

UCDA MONTHLY REPORT FOR JULY 2015

Highlights:

- This is the tenth monthly report for the coffee year 2014/15. 403,381 60-kilo bags of coffee worth US \$43.07 million were exported in July 2015 at an average weighted price of US \$ 1.78 /kilo, 28.34% and 13.75% higher in volume and value respectively compared to the same month last year.
- Cumulatively, coffee exports for nine months totalled 2.85 million bags worth \$349 million. This was a 5.72% drop in volume but an increase of 4.24% in value.
- Farm-gate prices for Robusta Kiboko averaged Shs. 2,200/= per kilo; FAQ Shs.4,350 per kilo and Arabica parchment Shs.5,850 per kilo.
- Coffee exports for 12 months (August 2014 to July 2015) totalled 3.33m bags worth \$408 million comprising Robusta 2.61 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 79% of the total export volume was exported by 10 exporters out of 35 exporters who performed in the month.
- The ICO monthly average composite indicator price was US 119.77 cents/lb down from US cents 124.97 in June.

Coffee exports in July amounted to 403,381-kilo bags worth US \$ 43.07 million. This comprised 349,486 bags (\$ 35.05 million) of Robusta and Arabica, 53,895 bags (\$ 8.02 million)- see Table 1.

Table 1: Comparative Coffee Export Performance – 60-kilo bags; US\$

Coffee Year	2014/15		2013/14		% -age Change	
	Qty	Value \$	Qty	Value \$	Qty	Value \$
Grand Total	2,851,045	348,939,624	3,023,873	334,752,646	-5.72	4.24
Total Robusta	2,205,389	237,959,655	2,337,490	240,839,487	-5.65	-1.20
Total Arabica	645,656	110,979,969	686,383	93,913,159	-5.93	18.17
July	403,381	43,068,138	314,304	37,862,272	28.34	13.75
• Robusta	349,486	35,051,955	274,992	31,036,626	27.09	12.94
• Arabica	53,895	8,016,183	39,312	6,825,647	37.10	17.44
June	335,405	35,262,567	264,611	32,823,086	26.75	7.43
• Robusta	285,792	28,612,802	201,114	22,434,984	42.10	27.54
• Arabica	49,613	6,649,766	63,497	10,388,102	-21.87	-35.99
May	262,604	30,470,864	286,448	35,844,953	-8.32	-14.99
• Robusta	194,035	20,581,329	211,539	23,478,107	-8.27	-12.34
• Arabica	68,569	9,889,535	74,909	12,432,088	-8.46	-20.45
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	310,773	40,787,188	347,663	38,772,433	-10.61	5.20
• Robusta	215,368	23,807,609	268,178	27,678,522	-19.69	-13.99
• Arabica	95,405	16,979,579	79,485	11,093,911	20.03	53.05
February	290,475	36,950,798	355,449	35,532,674	-18.28	3.99
• Robusta	230,750	25,794,351	285,221	27,291,303	-19.10	-5.49
• Arabica	59,727	11,156,448	70,228	8,241,371	-14.95	35.37
January	310,149	39,691,234	391,092	38,846,691	-20.70	2.17
• Robusta	244,366	27,033,929	322,307	30,861,741	-24.18	-12.40
• Arabica	65,783	12,657,306	68,785	7,984,950	-4.36	58.51
December	224,803	29,778,184	257,386	25,217,747	-12.66	18.08
• Robusta	176,711	20,587,890	201,687	19,004,110	-12.38	8.33
• Arabica	48,092	9,162,913	55,699	6,213,637	-13.66	47.46
November	219,948	29,494,827	263,733	26,649,751	-16.60	10.68
• Robusta	159,447	17,998,556	184,679	17,779,683	-13.66	1.23
• Arabica	60,501	11,496,271	79,054	8,870,068	-23.47	29.61
October	229,442	30,657,591	210,552	22,738,119	8.97	34.83
• Robusta	172,502	19,421,213	157,905	16,652,354	9.24	16.63
• Arabica	56,950	11,236,378	52,647	6,085,765	8.17	84.63

Robusta exports increased by 27.09% and 12.94% in volume and value respectively compared to the same period last year (2013/14), while Arabica exports increased by 37.10% and 17.44 % in volume and value respectively compared to last year. Cumulatively, in spite of a 5.72% drop in volume, there was an increase of 4.24% in value.

