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## THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

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ABSTRACT: Canada's agricultural production fell in 1970 due to a sharp cut in wheat acreage. A strong recovery in grain and oilseed exports cut back burdensome stocks, improving Canada's agricultural outlook. Latin American production exceeded the 1969 record as a 3 percent rise in per capita food output more than offset sharp cuts in coffee and cotton. Exports of feedgrains and bananas were near record and, except cotton and meat, trade values for other commodities were high. U.S. agricultural exports to the Hemisphere hit an all-time high in 1970, but may decline in 1970 due to growing trade competition and increased Latin American production.

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## FOREWORD

This annual review of the Western Hemisphere Agricultural Situation supplements the World Agricultural Situation, WAS-1. Other 1970 regional reviews are being published for Western Europe, the Communist Area, Africa and West Asia, and the Far East and Oceania.

This report omits the agricultural situations of the United States and Cuba, which are covered in other reports prepared by the Economic Research Service. Western Hemisphere, unless otherwise specified, refers to Canada and 23 Latin American countries. Gross national product is abbreviated to GNP. All tons are metric units of $2,204.6$ pounds; hectares are equivalent to 2.471 acres. Data in the report may differ from that used in the World Agricultural Situation and occasionally from the Indices of Agricultural Production of the Western Hemisphere due to revisions in estimates.

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## the Agricultural situation in the western hemisphere

SUMMARY

Canada's farm output dropped sharply below the long-term growth trend in 1970, following a 2 -year rise. Latin American production rose moderately above the 1969 record, maintaining the long-term growth trend. Strong expansion of food crops more than offset smaller harvests of coffee and cotton. Higher prices and large supplies of major commodities helped to sharply raise the Hemisphere's agricultural exports to the United States and other markets. Hemisphere agricultural imports continued to rise in response to growing incomes and food demand in many Latin American countries. Partly because of its 1969 drought, the Hemisphere's takings of U.S. farm exports were well above previous records.

Canada's 1970 situation was overshadowed by burdensome grain stocks. Sharp decline in wheat acreage was only partly offset by record feed grain and oilseed crops and a moderate recovery in livestock output. Latin American wheat production continued to drop. Brazil's wheat harvest exceeded the 1969 record but drought cut the Argentine crop to an all-time low. Due to severe frosts, Brazil harvested one of its smallest coffee crops, and Hemisphere coffee production was nearly 25 percent below 1969. Cotton output dropped sharply below the previous year's record when adverse weather cut yields in Mexico and Brazil. Continuing drought and heavy slaughter, which limited growth of animal numbers in many countries, restricted 1970 output of livestock products in Latin America.

Record 1970 food crops in Latin America partly reflect the continuing emphasis on agricultural expansion and diversification. Improved growing conditions stimulated agriculture in Mexico, Central America, and the Andean region, and aided the record rice harvest in Brazil. Higher world prices stiumulated record corn crops in Argentina and Brazil. Producers expanded sorghum grain and soybean output again in response to increased export and domestic demand. Banana production continued to rise in Central America and Ecuador. Good weather boosted output of pulses, tubers, and other food crops.

Per capita food production in Latin America increased nearly 3 percent in 1970 following a 2 -year decline. Larger food crops offset smaller output of livestock products.

Agricultural exports from Western Hemisphere countries benefited from shortfalls in traditional importing and some exporting countries, particularly for grains and oilseeds. Increased world demand and
aggressive marketing caused sharp recovery in Canada's wheat trade; barley and oilseed exports were alltime highs. Due to strong demand and increased supplies, Latin American exports of feedgrains and bananas were a record for recent times; sugar and oilseeds exports also were up significantly. Reduced domestic supplies resulted in a sharp drop in exports of cotton and beef. Coffee shipments were slightly lower but prices were up sharply.

Hemisphere imports of wheat continued to decline in 1970 because of increased production in Brazil. Imports of feedgrains, fats and oils, and other food commodities increased sharply due, in part, to drought induced shortages in Mexico and South America.

Economic growth rate in Canada declined in face of reduced rates for investment and consumer spending, despite unusually strong expansion in total exports. For the 23 Latin American countries, growth in real GNP was forecast near the 5.7 percent rate achieved in 1969. Growth rates were slowed in Mexico, Argentina, and Chile, affected by trade and monetary problems and uncertain political and economic conditions. However, improvements in agriculture and trade stimulated higher growth in Central America, Ecuador, Peru, and Uruguay, and expansion in minerals offset slower tourist activity in the Caribbean.

Current reports suggest a significant economic recovery for Canada and Mexico in 1971. Growth rates are expected to rise further in Brazil, Colombia, Peru, and Venezuela. Trade and monetary problems may restrict growth in other countries.
U.S. agricultural trade with Hemisphere countries rose sharply above the long-term growth trends in 1970. Imports exceeded reduced 1969 values by 16 percent. Coffee, sugar, banana, cattle, and meat imports all gained strongly. Prices rose, particularly for coffee, which advanced more than one-third between January and October 1970.
U.S. agricultural exports to Canada stepped up, as sharp rises for cattle, cotton, and vegetable fats more than offset drops in feedgrains and meat. U.S. exports to Latin America increased 23 percent. Cereals, feedgrains, dairy and poultry products, fruits and vegetable preparations, fats and oils, and miscellaneous food preparations registered sharp gains. The United States increased its share of the Latin American wheat market. Exports of feedgrains to Mexico increased sharply to offset a short feed supply caused by drought.

Current reports indicate an upward adjustment in Canada's 1971 wheat area; improved prices may encourage a further sharp rise in barley plantings. Seedings for 1971 feedgrain and edible oilseed crops in Argentina and Brazil also were sharply above 1970 records, indicating that Hemisphere export supplies may continue near record levels this year. In contrast, exports of cotton will be restricted despite some anticipated
increase in plantings in Mexico. Coffee production should recover, but low supplies in Brazil may help maintain high world prices. Hemisphere meat exports are expected to continue below peak levels of previous years. U.S. agricultural exports to Hemisphere countries may be below the 1970 record of $\$ 1.2$ billion due to growing competition and increased production in the region.

## NORTH AMERICA

## Canada

The Canadian economy was weakened in 1970 by reduced rates of investment and consumer expenditures and a cutback in agricultural output. Real GNP growth declined to 3 percent, following a 2 -year acceleration, although a strong expansion in exports provided a record surplus in foreign exchange earnings. Further increase is anticipated for Canadian trade and there are indications of a significant economic recovery this year.

Monetary and fiscal restrictions, imposed to reduce inflation, slowed capital and consumer spending in 1970. Unemployment increased to 6.5 percent of the labor force in December 1970 from a year-earlier rate of 4.5 percent. The slowdown in consumer spending affected mainly the housing and durable goods industries. A modest increase in industrial output reflected moderate growth in food processing, plus impressive gains in export-oriented industries including minerals and metals.

The economic picture was brightened by a significant drop in the rate of inflation. Inflation reached a peak near 5 percent in 1969. Due to a continuing rise in exports, year-end foreign exchange reserves were 50 percent above 1969 year-end record. Late in 1970, relaxation of monetary restrictions and a rise in fiscal spending rates encouraged some recovery in capital and consumer expenditures. Continuation of those trends appeared likely and a significant recovery is anticipated for economic growth and employment in 1971.

