Uganda Coffee Development Authority

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL INDUSTRIES AND FISHERIES

UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2017

Highlights:

- *This is the second report for the coffee year 2017/18. A total of 443,100 60-kilo bags of coffee valued at US$ 49.39 million were exported in November 2017 at an average weighted price of US $1.86/kilo, 5 cents lower than US$ 1.91/kilo last month.*
- *Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,250/= per kilo; FAQ Shs. 5,000/= per kilo, Arabica parchment Shs 5,750/= per kilo and Drugar Sh. 5,600/kilo.*
- *Coffee exports for 12 months (December 2016 to November 2017) totalled 4.81 million bags worth $563 million comprising Robusta 3.78 million bags worth $421 million and Arabica 1.03 million bags worth $142 million.*
- *77.43% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters, out of 38 who performed during the month compared to 79.88% in October 2017*
- *The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 120.01 per lb. in October 2017 to US cents 117.26 per lb. in November 2017.*

1.0 COFFEE EXPORTS

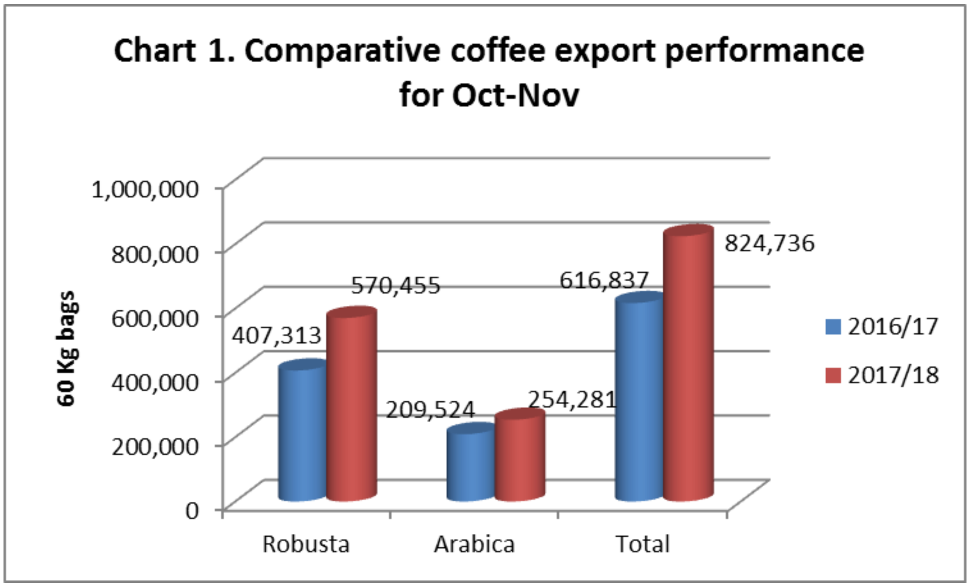
Coffee exports in November 2017 amounted to 443,100 60-kilo bags worth US $ 49.39 million comprising 310,759 bags ($ 33.12 million) of Robusta and 132,341 bags ($16.27 million) of Arabica (*see Table 1*). This was an increase of 8.68% in quantity and a decrease of 1.90% in value.

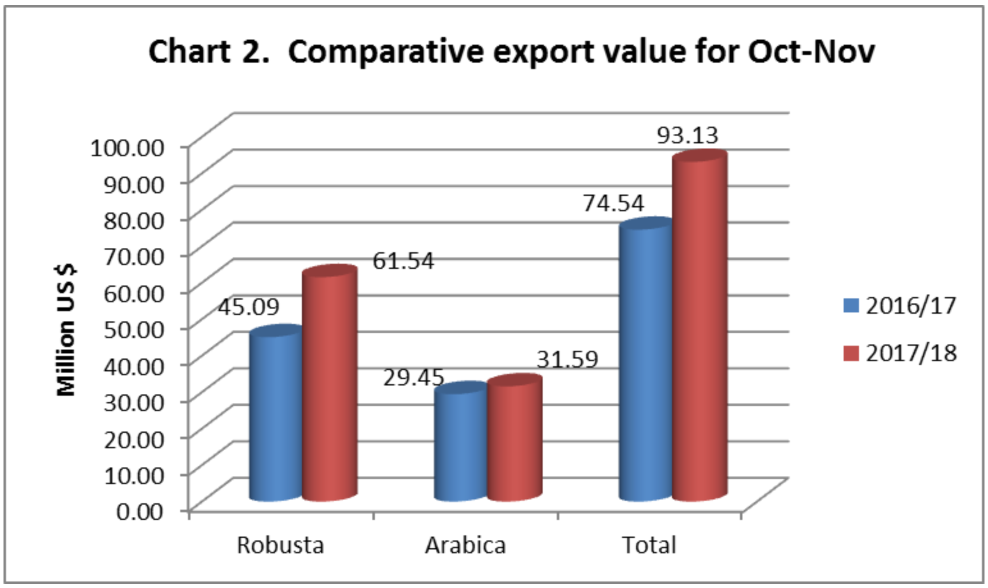
Table1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance – 60-kilo bags; US$

