

UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR MAY 2015

Highlights:

- This is the eighth monthly report for the coffee year 2014/15. 263,330 60-kilo bags of coffee worth US \$30.58 million were exported in May 2015 at an average weighted price of US \$ 1.94 /kilo, 8.07% and 14.69% lower in volume and value respectively compared to the same month last year.
- Cumulatively, coffee exports for eight months totalled 2.11 million bags worth \$271million. This was a 13.5% drop in volume but an increase of 2.57% in value.
- Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,200/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.4,350 per kilo and Arabica parchment Shs.5,650 per kilo.
- Coffee exports for 12 months (June 2014 to May 2015) totalled 3.17m bags worth \$400 million comprising Robusta 2.45 million bags and Arabica 0.72 million bags.
- A total of 50.3 million coffee seedlings were planted during the months of March-May in 92 districts (859 Sub counties) bringing a cumulative total of 86.7 million seedlings planted since October 2014.
- Over 77% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters out of 31 exporters who performed in the month.
- The ICO monthly average composite indicator price was US 123.49 cents/lb down from US cents 129.02 in April.

Coffee exports in May amounted to 263,330-kilo bags worth US \$ 30.58 million. This comprised 194,441 bags (\$ 96.42 million) of Robusta and Arabica, 68,889 bags (\$ 9.95 million)- see Table 1.

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

Coffee Year	2014/15		2013/14		% -age Change	
	Qty	Value \$	Qty	Value \$	Qty	Value \$
Grand Total	2,114,635	270,866,203	2,444,958	264,088,548	-13.51	2.57
Total Robusta	1,569,747	174,442,892	1,861,384	187,552,943	-15.67	-6.99
Total Arabica	544,888	96,423,311	583,675	77,186,487	-6.65	24.92
May	263,330	30,580,259	286,448	35,844,953	-8.07	-14.69
• Robusta	194,441	20,635,190	211,539	23,478,107	-8.08	-12.11
• Arabica	68,889	9,945,068	74,909	12,432,088	-8.04	-20.00
April	264,065	32,805,613	332,635	40,486,180	-20.61	-18.97
• Robusta	176,932	19,070,021	229,868	24,807,123	-23.03	-23.13
• Arabica	87,133	13,735,592	102,868	16,264,697	-15.30	-15.55
March	311,747	40,936,305	347,663	38,772,433	-10.33	5.58
• Robusta	216,022	23,891,117	268,178	27,678,522	-19.45	-13.68
• Arabica	95,725	17,045,188	79,485	11,093,911	20.43	53.64
February	290,475	36,903,356	355,449	35,532,674	-18.28	3.86
• Robusta	229,250	25,626,014	285,221	27,291,303	-19.62	-6.10
• Arabica	61,225	11,277,342	70,228	8,241,371	-12.82	36.84

January	310,829	39,699,660	391,092	38,846,691	-20.52	2.20
• Robusta	245,066	27,116,059	322,307	30,861,741	-23.97	-12.14
• Arabica	65,763	12,583,601	68,785	7,984,950	-4.39	57.59
December	224,803	29,778,184	257,386	25,217,747	-12.66	18.08
• Robusta	176,711	20,621,224	201,687	19,004,110	-12.38	8.51
• Arabica	48,092	9,156,960	55,699	6,213,637	-13.66	47.37
November	219,948	29,493,822	263,733	26,649,751	-16.60	10.67
• Robusta	159,147	17,969,773	184,679	17,779,683	-13.83	1.07
• Arabica	60,801	11,524,049	79,054	8,870,068	-23.09	29.92
October	229,438	30,669,004	210,552	22,738,119	8.97	34.88
• Robusta	172,178	19,513,494	157,905	16,652,354	9.04	17.18
• Arabica	57,260	11,155,511	52,647	6,085,765	8.76	83.30

Robusta exports decreased by 8.08% and 12.11% in volume and value respectively compared to the same period last year (2013/14), while Arabica exports decreased by 8.04% and 20 % in volume and value respectively compared to last year. Cumulatively, in spite of a 14.24% drop in volume, there was an increase of 2.57% in value.

On a year-on-year basis, coffee exports for the period (June 2014-May 2015) totalled 3.17 million bags worth \$400 million compared to 3.75 million bags worth US\$413 million in the same period last year (June 2013 –May 2014). This was a decrease of 15.47% and 3.15% in volume and value respectively compared to the same period last year.

Chart 1 gives comparative performance by coffee type in the 2 coffee years.