Canada's 1970 agricultural situation was overshadowed by burdensome grain stocks and related programs to adjust land use in the prairie provinces. A 50 -percent reduction in wheat area resulted in a sharp drop in crop production after a 2 -year upturn. Output of livestock products recovered moderately to about the peak 1968 level, although herd rebuilding continued to restrict beef production. An improved 1971 outlook is indicated by a strong recovery in grain and oilseed exports which promised some needed reduction in grain inventories.

In March 1970, faced with a record grain surplus, Canada's government initiated operation LIFT, Lower Inventories for Tomorrow. This program provided subsidies for diverting wheat land to forage crops and summer fallow and made producer delivery quotas contingent upon compliance. Due to these subsidies and poor planting conditions, Prairie wheat lands were diverted to other grains, oilseed crops, and summer
fallow. Summer fallow area increased 27 percent to a record 15 million hectares. The seeded area for Canada's principal crops dropped to 20 million hectares, about 15 percent below 1969.

Farm receipts from crops recovered sharply from the 1969 low. Larger exports increased marketings of grains and oilseeds, and income from livestock products continued upward. Net farm income fell 12 percent below 1969 , however, because of rising costs and smaller Wheat Board payments. Net farm income is projected to rise 14 percent to $\$ 1.4$ billion in 1971.

Further adjustments in agricultural policy currently are being considered. A national task force report, "Canadian Agriculture in the Seventies," which established guidelines for Operation LIFT, resulted in a November 1970 proposal for stabilizing the western grains industry. This proposal suggested a fund to guarantee total farm receipts from the principal grain and oilseed crops equal to the previous 5 -year average. Compensatory payments to producers would be geared to their total marketings. The proposal also included a new grain delivery quota system to give farmers more flexibility in production. In February 1971, the Government announced a program that will give farmers in the Prairie provinces nearly $\$ 10$ per acre to shift annual crop and summer fallow lands to forage. The program will apply for 3 years or until a maximum of 1.6 million hectares is added to the present 4.9 million hectares in perennial forage crops.

The 1970 wheat harvest of 9 million tons was the smallest since 1961. For the marketing year ending July 1971 exports and domestic requirements are up an estimated 30 percent from the previous year to about 19 million metric tons. The record August 1970 carryover there may be reduced by one-third, to about 18 million tons by August 1971. Larger wheat plantings are anticipated this year. A target 8 million hectares has been established to maintain adequate supplies for the next few years.

The 1970 area and production of feedgrains were an all-time high. Total feedgrain production was 9 percent above 1969. The barley crop, up 10 percent from the previous year's record, topped wheat production. Corn production recovered and was one-fourth over the 1968 high.

Large feedgrain crops swelled the August 1970 carryover to about 6.5 million metric tons. Record barley exports and increased livestock feeding suggest a
drawdown in feedgrain stocks during the 1970/71 marketing year. Considering strong world feedgrain demand, barley plantings for 1971 are forecast 60 percent above the 1970 record of 4.1 million hectares.

Diversion from wheat helped maintain a sharp uptrend in oilseed plantings in 1970. Flaxseed production increased more than 75 percent and soybean production was up sharply. The rapeseed crop was more than double the 1969 record. A switch from flaxseed to rapeseed by some producers could cause further expansion in rapeseed plantings this year. Tobacco production declined, despite better yields. The apple harvest was smaller. Increased potato production in western Canada more than offset a decline in the eastern crop.

Livestock production rose 3 percent above 1969 to about the 1968 record. Despite low cattle exports, beef and veal production continued near the reduced level of 1969, as high feeder cattle prices encouraged producers to continue herd enlargement. Hog slaughter increased 20 percent to the highest level in two decades. Milk production dropped off slightly due to further reduction in cow numbers. Poultry production continued to expand; large supplies, which weakened prices in 1970 could cause a downward adjustment in 1971.

An increase in cattle slaughter is expected this year, but hog marketings may be below the record 1970 level. December 1970 cattle numbers were record large for that period. The buildup was greatest in the western provinces, where totals were 6 percent above a year earlier. Herd buildup helped reduce beef production late in 1970. Prices rose and imports of U.S. slaughter cattle were up sharply from 1969. December 1970 hog numbers were near the 1943 record and one-fifth above a year earlier. Hog slaughter is expected to peak in early 1971. A smaller spring pig crop could reduce slaughter levels later in the year.

The sharp 1970 recovery in agricultural exports reflected large Canadian supplies and an improved export demand for wheat, barley, and oilseeds in Europe and Japan. Grain trade with Communist customers continued below high levels of earlier years but Canada is expanding wheat sales to the Caribbean, Brazil, Peru, and other developing areas. Meat shipments, which contributed to the sharp rise in 1970 exports to the United States, probably will continue at high levels in 1971 due to large pork supplies. Reduced imports of U.S. corn may be offset by a rise in fruit, vegetable, and other imports supplied by the United States.

## Mexico

The economy slowed in 1970. Real growth was estimated near 5.5 percent, compared with an average 7 percent for 1968-69. Sluggishness was attributed to uncertainty about the change in government, slower exports, a larger trade deficit, and growing inflation. A strong recovery in agriculture may help the economy regain momentum in 1971.

Inflation remains serious, although the rate appears to have leveled off after a sharp rise in late 1969 -early 1970. Industrial output expanded at a slower pace in 1970, particularly for chemicals, farm machinery and building materials. For January July 1970, mineral output was estimated up only 3 percent compared with 16 percent a year earlier. Partly because of a sharp drop in 1969 farm output, January July exports increased less than 2 percent, while imports advanced 15 percent. A reduced rate of tourism also helped widen the deficit in foreign exchange earnings from goods and services.

Agriculture recovered sharply in 1970, as midyear rains ended a severe 18 -month drought. Although cotton production continued a decline, total crop production increased 12 percent to slightly above the 1968 record. Improved pastures contributed to moderate gains in livestock output. Expansion in livestock output may be restricted because of heavy cattle marketings of the past 2 years, but 1971 agricultural production may return to the 5 percent average uptrend of 1960-68.

Midyear rains and high prices encouraged larger 1970 plantings, particularly of rice and feedgrains, and the harvested grain area increased 4 percent. Wheat yields improved resulting in a larger crop. But rice yields fell, reducing output below the 1969 level, despite larger plantings. Sorghum grain production continued to rise. A near-record corn harvest appeared sufficient to meet 1971 dómestic requirements and rebuild stocks. Late in the year, the government widened a regional corn support price of $\$ 75$ per metric ton from northeastern areas to other producing zones.

A further decline in 1970 cotton plantings more than offset better yields. Higher prices are expected to stimulate larger plantings for 1971. Sugar output was lower due to harvestime floods in some areas, but larger crops were harvested for coffee and many winter fruits and vegetables including oranges, strawberries and tomatoes.

Production recovered for other food crops, including beans and potatoes, with improvement in both planted area and yields. A sharp drop in cottonseed output and a smaller soybean crop were partially offset by large harvests of other oilseeds including safflower, sesame seed, and peanuts. Some commercial acreage of sunflower seed was planted last year and the government is currently promoting that crop as a substitute for corn and beans in marginal rainfall areas.

Higher than normal rates of cattle slaughter and export early in 1970 were due to strong demand and continuing shortages of water and pasture. Heavy summer rains helped pastures in most areas, enabling producers to hold cattle to heavier weights and reduce distress marketings of breeding cattle. Beef and pork production were well above record 1969 levels. Milk output rose slightly. Heavy marketings of 1968 and 1969 may restrict Mexico's cattle supply and beef production in 1971.