Coffee Year	2017/18		2016/17		%-age Change	
	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $	Qty	Value $
Grand Total	**824,736**	**93,128,296**	**616,837**	**74,538,943**	33.70	24.94
Total Robusta	**570,455**	**61,541,174**	**407,313**	**45,085,866**	**40.05**	**36.50**
Total Arabica	**254,281**	**31,587,123**	**209,524**	**29,453,078**	**21.36**	**7.25**
November	**443,100**	**49,387,020**	**407,693**	**50,345,770**	**8.68**	**-1.90**
• Robusta	310,759	33,117,191	**278,245**	**31,508,240**	11.69	5.11
• Arabica	132,341	16,269,829	129,448	18,837,530	2.23	-13.63
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 11.69% and 2.23% respectively compared to November 2016 and in terms of value, Robusta increased by 5.11% while Arabica decreased by 13.63% compared to November 2016. Coffee exports for 12 months (December 2016-November 2017) totalled 4.81 million bags worth US$ 563 compared to 3.46 million bags worth $ 353 million in the previous year (December 2015-November 2016).This was an increase of 39.02% and 59.49% in quantity and value respectively.

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 two months (October-November) 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 November 2017.The weighted average export price was US$ 1.86 per kilo, 5 cents down from US$ 1.91 per kilo the previous month. Robusta exports accounted for 71.13% of total exports compared to 68.05% last month. The weighted average Robusta price was US$ 1.78 per kilo compared to US$ 1.82 per kilo the previous month reflecting a decrease of US cents 4. Washed Robusta had the highest price of US$ 2.05 per kilo, fetching a premium of 8 cents over conventional Screen 18 sold at an average of US$ 1.97 per kilo. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of US$ 2.05 per kilo, US Cents 4 lower than US Cents 2.09 in October 2017. The highest price was for Mt. Elgon A+ sold at US $ 3.10 per kilo each. It was followed by Organic Bugisu at a unit price of US$ 2.98 per kilo. There was however one bag on Rwenzori AA that was sold at US$ 7.01 per kilo.

Table 2: Coffee Exports by Type, Grade & Unit Price in November 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	**443,100**	**100.00**	**49,387,020**	**100.00**	**1.86**
ROBUSTA	**310,759**		**33,117,191**		**1.78**
WASHED ROBUSTA	1300	0.42	160,001	0.48	2.05
SCREEN 18	20878	6.72	2,461,961	7.43	1.97
SCREEN 15	140069	45.07	15,413,430	46.54	1.83
SCREEN 17	13336	4.29	1,617,530	4.88	2.02
SCREEN 14	1614	0.52	196,284	0.59	2.03
SCREEN 12	92439	29.75	9,934,518	30.00	1.79
BHP 1199	14125	4.55	1,061,350	3.20	1.25
OTHER ROBUSTAS	26998	8.69	2,272,118	6.86	1.40
ARABICA	**132,341**	**100.00**	**16,269,829**	**100.00**	**2.05**
ORGANIC BUGISU	320	0.24	57,143	0.35	2.98
ORGANIC OKORO	360	0.27	58,334	0.36	2.70
MT.ELGON A+	1080	0.82	201,087	1.24	3.10
MT.ELGON AA	20	0.02	3,492	0.02	2.91
MT. ELGON A	3530	2.67	536,539	3.30	2.53
BUGISU A+	990	0.75	159,174	0.98	2.68
BUGISU AA	7281	5.50	1,101,069	6.77	2.52
BUGISU A	3616	2.73	479,792	2.95	2.21
BUGISU B	30	0.02	4,484	0.03	2.49
BUGISU AB	6960	5.26	1,048,002	6.44	2.51
BUGISU PB	28	0.02	4,603	0.03	2.74
RWENZORI AA	1	0.00	421	0.00	7.01
MIXED ARABICA	600	0.45	65,080	0.40	1.81
WUGAR	8713	6.58	1,160,940	7.14	2.22
DRUGAR	89112	67.34	10,528,664	64.71	1.97
OTHER ARABICAS	9700	7.33	861,006	5.29	1.48

