FAQ; Sh. 6,100 for Arabica parchment and Sh. 6,200/= for Drugar.

GLOBAL SITUATION

Total global exports for May 2017 were 10.88 million bags bringing the cumulative total for the first eight months of coffee year 2016/17 to 81.32 million bags, 5% higher than the same period of 2015/16 coffee year.

The 2016/17 Global production is still estimated at 151.62 million bags, an increase of 0.1% from last year while consumption is estimated at 155.1 million bags, which is a slight decrease of 0.4%.

The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 125.40 per lb. in May 2017 to US cents 122.39 per lb. in June 2017. It ranged from US cents 116.51 to 124.55 per lb. The prices continued to fall as a result high inventories in consuming countries which have been due to strong exports in the first eight months of the 2016/17 coffee year.

COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

Table 4 illustrates the destinations of Uganda's coffee exports during the month of June 2017. Exports to EU countries totaled 242,002 bags with a market share of 56.21% compared with 202,363 bags (49.54%) exported last month. EU was followed by Sudan with 56,899 bags (13.21%) compared to 88,290 bags (21.62%) the previous month. Algeria imported 36,174 bags (5.46%) compared to 22,290 (5.46%); Tunisia -29,436 (6.84%) compared to 20,310 bags (4.97%); Morocco 17,721 bags - 4.12% compared to 17,688 bags (4.44%) in May 2017. Coffee exports to Africa amounted to 142,484 bags, a market share of 33.09%. *The figures in brackets represent the percentage market share of the previous month.*

Table 4: Main Destinations of Uganda Coffee in June 2017

	DESTINATION	POSITION HELD IN MAY	QUANTITY (60kg bags)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**356,925**	**73,640**	**430,565**	**100.00**	
1	EU	1	200,996	41,006	242,002	56.21	56.21
2	Sudan	2	54,829	2,070	56,899	13.21	69.42
3	Algeria	3	35,494	680	36,174	8.40	77.82
4	Tunisia	5	18,836	10,600	29,436	6.84	84.66
5	Morocco	6	16,428	1,293	17,721	4.12	88.77
6	India	4	12,845		12,845	2.98	91.76
7	USA	7	2,588	9,922	12,510	2.91	94.66
8	Switzerland	22	4,908	7	4,915	1.14	95.80
9	Russia	10	2,270	1,280	3,550	0.82	96.63
10	Mexico	-	333	2,880	3,213	0.75	97.38
11	China	13	2,594	520	3,114	0.72	98.10
13	S. Africa	9	1,934	320	2,254	0.52	98.62
14	Canada	11		1,920	1,920	0.45	99.07
15	Japan	8	1,910	1	1,911	0.44	99.51
17	Australia	18	320	320	640	0.15	99.66
18	U.K	-	640		640	0.15	99.81
19	Turkey	14		479	479	0.11	99.92

20	New Zealand	-		320	320	0.07	99.99
21	Qatar	-		20	20	0.00	100.00
22	Singapore	21		2	2	0.00	100.00

5.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Buyers of Uganda coffee in June 2017 are shown in table 5. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 67.85% compared to 71.77% last month. Sucafina led with a market share of 16.85% compared to 17.21% last month. This was followed by Volcafe -12.24% (8.90%); Altasheel - 7.15% (13.80%); Olam International -5.98% (4.48%); Office Du Commerce -4.78% (3.29%); Aldwami Company – 4.55% (6.00%); Icona Cafe – 4.50% (3.23%); Touton S.A-4.20% (2.73%); Gebre Westhoff- 3.81%; and Bernhard Rothfos – 3.79% (3.46%). Note: *The figures in brackets represent percentage performance in the previous month -May 2017.*