On a year-on-year basis, coffee exports for the period (August 2014-July 2015) totalled 3.33 million bags worth \$408 million compared to 3.57 million bags worth US\$ 395 million in the same period last year (August 2013 –July 2014). This was a decrease of 6.68% in volume and a 3.18% increase in value compared to the same period last year.

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

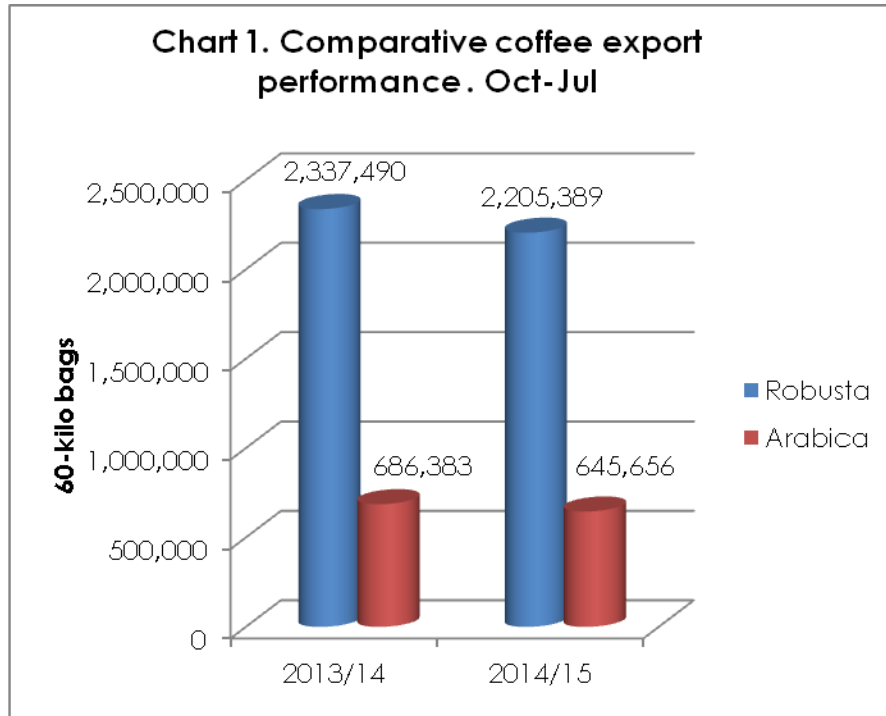
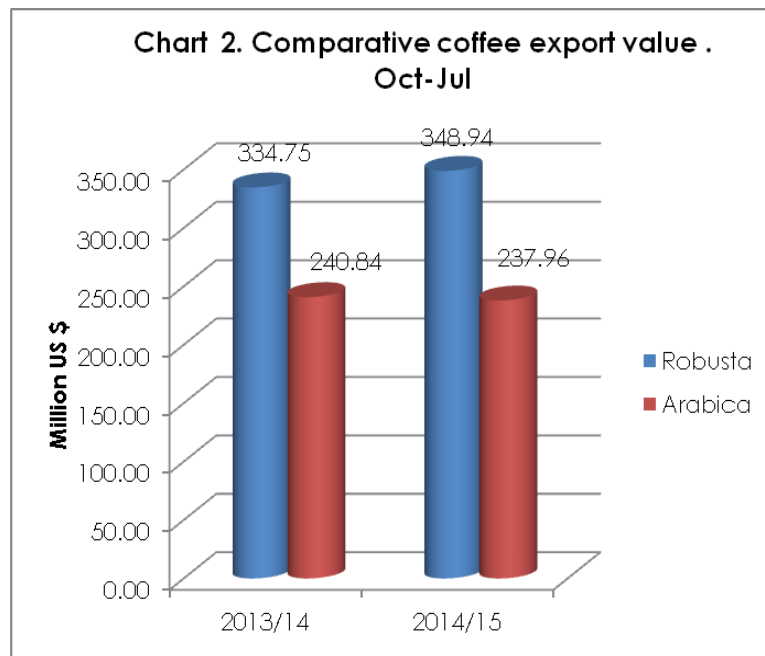


Chart 2 gives comparative performance value by coffee type in the 2 coffee years.