3.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 shows the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of November 2017 in terms of quantity and market share. Ugacof (U) Ltd led with a market share of 17.80% compared to 21.06% last month, followed by Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd- 14.57% (12.40%); Ideal Quality Commodities (U) Ltd-10.30% (4.93%); Olam (U) Ltd- 7.83% (10.87%); Export Trading Company (U) Ltd- 5.19% (5.20%); Touton Uganda. Ltd-4.79% (5.40%); Besmark Coffee Company Ltd-4.52% (5.59%); Ibero (U) Ltd- 4.42% (5.92%); Coffee World Ltd -4.15% (3.47%) and LD Commodities (U) Ltd- 3.84% (1.29%) The first 10 exporters held a market share of 77.43% compared to 79.88% in October 2017 reflecting increased concentration at this level compared to the previous month. Out of the 33 exporters who performed, 27 exported Robusta Coffee only while 8 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 October 2017.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in November 2017

	EXPORTING COMPANY	POSITION HELD IN OCTOBER	QUANTITY (Bags)			PERCENTAGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**310,759**	**132,341**	**443,100**	**100.00**	
1	Ugacof (U) Ltd	1	72,526	6,355	78,881	17.80	17.80
2	Kyagalanyi Coffee Factory Ltd	2	33,021	31,553	64,574	14.57	32.38
3	Ideal Quality Commodities Ltd	8	44,700	960	45,660	10.30	42.68
4	Olam Uganda Ltd	3	26,780	7,930	34,710	7.83	50.51
5	Export Trading Company (U) Ltd	7	20,556	2,440	22,996	5.19	55.70
6	Touton Uganda Limited	6	10,771	10,440	21,211	4.79	60.49
7	Besmark Coffee Company Limited	5	870	19,169	20,039	4.52	65.01
8	Ibero (U) Ltd	4	19,586		19,586	4.42	69.43
9	Coffee World Ltd	12	6,960	11,420	18,380	4.15	73.58
10	Ld Commodities (U) Ltd	17	17,036		17,036	3.84	77.43
11	Great Lakes Coffee Company Ltd	10		14,950	14,950	3.37	80.80
12	Commodity Solutions (U) Ltd	11	5,856	5,938	11,794	2.66	83.46
13	Kampala Domestic Store Ltd	13	10,088	350	10,438	2.36	85.82
14	Kawacom (U) Ltd	9	2,290	6,990	9,280	2.09	87.91
15	Nakana Coffee Factory Ltd	19	8,428		8,428	1.90	89.81
16	Qualicoff (U) Limited	16	7,050	320	7,370	1.66	91.48
17	Savannah Commodities Ltd	15	2,490	2,780	5,270	1.19	92.67
18	Ishaka Quality Commodities Ltd	-	4,490		4,490	1.01	93.68
19	Ankole Coffee Processors Ltd	18	2,450	1,750	4,200	0.95	94.63
20	Kibinge Coffee Farmers' Coop Soc Ltd	25	3,200		3,200	0.72	95.35
21	Bakhsons Trading Co. (U) Ltd	23	2,644		2,644	0.60	95.95
22	Bakwanye Trading Co. Ltd	22	2	2,623	2,625	0.59	96.54
23	Mbale Importers & Exporters Ltd	20		2,560	2,560	0.58	97.12
24	Ankole Coffee Producers Coop Union Ltd	14	2,040		2,040	0.46	97.58
25	Discovery Trading Ltd	-	1,829		1,829	0.41	97.99
26	Sena Indo Uganda Limited	24	1,425		1,425	0.32	98.31
27	Omega Oils (U) Ltd	-		1,400	1,400	0.32	98.63
28	Banyankole Kweterana Coop Union Ltd	-	960	350	1,310	0.30	98.92
29	Karaz Coffee Factory	27	1,050		1,050	0.24	99.16
30	Risala (U) Ltd	-	700	350	1,050	0.24	99.40
31	Nucafe	29	320	338	658	0.15	99.55
32	Kaweri Coffee Plantation	32	640		640	0.14	99.69
33	Superbia International Coffee Trade Ltd	-		350	350	0.08	99.77