The 1969 drought had an important effect upon agricultural trade in 1970. January June 1970 cotton exports were less than one-half the year-earlier level. In contrast to cotton, distress marketings resulted in increased meat shipments and record exports of feeder cattle to the United States. The winter fruit and vegetable trade with the United States continued to rise,
and sugar and coffee exports were larger. Drought-created shortages resulted in imports of nearly 1 million metric tons of corn and large quantities of rice, beans, and oilseeds. These shifts caused an unusual rise in U.S. agricultural trade with Mexico for 1970. Imports from Mexico were up 16 percent from the 1969 record, while exports soared 70 percent above the 1969 peak.

## CARIBBEAN

The overall economy of the Caribbean continued to strengthen during 1970. The combined GNP for the 5 Caribbean countries, excluding Cuba, rose by more than 5 percent. Industry, mining, construction and tourism made large gains. However, growth in tourism slowed somewhat in response to slower economic growth in the United States, principal source of visitors. Excluding Barbados, the combined gain in agricultural output was estimated near 3 percent, reflecting another good crop year in the Dominican Republic. U.S. agricultural trade with the region rose to a record high in 1970. U.S. farm exports increased 12 percent and imports were up 9 percent.

The sugarcane harvest of the Dominican Republic produced a near-record 980,000 metric tons of sugar. Sugar accounted for more than half of all exports. Coffee production increased by about 15 percent but the cocoa bean harvest declined about 30 percent from the large 1969 crop. Rice production was an all-time high and outputs of fruits and vegetables, pulses, root crops, and meats and dairy products were near high 1969 levels.

Jamaica had another poor year. The sugar harvest was beset with labor troubles, and the crop suffered from a low sucrose content. The banana crop was well below average and citrus production was off. Mining, tourism, and related industries helped keep economic growth near the 1969 rate of 5 percent. Haiti's agricultural output was up nearly 6 percent from 1969 , mainly reflecting increases for coffee and sugar. Sugarcane production of

Trinidad and Tobago was curtailed by too much rainfall but production of other crops was near levels of a year earlier. In Barbados, sugar production rose by 11 percent, but fell short of normal crop levels. The smaller outturns are attributed to cane fires and labor troubles.

Caribbean imports of all kinds continued rising during 1970. Significant trade deficits resulted in the Dominican Republic, and Trinidad and Tobago. Unemployment continued unabated despite expansion in labor-intensive industries geared to the re-export market. The more developed nations of the Caribbean (Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, and Barbados) increased their trade with other Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA) states. Consolidation of sugar processing facilities within the area was intensified. Disposal of foreign-held cane production operations moved at a faster pace.

Favorable growing conditions in late 1970 portend increased 1971 yields for sugarcane, coffee, and cocoa. Rehabilitation of banana plantings likely will increase production. A further increase in trade among CARIFTA countries and states also is forecast. Trinidad is vigorously pressing offshore oil explorations and is hopeful of checking its declining petroleum production. The next few years should be especially critical for the Caribbean. The United Kingdom (a major market for the area Commonwealth states) continues negotiations for entry into the European Common market and at the same time seeks trade accommodations for its former possessions.

## CENTRAL AMERICA

Economic development recovered in 1970 from the slump of the previous year. Real GNP grew 6 percent, compared with 4.8 percent in 1969. Rates were higher in all countries but Panama. Intraregional trade improved slightly over 1969 , although direct trade between El Salvador and Honduras remains suspended. Agricultural output for the region was up more than 3 percent, despite heavy and untimely rains in Costa Rica, Panama, and Honduras.

The Costa Rican economy continued to expand at an impressive rate fueled by higher coffee prices and an unabated banana boom. Real GNP growth exceeded the 1969 rate of 8.1 percent. Exports benefited from higher coffee and banana earnings. Agricultural production was up more than 9 percent reflecting increased output of
bananas, sugar, beef, and milk. U.S. agricultural imports from Costa Rica were an all-time high with large gains in coffee, bananas, sugar, and beef. U.S. farm exports to Costa Rica, principally wheat, purebred animals and prepared animal feeds totaled a record $\$ 9.8$ million.

El Salvador's economy was strengthened by increased taxes, tax reforms and larger coffee shipments at higher prices. Real GNP growth gained sharply from the 3.9 percent rate achieved in 1969. Increased output of food grains, cotton, sugar, and beef was more than offset by a smaller coffee crop. Total agricultural production was nearly 5 percent lower. Agricultural trade with the United States was unusually heavy. Coffee shipments swelled total agricultural exports to the United States, while imports were sharply above the 1969 record.

Real growth of Guatemala's economy recovered to about 6 percent in 1970, aided by higher earnings from exports of coffee, sugar, beef, and bananas. Total agricultural production was up 2 percent. Output gains in corn, beans, coffee, and sugar were partially offset by declines in wheat and cotton. U.S. imports of all major commodities from Guatemala were well above 1969. U.S. exports of farm products to Guatemala, chiefly wheat and tallow, increased 43 percent to $\$ 14.9$ million.

The Honduran economy partially recovered from the effects of armed conflict and from hurricane damage in 1969. Real GNP increased about 4.5 percent, up from 3.7 percent in 1969. Gains in corn, sorghum grain, bananas, pulses, and beef increased agricultural output 5.7 percent. Coffee and sugar output declined. U.S. agricultural imports from Honduras were up sharply because of increases in coffee, bananas, and beef. U.S. exports were a record due partly to the suspension of Honduras' trade with El Salvador.

Real GNP growth in Nicaragua was estimated at 5 percent, a slight recovery from recent sluggish trend. Agricultural production was up about 3 percent reflecting record outputs of coffee, sugar, and beef. Food grains were up moderately but cotton declined again. Coffee contributed to a 13 percent rise in export value. U.S. agricultural imports were a record and exports to Nicaragua, chiefly wheat and tallow, showed a moderate gain.

The economy of Panama recovered further from a 1968 slump. Based on higher public investment, real GNP growth in 1970 probably was near the 1969 rate of 6.5 percent. Although sugar production was lower, agricultural output rose slightly due to increases in rice and beef. U.S. agricultural imports from Panama were down again in 1970, partly because of smaller sugar supplies. However, U.S. agricultural exports benefited from Panama's growing demand for wheat, pulses, vegetable oils and other food products.

## SOUTH AMERICA

## Argentina

Strong economic growth early in 1970 deteriorated later on with political changes, growing inflation, and less favorable agricultural conditions. Record exports increased year-end foreign exchange reserves. Growth of private investment was restricted by the midyear change in government, devaluation of the peso, and general uncertainty over economic policy. Real GNP growth was below the 6.5 percent rate achieved in 1969. Sharply rising prices slowed rates of expansion in construction, manufacturing and service activities.

In a new 5 -year plan the new Argentine government projected economic growth exceeding 6 percent for 1971. The plan, which aims at an annual rise of 8 percent by 1975, reduces emphasis upon price and monetary stability, placing more reliance upon credit and other government programs to stimulate investment and economic growth. An average 1971-75 growth of 4.6 percent projected for agriculture is more than double the 1960-70 average annual rate. Exports for 1971 are expected to be below the official target, placed at a record $\$ 2$ billion, due to an anticipated falloff in grain and meat sales.