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 July 2015. Robusta exports accounted for 86.64% of total exports. The average Robusta price was US\$ 1.67 per kilo, same as in June 2015. Organic Robusta fetched the highest price for Robusta at US\$ 2.30 per kilo, followed by Washed Robusta at US\$ 2.07 per kilo, Arabica fetched a weighted average price of US\$ 2.48 per kilo, US cents 25 higher than the previous month. The highest price was for Bugisu PB at US\$ 3.84 per kilo, although it had minimum volume. It was followed by Bugisu B at US\$ 3.73 per kilo. The weighted average export price was US \$ 1.78.

Table 2: Coffee Exports by Type, Grade & Unit Price in June 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	403,381		43,068,138		1.78
ROBUSTA	349,486	100.00	35,051,955	100.00	1.67
-SUSTAINABLES					
- ORGANIC ROBUSTA	990	0.28	136,624	0.39	2.30
WASHED ROBUSTA	1,330	0.38	165,054	0.47	2.07
SCREEN 18	29,984	8.58	3,267,470	9.32	1.82
SCREEN 17	14,495	4.15	1,457,558	4.16	1.68
SCREEN 15	195,865	56.04	20,266,638	57.82	1.72
SCREEN 14	470	0.13	43,122	0.12	1.53
SCREEN 12	62,656	17.93	6,197,424	17.68	1.28
BHP 1199	29,601	8.47	2,281,326	6.51	1.28
OTHER ROBUSTA	14,095	4.03	1,236,738	3.53	1.46
ARABICA	53,895	100.00	8,016,183	100.00	2.48
-SUSTAINABLES					
-ORGANIC BUGISU	1,540	2.86	239,181	2.98	2.59
-FULLY WASHED SIPI FALLS	340	0.63	55,490	0.69	2.72
-MT ELGON A+	825	1.53	138,559	1.73	2.80
- MT ELGON A	1,195	2.22	175,993	2.20	2.45
-MT. ELGON CPB	600	1.11	87,302	1.09	2.43
-MT ELGON	640	1.19	93,122	1.16	2.43
BUGISU AA	4,433	8.22	746,018	9.31	2.80
BUGISU A	2,980	5.53	451,590	5.63	2.53
BUGISU AB	4,520	8.39	677,253	8.45	2.50
BUGISU B	100	0.19	22,355	0.28	3.73
BUGISU CPB	2,040	3.79	296,827	3.70	2.43
BUGISU PB	20	0.04	4,603	0.06	3.84
WUGAR	3,370	6.25	651,814	8.13	3.22
DRUGAR	29,353	54.46	4,213,822	52.57	2.39
OTHERS	1,939	3.60	162,252	2.02	1.39

2.0 INDIVIDUAL EXPORTER PERFORMANCE

Table 3 illustrates the performance of the individual coffee exporting companies in the month of July 2015 in terms of quantity and market share. Ugacof (U) Ltd maintained the highest market share at 19.14% compared to 16.30% for the previous month. It was followed by Kyagalanyi (U) Ltd- 11.27% (13.16%); Olam (U) Ltd 7.57% (4.05%); Ibero (U) Ltd- 7.43% (8.54%) and Kampala Domestic Store Ltd

7.23% (6.43%). The first 10 exporters held a market share of 79.05% higher than 76.21% in the previous month, reflecting increasing concentration. *The figures in brackets represent percentage market share held in June 2015.*

