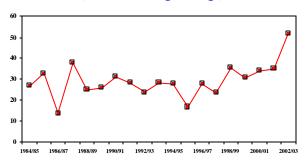


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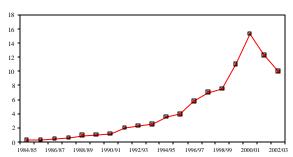
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Brazil Coffee Crop in 2002/03 Revised Upward to 51.6 Million Bags

Brazil's Coffee Production (Million 60-kilogram bags)



Vietnam's Coffee Production (Million 60-kilogram bags)



World coffee production in 2002/03 is forecast at a record 125.1 million bags (60 kilograms or 132.276 pounds), up 2.4 percent from the first forecast made in June, and up nearly 12 percent from the previous years level. Brazils crop in 2002/03 is forecast at a record 51.6 million bags, up 10 percent, or 4.75 million bags, from the June 2002 estimate. Mainly as a result of the large Brazilian crop, total supply in 2002/03 is forecast to reach 148.9 million bags, up nearly 9 percent over the 2001/02 level. Brazil is expected to account for about 40 percent of total supplies in 2002/03, with Colombias share revised to nearly 9 percent and Vietnams share revised down to 7 percent.

Total coffee exports in 2002/03 have been revised downward to 90.1 million bags, but still up nearly 4 percent from the revised 2001/02 level. Brazil=s exports in 2002/03 are forecast at 28.6 million bags, up 15 percent, or 3.8 million bags from the previous year.

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