Agricultural output in 1970 was only slightly above the 1969 record. A gain in crop production partly offset a decline in output of livestock products. Early-harvested feedgrain and oilseed crops benefited from strong demand, unusually favorable growing conditions, and a continuing diversion of wheat lands. Production of livestock, wheat and other later-planted crops , in contrast, was cut by extended midyear drought. Recent reports indicate that, despite increased plantings, production and exports of 1971 feedgrains may be lower due to the adverse effect of hot, dry weather early in the growing season.

Grain production was estimated about 1 percent above 1969 despite the drop in harvested wheat area. Improved seed permitted extension of corn to new areas, increasing corn plantings sharply for the second year. Corn yields and production were near-record. Sorghum grain expansion continued into marginal wheat areas. The 1970 harvest topped the 1969 high by more than 50 percent.

Wheat plantings were the smallest in Argentine history. Producers were dissatisfied with the support price, and there was poor moisture at seeding time. The harvested area and yields of wheat and other late cereals (rye, barley, and oats) were also reduced by heavy grazing during the summer drought. In an apparent move to stabilize the wheat situation, the government in October 1970 raised the producer support price for 1970/71 wheat 15 percent above the past 2 year's level.

Oilseed production expanded again in 1970 to fill strong demand. The harvest was about a tenth larger than in 1969. The sunflower crop surpassed previous records. Increased sunflowerseed oil production contributed to an export recovery. Cottonseed production continued a 4 -year uptrend. The peanut crop was larger despite a continued decline in area. The flaxseed crop was the largest since 1964, and large supplies and lower world oil prices are likely to encourage a cutback in 1971 plantings. Sunflower plantings for 1971 were increased, but less favorable weather probably will keep output below the 1970 record. Extension of current export restrictions on oil is planned to ensure adequate domestic supplies in Argentina.

Crop production in the northern subtropical zone maintained a rising trend in 1970 reflected in larger harvests of cotton, sugarcane, and tobacco; citrus plantings continue to expand and production was well
above the previous year's records. The southern potato crop approximated the 1969 high. Apple production was larger but pears, peaches, and some other deciduous fruits were damaged by late frosts.

Production of livestock products fell back in 1970 , after a 4 -year rise, due to drought and a decline in livestock numbers. Favorable prices helped maintain a rise in pork production. However, milk production dropped 5 percent below the high 1969 level and wool and mutton output reflected continuing decline in sheep numbers. Heavy cattle slaughter in 1969 and early 1970 restricted cattle supplies after midyear, and lower slaughter weights also contributed to a drop in beef production. Critical meat shortages occurred in September when higher prices after the drought encouraged producers to hold cattle. In November 1970, the government granted special income tax concessions to producers of breeding cattle and suspended export taxes on beef to help stabilize supplies of cattle.

Value of 1970 exports, principally agricultural, was estimated near $\$ 1.8$ billion, 10 percent over the 1969 record. Shipments of corn, principally to Europe and Japan, were the largest since the mid-1930's. Sorghum grain exports, mainly to Japan, were up sharply to a record 1.8 million metric tons. Due to the large 1969 carryover, wheat exports were maintained near the 1969 level. Sunflower oil sales recovered from low levels of the 2 pervious years. A decline in volume of beef exports was partially offset by higher prices.

A lower level of agricultural exports appears likely in 1971. Supplies of wheat will be extremely small. Plantings of corn and sorghum grains were larger, but growing conditions were less favorable and trade is not expected to maintain the high levels achieved last year. Large seed supplies may encourage an increase in shipments of linseed oil despite lower world prices.

Adjustment to the 1970 cattle crisis is continuing and the 1971 outlook is not clear. Current reports indicate that Argentina's beef exports probably will not exceed and may even drop below the reduced 1970 level.

## Brazil

Brazil's economy completed the third year of rapid growth in 1970. Increased political stability and improved monetary policies continued to restrict inflation and stimulate trade and investment. Real GNP growth rose sharply above the 1969 rate of 6.2 percent. Current projections suggest that Brazil will be able to maintain a rise of 7 to 9 percent in 1971.

Minerals and petroleum continued a significant expansion in 1970. Industrial growth exceeded 10 percent for the third year and particularly strong advances were registered for nonmetallic minerals, chemicals, automobiles, and wood manufactures. Exports of manufactures maintained a sharp rise, reflecting special incentives to reduce cost and increase productivity. However, agricultural and mineral products were major factors in increasing exports by 17 percent
to a record value near $\$ 2.7$ billion. Year-end foreign exchange reserves exceeded 1969 by 84 percent and the annual rise in price levels was held under 20 percent for the first time in a decade.

A new 4-year (1970-73) plan includes agriculture as one of the four priorities areas for development. In June 1970, the President announced plans to integrate the Northeast and Amazon areas by means of the Trans-Amazon highway and a colonization program to settle adjacent lands reserved around town sites. Agricultural credit increased 15 percent in 1970 and sales of fertilizers and farm machinery continued to rise. Additional production incentives were provided by a new income tax law which permitted deduction of up to 80 percent of taxable income for approved agricultural investment expenditures.

Growth in agricultural output was limited to about 1 percent in 1970 due to adverse weather which sharply reduced harvests of coffee and cotton. The worst drought in many years covered the northeast, but growing conditions were favorable in central and southern Brazil. Total food output increased 7 percent, although livestock output showed only small gains.

Planting and growing conditions were unusually favorable for grains. A high support price encouraged a further rise in wheat plantings and the large harvest is expected to supply about one-half of 1971 consumption requirements. Due to increased area and yields, corn production and exports were all-time highs. A bumper rice crop provided a record surplus of 270,000 metric tons for export in 1971. Continuing strong export demand has encouraged a further increase in corn plantings for 1971 but, due to lower prices, a 20 -percent reduction is estimated for rice area.

Production of most basic food crops, including pulses, tubers, and bananas was larger than in 1969. Sugarcane production recovered, topping 1969 output by more than a tenth. A sharp drop in cottonseed output was offset by a continued rise in soybeans, and the peanut crop was the largest in several years. Favorable prices are expected to encourage a further increase in oilseed plantings for 1971.

Due to severe 1969 frost damage, Brazil harvested one of its smallest coffee crops in 1970. The small crop contributed to a buildup in world coffee prices. The southern cotton crop (March-June) was reduced by wet harvest weather and the later northeast crop suffered from severe drought. Cocoa bean production dropped below the 1969 record due to pod rot which affected the main crop harvested late in the year. A significant recovery is forecast for the 1971 coffee crop but losses from the last year's cotton crop encouraged many producers in southern Brazil to reduce cotton plantings for 1971.

Livestock and meat prices rose sharply in 1970. Export demand was strong, and, in February, the government terminated its livestock slaughter operation and removed the subsidy on domestic beef prices. Heavy cattle slaughter followed, raising export beef production
to a recent record. The sharp price advance later encouraged producers to hold cattle. Total beef output fell 10 percent below the 1969 record according to recent reports, and domestic shortages resulted. High prices and larger feedgrain supplies encouraged a significant rise in pork output, while the rapid advance in broiler production continued. Broiler production was estimated about 10 percent above 1969.