Table 3: Export Performance by Individual Companies in July 2015

	Exporting Company	position held	Quantity	% - age Market Share	
			Bags	Individual	Cumulative
	Grand Total	in June	403,381	100.00	
1	Ugacof (U) Ltd	1	77,197	19.14	19.14
2	Kyagalanyi Coffee Ltd	2	45,471	11.27	30.41
3	Olam (U) Ltd	8	30,538	7.57	37.98
4	Ibero (U) Ltd	3	29,986	7.43	45.41
5	Kampala Domestic Store Ltd	7	29,147	7.23	52.64
6	Besmark coffee Co. Ltd	11	26,767	6.64	59.28
7	Ideal Commodities (U) Ltd	5	22,512	5.58	64.86
8	Kawacom (U) Ltd	6	20,934	5.19	70.05
9	LD Commodities (U) Ltd	12	18,216	4.52	74.56
10	Export Trading Co. Ltd	4	18,112	4.49	79.05
11	Savannah Commodities Co. Ltd	9	15,094	3.74	82.79
12	Ishaka Quality Commodities	10	12,029	2.98	85.78
13	Ankole Coffee Producers	15	7,930	1.97	87.74
14	Nakana Coffee Factory	20	7,304	1.81	89.55
15	Coffee World Ltd	24	6,022	1.49	91.05
16	Risala (U) Ltd	17	5,670	1.41	92.45
17	Ankole Coffee Processors	19	4,284	1.06	93.51
18	Wabulungu Mult-purpose	16	3,122	0.77	94.29
19	Bakhsons Trading Co. Ltd	22	3,090	0.77	95.05
20	Commodity Solutions (U) Ltd	14	3,010	0.75	95.80
21	Sena Indo Ltd	18	3,000	0.74	96.54
22	Banyankole Kweterana Coop	21	2,308	0.57	97.11
23	Great Lakes Coffee Ltd	13	2,085	0.52	97.63
24	Fairlop Global Commodities	35	1,770	0.44	98.07
25	Bakhita Twase Produce Ltd	25	1,600	0.40	98.47
26	Mbale Importers & Exporters	37	1,300	0.32	98.79
27	Karaz Coffee Factory Ltd	27	1,050	0.26	99.05
28	Job Coffee Ltd	36	960	0.24	99.29
29	Kaweri Coffee Plantation	26	960	0.24	99.53
30	Pearl Crop Ltd	-	640	0.16	99.68
31	Kamba Petroleum Coffee Ltd	30	330	0.08	99.77
32	Bugisu Cooperative Union	-	320	0.08	99.85
33	Kibinge Coffee Farmers Ltd	33	320	0.08	99.92
34	Nile Highland Arabica Coffee	-	170	0.04	99.97
35	Gumutindo Coffee Coop Ltd	31	133	0.03	100.00

2.0 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. 4,200/=–4,500/= for FAQ; Arabica parchment was sold between shs.5,700/=–6,000/= per kilo and premium parchment was at 7,000/=–7200/=. Drugar from Kasese was in the range of 4,300/=–4,600/= per Kilo.

4.0 GLOBAL SITUATION

Total global exports in June 2015 were 9.7 million bags, with exports for the first nine months of coffee year 2014/15 (October to June) totalling 82.1 million bags, 4.3% down compared to the same period in 2013/14. This is mostly due to lower exports especially from Vietnam as farmers are reluctant to sell their coffee given low domestic prices.

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 149.2 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 119.77 down from US cents 124.97. This was the lowest in over a year as prices reacted to the further appreciation of the Dollar.

COFFEE EXPORTS BY DESTINATION

Table 4 shows coffee exports by destination during the month of July. Exports to EU countries totalled 273,166 bags accounting for 67.64% of total exports compared to 242,364 bags (72.26%) exported in June 2015. It was followed by Sudan with 59,154 bags (14.66%) compared to 49,350 bags (14.71%) and India with 18,425 bags (4.57%) compared to 8,813 (2.63%) exported in June 2015.

Table 4: Main Destinations of Uganda Coffee in July 2015

Destination	Position held In June	QTY	% - Age Market Share	
		60-Kilo Bags	Individual	Cumulative
GRAND TOTAL		403,381	100.00	
1 EU	1	273,166	67.72	67.72
2 Sudan	2	59,154	14.66	82.38
3 India	3	18,425	4.57	86.95
4 USA	4	12,270	3.04	89.99
5 Switzerland	5	7,860	1.95	91.94
6 Russia	8	5,130	1.27	93.21
7 South Africa	6	4,794	1.19	94.40
8 Morocco	7	4,774	1.18	95.59
9 Japan	9	4,645	1.15	96.74
10 Korea	16	2,833	0.70	97.44
11 Israel	13	2,590	0.64	98.08
11 Singapore	11	1,990	0.49	98.57
12 China	10	1,950	0.48	99.06
13 Canada	-	1,280	0.32	99.38
14 Austrdia	12	1,260	0.31	99.69
15 Kenya	14	640	0.16	99.85
17 Ukraine	15	320	0.08	99.93
18 Taiwan	-	300	0.07	100.00