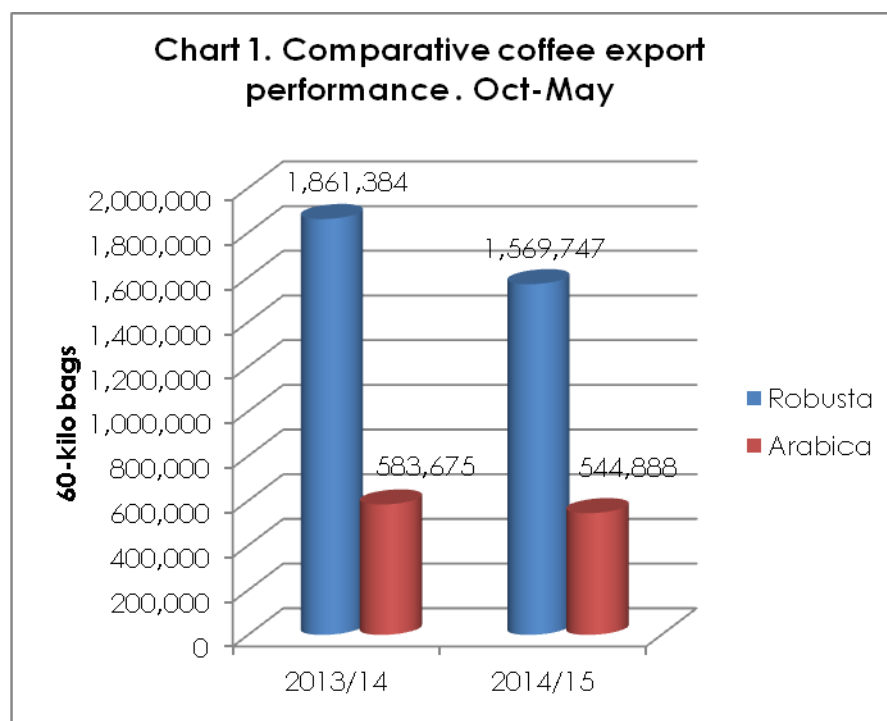
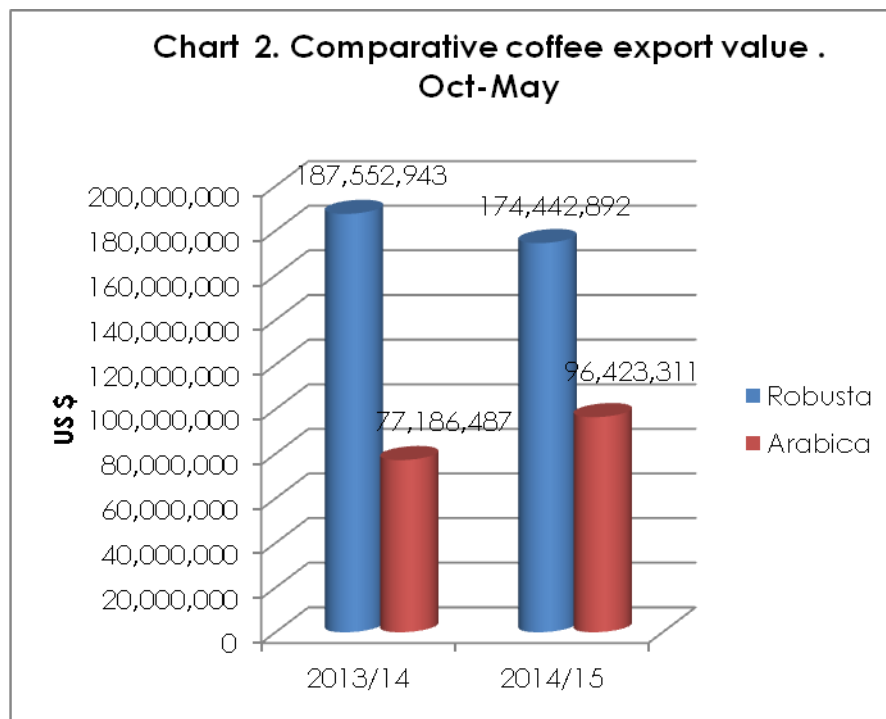


Chart 2 gives comparative performance value in the 2 coffee years.