In late 1970, the government imported frozen beef to relieve domestic shortages. To hilt further price advances, it also placed a ceiling on slaughter cattle prices, established a 70,000 -metric ton annual quota on beef exports, and terminated the 14.5 -percent sales tax exemption previously applied to beef exports. The Bank of Brazil recently announced plans to provide additional financing to expand breeding cattle numbers and improve pastures. The beef export quota may be increased later this year, if adequate domestic supplies can be assured.

Brazil's agricultural exports moved up sharply for the third year to a record $\$ 1.8$ billion. This was two-thirds of total Brazilian exports. Coffee export earnings were the largest in 14 years despite some decline in volume. Earnings from cocoa beans were reduced by lower prices and cotton exports were down sharply from the 1969 record. Other traditional exports, including sugar and tobacco, were higher and beef sales exceeded previous highs. Large supplies and strong demand stimulated record corn shipments in 1970 and a high level of trade is expected in 1971. A 6 -percent drop in soybean sales was more than offset by an increase for cake and meal. Banana exports rose nearly one-fourth and sales of orange juice maintained a sharp uptrend, up over one-third.

Coffee and sugar shipments, aided a sharp recovery of U.S. agricultural imports from Brazil in 1970. Meanwhile, U.S. agricultural exports to Brazil continued near the reduced 1969 level. U.S. exports of wheat declined due to expansion in Brazilian production and increased competition from Canada and other suppliers. Larger exports to Brazil of other commodities, including breeding cattle, swine, baby chicks, and inedible tallow, offset the wheat reduction. In 1971, wheat exports may benefit from unusually short supplies in Argentina, Brazil's principal supplier.

## Chile

Agriculture performed well in 1970, but Chile's economy faltered. Real GNP growth was estimated near 3 percent, compared with 3.6 percent in 1969. Copper sales weakened, and the September election of Chile's first marxist president precipitated a severe financial crisis and sharp inflation. The outlook for 1971 is extremely uncertain.

The economy benefited from sharp recovery of agriculture, and high world copper prices which helped maintain exports early in the year. Foreign exchange reserves continued at record levels until the September
crisis. Threats of government expropriation and intervention after elections caused flight of capital. Business activity dropped sharply because of severe restrictions on money and credit. Consumer prices, which increased 29 percent during 1969 , rose at an average annual rate of about 40 percent through October 1970. Inflation remains a major obstacle to recuperation in 1971.

The 1970 agricultural situation reflected near normal growing conditions following one of the most severe droughts in Chile's history. Harvested crop area was well above the high 1967 level. Despite unusual credit restrictions, crop production increased 13 percent. Livestock output increased moderately. Accelerated expropriation plans and other government changes in land organization make the agricultural outlook for 1971 uncertain.

A shift of land to wheat continued in 1970 and production was a record for recent times. Harvests of other grains, pulses, potatoes, and oilseeds were up sharply from 1969, reflecting larger plantings and better growing conditions. Production of other crops, except for rapeseed and sugarbeets, failed to reach pre-drought levels of 1968. Strong demand stimulated a moderate rise in production of pork, poultry meat, and milk in 1970. Mutton and lamb output dropped sharply. Further expansion in planting is anticipated for wheat, pulses, and potatoes, while smaller acreage is indicated for corn, rice and oilseeds.

Agricultural exports continued at low levels. Increasing fruit and grape exports were largely offset by smaller sales of grains and pulses. Larger purchases of wheat, dariy products and fats and oils maintained a rising import trend. U.S. agricultural exports to Chile recovered from reduced 1969 levels, reflecting larger sales of wheat.

## Colombia

The economy continued a strong advance in 1970. Real growth was estimated higher than the 1969 rate of 6.5 percent. Favorable factors were growing domestic demand, expanding industrial output, and higher coffee prices, which helped raise export earnings. Foreign exchange reserves continued to improve with a high level of capital inflow and the advance in cost-of-living was moderate. Current indications for 1971 show real economic growth equaling or exceeding 1970.

Expansion of agricultural output in 1970 was limited by heavy rains and flooding. Reduced yields lowered crop production below the year-earlier record, largely offsetting gains in livestock output. Strong domestic demand contributed to a sharp rise in imports and to higher prices which may encourage a significant recovery in 1971 crop production.

Due to reduced plantings, the wheat crop was the smallest in recent years and rice production declined for the second year. Because of adverse weather, harvests of coffee, sugar, corn, and soybeans were below 1969
records. Favorable prices encouraged further expansion in barley and the sorghum grain crop topped the 1969 record by 30 percent. The area in cotton and bananas continued to expand. Beef and milk production maintained a rising trend, each exceeding 1969 records by nearly 4 percent.

Value of Colombia's coffee exports gained 40 percent in 1970 mainly because the sharp advance in world price. Reduced trade in sugar and cotton was more than offset by gains in other agricultural commodities including bananas and livestock products. Imports of wheat were the highest in recent times and purchases of feedgrains, tallow, and many other agricultural products were at high levels. U.S. agricultural imports from Colombia increased sharply in 1970 reflecting increased coffee values. Larger wheat shipments contributed to record U.S. agricultural exports to Colombia and the outlook appears favorable for a higher level of trade in 1971.

## Ecuador

The economy was weakened by a critical balance-of-payments and financial situation early in 1970. Later recovery was encouraged by the rising agricultural production and by a 38 -percent devaluation of the sucre which stimulated exports. Real GNP grew faster than the 1969 rate of 3 percent. New monetary policies, an improving trade situation, growing inflows of capital for petroleum development indicate an improved economic outlook in 1971.

Agricultural conditions in 1970 were near normal following severe drought in 2 previous years. Record total production was estimated 11 percent above 1969. The banana harvest was an all-time high, principally due to new plantings of high-yielding varieties. Production of coffee and cocoa beans was well above reduced 1969 levels. Low prices resulted in smaller rice acreage and production, but improved growing conditions contributed to a large increase in most other food crops. Beef and milk output maintained a moderate uptrend. Rapid expansion of broiler production continued in response to strong demand and limited supplies of other meat.

Banana exports were a record in 1970 and coffee earnings were nearly double those in 1969. Total agricultural exports were up nearly one-fourth, despite some drop-off in sugar and cocoa beans. Wheat imports were reduced but larger purchases of vegetable oils, tallow and tobacco stimulated a sharp rise in agricultural imports from the United States.

## Peru

The level of economic activity rose sharply in 1970, after 2 years of adjustment to the 1967 financial crisis. Real GNP growth was estimated at 5 percent, compared with a 1968-69 average near 1 percent. High export prices for fishmeal and copper and continuing import restrictions contributed to improved trade and foreign exchange balances. The improved economic performance
was highlighted by strong growth for fisheries, manufacturing and construction. A 1970 rescheduling of foreign debt repayments helped relieve pressure on Peru's foreign exchange availabilities. A planned rise in public investments has improved the outlook for 1971.

The new military government has emphasized expansion in domestic food production and agricultural exports. Last year, new irrigation projects were planned for the dry coastal region and a new national fund was established to finance livestock development. Under the agrarian reform program, eight large agro-industrial sugar estates were turned over to workers' cooperatives. As of December 1970, a total of 3.25 million hectares of land had been expropriated and redistribution completed for 1.28 million hectares. These measures were believed to benefit 65,000 families. New target zones for land distribution designated in 1970 included important cotton producing areas and all of Peru, except the eastern jungle area, is to be included by the end of 1972.

