Uganda Coffee Development Authority

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRIES AND FISHERIES

UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2017

Highlights:

- *This is the first report for the coffee year 2017/18. A total of 381,636 60-kilo bags of coffee valued at US$ 43.74 million were exported in October 2017 at an average weighted price of US $1.91/kilo, 3 cents higher than US$ 1.88/kilo last month.*
- *Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,300/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.5,500/= per kilo, Arabica parchment Shs 5,850/= per kilo and Drugar Sh. 5,700/kilo.*
- *Coffee exports for 12 months (November 2016 to October 2017) totalled 4.78 million bags worth $564 million comprising Robusta 3.75 million bags worth $420 million and Arabica 1.03 million bags worth $144 million.*
- *79.88% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters, out of 33 who performed during the month compared to 81.93% in September 2017*
- *The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 124.46 per lb. in September 2017 to US cents 120.01 per lb. in October 2017.*

1.0 COFFEE EXPORTS

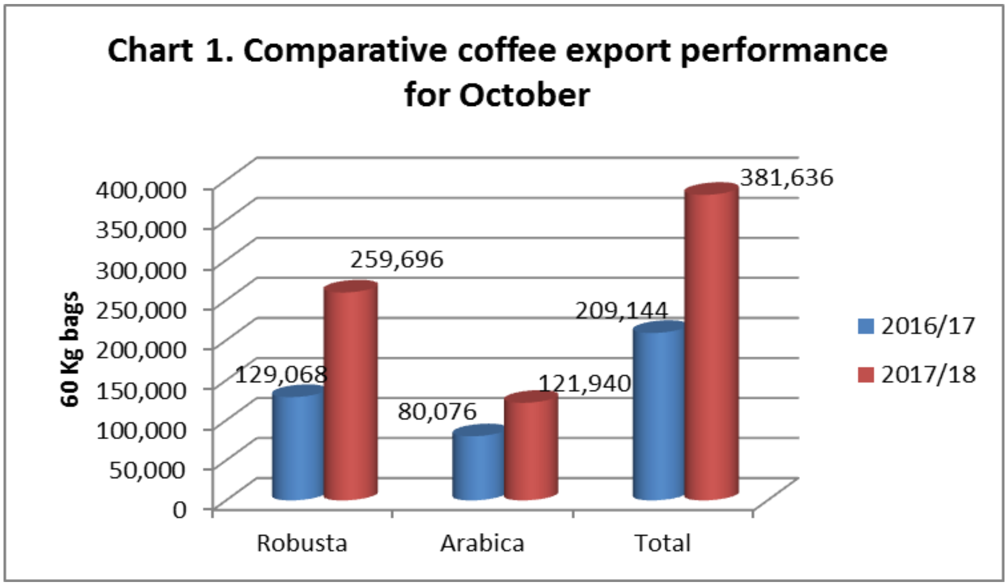
Coffee exports in October 2017 amounted to 381,636 60-kilo bags worth US $ 43.74 million comprising 259,696 bags ($ 28.42 million) of Robusta and 121,940 bags ($15.32 million) of Arabica (*see Table 1*). This was an increase of 82.48% and 80.80% for both quantity and value respectively