1.0 EXPORTS BY TYPE AND GRADE

Table 2 shows coffee exports by type, grade and average realised price for each coffee grade during the month of May 2015. Robusta exports accounted for 74% of total exports. The average Robusta price was US\$ 1.77 per kilo, 3 cents lower than in April 2015. Washed Robusta fetched the highest price for Robusta at US\$ 2.10 per kilo, followed by Organic Robusta at US\$ 2.05 per kilo, a premium of 21 and 16 cents respectively over Screen18. Arabica fetched a weighted average price of US\$ 2.41 per kilo, US cents 22 lower than the previous month. The highest price was for Fully Washed Sipi Falls at US\$ 3.31 per kilo, a premium of 42 cents higher than conventional Bugisu AA. It was followed by Organic Okoro at US\$ 3.26 per kilo (a premium of 37 cents over Bugisu AA). The weighted average export price was US \$ 1.94.

Table 2: Coffee Exports by Type, Grade & Unit Price in May 2015
– in 60-kilo bags; US \$, US \$/kg –

Coffee type/ Grade	Quantity 60-Kilo Bags	%-age Quantity	Value in US \$	%-age Value	Unit Price \$/Kilo
TOTAL	263,330		30,580,259		1.94
ROBUSTA	194,441	100.00	20,635,190	100.00	1.77
-SUSTAINABLES					
- ORGANIC ROBUSTA	2,215	1.14	272,986	1.32	2.05

WASHED ROBUSTA	2,920	1.50	367,959	1.78	2.10
SCREEN 18	21,413	11.01	2,429,401	11.77	1.89
SCREEN 17	7,520	3.87	845,640	4.10	1.87
SCREEN 15	103,609	53.29	11,346,676	54.99	1.83
SCREEN 14	640	0.33	62,646	0.30	1.63
SCREEN 12	32,383	16.65	3,321,585	16.10	1.71
BHP 1199	12,545	6.45	995,126	4.82	1.32
OTHER ROBUSTA	11,196	5.76	993,170	4.81	1.48
ARABICA	68,889	100.00	9,945,068	100.00	2.41
-SUSTAINABLES					
-ORGANIC OKORO	1,080	1.57	211,430	2.13	3.26
-FULLY WASHED SIPI FALLS	1,920	2.79	380,954	3.83	3.31
-BUGISU A+	2,880	4.18	457,146	4.60	2.65
- MT ELGON A+	640	0.93	118,045	1.19	3.07
-MT. ELGON A	320	0.46	55,027	0.55	2.87
BUGISU AA	6,704	9.73	1,162,303	11.69	2.89
BUGISU A	694	1.01	108,284	1.09	2.60
BUGISU AB	640	0.93	116,403	1.17	3.03
BUGISU B	65	0.09	10,994	0.11	2.82
BUGISU CPB	1,000	1.45	166,668	1.68	2.78
BUGISU PB	32	0.05	5,101	0.05	2.82
WUGAR	3,220	4.67	561,397	5.64	2.91
DRUGAR	46,249	67.14	6,302,241	63.37	2.27
OTHERS	3,445	5.00	289,076	2.91	1.40

2.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 illustrates the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of May 2015 in terms of quantity and market share. Ugacof (U) Ltd maintained the highest market share of 18.03% compared to 16.54% for the previous month. It was followed by Kyagalanyi (U) Ltd- 9.66% (9.76%); Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd 8.27% (8.31%); Ibero (U) Ltd- 7.37% (4.76%) and Kawacom (U) Ltd 6.73% (11.93%). The first 10 exporters held a market share of 77.28% lower than 80.80% in the previous month. *The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in April 2015.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in May 2015

Exporting Company	position held		Quantity	% - age Market Share	
			Bags	Individual	Cumulative
Grand Total	in April		263,330	100.00	
1	Ugacof (U) Ltd	1	47,473	18.03	18.03
2	Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd	2	25,435	9.66	27.69
3	Ideal commodities (U) Ltd	5	21,767	8.27	35.95
4	Ibero (U) Ltd	9	19,402	7.37	43.32
5	Kawacom (U) Ltd	2	18,032	6.85	50.17
6	Kampala Domestic Store Ltd	7	17,730	6.73	56.90
7	Olam (U) Ltd	4	17,584	6.68	63.58
8	Besmark Coffee Co. Ltd	8	12,367	4.70	68.28
9	LD Commodities	12	12,158	4.62	72.89
10	Commodity Solutions	16	11,562	4.39	77.28
11	Savannah Commodities	11	11,447	4.35	81.63
12	Great Lakes Coffee Ltd	10	10,744	4.08	85.71
13	Ishaka Quality Commodities	13	10,468	3.98	89.69