Agricultural conditions were near normal in 1970 following severe drought conditions which continued in early 1969. Production rose more than 4 percent, compared with less than 1 percent in 1969. Improved supplies of irrigation water and larger plantings resulted in a record rice crop; sugar output recovered sharply from a year earlier. A large increase in the northern harvest of extra-long staple cotton was largely offset by a decline in medium-long cottons in the central zone. Crop production for 1970 was estimated 6 percent above 1969, but cattle numbers dropped further and output of livestock products fell 14 percent. In 1971, a further rise in anticipated for rice and sugar, and cotton is expected to resume a moderate uptrend.

Agricultural exports recovered in 1970. Total value was up 17 percent, reflecting gains in shipments of sugar and coffee to the United States. Imports were lower due to unusually large carryover stocks of wheat and increased rice production. However, agricultural imports from the United States increased sharply as a decline in price encouraged larger purchases of wheat and soybean oil. Wheat imports are expected to be larger in 1970 and Peru may import more feedgrains because of a production shift from corn to cotton and other crops.

## Uruguay

The Uruguayan economy continued to improve in 1970. The GNP increased nearly 5 percent for the second consecutive year. The rampant inflation of earlier years has been brought under control, although the cost of living rose slightly more in 1970 than in 1969. Wage and price increases authorized toward the end of the year contributed to this increase. Although exports continued to increase, midyear devaluation of the Argentine peso, caused exchange reserves to decline.

The value of the agricultural output increased approximately 6 percent in 1970 . Livestock production accounted for most of the increase. Crop production improved only slightly over the 1969 level.

Heavy rains during the planting season led to a reduction in the area planted to wheat in 1970, and an estimated 3.5 -percent decrease in production. While Uruguay probably will acheive self-sufficiency in wheat in 1971, small imports may be needed to fill domestic requirements. Rice production was a record for the second straight year, but planted area is forecast to decline one-fourth in 1971 following a sharp decline in prices.

Corn and barley output increased last year, but production of grain sorghum was lower. Corn production is expected to improve significantly in 1971 due to larger area and increased yields, and a sharp increase is anticipated for sorghum grain. Flaxseed production dropped 10 percent in 1970 because heavy rains reduced the planted area. Production of sunflower seed increased slightly in 1970; acreage is expected to increase in 1971.

Beef production recovered in 1970, rising one-third to the highest level since 1961. Cattle numbers increased and milk production continued near the high 1969 level. Low prices for wool and slaughter animals, prompted producers to cut sheep numbers. Wool production declined for the fifth consecutive year, and the production of mutton and lamb decreased slightly.

Agricultural exports increased 14 percent in 1970 due mainly to larger beef sales. Beef exports rose 27 percent to a record level of approximately 150,000 metric tons. Wool exports were up slightly in 1970 and linseed oil increased 52 percent. Rice sales were down more than one-third. Small imports of sunflower seed were required to meet domestic needs in 1970 and may be needed again in 1971. U.S. agricultural exports to Uruguay declined for the second straight year to $\$ 1.9$ million, and imports from Uruguay, which had declined in 1969, rose slightly in 1970.

## Venezuela

The economy regained momentum in 1970. Real growth was estimated near 5 percent following a downturn to 3.5 percent in 1969. Stronger world demand stimulated increased output of petroleum and iron ore, two of the principal exports. Construction activity was up significantly. Consumer spending for durables contributed to moderate gains in industrial output despite some continued tightness of money and credit. These relatively favorable trends should continue in 1971.
Agricultural output increased about 3 percent in 1970-between the 2 -percent rise in 1969 and the 7 $1 / 2$-percent average of $1961-68$. Tight credit and inadequate marketing facilities continued to restrict
production of cereals and dairy products. The rice and corn crops were damaged by heavy rains near harvest, but records for sugar and sesameseed contributed to a 4 -percent rise in overall crop production. Gains in beef and milk production were small, but pork and poultry continued a major uptrend. The outlook for 1971 appears favorable and a significant expansion is anticipated for output of rice, corn, and livestock products.
U.S. agricultural exports to Venezuela in 1970 were up sharply from the $\$ 91$-million level of the previous 3 years. Imports from Venezula were a record. U.S. wheat exports fell as the Venezuelan subsidy on feed wheat was terminated. However, smaller corn and rice crops reduced pressure against feedgrain imports; and shipments of breeding cattle and some other products were higher.

## Other South America

Economic growth in Bolivia slackened further to about 4 percent in 1970, partly reflecting an uncertain political situation. Due to nationalization proceedings, petroleum exports were paralyzed for much of the year, but high tin prices helped maintain exports near high 1969 levels. Agricultural production dropped below the 1969 record. Higher wheat production reflected the government improvement program and favorable growing conditions but rice production was cut sharply by drought. Coffee and sugar exports were better than in 1969, contributing to a slight rise in U.S. agricultural imports from Bolivia. However, U.S. agricultural exports to Bolivia continued a sharp downtrend.

Economic growth slowed in Guyana during 1970 due to lower agricultural output, growing labor problems, and some uncertainty associated with increased government controls. Rice production recovered to the highest level in recent years but sugar production was reduced sharply by labor difficulties near the end of harvest. Guyana's 1970 sales of sugar and rice, the two principal exports, were below 1969. Sugar exports may decline again in 1971 but rice exports should be larger.
Paraguay's economy maintained a significant expansion in 1970 and real growth was estimated slightly above the previous year. Yields of corn, cotton, peanuts, and coffee and other crops were reduced by midyear drought and later rains. These reductions were generally offset by a larger harvest of wheat, soybeans, tung nuts, and the basic food crops. The decline in cattle numbers continued to restrict output of beef and milk for domestic use. Paraguay's 1970 exports were significantly above year-earlier levels, reflecting larger shipments and improved prices for forest products, oilseeds, and beef.

## APPENDIX TABLES

Table 1.--Western Hemisphere: Population, gross national product, and gold and foreign exchange holdings, by cauntry, 1969-70 $1 /$


1/ Regional totals include only those countries for which data are shown.
2/ Total of gold, foreign exchange holdings and reserve position in the International Monetary Fund.
3/ Value at current market prices converted to $U . S$. dollars using the average end-of-quarter free or principal import rates of exchange.
4/ Estimates of real growth.
5/ Position at the end of November.
6/ Position at the end of June.

Sources: IMF, International Financial Statistics; U.S. Agency for International Development; and official Government reports.