5.0 BUYERS OF UGANDA COFFEE

Table 5 shows the buyers of Uganda coffee in July 2015. The top 10 buyers held a market share of 64.42% of the total exports higher than 62.68% in June 2015. Sucafina – 17.55% (15.31%), Bernhard Rothfos – 7.43% (8.54%), olam International – 7.43% (4.48%), Volcafe 7.24% (3.92%), Altasheel 6.77% (7.72%), Icona Cafe 4.80% (6.66%), Ecom Agro Industrial 3.64% (5.18%) Aldwami 3.56% (2.82%), Socadec 3.32%(3.77%) and Abaco International 2.69% (3.44%). Note: The figures in brackets represent percentage performance in the previous month – June 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 July 2015: 60-kilo bags

BUYERS	Position held in July	QTY	% - Age Market Share	
		60-Kilo Bags	Individual	Cumulative
GRAND TOTAL		403,381	100.00	
1 Sucafina	1	70,802	17.55	17.55
2 Bernhard Rothfos	2	29,986	7.43	24.99
3 Olam International	6	29,956	7.43	32.41
4 Volcafe	7	29,191	7.24	39.65
5 Altasheel	3	27,300	6.77	46.42
6 Icona Café	4	19,354	4.80	51.21
7 Ecom Agro Industrial	5	14,694	3.64	54.86
8 Aldwami	11	14,350	3.56	58.41
9 Socadec	8	13,385	3.32	61.73
10 Abaco International	10	10,850	2.69	64.42
11 Bercher Consulting	17	10,380	2.57	67.00
12 Strauss Commodities	9	9,620	2.38	69.38
13 Luigi Lavazza	14	8,294	2.06	71.44
14 ETG Commodities	13	7,862	1.95	73.39
15 Coex Coffee	16	7,439	1.84	75.23
16 Louis Dreyfus	12	7,042	1.75	76.98
17 Tata Coffee	-	6,515	1.62	78.59
18 Cofftea Trading	15	6,300	1.56	80.15
19 Tropicore	18	5,708	1.42	81.57
20 Abu Asma	20	5,670	1.41	82.97
21 CCL Products	23	5,097	1.26	84.24
22 Coffee Services	-	4,813	1.19	85.43
23 Guzman Global	22	4,724	1.17	86.60
24 Coffy handles	-	4,240	1.05	87.65
25 Namyang	-	3,900	0.97	89.65
27 Gollucke	19	3,500	0.87	90.52
28 Gebre Westhoff	-	3,420	0.85	91.37
29 Indus Coffee	-	3,160	0.78	92.15
30 Others		31,669	7.85	100.00

6.0 COFFEE DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

6.1 The Weather Situation

Central Region

- Sporadic, short lived but well distributed rains initiated some intermittent flowering in parts of Greater Mukono. Heavy rains bouts were received in most parts of Greater Masaka, and Mpigi. The rains were however not sufficient to initiate planting.

Western Region

- Kyenjojo & Ruwenzori sub - regions experienced near normal rainfall that continued to decrease in intensity in most parts of the region. Bundibugyo, mountainous sub counties of Kasese and Ntoroko received most rains than any other part of the region. The only exception is for the low lands in Kasese and Kabarole which have continued to receive minimal rainfall.
- Mityana and Hoima sub regions received minimal rains throughout the month of July to enable the establishment of coffee planted in March-May season.

Northern Region

- The month was characterised by hot and dry weather in the first two weeks which culminated into moderate rainfall in the third week. However, steady rains picked up in the fourth week which is expected to continue up to the end of the season. This signals a continuation of rainfall season especially for much of the mid-northern Uganda

Eastern Region

- In Mt. Elgon sub-region, there were scattered showers and thunder storms intermittent with sunshine within some districts. Bududa district received heavy rains during the second week of the month.
- In Busoga sub-region, the month was generally a dry one, becoming partly cloudy in the second half in most parts. Light and irregular rains were reported in some districts of Namutumba, Kamuli and Jinja, though these could not be depended upon for planting. There was no significant water stress observed on the coffee trees.

South Western Region

- The weather was quite dry throughout the month, save for some two showers in the Bushenyi and Rukungiri sub-regions. Water stress has started to wane off in the two sub-regions, but persists in the rest of the Region.