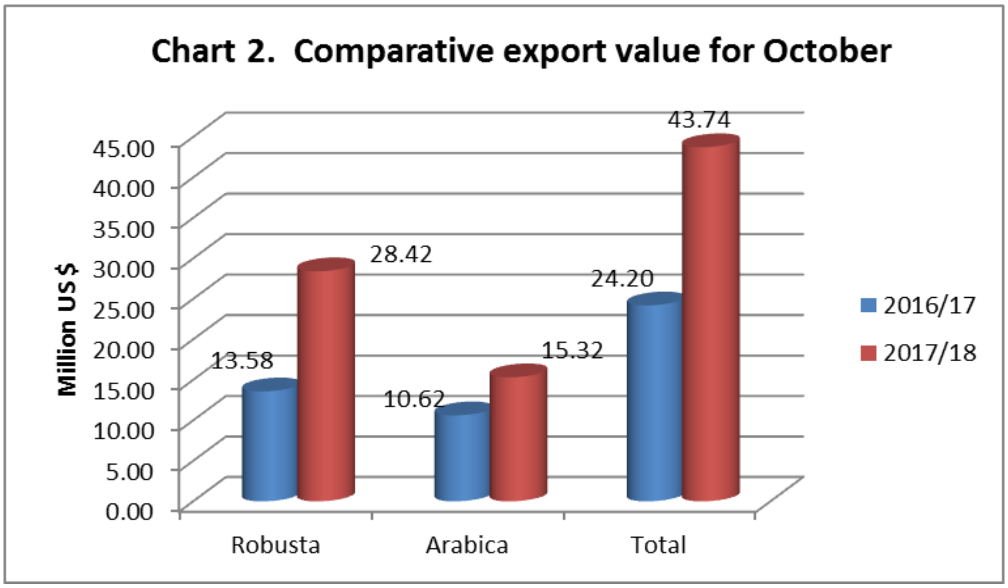
Table1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance – 60-kilo bags; US$

Coffee Year	2017/18		2016/17		%-age Change	
	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $
October	381,636	43,741,276	209,144	24,193,173	82.48	80.80
• Robusta	259,696	28,423,983	129,068	13,577,626	101.21	109.34
• Arabica	121,940	15,317,294	80,076	10,615,548	52.28	44.29

Compared to the same month last year, both Robusta and Arabica exports increased by 101.21% 52.28% respectively. In terms of value, Robusta increased by 109.34% while Arabica increased by 44.29% compared to October 2016.Coffee exports for 12 months (November 2016-October 2017) totalled 4.78 million bags worth US$ 564 compared to 3.30 million bags worth $ 337 million in the previous year (November 2015-October 2016).

Charts 1 and 2 give the comparative performance of exports by coffee type in both quantity and value in 2 coffee years during the first month (October) of 2017/18 and 2016/17. Chart 1and 2 show an increase of export volume and value for both Robusta and Arabica over last year.





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 October 2017.The weighted average export price was US$ 1.91 per kilo, 3 cents up from US$ 1.88 per kilo the previous month. Robusta exports accounted for 68.05% of total exports compared to 83.16% last month. The weighted average Robusta price was US$ 1.82 per kilo compared to US$ 1.85 per kilo the previous month reflecting a decrease of US cents 3. Organic Robusta had the highest price of US$ 2.33 per kilo, fetching a premium of 33 cents over conventional Screen 18 sold at an average of US$ 2.00 per kilo. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of US$ 2.09 per kilo, US Cents 4 higher than US Cents 2.05 in September 2017. The highest price was for Organic Okoro and Bugisu A+ sold at US $ 2.78 per kilo each. It was followed by Bugisu AB at a unit price of US$ 2.61 per kilo.

Table 2: Coffee Exports by Type, Grade & Unit Price in October 2017 i*n 60-kilo bags; US $, US $/kg*