14	Export Trading Co. Ltd	6	3,540	1.34	91.03
15	Sena Indo (U) Ltd	17	3,283	1.25	92.28
16	Risala (U) Ltd	15	3,150	1.20	93.47
17	Kaweri Coffee Plantation	14	2,920	1.11	94.58
18	Ankole Coffee Processors	24	2,810	1.07	95.65
19	Nakana Coffee Factory Ltd	25	2,670	1.01	96.66
20	Wabulungu Multi-purpose	23	1,290	0.49	97.15
21	Banyankore Kweterana Coop	22	1,200	0.46	97.61
22	Fairlop Global Co. Ltd	-	1,040	0.39	98.00
23	Bakhita Twase Product Ltd	21	960	0.36	98.37
24	Bakwanye Trading Co. Ltd	31	700	0.27	98.63
25	Mbale Importers & Exporters	30	700	0.27	98.90
26	Kamba Petroleum Coffee Ltd	-	694	0.26	99.16
27	Karaz Coffee Factory Ltd	-	694	0.26	99.43
28	Bakhsons Trading Co. Ltd	-	670	0.25	99.68
29	Nile highland Arabica Farmers	27	510	0.19	99.87
30	Nucafe Ltd	-	320	0.12	99.99
31	Zigoti Coffee Works	-	10	0.01	100.00

3.0 LOCAL SITUATION

During the month, farm gate prices were in the range of: Shs. 2,000 – 2,400 per kilo of Kiboko (Robusta dry cherries); Shs. 4,000/=–4,300/= for FAQ; Arabica parchment was sold between shs.5,300/=–6,000/= per kilo and premium parchment was at 7,000/=–7200/=. Drugar from Kasese was in the range of 4,000/=–4,400/= per Kilo.

4.0 GLOBAL SITUATION

Total global exports in April 2015 were 10.4 million bags, with exports for the first seven months of coffee year 2014/15 (October to April) totalling 63.5 million bags, 3.8% down compared to the same period in 2013/14.

The global total production for coffee year 2014/15 is still estimated at 141.9 million bags, a decrease of 3.3% from 2013/14. Consumption is estimated at 149.3 million bags in calendar year 2014, an increase of 2.3% from the previous year.

The ICO monthly average composite indicator price decreased to US cents/lb 123.29 down from US cents 129.02 the lowest since January 2014 as supply concerns over Brazil crop reduced.

COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

Table 4 shows coffee exports by destination during the month of May. Exports to EU countries totalled 171,965 bags accounting for 65.30% of total exports compared to 177,346 bags (67.16%) exported in April 2015. It was followed by Sudan with 49,350 bags (18.74%) compared to 37,190 bags (14.08%) and USA with 14,147 bags (5.37%) compared to 9,071 (3.44%) exported in April 2015. Exports to new markets: India, Japan, Korea, China, Singapore and Taiwan totalled 11,193 bags.

Table 4: Main Destinations of Uganda Coffee in May 2015

Destination	Position held In April	QTY		% - Age Market Share	
		60-Kilo Bags	Individual	Cumulative	
GRAND TOTAL		263,330	100.00		
1 EU	1	171,965	65.30		65.30
2 Sudan	2	49,350	18.74		84.04
3 USA	4	14,147	5.37		89.42
4 India	3	5,532	2.10		91.50
5 Switzerland	8	4,968	1.89		93.40
6 Japan	6	2,610	0.99		94.40
7 Korea	5	2,250	0.85		95.25
8 Russia	9	2,240	0.85		96.10
9 China	11	1,630	0.62		96.72
10 Morocco	8	1,628	0.62		97.34
11 Mexico	-	1,280	0.49		97.82
12 Singapore	12	1,121	0.43		98.25
13 New Zealand	-	974	0.37		98.62
14 UAE		960	0.36		98.98
15 Canada		640	0.24		99.23
16 South Africa	10	615	0.23		99.46
17 Egypt	-	320	0.12		99.58
18 Israel	-	320	0.12		99.70
19 Kenya	-	320	0.12		99.83
20 Taiwan	-	300	0.11		99.94
21 Australia	13	160	0.06		100.00

5.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Table 5 shows the buyers of Uganda coffee in May 2015. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 69.02% of the total exports higher than 65.04% in April 2015. Sucafina – 17.65% (11.79%), Olam international – 7.82% (13.25%), Bernhard Rothfos – 7.61% (6.62%), Aldwami Company 7.18% (3.06%), Ecom Agro industrial 5.83% (10.76%), Abaco International 5.18% (6.62%), Coex Coffee 4.98% (0.77%) Socadec 4.71% (2.73%), Luigi Lavazza 4.47% (3.17%), and Altasheel 3.59% (3.45%). Note: The figures in brackets represent percentage performance in the previous month – April 2015. The changes in relative positions of the buyers compared to the previous month reflect the importance buyers attach to Uganda coffee.