TABLE 5: Buyers of Uganda Coffee in May 2017

	BUYERS	POSITION HELD IN MAY	QUANTITY (60kg BAGS)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	**Arabica**	**Total**	**Individual**	**Cumulative**
	Total		**356,925**	**73,640**	**430,565**	100.00	
1	Sucafina S.A	1	71,520	1,020	72,540	16.85	16.85
2	Volcafe	3	43,084	9,622	52,706	12.24	29.09
3	Al-Tasheel	2	30,800		30,800	7.15	36.24
4	Olam International	7	22,234	3,520	25,754	5.98	42.22
5	Office Du Commerce	9	9,368	11,200	20,568	4.78	47.00
6	Aldwami Co	5	19,600		19,600	4.55	51.55
7	Icona Café	10	19,040	320	19,360	4.50	56.05
8	Touton S.A	12	18,105		18,105	4.20	60.25
9	Gebr Westhoff	-		16,390	16,390	3.81	64.06
10	Bernhard Rothfoss	8	15,994	320	16,314	3.79	67.85
11	Ecom Agro Indusrial	6	5,114	8,150	13,264	3.08	70.93
12	Luigi Lavazza	17	11,616		11,616	2.70	73.63
13	Coex Coffee International	14	8,494	1,002	9,496	2.21	75.83
14	Koninklijke	21	8,280		8,280	1.92	77.76
15	Tata Coffee	19	6,475		6,475	1.50	79.26
16	Strauss Commodities	11	4,280	2,120	6,400	1.49	80.75
17	Intergrano S.L	-	6,180		6,180	1.44	82.18
18	Tropical Farm Management	-	4,800	360	5,160	1.20	83.38
19	Mitsubishi	22		4,800	4,800	1.11	84.50
20	Hamburg Coffee	-	3,600	960	4,560	1.06	85.55
21	Indus Coffee	13	4,470		4,470	1.04	86.59
22	Tropicore	24	4,046	350	4,396	1.02	87.61

23	Elimathahib	15	3850		3,850	0.89	88.51
24	N.V Group Sopex S.A	-	3,354		3,354	0.78	89.29
25	Dek	-	3,240		3,240	0.75	90.04
26	Guzman Global	-	2,986		2,986	0.69	90.73
27	Louis Dreyfus	-	1,018	1,920	2,938	0.68	91.42
28	Briz Coffee	18	2,210	720	2,930	0.68	92.10
	Others		23,167	10,866.00	34,033	7.90	100.00

6.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

6.1 The Weather Situation

Central Region

- The weather was generally warm and dry throughout the month characterized with intermittent poorly distributed rain showers.
- The little rains somehow favored good establishment of newly planted coffee as well as supporting good berry size development of coffee at bearing stage.
- Some flowering was noticed in the Greater Mukono Sub-Region.
- However, the moderate rains favored good ripening and better harvesting of coffee in the especially for the Greater Masaka Sub-Region.
- This slightly contributed to the abating of deterioration of the harvested coffee

Western Region

- Kyenjojo, Mubende and Hoima region had minimal rains in the last one week of June that enabled the flowering of coffee and the establishment of the newly planted coffee seedlings. Kyegegwa and Kamwenge Districts had dry spell in the first three weeks but ceased towards the end of month. This affected the seedlings that were planted the previous season.
- Bundibugyo, Ntoroko hills, Mityana, Kasese and parts of Kabarole region had relatively minimal rains scattered in the month.

Northern Region

- During the month, the region experienced normal rains well distributed that enabled continued coffee planting and development of coffee berries to maturity.
- Trainings and Advocacy for adopting simple irrigation technologies continued in the region in order to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Eastern Region

- In the month of June minimal rains were received and were poorly distributed across the region.
- The Busoga sub region received minimal rains in the first week of the month and Mt. Elgon zone, Bukwo and Kween received near normal rains that were evenly distributed.
- The old Coffee trees are looking health and vigorous than last month a sign that they have fully recovered from the previous draught.

South Western Region

- The region was generally dry during the month of June characterized by some scanty minimal rains scattered in some localized areas of Kigezi sub region.

- The districts of Kiruhura and Ntungamo especially Central Division continued to experience a dry spell affecting the coffee trees.

6.2 Generation of Coffee Planting Material

- A total of 2,386 kg elite seed was received during the month, making a cumulative total **68,607 MT** of seed distributed to nursery operators.
- 33,619 CWDr Clones were allocated to various nursery operators, making a cumulative total of **68,839** Coffee Wilt Disease Resistant clones in the coffee year 2016/17.

6.3 Coffee Planting

- Coffee seedlings planting for March – May 2017 planting ended in the third week of May. Except for Northern Uganda where planting will end in the last week of August due to the prevailing normal rains in the region.
- In the north, the distribution and planting of the seedlings was being conducted by collaborative teams comprising of UCDA, Operation Wealth Creation (OWC), Local Government Officials and nursery operators and by last week of the month, 3,136,315 coffee seedlings had been distributed and planted across the region out of the 6,049,328 seedlings allocated.

Status of District seedlings availability, Demand and Allocation.