Coffee type/ Grade	Quantity 60-Kilo Bags	%-age Quantity	Value in US $	%-age Value	Unit Price $/Kilo
TOTAL	**381,636**	**100.00**	**43,741,276**	**100.00**	**1.91**
ROBUSTA	**259,696**		**268,423,983**		**1.82**
ORGANIC ROBUSTA	3,140	1.21	439,899	1.55	2.33
WASHED ROBUSTA	725	0.28	89,405	0.31	2.06
SCREEN 18	25,516	9.83	3,067,084	10.79	2.00
SCREEN 17	14,058	5.41	1,694,437	5.96	2.01
SCREEN 15	116,229	44.76	13,411,959	47.19	1.92
SCREEN 14	3,144	1.21	378,244	1.33	2.01
SCREEN 13	334	0.13	37,553	0.13	1.87
SCREEN 12	69,060	26.59	7,543,691	26.54	1.82
BHP 1199	11,815	4.55	978,280	3.44	1.38
Others	15,675	6.04	1,223,330	4.30	1.30
ARABICA	**121,940**	**100.00**	**15,317,294**	**100.00**	**2.09**
ORGANIC OKORO	1,750	1.44	291,669	1.90	2.78
BUGISU A+	2,560	2.10	426,246	2.78	2.78
MT.ELGON AA	333	0.27	44,048	0.29	2.20
RWENZORI AA	320	0.26	44,021	0.29	2.29
MT ELGON A	3,120	2.56	435,453	2.84	2.33
BUGISU AA	3,243	2.66	499,620	3.26	2.57
BUGISU AB	3,880	3.18	608,503	3.97	2.61
BUGISU A	6,380	5.23	835,455	5.45	2.18
MIXED ARABICA	300	0.25	33,730	0.22	1.87
WUGAR	3,287	2.70	456,273	2.98	2.31
DRUGAR	90,397	74.13	11,088,016	72.39	2.04
Other Arabicas	6,370	5.22	554,261	3.62	1.45

3.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 shows the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of October 2017 in terms of quantity and market share. Ugacof (U) Ltd led with a market share of 21.06% compared to 11.80% last month, followed by Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd- 12.40% (21.60%); Olam (U) Ltd-10.87% (10.20%); Ibero (U) Ltd- 5.92% (3.72%); Besmark Coffee Company Ltd- 5.59% (6.08%); Touton Uganda. Ltd-5.40% (4.97%); Export Trading Company (U) Ltd-5.20% (9.14%); Ideal Quality Commodities (U) Ltd- 4.93% (7.45%); Kawacom (U) Ltd -4.66% (4.73%) and Great lakes Coffee Company Ltd- 3.85% (1.52%) The first 10 exporters held a market share of 79.85% compared to 75.97% in September 2017 reflecting increased concentration at this level compared to the previous month. Out of the 33 exporters who performed, 19 exported Robusta Coffee only while 7 exported Arabica coffee only. Changes in relative positions of exporters indicate competition among the actors at this level. *The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in September 2017.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in October 2017

	EXPORTING COMPANY	POSITION HELD IN SEPTEMBER	QUANTITY (Bags)			PERCENTAGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
			259,696	**121,940**	**381,636**	**100.00**	
1	Ugacof (U) Ltd	2	70,244	10,110	80,354	21.06	21.06
2	Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd	1	17,820	29,515	47,335	12.40	33.46
3	Olam (U) Ltd	3	35,138	6,350	41,488	10.87	44.33
4	Ibero (U) Ltd	9	21,910	670	22,580	5.92	50.25
5	Besmark Coffee Company Limited	6		21,345	21,345	5.59	55.84
6	Touton Uganda Limited	7	15,539	5,070	20,609	5.40	61.24
7	Export Trading Company (U) Ltd	4	12,052	7,800	19,852	5.20	66.44
8	Ideal Quality Commodities Ltd	5	18,804		18,804	4.93	71.37
9	Kawacom (U) Ltd	8	13,880	3,920	17,800	4.66	76.03
10	Great Lakes Coffee Company Ltd	15		14,700	14,700	3.85	79.88
11	Commodity Solutions (U) Ltd	19	9,396	4,660	14,056	3.68	83.57
12	Coffee World Ltd	16	6,554	6,700	13,254	3.47	87.04
13	Kampala Domestic Store Ltd	10	6,616		6,616	1.73	88.77
14	Ankole Coffee Producers Coop Union Ltd	19	6,160		6,160	1.61	90.39
15	Savannah Commodities Ltd	22	2,820	2,800	5,620	1.47	91.86
16	Qualicoff (U) Limited	12	5,480		5,480	1.44	93.30
17	LD Commodities (U) Ltd	11	3,660	1,280	4,940	1.29	94.59
18	Ankole Coffee Processors Ltd	18	2,100	1,050	3,150	0.83	95.42
19	Nakana Coffee Factory Ltd	24	2,706		2,706	0.71	96.13
20	Mbale Importers & Exporters Ltd	27		2,610	2,610	0.68	96.81
21	Tata Uganda Limited	13	2,100		2,100	0.55	97.36
22	Bakwanye Trading Co. Ltd	28		2,000	2,000	0.52	97.88
23	Bakhsons Trading Co. (U) Ltd	20	1,958		1,958	0.51	98.40
24	Sena Indo Uganda Limited	17	1,720		1,720	0.45	98.85
25	Kibinge Coffee Farmers' Coop Soc Ltd	29	1,000		1,000	0.26	99.11
26	Cisco Petroleum (U) Ltd	34		700	700	0.18	99.29
27	Karaz Coffee Factory	21	700		700	0.18	99.48
28	Bukonzo Joint Co-Operative Union Ltd	30		640	640	0.17	99.64
29	Nucafe	26	354		354	0.09	99.74
30	Bulamu Coffee Buyers, Proc.& Exports Ltd	-	335		335	0.09	99.82
31	Platinum Commodities Ltd	-	330		330	0.09	99.91
32	Kaweri Coffee Plantation	33	320		320	0.08	99.99
33	Bugisu Coop Union Ltd	-		20	20	0.01	100.00