34	Cisco Petroleum (U) Ltd	26		330	330	0.07	99.84
35	Bukonzo Joint Co-Operative Union Ltd	28		320	320	0.07	99.92
36	United Organic Coffee Growers Limited	-		320	320	0.07	99.99
37	Bros Coffee (U) Ltd	-		53	53	0.01	100.00
38	Klu (U) Ltd	-	1	2	3	0.00	100.00

4.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices ranged from Sh. 2,000 -2,500 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 4,700-5,300/= for FAQ; Sh. 5,300-6,000/= for Arabica parchment; and Sh. 5,400-5,800/= per kilo for Drugar from Kasese. The averages were: Sh. 2,250 per kilo for Kiboko coffee; Sh. 5,000 for Robusta FAQ; Sh. 5,750 for Arabica parchment and Sh. 5,600/= for Drugar.

5.0 GLOBAL SITUATION

Coffee exports for October 2017 were 8.8 million bags, which was 11.4%lower compared to last year. Exports of Arabica were 9.9% lower at 5.7 million and Robusta exports were 14% lower at 3.1 million bags and this was mainly due to decrease in exports from Vietnam.

The 2017/18 Global production is projected at 158.69 million bags, an increase of 0.8% from last year. Arabica production is projected to reduce by 4% to 97.53 million bags while Robusta is projected to increase by 9 % to 61.15 million bags. Africa's production is expected to increase by 4.1% from last year. Global consumption is projected to increase by 1.6% at 157.60 million bags,

The ICO Composite Indicator price decreased from US Cents 120.01 per lb. in october 2017 to US cents 117.26 per lb. in November 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 November 2017 are illustrated in Table 4. Exports to EU countries amounted to 268,047 bags higher than 245,228 bags exported in the previous month. This represented a 60.49% of total exports. EU was followed by Sudan with 56,880 bags (12.84%) compared to 41,145 bags (10.78%) the previous month. Madagascar imported 25,624 (5.78%), UK 18,267 (4.12%) compared to 640 (0.17%) and India 17,740 (4.00%) compared to 7,670 (2.01%) in October. Coffee exports to Africa amounted to 113,941 bags, a market share of 25.71% compared to 83,383 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 November 2017.

	DESTINATION	POSITION HELD IN OCTOBER	QUANTITY (60kg bags)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	Individual	Cumulative
	Total		**310,759**	**132,341**	**443,100**	**100.00**	
1	EU	1	172,179	95,868	268,047	60.49	60.49
2	Sudan	2	55,920	960	56,880	12.84	73.33
3	Madagascar	-	25,264	360	25,624	5.78	79.11
4	UK	21	2,310	15,957	18,267	4.12	83.24
5	India	6	13,960	3,780	17,740	4.00	87.24
6	Algeria	3	13,552	1,920	15,472	3.49	90.73
7	Morocco	5	11,877	710	12,587	2.84	93.57

8	Canada	10	1,980	1,600	3,580	0.81	94.38
9	South Africa	11	2,738	640	3,378	0.76	95.14
10	Switzerland	7	2,468	700	3,168	0.71	95.86
11	China	15	1,820	1,060	2,880	0.65	96.51
12	Russia	8	1,648	960	2,608	0.59	97.10
13	Mexico	14		2,560	2,560	0.58	97.67
14	USA	4		2,310	2,310	0.52	98.19
15	South Korea	16	520	1,636	2,156	0.49	98.68
16	Israel	9	1,628		1,628	0.37	99.05
17	Ukraine	19	684	350	1,034	0.23	99.28
18	Iran	-	960		960	0.22	99.50
19	Japan	12	600	320	920	0.21	99.71
20	Australia	17		620	620	0.14	99.85
21	Turkey	-	350		350	0.08	99.93
22	Taiwan	25	300		300	0.07	99.99
23	Kuwait	-		20	20	0.00	100.00
24	New zealand	-		8	8	0.00	100.00
25	Singapore	20	1	2	3	0.00	100.00