6.2 Generation of Coffee Planting Material

- Major activities on nurseries during the month of July was re-arranging, sorting and aligning the immature coffee seedlings for the September November planting season.
- 70 million seedlings are currently available for distribution throughout the Country.

- Coffee Wilt Disease Resistant seedling Generation;
 - Tissue culture seedlings generation for 500,000 seedlings progressing at FICA Laboratory in Kyenjojo District.
 - Clonal Mother gardens – UCDA and NaCORI continued to provide technical back-stopping for the proprietors of CWR mother gardens.
 - Allocation of CWD-R mother gardens to other Nurseries to be done at gazetted price of shs. 1,500 per seedling.
- Elite seedling Nurseries:
 - 2.914 MT of seed was issued to Nursery operators

6.3 Management of Diseases and Pest Out breaks.

- Surveillance on pests and diseases continued, with indications of a reduced infection rate of BCTB (Black coffee Twig borer)
- Spraying against BCTB has been accomplished in all the selected demo villages, in all the sampled 34 Districts.

6.4 Coffee Planting March to May 2015 Season.

- No seedlings distributed and planted during the month, except in Northern Region where 152,000 seedlings were planted.
- Verification of seedlings planted in preparation for payment commenced in tandem with start of the new Government Financial year.

6.5 Technical Extension Services and Quality Improvement.

- A Task Force Campaign was undertaken in the Central Region to crackdown on Industry Players who do not comply with the coffee regulations 1994. The following were achieved:
 - Compliance with the Coffee regulations was high.
 - The drying of Kiboko coffee on bare ground and FAQ in the Sun at factories were significantly reduced,
 - Rigorously enforced the coffee regulations:
 - Closed 21 factories that were found noncompliant
 - 4 Offenders were apprehended and detained in Masaka Police Station and charges opened against them.
- Sensitization/Training of Local Leaders, Police Officers and Coffee Sub-Sector Participants took place in the Districts of Sembabule and Lwengo.
- Another Task Force was carried out in South-Western region;
 - majority of coffee harvested had a bigger percentage of red cherry versus green immature beans; most coffee is being dried

on tarpaulins; the biggest challenge are the middlemen or buyers who are neither registered nor licensed to undertake coffee buying and marketing.

- a cumulative total of 107 coffee factories and 177 coffee buying stores registered

7.0 COFFEE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES

- H.E the President visited Tororo and Budaka districts on 25th July. In Tororo he visited Iyolwa, Nabiyoga and Mulanda sub- counties. He also visited a coffee nursery at Nabiyoga with a potential capacity of 500,000 seedlings.
- The Hon. Minister of State for Agriculture Hon. Vincent Sempijja visited Kamuli District, Bugabula South constituency, in the company of Hon. Asuman Kiyingi. who reported to the gathering that UCDA was willing and had promised to assist selected farmers to set-up coffee nurseries to reduce distances seedlings have to be transported before they are planted. The State Minister for Agriculture promised to support establishment of a house hold demonstration at the Kyabazinga homestead at Budhumbula. This demo will have all crops and animals a sustainable house hold should have ranging from food to commercial enterprises. He also advised them to place priority on coffee growing in comparison to annuals.

Agricultural and trade show.

- The annual agricultural and trade show at the Jinja show grounds took place in the week 6th - 13th July, 2015. This year's theme was dubbed "**Climate-Smart Agriculture for Sustainable Food Security and Wealth Creation**". With the realities of climate change setting in and associated challenges being experienced globally, farmers were urged to be part of the show to share experiences with others and learn how well they can live with this challenge. The official opening of the show was graced by the H.E The Vice President, Hon. Edward Ssekandi who was accompanied by the Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Tress Bucyanayandi.

Coffee Shows

- The theme for 2015 Coffee Shows is "**Feeding your coffee plants for sustainable growth**".
- Coffee shows were held in the following Districts; Iband (3rd), Rukungiri (17th), Mityana(22nd),Mubende 23rd),Kasese (29th) and Kamwenge (30th).
- Demonstration of good coffee practices - commencing with good seed, seedlings propagation, digging the hole, spacing, GAPs and harvesting and post-harvest handling, agro-inputs were some of the activities exhibited at the shows.