4.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices ranged from Sh. 2,200-2,600 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 5,200-5,600/= for FAQ; Sh. 5,500-6,200/= for Arabica parchment; and Sh. 5,500-5,900/= per kilo for Drugar from Kasese. The averages were: Sh. 2,300 per kilo for Kiboko coffee; Sh. 5,500 for Robusta FAQ; Sh. 5,850 for Arabica parchment and Sh. 5,700/= for Drugar.

5.0 GLOBAL SITUATION

Coffee exports for September 2017 were 8.34 million bags, bringing total export for 2016/17 coffee year to 122.45 million bags up by 4.8% compared to last year that was 116.89 million bags with shipments from Colombia increasing by 8% to 14.66 million bags while Brazilian naturals increased by 2.6% at 35.84 million bags Robusta exports were 0.2% lower compared to the same period last year on account of a decline of shipments from Vietnam.

The 2016/17 Global production is estimated at 157.44 million bags an increase of 3.4% from last year. Arabica production increased by 14.7% to 101.55 million bags while Robusta decreased by 12.2 % to 55.89 million bags. Increased production was noted in Africa, Mexico, Central and South America while Asia saw a decrease in production.

Global consumption is estimated at 155.06 million bags, a decrease of 0.3% from last year but with slight increase from Asia Oceanic countries at 0.2% and South America with 0.4%

The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 124.46 per lb. in September 2017 to US cents 120.01 per lb. in October 2017. It ranged from US cents 11.36 to 122.79 per lb

6.0 COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

The destinations of Uganda's coffee exports during the month of October 2017 are illustrated in Table 4. Exports to EU countries amounted to 245,228 bags higher than 172,584 bags exported in the previous month. This represented a 64.26% of total exports. EU was followed by Sudan with 41,145 bags (10.78%) compared to 53,668 bags (15.70%) the previous month. Algeria imported 19,770 (5.18%) compared to 8,558 (2.50%) compared to last month and USA 17,791 bags (4.66%) compared to 4,210 bags (1.23%) in September. Coffee exports to Africa amounted to 83,383 bags, a market share of 21.85% compared to 76,332 bags the previous month. The figures in brackets represent the percentage market share of the previous month.

Table 4: Main Destinations of Uganda Coffee in October 2017.