7.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Table 5 shows the buyers of Uganda coffee in November 2017. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 65.30 % lower than 73.79% of total exports the previous month. Sucafina led with a market share of 16.35% compared to 21.32% in October 2017. This was followed by Touton Geneve-8.39% (9.21%); Voltage – 8.17% (5.50%); Olam International -7.80% (12.12%); Altasheal - 6.69% (6.33%) Gebre Westhoff -4.83% (5.24 %) Bernhard Rothfos-4.42% (5.82%) ,Aldwami- 3.40% (1.93%), Commodity Supplies-2.83% and ETG Trading- 2.42% (1.495) 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 -October 2017.*

TABLE 5: Buyers of Uganda Coffee in November 2017

	BUYERS	POSITION HELD IN OCTOBER	QUANTITY (60kg BAGS)			%AGE MARKET SHARE	
			Robusta	Arabica	Total	**Individual**	**Cumulative**
	Total		**310,759**	**132,341**	**443,100**		
1	Sucafina	1	66,098	6,355	72,453	16.35	16.35
2	Touton Geneva S.A	3	12,417	24,780	37,197	8.39	24.75
3	Volcafe	6	27,169	9,053	36,222	8.17	32.92
4	Olam International	2	27,418	7,148	34,566	7.80	40.72
5	Al-Tasheel	4	28,670	960	29,630	6.69	47.41
6	Gebr Westhoff	7		21,399	21,399	4.83	52.24
7	Bernhard Rothfoss	5	19,586		19,586	4.42	56.66
8	Aldwami	12	15,050		15,050	3.40	60.05
9	Commodity Supplies	-		12,518	12,518	2.83	62.88

10	ETG Trading	15	8,928	1,800	10,728	2.42	65.30
11	Coex Coffee International	10	5,860	4,342	10,202	2.30	67.60
12	Falcon Coffees	16		8,560	8,560	1.93	69.54
13	Taf S.A Ltd	-	7,682		7,682	1.73	71.27
14	Ecom Agro Industrial	9	1,880	5,250	7,130	1.61	72.88
15	Tranombarotra	-	6,670		6,670	1.51	74.38
16	Elmathahib	-	6,300		6,300	1.42	75.81
17	Indus Coffee	-	5,700		5,700	1.29	77.09
18	Vayhan Coffee	-	5,440		5,440	1.23	78.32
19	D.L.F For Complete	18	5,250		5,250	1.18	79.50
20	Icona Café	14	4,176	960	5,136	1.16	80.66
21	Supremo	-	334	4,520	4,854	1.10	81.76
22	Bercher Coffee	8		4,480	4,480	1.01	82.77
23	Strauss Commodities	-	4,160		4,160	0.94	83.71
24	Guzman Global	-	4,008		4,008	0.90	84.61
25	Tata Coffee	19	870	3,000	3,870	0.87	85.49
26	Louis Dreyfus	-	3,022	320	3,342	0.75	86.24
27	Hamburg Coffee	17	3,214		3,214	0.73	86.97
28	Vintage Coffee	23	3,100		3,100	0.70	87.67
29	Tropicore		1,004	1,880	2,884	0.65	88.32
30	Others		36,753	15,016	51,769	11.68	100.00

8.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

8.1: The Weather Situation

Central Region

- The Month of November was characterized by a generally warm and slightly wet weather situation in the Region

- Bukomansimbi as a sub region received rains throughout the first three weeks of the month. The rains were very important for the newly planted coffee seedlings as sufficient moisture is required for establishment.
- Buikwe and Buvuma: had a well-balanced mixture of Rainfall and Sunshine (almost 50/50) %. This was very good for the coffee that was planted up to the end of the first week of November 2017.

- The wet conditions however made it somehow difficult to quickly dry the harvested coffee, hence some of the coffee was turning moldy.

- Lyantonde/Lwengo: Prolonged drought spells were a threat to coffee production in the sub region. Some farmers have had a drastic decrease in coffee yields due to drought.

- Butambala/Gomba/ Mpigi/Wakiso: The weather conditions in these sub regions were humid throughout the month, moisture was adequate for the survival of the planted seedlings, survival rate is expected to be very high as per the field observations, the coffee seedlings planted are doing so well.