DISTRICT	NURSERIES	AVAILABLE SEEDLINGS	DISTRICT DEMAND		ALLOCATED	ALREADY PLANTED
			ROBUSTA	ARABICA		
EASTERN	400	25,699,500	28,217,000	12,399,000	25,330,000	**20,233,912**
SOUTH WESTERN	320	23,045,000	12,500,000	1,250,000	13,650,000	**14,185,407**
CENTRAL	632	52,413,000	37,394,116	-	35,042,716	**35,334,609**
NORTHERN	167	6,810,607	6,421,298	3,057,404	5,630,323	**3,136,315**
WESTERN	539	40,490,800	24,461,799	6,762,396	29,872,157	**31,224,195**
TOTAL	**2,079**	**150,318,907**	**110,373,571**	**21,906,404**	109,525,196	**104,114,438**

6.4 Management of Diseases and Pest Out breaks

Type of pest or disease	Incidence	Extent of damage
a) Pests		
1. Stem borers	low	• Reported on old trees that needed stumping
2. Coffee Berry borer	low	• Very common on Arabica but affects 60% of Robusta coffee
3. Black Twig borer	low	• Continued Increased incidences were reported in all regions with greater incidence in the central region. • Trainings to advise farmers to spray their coffee with insecticides was conducted. Good agricultural

		practices coupled with phytosanitary practices continued to be key during the trainings.
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 especially in the eastern region. •
2. Coffee berry disease	Very low	• No incidence of the diseases were reported during the month as the harvesting season had ended in the Arabica areas.
3. Red blister disease	High	• A commonly occurring disease in poorly managed coffee fields of Robusta coffee in the 5 regions. Damage of the disease is managed by farmers practicing good agronomic husbandry practices that enhance soil fertility soil.
4. Coffee Wilt Disease (CWD)		• The disease ceases to cause economic injury. Not a disease of economic importance as of now. No serious occurrence has been reported in any of the Robusta coffee regions.

6.5. FARMER REGISTRATION

Registration of Coffee Farmers continued in Buikwe District. A total of 25, 386 Coffee Farmers have been registered so far in the District.

6.6 TECHNICAL EXTENSION SERVICES

Five workshops were conducted for coffee processors and coffee buyers to improve the quality of coffee being processed and traded.

7.0 COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

7.1 Collaborative engagement with other stakeholders;

Joint nursery operators trainings on preparation of seedlings for September –November planting season as well as farmers trainings to prepare them to receive and plant coffee seedlings, farm management continued between UCDA, Community Based Organisations , OWC and the district local government extension staff in northern Uganda in the month of June.

7.2 Tissue culture generation.

- The Tissue Culture Contract Management Team comprising the UCDA Members and NARO Scientists expedited a site visit to FICA Ltd. Tissue Culture Laboratories at Kyenjojo Monday 12th June 2017,
- The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress on the contracts for the production of Tissue Culture plantlets.

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

UCDA officials participated in the Africa Taste of Harvest (ATOH) training in Nairobi Kenya. They were equipped with knowledge on the change in the ATOH protocol including the grading. Bean Auction (UK) is to handle the auction process

UCDA and Uganda Quality Traders and Processors Association (UQTPA)trained farmers and processors in good post harvest handling practices. The areas covered were the greater Masaka, Rukungiri and Ntungamo

8.0 OUTLOOK FOR JULY 2017

June exports are projected at 450,000 bags since the fly crop from Central and Eastern regions has started ripening and the main season in Masaka and South-western region is peaking in July.

9.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

- ***25th Source of the Nile Agricultural and Trade Show: 17th – 23rd July 2017. Jinja Show Grounds.*** UCDA will participate in the Trade show *whose theme is:* "Managing Challenges of Climate Change for Sustainable Agriculture"
- ***Elementary Basic Quality Control training for sector players at UCDA office, Lugogo.3rd June to 3rd August 2017.*** In order to build capacity of sector players UCDA will conduct training on basic Quality Control for students from Makerere University & Kyambogo University.
- ***International Coffee Council: 25th -29th September 2017.*** International Coffee Council will hold its 120th Session in Yamoussoukro Yamoussoukro Cote D' Ivoire.
- ***International coffee & Tea Festival: 1st - 3rd November 2017. Dubai, United Arab Emirates.*** The International Coffee & Tea Festival is the one-stop event showcasing all coffee, tea, bar and café products, equipment and services, presenting a focused, industry-recognized platform in the region. The Festival has proven instrumental to the development of the industry, providing professionals and coffee/tea businesses the exposure to promote their products, launch new concepts and seek new business channels.