

THE IMPORTANCE OF SUGAR IN THE ECONOMIES OF ACP COUNTRIES

(Source I.S.O.)

(Nearest '000 metric tonne, raw value)

BARBADOS (1981 figures)

Production	97,000
Consumption	16,000
Exports	64,000

Dependence on EEC market 70% approx

Cane sugar is the most important commodity grown in Barbados and the second largest foreign exchange earner and contributor to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) after tourism.

BELIZE (1981 figures)

Production	104,000
Consumption	8,000
Exports	95,000

Dependence on EEC market 46% approx

Cane sugar accounts for about 50% of the total cultivated area of the country. The sugar industry employs approximately 25% of the working population and accounts for 50-60% of GDP.

FIJI (1982 figures)

Production	495,000
Consumption	40,000
Exports	415,000

Dependence on EEC market 40.75%

The sugar industry of Fiji contributes about one-sixth to the Gross Domestic Product of the islands and accounts for more than one-quarter of total employment. Nine-tenths of the sugar produced is exported and the commodity accounts for more than two-thirds by value of all exports.

GUYANA (1981 figures)

Production	320,000
Consumption	37,000
Exports	282,000

Dependence on EEC market 91% approx

Cane sugar accounts for 30% of GDP and employs about 30,000 people or 14% of the total labour force.

JAMAICA (1981 figures)

Production	204,000
Consumption	100,000
Exports	125,000
Imports	29,000

Dependence on EEC market 100%

Cane sugar is the third most important export, after bauxite and alumina. It accounts for some 6% of total export value.

MAURITIUS (1982 figures)

Production	728,000
Consumption	37,500
Exports	632,500

Dependence on EEC market 90.5% approx

The cane sugar industry occupies over 90% of the island's cultivated area, employs about one-third of the working population and generally accounts for over 80% of the total value of Mauritian export earnings.

ST. KITTS (1982 figures)

Production	37,000
Consumption	2,100
Exports	34,000

Dependence on EEC market 64.6%

SWAZILAND (1982 figures)

Production	402,500
Consumption	21,500
Exports	344,000

Dependence on EEC market 37.4%

16% of the population are wholly or partly dependent on the sugar industry which provides about 50% of total export earnings with 95% of sugar production being exported.

TRINIDAD (1981 figures)
AND TOBAGO

Production	93,000
Consumption	39,000
Exports	67,000
Imports	20,000

Dependence on EEC market 100%

Cane sugar is the second largest industry, after oil. It occupies about one-third of the cultivated land and employs some 15,000 people.

ZIMBABWE (1982 figures)

Production	391,000
Consumption	174,000
Exports	228,500

Dependence on EEC market 9%

Zimbabwe was only granted a sugar quota in 1982, hence the very low dependence on the EEC market.