	DESTINATION	POSITION HELD IN SEPTEMBER	QUANTITY (60kg bags)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**259,969**	**121,940**	**381,636**	**100.00**	
1	EU	1	160,494	84,734	245,228	64.26	64
2	Sudan	2	40,480	665	41,145	10.78	75.04
3	Algeria	5	16,250	3,520	19,770	5.18	80.22
4	USA	8	1,015	16,776	17,791	4.66	84.88
5	Morocco	4	14,936	2,629	17,565	4.60	89.48
6	India	3	6,470	1,200	7,670	2.01	91.49
7	Switzerland	10	3,400	1,400	4,800	1.26	92.75
8	Russia	12	3,732		3,732	0.98	93.73
9	Isreal	6	3,253	360	3,613	0.95	94.68
10	Canada	11	333	3,200	3,533	0.93	95.60
11	South Africa	9	2,315	640	2,955	0.77	96.38

12	Japan	7	2,140	300	2,440	0.64	97.01
13	Madagascar	-	1,628	320	1,948	0.51	97.52
14	Mexico	-		1,600	1,600	0.42	97.94
15	China	-	650	690	1,340	0.35	98.30
16	Korea	17		1,336	1,336	0.35	98.65
17	Australia	-		960	960	0.25	98.90
18	Capeverde	-	960		960	0.25	99.15
19	Ukraine	16	680		680	0.18	99.33
20	Singapore	-	640		640	0.17	99.49
21	United Kingdom	14		640	640	0.17	99.66
22	Oman	-		350	350	0.09	99.75
23	Albania	-	320		320	0.08	99.84
24	Haiti	-		320	320	0.08	99.92
25	Taiwan	13		300	300	0.08	100.00

7.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Table 5 shows the buyers of Uganda coffee in October 2017. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 73.79% higher than 67.13% of total exports the previous month. Sucafina led with a market share of 21.32% compared to 11.99% in September 2017. This was followed by Olam International-12.12% (10.29%); Touton – 9.21% (5.41%); Altasheel -6.33% (8.19%); Bernahard Rothfos -5.82% (3.72%) Volcafe -5.50% (9.79) , Gebre Westhoff-5.24% (1.86%) ,Bercher Coffee-2.77% (3.66%), Ecom Agro Industrial-2.74% (4.54%); and Coex Coffee International- 2.71% The changes in relative positions of the buyers compared to the previous month reflect competition for Uganda coffee among different buyers. Note: *The figures in brackets represent percentage performance in the previous month -September 2017.*

TABLE 5 : Buyers of Uganda Coffee in October 2017

	BUYERS	**POSITION HELD IN SEPTEMBER**	**QUANTITY (60kg BAGS)**			**%AGE MARKET SHARE**	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	**Individual**	**Cumulative**
	Total		**259,696**	**121,940**	**381,636**		
1	Sucafina S.A	1	71,272	10,110	81,382	21.32	21.32
2	Olam International	2	39,602	6,670	46,272	12.12	33.45
3	Touton	5	16,934	18,220	35,154	9.21	42.66
4	Al-Tasheel	4	24,150		24,150	6.33	48.99
5	Bernhard Rothfoss	10	21,910	320	22,230	5.82	54.81
6	Volcafe	3	10,021	10,979	21,000	5.50	60.32
7	Gebre Westhoff	15		20,015	20,015	5.24	65.56
8	Bercher Coffee	11	668	9,920	10,588	2.77	68.34
9	Ecom Agro	7	6,550	3,920	10,470	2.74	71.08
10	Coex Coffee International	-	8,904	1,440	10,344	2.71	73.79
11	Strauss	8	5,155	3,600	8,755	2.29	76.08