- Flowering occurred and moisture was very suitable for flower catchment. Heavy harvesting of coffee was ongoing, too much rainfall received affected the post-harvest handling practices especially coffee drying, farmers sell coffee cherries of high moisture content, processors hull the same coffee beans which is very detrimental to quality.

- Rakai-Kyotera: Generally the month of November received average to normal rains that enabled farmers to plant their coffee seedlings, meanwhile the mature coffee trees experienced some flowering which is hoped to give a fairly good crop next year.

- Luweero Nakaseke Nakasongola: - Rains in the Region started early in August and also ended early on October. This had an impact on the distribution of coffee seedlings in that there was no seedlings distribution activity in November 2017.

Western Region

- Generally the region received near normal Rains during the month which favored the establishment of the 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 November.

- Kyegegwa, Kagadi, kibaale, Kakumiro and Kamwenge Districts had normal rains evenly distributed throughout the month of November.

- Bundibugyo, Ntoroko, kabarole, and Kasese region continued to receive heavy rains that destroyed crops and made some rural roads impassable affecting the movement of coffee to the market.

Northern Region

- Near Normal rains were received during the first half of the month across the region.
- However in the second half of the month there was change in climatic conditions which led to isolated showers and dry conditions which initiated ripening of coffee and farmers were able to pick and dry harvested coffee.

- Farmers are being advised to mulch their plantation to ensure retention of moisture and increase survival rates of the recently planted coffee seedlings.
- It’s expected that the months of December and January will be dry and farmers shall be mobilized, sensitized and encouraged to dig holes while the ground is still wet or else they may have to wait until the onset of the rains to dig their holes and it will be late.

Eastern Region

- The month of November received more rain than October and September.

- The amount of rainfall received was probably more than that received in the two months combined.

- It was characterized by heavy downpours, spread out in most parts of Eastern region.
- This facilitated coffee ripening. Also, the just planted seedlings have had good conditions for establishment. Some seasonal roads, however, were rendered unusable.
- Mt. Elgon region registered more rainfall than what was registered in the previous months. However, the rains across the three districts of Sebei were moderate and erratic thus unfavorable for agricultural activities which led to withering of coffee and other food crops in some parts of the sub-region.

South Western Region

- South western region received near normal rains throughout the month of November that was sparsely distributed with exception of the areas of kanungu, Kabale and Rukungiri districts that received normal rains which enabled good establishment of the newly planted coffee.
- There has been continued Harvesting of Arabica coffee in Rukungiri and Kanungu as the rains facilitate ripening of the coffee.

8.2 Generation of Coffee Planting Material

- 1798 kgs of seed was received in November making a cumulative total **78,124 MT** of seed that was distributed to Nursery operators.

8.3 Coffee Planting

- A total of 118,313,915 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 ended by the first week of November so that the last planted coffee seedling can receive at least four rains to establish and also increase survival rate.
- Farmer sensitization, mobilization, and training of farmers continued in collaboration with OWC and LGs Officials and nursery operators encouraging farmers to provide shade for the newly planted coffee in all 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	**44,091,052**
EASTERN	22	632	**14,418,257**
NORTHERN(WESTNILE)	25	36	**759,560**
CENTRAL	20	576	**45,951,409**
TOTAL	**102**	**2,089**	**118,313,915**

8.5 Management of Diseases and Pest Out breaks.

- BCTB and Red blister disease have continued to be a problem in both Districts of Wakiso and Mpigi in Masulita, Namayumba and Muduuma.

- Tailed Caterpillars that had attacked coffee in some parts of Kayunga District and Nakisunga Sub-County in Mukono District have been contained using chemicals.
  Pest and disease incidences:

Type of pest or disease	Incidence	Extent of damage
a) Pests		
1. Stem borers	low	• Reported in areas with aging trees but isolated mostly in Kapchorwa District.
2. Coffee Berry borer	low	• Infestations were low in all Arabica areas
3. Black Twig borer	low	• Increased incidences were reported in all regions with greater incidence in the eastern districts of Busoga and central region and western region.
b) Diseases		
1. Coffee leaf rust	Very low	• High levels of infestation reported in Ssebei sub-region during the month of November. 2017
2. Coffee berry disease	Very low	• Very severe in high altitude areas of Kapchorwa and Kween
3. Red blister disease	High	• Mostly affected Robusta coffee fields with poor husbandry practices in central Buganda region
4. CWD		• The disease was not reported in any of the five coffee regions.