TABLE 5: Buyers of Uganda Coffee in May 2015: 60-kilo bags

BUYERS	Position held in April	QTY	% -Age Market Share	
		60-Kilo Bags	Individual	Cumulative
GRAND TOTAL		263,330	100.00	
1 Sucafina	2	46,467	17.65	17.65
2 Olam International	1	20,591	7.82	25.47
3 Bernhard Rothfos	5	20,032	7.61	33.07
4 Aldwami Company	9	18,900	7.18	40.25
5 Ecom Agro Industrial	3	15,362	5.83	46.08
6 Abaco International	4	13,650	5.18	51.27
7 Coex Coffee	28	13,113	4.98	56.25
8 Socadec	10	12,406	4.71	60.96
9 Luigi Lavazza	8	11,770	4.47	65.43
10 Altasheel	7	9,450	3.59	69.02
11 Strauss Commodities	13	8,916	3.39	72.40
12 Icona Café	6	7,832	2.97	75.38
13 Cofftea Trading Co.	-	6,270	2.38	77.76
14 Falcon Commodities	11	5,440	2.07	79.82
15 Hamburg Coffee	21	4,664	1.77	81.59
16 Indus Coffee	-	4,342	1.65	83.24
17 Abu Asma	15	3,150	1.20	84.44
18 Tata Coffee	-	2,825	1.07	85.51
19 Volcafe	12	2,520	0.96	86.47
20 Guzman Global	-	2,424	0.96	87.39
21 Gollucke	19	2,420	0.92	88.31
22. Gebr Westhoff	16	2,400	0.91	89.22
23 Coffy Handels	17	2,170	0.82	90.04
24 CCL Products	23	2,099	0.80	90.84
25 Tropical GMB	-	1,970	0.75	91.59
26 Louis Dreyfus	-	1,966	0.75	92.34
27 Others	-	20,181	7.66	100.00

6.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

6.1 The Weather Situation

Central Region

The rains were generally well distributed in most of the areas of the Region at the start of the month but leveled towards the end. There was good coffee flowering intensity in the districts of Masaka, Mukono, Kayunga, Luweero, Nakasongola and Buikwe. However, the rains did not favor the quality of the harvested coffee as many farmers and coffee store operators took it as an excuse for poor drying practices which prevailed especially in the Greater Masaka Sub-Region.

Western Region

Kyenjojo & Rwenzori sub regions experienced near normal rainfall that continued to decrease in intensity in most parts. Bundibugyo, mountainous sub counties of Kasese and Ntoroko received most rains than any other part of the region.

Mityana and Hoima sub regions received minimal rains throughout the month of May that enabled the establishment of coffee planted in March- April, an indicator that the dry season will start soon. However, the coffee trees that had been stressed in the last season have recovered.

Northern Region

The weather changed from wet to fairly dry with moderate average rainfall in the first two weeks and there was normal rainfall which was evenly distributed in time and space through the region in the last two weeks of the month.

Eastern Region

Busoga sub-region received stable, steady and well distributed rains during the month. The good rains were favorable and increased morale of farmers to plant coffee seedlings distributed to them. These rains led to recovery of the old trees that were severely affected by the previous prolonged dry spell and the Black Coffee Twig Borer.

In Bugisu and Sebei sub-regions, they experienced moderate to heavy rains in the lower and high altitude areas respectively. This favored coffee planting which is now on-going. However, areas that had heavy rainfall hampered seedling transportation, soil loss through run-off and difficult working conditions.

South Western Region:

The weather was moderately wet throughout the month in majority of the districts, with intermittent dry sessions in Kiruhura and Isingiro districts.

Planting, however, slowed down and was halted during third week of the month to enable the remaining rains provide enough moisture for already planted seedlings. Due to the fairly good rains experienced in the region, it is estimated that over 80 percent of coffee seedlings planted will survive during the June-August dry spell.

6.2 Generation of Coffee Planting Material

Tissue culture

In regard to the generation of the coffee Wilt Disease Resistant seedling, the Contract Management Team had a site meeting with the Contractor (FICA) who reported having generated enough Callus to produce over 500,000 plantlets.

Clonal Mother Gardens

As for the performance of the clonal mother gardens, UCDA and NaCORI scientists made field assessment of some CWD-R Clonal mother gardens in all the regions, and

established that at least 15,000 cuttings are available to be supplied to more Clonal nursery operators.

Elite seedling Nurseries:

Major activities on nurseries during the month has been disposing off mature seedlings to the farmers for planting and re-arranging, sorting and aligning the immature ones for the next season.