12	Aldwami	19	7,350		7,350	1.93	78.01
13	Mitsubishi International	-		6,400	6,400	1.68	79.69
14	Icona Café	14	5,164	720	5,884	1.54	81.23
15	Etc Trading	-	2,082	3,600	5,682	1.49	82.72
16	Falcon Coffees	-	640	4,480	5,120	1.34	84.06
17	Hamburg Coffee	-	2,520	2,520	5,040	1.32	85.38
18	D.L.F For Compete Solution	17	4,200		4,200	1.10	86.48
19	Tata Coffee	9	3,550		3,550	0.93	87.41
20	Arvid Nordquist	-		2,880	2,880	0.75	88.16
21	Intergrao	-	2,390		2,390	0.63	88.79
22	Guzman Global	-	2,330		2,330	0.61	89.40
23	Vintage Coffee	-	2,080		2,080	0.55	89.95
24	Namyang Diary Products	-		1,670	1,670	0.44	90.38
25	Meo Fichaux	-	1,620		1,620	0.42	90.81
26	A.Van Weely	-	1,600		1,600	0.42	91.23
28	Zensho	-	1,500		1,500	0.39	91.62
30	Others		17,504	14,476	31,980	8.38	100.00

8.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

8.1: The Weather Situation

Central Region

- The Month of October was characterized by wet weather in the Region;
- The weather tremendously improved with more rains in the entire Region except in Buvuma District where the amount of rainfall was less than average.
- The rains favored the Seedling distribution for 2nd season especially in Sembabule District where the planting was just commencing due to the delay in receiving adequate rains.
- This situation is expected to greatly have a positive impact on the establishment and survival of newly planted coffee seedlings and annual crops.
- The adequate humid conditions initiated light flowering of the coffee trees and the conditions were favorable enough to allow berry formation.
- Harvesting for the main season was ongoing in the Districts of Gomba and Butambala.

Western Region

- Rains during the month favored the establishment of newly planted coffee as well as good performance of the already established coffee trees.

- The wet condition also enabled filling of berries and hence an improvement on bean quality and size.
- Kyenjojo, Mubende and Hoima region continued to receive above normal rains in the month of October that enabled planting of coffee seedlings in all districts.
- Kyegegwa, Kagadi, Kibaale, Kakumiro and Kamwenge Districts had above normal rains evenly distributed throughout the month of October.
- Bundibugyo, Ntoroko, Kabarole, and Kasese region continued to receive heavy rains that destructed the coffee replanting exercise.

Northern Region

- The region especially Mid North and North Westen sub region received reduced quantities of rainfall with heavy showers unevenly distributed.
- The temperatures were moderate / warm in most days of the month with some places experiencing high temperatures in Mid North.
- Zombo and Nebbi Districts continued to receive high amounts of rainfall favorable for second season planting for most days of the month which has ensured proper establishment of recently planted seedlings.
- Overall the rains will continuously reduce in the months ahead especially for Mid North given that the dry season is drawing nearer.
- Planting in Mid North and Arua Sub region was completed in early September to ensure establishment of the crop prior to onset of the dry season.

Eastern Region

- October 2017 was favorable for planting, as well as for the establishment and survival of the planted seedlings.
- The rains were heavy and regular in all the coffee growing districts.
- Heavy flowering was also observed on trees in most Robusta growing areas. However, post-harvest handling operations, specifically drying, were negatively affected as a significant degree of molds were observed in coffee samples.

South Western Region

- South western region received normal rains throughout the month of October that was evenly distributed with exception of the areas of Kanungu, Kabale and Rukungiri districts that received above normal rains which enabled planting of coffee and establishment of already planted coffee.
- The season for Harvesting of Arabica coffee in Rukungiri and Kanungu continued as the rains facilitated ripening of the coffee.
- Coffee seedlings planting continued in Kiruhura and Ntungamo districts which experienced drought in October last year and no coffee was planted.

8.2: Generation of Coffee Planting Material

- 4,841 kgs of seed was received in October making a cumulative total **76,326 MT** of seed that was distributed to Nursery operators.
- 44,100 CWDr Clones were allocated to 18 (4females and 14 males) nursery operators, making a cumulative total of **170,689** Coffee Wilt Disease Resistant clones.
- The Survey on CWDr Nurseries that was executed jointly with NaCORI from 10th - 17th October, was not completed and field work is scheduled to resume for during the second Week of November 2017.
- Team I managed to cover 38 of the targeted 39 Respondents,
- Team II covered 62 of the targeted 100 leaving a balance of 28 Respondents while;
- Team III covered 38 of the targeted 110 leaving a balance of 72 Respondents.