Table 2.--Western Hemisphere: Indices of total and per capita agricultural and food production by countries and regions, 1968-70 $1 /$
(1961-65 = 100)

| Country | : | Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Per capita |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Agricultural |  |  |  |  | Food |  |  |  |  | : $:$ | Agricultural |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 1: \\ & : ~ \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | Food |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 1968 | $1969$ | $\begin{aligned} & : \\ & : \end{aligned}$ | 1970 | $\begin{aligned} & : 1 \\ & :: \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 1968 | $\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \vdots \end{array}$ | 1969 | $:$ | 1970 | :: | 1968 | $\begin{aligned} & : \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$ | 1969 | $\begin{aligned} & : \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$ | 1970 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { :: } \\ & : \end{aligned}$ | 1968 | $\begin{aligned} & : \\ & : \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 1969 | : | 1970 |
| Canada. | : | 117 | 123 |  | 112 |  | 118 |  | 122 |  | 109 |  | 107 |  | 111 |  | 99 |  | 108 |  | 110 |  | 97 |
| Mexico. . . | : | 121 | 113 |  | 124 |  | 124 |  | 119 |  | 134 |  | 102 |  | 92 |  | 98 |  | 105 |  | 97 |  | 105 |
| Dominican Republic | : | 94 | 114 |  | 120 |  | 97 |  | 118 |  | 123 |  | 80 |  | 93 |  | 95 |  | 82 |  | 97 |  | 97 |
| Haiti . |  | 85 | 84 |  | 88 |  | 88 |  | 91 |  | 97 |  | 75 |  | 73 |  | 74 |  | 78 |  | 79 |  | 82 |
| Jamaica . . . . | : | 95 | 86 |  | 84 |  | 94 |  | 84 |  | 83 |  | 85 |  | 75 |  | 71 |  | 84 |  | 73 |  | 71 |
| Trinidad \& Tobago | : | 107 | 107 |  | 100 |  | 107 |  | 108 |  | 100 |  | 97 |  | 96 |  | 88 |  | 97 |  | 97 |  | 88 |
| Caribbean . | : | 94 | 104 |  | 107 |  | 96 |  | 107 |  | 109 |  | 82 |  | 89 |  | 89 |  | 84 |  | 91 |  | 91 |
| Costa Rica. | : | 140 | 150 |  | 164 |  | 147 |  | 157 |  | 181 |  | 119 |  | 124 |  | 131 |  | 125 |  | 130 |  | 145 |
| El Salvador | : | 104 | 115 |  | 110 |  | 126 |  | 121 |  | 134 |  | 88 |  | 94 |  | 87 |  | 107 |  | 99 |  | 106 |
| Guatemala . | : | 116 | 112 |  | 114 |  | 127 |  | 127 |  | 130 |  | 100 |  | 94 |  | 93 |  | 110 |  | 106 |  | 106 |
| Honduras. | : | 128 | 124 |  | 131 |  | 131 |  | 125 |  | 133 |  | 108 |  | 101 |  | 103 |  | 110 |  | 102 |  | 105 |
| Nicaragua . | : | 117 | 105 |  | 108 |  | 129 |  | 121 |  | 130 |  | 100 |  | 87 |  | 87 |  | 110 |  | 100 |  | 104 |
| Panama. . | : | 132 | 134 |  | 136 |  | 132 |  | 135 |  | 136 |  | 112 |  | 110 |  | 108 |  | 112 |  | 111 |  | 108 |
| Central America | : | 121 | 121 |  | 125 |  | 132 |  | 131 |  | 141 |  | 103 |  | 100 |  | 100 |  | 113 |  | 108 |  | 113 |
| Argentina . | : | 105 | 113 |  | 114 |  | 108 |  | 116 |  | 115 |  | 97 |  | 103 |  | 102 |  | 100 |  | 106 |  | 103 |
| Bolivia. . | : | 104 | 106 |  | 105 |  | 103 |  | 105 |  | 104 |  | 93 |  | 92 |  | 89 |  | 92 |  | 91 |  | 88 |
| Brazil. . | : | 115 | 120 |  | 121 |  | 125 |  | 127 |  | 136 |  | 99 |  | 101 |  | 98 |  | 108 |  | 106 |  | 111 |
| Chile . . | : | 114 | 106 |  | 116 |  | 115 |  | 107 |  | 116 |  | 103 |  | 94 |  | 101 |  | 104 |  | 95 |  | 101 |
| Colombia. | : | 116 | 119 |  | 119 |  | 118 |  | 120 |  | 122 |  | 99 |  | 98 |  | 95 |  | 101 |  | 99 |  | 98 |
| Ecuador | : | 111 | 114 |  | 127 |  | 108 |  | 118 |  | 126 |  | 94 |  | 93 |  | 100 |  | 91 |  | 96 |  | 100 |
| Guyana. . | : | 99 | 103 |  | 101 |  | 99 |  | 103 |  | 101 |  | 85 |  | 86 |  | 82 |  | 85 |  | 86 |  | 82 |
| Paraguay. | : | 101 | 109 |  | 109 |  | 97 |  | 104 |  | 105 |  | 86 |  | 90 |  | 88 |  | 83 |  | 86 |  | 84 |
| Peru. . | : | 94 | 95 |  | 99 |  | 99 |  | 102 |  | 107 |  | 81 |  | 79 |  | 80 |  | 85 |  | 85 |  | 86 |
| Uruguay . . | : | 96 | 94 |  | 100 |  | 98 |  | 95 |  | 105 |  | 90 |  | 87 |  | 92 |  | 92 |  | 88 |  | 96 |
| Venezuela . . . | : | 130 | 131 |  | 135 |  | 133 |  | 135 |  | 138 |  | 109 |  | 106 |  | 106 |  | 112 |  | 110 |  | 108 |
| South America . | : | 111 | 116 |  | 118 |  | 116 |  | 120 |  | 125 |  | 97 |  | 98 |  | 97 |  | 101 |  | 102 |  | 103 |
| Latin America 2/. | : | 113 | 115 |  | 119 |  | 118 |  | 120 |  | 127 |  | 98 |  | 97 |  | 97 |  | 102 |  | 101 |  | 104 |
| Latin America 3/. | : | 113 | 116 |  | 119 |  | 118 |  | 120 |  | 127 |  | 98 |  | 98 |  | 97 |  | 102 |  | 101 |  | 104 |

$\frac{1}{2} /$ Revised data for 1968 and 1969 , preliminary for 1970.
$\frac{2}{3} /$ Production for 22 countries shown.
3/ Excludes Guyana, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago.
Source: Economic Research Service, USDA. Indices of Agricultural Production for the Western Hemisphere, ERS-For. 264, Revised April 1971.

Table 3.--Western Hemisphere: Pertilizer use, in nutrient equivalent, average 1962-66, annuai 1968 and 1969 I/


1/ Year ending on June 30 of year shown.
2/ 500 tons or less.
Source: FAO Production Yearbook of Agriculture.

Table 4.--Western Hemisphere: Area and production of selected agricultural products by countries or regions, 1968-70 1/



Sources: Economic Research Service, USDA; and Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

Table 5.--Western Hemisphere: Production of selected agricultural products by principal countries or regions, 1968-70 1/


I/ Crops harvested mainly during year shown, cocoa bean and coffee harvests begin in years shown. Latin American totals include available data for the 22 Latin American countries, excluding Cuba.
2) Preliminary.