Evaluation of Seed Gardens

UCDA / NaCORI started the process of certifying more gardens across all the regions, to supply elite seed for elite seedling generation.

Seed Supplied

6.2 MT of seed was supplied to Nursery operators.

6.3 Management of Disease and Pest Out breaks.

- Black Coffee Twig Borer (BCTB) - spraying exercise resumed in all the affected regions. Twenty three farms were sprayed.
- NPK fertilizers, herbicides and spray pumps were received in the regions and have been used in establishment of demos in pest infested areas. These demos are established to demonstrate to the farmers on the use of fertilizers to increase crop yield.
- A project to address the challenges of pests, diseases, Soil erosion and low fertility is ongoing in Kasese district especially Bukonzo County and all areas which the scientist from NaCORI had visited and made respective recommendations
- Isolated but minor incidence of the Coffee Leaf Rust in few nurseries noticed in sub counties of West Nile have recovered with improved rainfall and better management practices.
- Regular and intensive surveillance remains a routine practice this time especially technical training and sensitization done alongside/during the seedling distribution period.

6.4 Coffee Planting March to May 2015 Season.

Coffee planting ended in all the regions between 22nd and 30th May.

Table 6 below shows the breakdown in planting by zone.

Table 6: Coffee seedlings Distributed by Zone

Zone	Number of Districts	Seedlings Distributed by End of May2015	Sub-Counties Served
Rwenzori	7	9,526,746	92
Bugisu	5	3,023,800	95
Acholi	5	149,429	38
Bukedi	6	340,000	40
Kigezi	4	2,381,974	23

Mengo	11	7,657,879	101
Ankole	10	5,443,656	132
Sebei	3	680,000	35
Bunyoro	5	3,072,337	60
Lango	8	260,135	27
Mubende	4	3,872,400	48
Masaka	8	8,320,920	65
Busoga	10	4,972,000	119
West Nile	6	556,207	24
Total	92	50,257,483	859

6.5 Technical Extension Services and Quality Improvement.

- In Central Region, Two Exporters, Nine hulleries, Ten Buying Stores one Roaster, and Three grading factories were registered during the month.
- In Eastern Region, during routine inspection and spot checking, one Coffee factory was locked up in Kamuli Town Council due to hulling wet coffee.
- In Western Region, there have been less quantities of coffee in the region during the month and most stores were non-operational. Sensitization of coffee processors, coffee buyers and farmers in the region continued.
- In Northern Region, Kawacom (U) Ltd established a wet mill with capacity of about 20 MT red cherries per day in Abanga sub county, Zombo District.
- In South-Western Region, the main harvesting coffee season for the region is fully on and a lot of emphasis by field staff is to guide players on good harvesting methods and post-harvest practices that do not compromise coffee quality. Enforcement of The Coffee Regulations 1994 has also been enhanced, particularly on the area of registration and licensing of players in coffee marketing and processing. During the month, 23 coffee processing factories and 82 Coffee Buying stores were registered.
- The Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) currently has a 19-man Agricultural Police force, based at MAAIF (Entebbe), who will provide support in the enforcement of Coffee Regulations.

6.6 Participatory and Collaborative Extension

Three workshops were conducted for Operation Wealth Creation officers in Lira, Gulu and Arua. The objectives of the workshop were:

- To create awareness of coffee industry
- To appreciate the role of each stakeholder in the coffee replanting programme
- To impart knowledge and skills required during seedling distribution and documentation.

7.0 COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO NORTHERN UGANDA

H.E. The President of the Republic of Uganda Yoweri Museveni visited Omoro County, Gulu district on the 29th May 2015. He visited one Coffee Farmer – Otto Bosco in Ongako Sub County and launched Coffee Growing programme and other programmes (Cassava, Cattle, Medical Equipment, and Youth related activities) Minister of State, Agriculture Hon. Vincent Sempijja and several MPs including the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture Hon. Kasamba were present. The launch presents an opportunity for scaling up coffee production in the Lango and Acholi sub regions.

MINISTER'S VISIT TO MITYANA AND MUBENDE DISTRICTS

The Minister of State for Agriculture, Hon. Vincent Ssempejja visited Mityana and Mubende districts to familiarize himself with various agricultural projects supported by the Government, coffee inclusive. A meeting was held at Mityana District offices with all stakeholders participating in the coffee planting program. The Minister visited three coffee farmers and appreciated the coffee replanting program that is enabling farmers to fight poverty. The Minister reminded all people that coffee is a cash crop and a backbone of the nation and therefore should be treasured.