OBSERVATIONS

- Some mother gardens were maintained very well whereas others were not.
- Overgrown mother bushes on some CWDr mother gardens
- The HRNS project and ABi Trust gave support to some nursery operators especially provision of shade nets, metallic poles and many others.
- One Mother Garden/Nursery i.e. of Ms. Ndugga had received some technical assistance in terms of an irrigation equipment from FAO on account of her zeal, passion and determination.
- Mother gardens which belonged to communities were not performing well.
- The quality of polythene sheets of the cages in some nurseries were not very good.
- Existence of some fungi in some mother gardens.
- Some nursery operators have expanded their CWDR mother gardens whereas others had not.
- Whereas some nursery operators were very conversant with propagation using the vegetative method, some were not.
- Some shade nets were very old and need replacement.
- Some KR lines had a high survival and multiplication growth rate than others
- Some KR lines were susceptible to pests and diseases

8.3: Coffee Planting

- A total of 109,789,863 coffee seedlings have so far been planted in 102 coffee growing districts compared to 157,063,064 available coffee seedlings in the nurseries.
- Coffee planting is expected to end by the first week of November so that the last planted coffee seedling can receive at least four rains to established and also increase survival rate.
- Farmer sensitization and mobilization, distribution and planting of coffee seedlings will end in the first two weeks of November 2017 in all the coffee growing regions.

8.4. Coffee seedlings planted in the five coffee regions.

REGION	DISTRICTS	NURSERIES	NO. SEEDLINGS
SOUTH WESTERN	16	458	**13,093,637**
WESTERN	19	387	**35,567,000**
EASTERN	22	632	**14,418,257**
NORTHERN(WESTNILE)	25	36	**759,560**
CENTRAL	20	576	**45,951,409**
TOTAL	102	**2,089**	**109,789,863**

8.5: Management of Diseases and Pest Out breaks.

- Black Coffee Twig Borer (BCTB) and Red blister disease were reported in both Districts of Wakiso and Mpigi in Masulita, Namayumba and Muduuma sub-counties.
- Red blister was found in some parts of Wakiso in the Sub-Counties of i.e. Masulita, Namayumba and Mpigi in the Sub-Counties of Buwama and Muduuma.
- Tailed Caterpillars that had attacked coffee in some parts of Kayunga District and Nakisunga Sub-County in Mukono District were contained using chemicals.

Pest and disease incidences:

Type of pest or disease	Incidence	Extent of damage
a) Pests		
1. Stem borers	low	• Continued to cause damage in Sironko and in other few localized areas of the neighboring Kapchorwa.
2. Coffee Berry borer	low	• High incidences were reported from all regions majorly on Arabica coffee and some Robusta coffee fields. Affected 60% of Robusta coffee in Busoga.
3. Black Twig borer	low	• Increased incidences were reported in all regions with greater incidence in the eastern districts of Busoga and central region. • In western region incidences of the diseases was registered in new coffee farmers and 300 acres were sprayed and farmers advised to employ phytosanitary practices • The newly affected districts are Iganga and Luuka
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	• Continued to affect 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. CWD		• The disease was not reported in any of the five coffee regions.

8.6. TECHNICAL EXTENSION SERVICES

•Four mini taskforce and two sensitization work shops were conducted in the four coffee growing regions.
•93 buyers' stores, 32 exporters and 55 factories were inspected, registered & licensed
•In Kasese about 17% (26) of the 131 diesel run factories were stopped until all the recommended standards are in place.
•Most processors and coffee buyers were milling dry coffee ranging from 13% to 14 % Moisture Content.
•In central 23 Premises were sealed in Mukono, Kayunga and Luweero for noncompliance.
•In Eastern, enforcement was done in 2 districts of Kamuli and Jinja areas among farmers and traders (Indusrial area, Namwendwa, Nawansaso, Kisozi, Kasambira, Butabala, Budhumbula, Namayira, Luzinga (Wankole) and in Jinja (Buwenge).