8.6. TECHNICAL EXTENSION SERVICES

- Six mini taskforce were conducted in central region and five sensitization work shops were conducted in the five coffee growing regions.
- 70 buyers' stores, 46 exporters and 55 factories were inspected, registered & licensed
- Enforcement was done in Mt. Elgon area, specifically in Mbale among traders and processors.
- There is need for more sensitization and enforcement in Mt. Elegon region as compliance was low among traders. Adulteration of coffee is an issue in this part of eastern and Busoga regions.

8.7. SENSITIZATION OF SECTOR PLAYERS:

- Sensitization of players continued through the month, 815 value chain players were sensitized on good post-harvest handling during the month.
- Announcements were also aired out on all the procured radios ion all regions. w

- However there is slow adaptation to proper post-harvest handling practices, particularly harvesting and use of Tarpaulins.
- In Busoga, there is some improvement on harvesting red ripe coffee across sub region especially in areas that had been heavily impacted on by the September taskforce.

8.8 CORE ACTIVITIES:

- Field based quality controllers were trained in EBQC in the districts of Mayuge and Iganga.
- Busoga University in Iganga was encouraged to start a coffee club in order to increase coffee consumption among the youth.
- A group of baristas in Jinja formed an association and will be organizing a Cappuccino festival on the 16th of December 2017.
- UCDA will be training these members of the association so that they can participate in the National Barista championships in December 2018

9.0. COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITES

Implementation of MOU with Uganda Prisons

- On 16th November, a training targeting Uganda prison service (UPS) officers in Zombo Prison was conducted in Paidah Town with the aim of equipping UPS staff with knowledge from Nursery establishment and management to Post harvest handling. As a result a 40 acre coffee farm will be established next planting season at Zombo prisons farm.
- On 20th November 2017, an on Prisons farm training was conducted at Lututuru prisons farm in Lamwo District. Seed that was delivered in the month of August, was ready for potting. A hands on training targeting inmates and prison staff was done in nursery establishment and management, coffee planting, management and postharvest handling.

Coffee Planting Campaign in Omoro District by the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)

- Omoro District Local Government hosted Hon. Ssempijja (Minister of Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries) in the Company of area Members of parliament. The minister was on a follow up visit on progress on coffee enterprise production in the District after the president of Uganda launched planting of coffee in the District in 2015. The Minister together with the District Leadership and area MPs visited four Coffee farmers (One with mature trees and the other with young trees) and was impressed by the progress and directed the District to register all farmers interested in planting coffee in 2018. The minister also directed that every household should plant a minimum of 2 acres of coffee.

Collaborative Engagements

- A team of scientists from NACORI together with UCDA conducted a survey to establish pests and disease status in Nwoya, Gulu and Omoro Districts. A total of 15 farms were visited (8 in Nwoya and 7 in Gulu/Omoro) a detailed report from NaCORI is being drafted.

Capacity building of industry players through Training and Skills Development

UCDA conducted the 6th Interuniversity Barista championship that took place at Makerere University, School of Food Technology Nutrition and Bio engineering. The competitors were drawn from MUK, MUBS, KIU, KYU and International Health Science University. The winner and 1st runner were from KYU and 2nd runner up was from KIU. These championships are aimed at building capacity in coffee brewing and also promote coffee consumption among the youth.

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.

10.0 OUTLOOK FOR DECEMBER 2017

December exports are projected at 440,000 bags. The main harvesting season in Central region and Bugisu region is underway.

11.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

14th – 16th February 2018 Kampala Serena Hotel Uganda: 16th African Fine Coffee conference and exhibition

The African Fine Coffee Conference & Exhibition is Africa's largest coffee trade platform that – brings over 2,000 regional and international coffee roasters, traders, producers, professionals and connoisseurs under one roof. The theme of the conference is "Sustainable *coffee industry for social economic transformation"*

www.afca.coffee/conference

29th – 31st January 2018 Pu'er City, Yunnan Province China 1st Pu'er International Specialty Coffee Expo 2018

The event will introduce participants to the emerging Chinese coffee sector and provide an opportunity to understand the history, culture, and flavor of Chinese coffees. More than 300 international and Chinese coffee industry professionals will attend the three-day forum to share knowledge on coffee production, quality, sustainability, pricing, marketing, roasting, and retail operations.