FAMILIARIZATION TOUR OF THE UCDA BOARD CHAIRMAN IN EASTERN REGION

The UCDA Board Chairman, Mr. Perez Bukumunhe undertook a familiarization tour in Eastern region (Busoga, Bugisu and Sebei) from 4th – 7th May 2015. Activities during the tour included: visiting coffee nurseries; assessing agronomy practices at farm level; primary processing; Institutional linkages and possible missing gaps along the coffee value chain. He met several local and coffee sub sector players and discussed initiatives which would improve the quality of Uganda coffee.

MEETING WITH DELEGATION FROM THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

On 8th May 2015, UCDA hosted a delegation from the African Development Bank (AfDB) comprising Dr. Kifle A. Wondemu and Mrs. Juliet Byaruhanga. The major purpose of the AfDB visit was to have a deeper understanding of what UCDA does and also identify critical areas in the coffee value chain in which AfDB could offer technical and financial assistance in line with its 10-year 2013-2022 strategic plan. At the end of the visit, intervention areas were identified for possible funding. These included: value addition and mass multiplication of CWDr seedlings.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION TRAINING WORKSHOP

The Office of the Prime Minister organized a 3-day training workshop for the M & E Technical Working Group on indicator profiling and target setting. It was held at the Civil Service College, Jinja. At the end of the training, participants were abreast of the key output, outcome and impact indicators as well as measurable targets in the various sectors which would ease monitoring and evaluation. UCDA was represented by the Principal Business Development Officer, Mr. Samuel Omwa.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S COFFEE ALLIANCE STRATEGIC PLAN

On 11th May 2015, UCDA participated in the International Women's Coffee Alliance (IWCA) Strategic Plan Validation Workshop at Mosa Court Apartments. Action areas which are in line with the National Coffee Strategy and the Uganda Gender Policy 2007 were presented, discussed and a way forward forged. The IWCA Strategic Plan development is being supported by the International Trade Centre (ITC) which is providing technical and financial assistance. The Principal information Officer, Mr. James Kizito-Mayanja represented UCDA.

PROMOTION OF DOMESTIC COFFEE CONSUMPTION UNDER THE PROGRAM- "COFFEE ON THE ROAD"

Promotion was carried out in the districts of Buikwe, Jinja and Kamuli. Over 1,800 people of various categories (farmers, youth and elderly) tasted and appreciated the brewed coffee.

COFFEE PROFILING

Sixty two (62) Arabica coffee samples and soil samples were collected from areas of Ibanda, Rubirizi, Kasese and Bundibugyo for further analysis in order to develop a coffee profile map

UMA TRADE FAIR IN EASTERN UGANDA

UCDA promoted coffee at the 9th Eastern UMA trade fair in Mbale which began on 28th May – 4th June 2015. The show was opened by Hon. Tarsis Kabwegyere. About 500 show viewers were given an opportunity to taste brewed coffee and information dissemination on coffee health benefits of drinking coffee was carried out.

ENGAGEMENT WITH COFFEE FARMER ASSOCIATIONS

Field visit was made to west and South Western regions to monitor the harvesting and make a follow up on the progress with the Bugangari Coffee Farmers Association. This will assist in engagement with local communities through co-operative growing of coffee.

BIOCHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF FINISHED COFFEE PRODUCTS

UCDA cupped 34 samples of finished coffee products, currently undergoing biochemical analysis at the Uganda National Bureau of Standards. Results will be used for development of standards for roasted and ground coffee. In addition, technical support was provided to some roasters in order to improve their products.

MILANO EXPO 2015

UCDA is participating in the Milano Expo and promoting Uganda coffee as well as meetings with potential prospective buyers of Ugandan coffee.

One officer completed certification training for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP).

BASIC QUALITY CONTROL COURSE

UCDA conducted elementary basic quality control training for 100 field quality controllers in districts of Kyejono, Kibaale and Kamwenge. This is aimed at increasing capacity of farms and primary processors to analyze/grade coffee to recommended quality levels subsequently improving the quality of kiboko and FAQ

PREPARATIONS FOR SPECIALTY COFFEE ASSOCIATION OF EUROPE (SCAE)

UCDA cupped 25 coffee samples for farmers and exporters in preparation for Speciality Coffee Association of Europe Exhibition to be held in Sweden in June 2015. UCDA also carried out training for the National cup tasters Champion in preparation for the World cup tasters Championship 2015.

QUALITY AWARENESS TASKFORCE

Quality awareness task force carried out a campaign in the areas of Masaka, Lwengo and Rakai with emphasis on sensitising farmers, processors and traders on the rules and regulations of UCDA.