Collaborative Extension

- A meeting for South Western region CAOs and Operation Wealth Creation (OWC) Officers together with UCDA officers including the Production Manager (PM) was held on 28th July 2015 at Ntungamo district H/Qs.
 - The main objective of the meeting was to discuss the progress of the replanting programme with OWC and Standard Operating Procedure (SPO) to effectively deliver and account for coffee seedlings given to farmers.
- Fifteen coffee farmers from the districts of Zombo, Arua and Nebbi on a farmer exchange tour visited the Mt. Elgon sub-region to compare experiences of growing Arabica coffee. They visited Bugizard, Buginyanya in Bulambuli district, individual farmers and farmer groups in Mbale and Manafwa districts.

Building capacity of industry players through training

- 18 university students trained in basic coffee quality control and brewing techniques. The training was aimed at equipping undergraduate students with coffee knowledge and skills to roast, brew, and cup and analyze coffee as part of sector capacity building. Students have been trained in the field work (coffee processing and inspection) –still ongoing

Farmer Training

Farmer training was conducted in the western region; Kisoro (17), Rukungiri (16) and Isingiro (22) and central region (85); Bukomansimbi, Masaka and Sembabule. These were trained in good agricultural ,good harvest and post-harvest practices

- Physical defects and their effects on the cup were explained
- Cupping sessions were held aimed at linking practices to quality.
- Farmers complained about twig borer which is still affecting them and the low prices of coffee
- Elementary Basic Quality Control course was carried out for processors and farmers in Kyenjojo (35), Kabarole (35), Kibaale (35) and Kamwenge (22) with an aim of increasing capacity of farmers and primary processors to analyse/grade coffee to recommended quality levels subsequently improving the quality of kiboko and FAQ. They were trained in coffee processing ,coffee

physical defects and their causes, coffee regulation, calculating out turn, coffee grading.

Continue to develop Fine Robusta & Speciality Arabica Coffee Standards

1. Completed the R-Graders certification course at UCDA Lugogo Laboratory
 - One assistant instructor successfully completed observation to become a lead instructor. The instructor is the first lead instructor in Africa.
 - 15 participants (5 farmers) completed training in descriptive cupping, physical coffee grading, roast coffee matching. The participants ability to differentiate quality fine and commercial grade Robusta coffees was enhanced.
 - 2 R graders were certified upon completion of the course and 12 star cuppers were also awarded certificates.

Building capacity of industry players through training

2. Training of University students in Basic Quality Control is ongoing.
 - Practical's held in grading, roasting, cupping and field work (inspection & coffee processing).
 - Students carried out rapid appraisal on cafés, roasters and hotels. Information will be used to identify training needs for baristas as well as coffee trends development.

 - Held a meeting for Roasters aimed at reviving the Uganda Coffee Roasters Association and improving the quality of finished products on the market. The meeting was attended by roasters, board member (Mrs Kato), agricultural police, UCDA lawyer and UCDA staff. An interim Executive Director, Mrs. Ronah Ainembabazi was appointed.

Generic promotion

3. Promotion of coffee at Milano expo 2015 - on going
 - National day was presided over by Hon Kyambadde (Minister of trade Industry and Cooperatives) and Hon Gabriel Ejadra Aridru (State Min of Fin for Investment). UCDA was commended for promoting Uganda coffee and being the only government organization at the Expo.
 - The Managing Director made a presentation at economic forum on Uganda coffee highlighting investment opportunities.
 - Gave out 300 coffee gifts to forum participants. Promoted Uganda coffee including finished coffee products at the booth.

8.0 OUTLOOK FOR AUGUST 2015

August exports are projected at 320,000 bags. Harvesting of the main season in Masaka and Southern Regions which picked in July will subside in August and September.

9.0 UPCOMING EVENTS

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

UCDA will hold basic quality control training for University students

15th – 16th September 2015: Nairobi Kenya

There will be an Africa coffee conference 2015 to be held at Safari Park Hotel and Casino Nairobi Kenya. This is a great opportunity to meet producers, roasters, Government agencies and associations, Finance and insurance providers and Machinery producers.www.africacoffeeoutlook.com

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.

September 25th -27th 2015: New York

The festival will feature live experiences from over 70 coffee, food and equipment suppliers. Visitors will enjoy endless free coffee tastings, interactive workshops and demonstrations from world-class baristas.

www.newyorkcoffeefestival.com