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Report Highlights:

Coffee production during crop years 1998/1999 and 1999/2000 was negatively affected by weather conditions and low international prices. Export volume increased during 1999/2000, while export value declined during the same period.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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PANAMA: COFFEE ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR Oct-Sep	AREA has	PRODUCTION qq (100 lbs)	EXPORTS bags (60-Kg)	VALUE million \$
1995	22,300	258,457	151,207	32.4
1996	22,300	245,262	119,428	21.4
1997	21,165	291,187	141,854	19.2
1998	21,165	281,918	146,996	25.9
1999	21,465	236,327	147,303	20.0

The production year goes from 1 October through 30 September.

Sources:

Ministry of Agricultural Development
Vice Ministry of Trade

PRODUCTION

The 1999-2000 season has been affected by excessive rains during the end of 1999 and by lower international prices with the result that the production forecast is off previous years' production levels despite a small increase in area (approximately 100 hectares).

TRADE

Although export quantities have been rebounding steadily from a low in 1996, international price variations have affected the value of exports. The industry continues moving with success to creation of "estate" brands and flavored products.