PROMOTION OF DOMESTIC COFFEE CONSUMPTION

UCDA carried out coffee consumption campaign at Uganda Police headquarters, Uganda Management Institute and Stanbic Bank Headquarters. Free coffee was served and staff was sensitized on the health benefits of drinking coffee.

BUILDING CAPACITY OF FARMERS FOR SPECIALTY COFFEE

Forty (40) coffee farmers were selected to take part in the Fine Robusta trials. An assessment was done on the potential of these farmers to produce specialty coffee in terms of agronomic and post-harvest handling practices. Their coffee profiles would be determined and potential ascertained.

VISIT BY KOREAN COFFEE ANALYST

Hwang Dong Min, Assistant Manager, Coffee Analysis CJ FOOD VILLE of South Korea visited Centre of Robusta Excellence (CORE). The aim of the visit was to understand and explore the current state of the specialty coffee scene in Uganda especially the quality assurance measures in place for the production of Fine Robustas and potential sources of Specialty coffee for CJ FOOD VILLE. He visited coffee farms in Western & central Uganda and coffee exporters in Mbale.

SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP ON ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (EPA) AND ITS LIKELY EFFECT ON UGANDA'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR

UCDA participated in a one day dissemination workshop on the key clauses in the Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and its effect on Uganda's manufacturing sector. The workshop, organized by Seatini, a Non-governmental Organization, was addressed by Mr. Cyprian Batala, Deputy Commissioner, External Trade, Ministry of Trade, Industry and Cooperatives (MTIC) who disseminated key clauses of the EPA which government had signed with the European Union (EU) which would affect Ugandan manufacturers' goods exported to EU. At the end of the workshop,

participants urged MTIC to engage key actors to tease out clauses in the EPA which would make manufacturers less competitive. The need to fast track the legislation of the competition law & policy and the consumer protection bill was underpinned. Manufacturers were urged to produce quality products which would compete favourably both domestically and internationally.

POLICY VALIDATION WORKSHOP ON ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN UGANDA

A one-day validation workshop, organized by the Climate Change Department (CCD) of the Ministry of Water and Environment (MoWE), supported by the Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) and the UK Department of International Development (DFID), was held at Protea Hotel on 21st May 2015. It was opened by the Minister of Water and Environment, Prof. Ephraim Kamuntu. Key findings of the economic assessment of impacts of climate change on agriculture, water, energy, transport and housing infrastructure were presented. Arabica coffee in Mt. Elgon featured as one of the case studies. At the end of the workshop, a number of resolutions which hinged on climatic change adaptation were advanced with subsequent cost implications. UCDA was represented by Mr. James Kizito-Mayanja (Principal Information Officer), Ms. Amelia Atukunda (Monitoring & Evaluation Officer) and Mr. Joseph Werishe (Regional Coffee Extension Officer-Mbale region).

DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP OF THE UGANDA NATIONAL PANEL SURVEY (UNPS) 2013/14

On 6th May 2015, UCDA participated in a one day dissemination workshop organized by Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) in which results of the UNPS 2013/14 were disseminated. The key findings were: higher proportion of households which had moved out of poverty compared to the 2009/10 although some had also slipped into poverty. It was found that 82% of Households (HHs) was engaged in Agriculture (which includes forestry, fisheries, livestock, and crops) in 2013/14 compared to 74% in 2011/12. It was not specified, however, whether the 8% increase in households engaged in agriculture in 2013/14 was in agribusiness. Use of irrigation was still low at less than 1% of HHs applying it.

8.0 OUTLOOK FOR JULY 2015

June exports are projected at 260,000 bags. Harvesting of the main season in Masaka and Southern Regions begins is underway.

9.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

15th June- 15th August 2015: UCDA Laboratory- Lugogo

UCDA will hold basic quality control training for University students

May – October 2015 : Milano Expo 2015

Uganda will participate in this Expo with the aim of promoting Ugandan coffee with more emphasis on Fine Robusta and Speciality coffees.

16 - 18 June 2015 Gothenburg, Sweden

The Speciality coffee world will be gathering in Gothenburg from 16 - 18 June 2015. It will be an opportunity to connect with top baristas, roasters, coffee lovers and key players in the coffee industry from around the world. World cup taster's completion will also be held. www.scae.com

14th -18th June 2015. Chengmai, China

The 4th China Barista Fushan Championship will be held from 14th-18th June 2015. A total of 25 from around the world will take part in the championship. Uganda's barista champion Mr. Mark Okuta will participate in this competition. www.asia-coffee.org