8.7. SENSITIZATION OF SECTOR PLAYERS:

•780 value chain players were sensitized on good post-harvest handling during the month.
•There was slow adaptation to proper post-harvest handling practices, particularly harvesting and use of Tarpaulins.

8.8.CORE Activities:

•Kyagalanyi is setting up an office in Iganga and their officer was linked to three of CORE farmer groups in Kamuli, Bugiri and Luuka that were beneficiaries of the hand pulpers for wet processing and will be organizing a meeting with the groups in order to arrange buying of their coffee.

•CORE farmer groups have been bringing Kiboko coffee samples for analysis at the Iganga office.
•The local coffee roaster in Iganga is organizing a group of ten members who have started roasting coffee but roasting under grades. The group was trained and they have improved by roasting coffee got from their garden. Each member contributes about 2 kgs of Kiboko and they hull it, grade it and roast.

9.0. COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITES

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9.1 EXHIBITIONS

- UCDA was represented in an exhibition that was organized and executed at UMA Show Grounds by The Uganda Manufacturers' Association from 3rd-10th October 2017.
- **Achievements during the exhibition were;**
  - The public got an avenue of interaction with UCDA regarding mandate services and activities,
  - Farmers and students were trained on different aspects in the coffee value chain.
  - The good agricultural practices (GAPs) in coffee agronomy were demonstrated, hence knowledge was shared.
  - The public was served with coffee and 5,000 coffee seedlings were given out.
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1.7: Capacity building of industry players through Training and Skills Development

- UCDA carried out barista training for 30 (16 female) university students in preparation for the inter university competitions. This was aimed at improving their skills in preparation of espresso based beverages

- UCDA conducted value addition training for 25 farmers and processors (8 female) in Kabarole and 20 (7 female) in Kyenjojo. They were trained in GAPS, harvest and post-harvest handling techniques, roasting, bulk selling, specialty coffee and graded coffee. Emphasis was put on improving and maintaining quality at various stages of the value chain to obtain better prices.

6.2.1 Domestic Coffee Consumption

- UCDA promoted coffee consumption at various events; The UMA International trade fair, The International coffee day in Kabanyolo, World Food Day in Kabale and the 20th CODEX meeting on Fruits and Vegetables. Coffee was provided to attendees and health benefits of drinking coffee were explained.

7.0 OUTLOOK FOR NOVEMBER 2017

November exports are projected at 420,000 bags. The main harvesting season in Central region and Bugisu region is underway.

8.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

22nd to 23rd November 2017. UCDA will conduct Inter-University Barista competitions. The competitions are aimed at creating interest in coffee among the youth and equipping them with skills in coffee preparation.

27th November to 1st December 2017 UCDA office, Lugogo. There will be Training of Q Arabica graders and certification. This is aimed at building capacity in Arabica cuppers.

4th-9thDecember2017: Auditorium of the Caistab Building, Plateau Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. The 5th African Coffee Symposium, Africa Coffee Research Network (ACRN) and the 57th IACO Annual General Assembly will be held under the theme: "Sustainable coffee Development for the Emergence of African Economy." The Symposium will take place on 4th-5th December; ACRN and Committee Meetings on 6th-7th December; Board Meeting and Annual General Assembly on 8th December; and field trips on 9th December 2017.

1st-3rd December 2017: Hainan International Coffee Congress and Beverage Expo will take place at the Hainan International Convention and Exhibition Center (HICEC), Haikou, Hainan, China. Six Ugandan coffee exhibitors will participate in the event.