3/ Exportable-type only.
4/ Excludes wool exported on sheepskins.
Sources: Economic Research Service, USDA; and Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

Table 6.--Western Hemisphere: Agricultural exports and imports by principal countries, 1965-68

| Country | Exports 1/ |  |  |  | Imports 1/ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1965 | : 1966 | 1967 | : 1968 | 1965 | 1966 | : 1967 | : 1968 |
|  | $\Rightarrow \quad-\quad=$ |  |  | - Mill | dollars |  | $---$ | $\cdots$ |
| Canada. | 1,596.0 | 1,854.5 | 1,519.3 | 1,457.8 | 937.4 | 951.5 | 1,005.6 | 1,007.4 |
| Mexico 2/ . . | 657.6 | 650.2 | 602.7 | 672.3 | 123.9 | 124.3 | 124.6 | 116.7 |
| Barbados. . . . : | 25.8 | 26.7 | 27.0 | 21.0 | 20.3 | 21.6 | 20.1 | 21.3 |
| Dominican Republic: | 109.1 | 120.6 | 136.2 | 146.0 | 24.1 | 29.8 | 30.4 | 34.1 |
| Haiti . . . . : | 28.1 | 29.3 | 21.6 | 3/26.4 | 10.5 | 10.0 | 10.3 | 3/10.7 |
| Jamaica . . . : | 87.6 | 90.6 | 84.9 | 79.9 | 57.9 | 61.7 | 65.7 | 66.8 |
| Trinidad \& Tobago : | 36.6 | 34.6 | 39.4 | 39.2 | 55.8 | 57.2 | 54.7 | 46.7 |
| Caribbean 4/. : | 287.2 | 301.8 | 309.1 | 312.5 | 168.6 | 180.3 | 181.2 | 179.6 |
| Costa Rica. . : | 92.7 | 108.8 | 115.1 | 135.5 | 16.5 | 19.4 | 23.0 | 27.8 |
| Ei Salvador . . : | 148.6 | 136.0 | 137.1 | 133.8 | 32.3 | 36.0 | 32.5 | 38.2 |
| Guatemala | 156.0 | 185.1 | 139.5 | 163.6 | 26.7 | 24.6 | 30.8 | 29.5 |
| Honduras. | 90.9 | 117.6 | 123.7 | 145.8 | 14.1 | 17.1 | 19.4 | 17.9 |
| Nicaragua . . . | 124.2 | 111.9 | 117.7 | 127.8 | 16.7 | 19.1 | 19.4 | 20.7 |
| Panama. . . . : | 35.9 | 42.0 | 51.2 | 62.7 | 19.6 | 20.6 | 20.2 | 21.2 |
| Cent. America 4/: | 648.3 | 701.4 | 684.3 | 769.2 | 125.9 | 136.8 | 145.3 | 155.3 |
| Argentina . . . | 1,386.4 | 1,461.4 | 1,313.1 | 1,165.9 | 110.0 | 107.1 | 96.8 | 89.4 |
| Bolivia . . . . | 4.5 | 8.7 | 9.5 | 5.0 | 26.2 | 24.2 | 29.2 | 29.4 |
| Brazil. | 1,233.6 | 1,381.9 | 1,271.3 | 1,470.3 | 211.4 | 270.4 | 318.4 | 338.1 |
| Chile . | 39.9 | 55.8 | 43.9 | 52.1 | 142.4 | 169.9 | 151.1 | 155.9 |
| Colombia. . . : | 399.5 | 381.7 | 387.6 | 428.5 | 56.4 | 93.6 | 47.7 | 55.4 |
| Ecuador . . . : | 168.3 | 169.3 | 149.6 | 181.2 | 18.0 | 16.2 | 21.2 | 21.8 |
| Guyana. . . . . | 46.1 | 50.5 | 53.0 | 47.7 | 13.4 | 139 | 21.2 | 18.9 |
| Paraguay. . . . | 42.5 | 33.2 | 35.9 | 32.3 | 6.8 | 6.7 | 9.4 | 8.7 |
| Peru. . . . . : | 346.1 | 364.9 | 338.2 | 401.7 | 120.9 | 131.4 | 134.9 | 142.4 |
| Uruguay . . . . | 163.0 | 173.2 | 148.1 | 3/161.3 | 20.4 | 30.9 | 26.3 | 3/20.7 |
| Venezuela . . | 25.7 | 32.8 | 38.3 | 32.6 | 176.2 | 145.8 | 180.1 | 173.9 |
| South America $4 /$ : | 3,855.6 | 4,113.4 | 3,788.5 | 3,978.6 | 902.1 | 1,010.1 | 1,036.3 | 1,054.6 |
| Latin America 4/ | 5,448.7 | 5,766.8 | 5,384.6 | 5,732.6 | 1,320.5 | 1,451.5 | 1,487.4 | 1,506.2 |
| Hemisphere 4/ : | $7,044.7$ | 7,621.3 | 6,903.9 | 7,190.4 | 2,257.9 | 2,403.0 | 2,493.0 | 2,513.6 |

1/ Standard international trade classification: categories for food, beverages, and agricultural raw materials, excluding fish and manufactured tobacco.

2/ Data differs from FAO due to reevaluation of certain exports, mainly cattle and cotton, and inclusion of free zone imports.

3/ Western Hemisphere Branch estimates.
4/ For countries shown
Sources: FAO Trade Yearbooks, country trade books, and official Government papers.

Table 7.--Western Hemisphere: Exports and imports of selected agricultural commodities by principal countries or regions, 1968-70


Table 7.--Continued


Sources: Economic Research Service, USDA; Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization; and official Govermment reports.

Table 8.--Western Hemisphere: International coffee export quotas and U.S. sugar import quotas, selected years 1/


Table 9.--U.S. agricultural trade with Western Hemisphere countries and dependencies by value, average 1960-64, annual 1967-70

| Country | : | : U.S. exports |  |  |  |  | : | U.S. imports |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Average 1960-64 | $: \quad 1967$ | $: 1968$ | $\begin{aligned} & : 1969 \\ & : \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & : 1970 \\ & : \quad 1 / \end{aligned}$ |  | Average $1960-64$ | $1967$ | $: 1968$ | $1969$ | $\begin{array}{cc} : 1970 \\ : \quad 1 / \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
|  | : - - - - - Milion dollars $\ldots$ - - - - - - - - Milion dollars - - - - - - |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada 2/..... | : | 420.9 | 485.0 | 484.0 | 509.2 | 526.4 | : $:$ | 180.0 | 201.1 | 226.2 | 244.0 | 305.4 |
| Mexico . . . . . | : | 67.6 | 69.7 | 80.6 | 91.3 | 155.2 | : | 260.2 | 327.0 | 398.8 | 443.0 | 512.9 |
|  | : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Barbados . . . . . Dominican Republic |  | 1.9 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 4.0 | : | 1.5 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 2.2 |
|  | : | 13.3 | 22.1 | 30.2 | 24.8 | 29.7 | : | 109.6 | 116.4 | 139.2 | 148.2 | 166.0 |
| Haiti. . . . . . . . Jamaica. |  | 7.9 | 8.8 | 9.3 | 6.3 | 7.7 | : | 14.8 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 11.3 | 12.5 |
|  |  | 13.5 | 25.3 | 29.1 | 29.5 | 35.0 | : | 14.7 | 18.8 | 18.0 | 13.3 | 13.1 |
| Trinidad \& Tobago. |  | 10.2 | 14.1 | 13.6 | 13.3 | 14.9 | : | 7.9 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 12.2 | 8.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Antilles (Neth.). } \\ & \text { Bahamas }(\mathrm{Br} .) . \text {. } \end{aligned}$ | : | 9.1 | 11.5 | 12.5 | 11.2 | 12.6 | : | . 1 | . 1 | 3/ | 3/ | . 1 |
|  | : | 8.7 | 22.0 | 25.6 | 28.0 | 27.2 | : | 1.8 | 1.2 | . 2 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| Bermuda (Br.). Leeward \& Windward Is. ( Br. ) | : | 5.5 | 6.9 | 7.7 | 7.3 | 7.8 | : | . 2 | . 1 | $3 /$ | 3/ | 3/ |
|  |  | 1.8 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 4.4 | 5.1 | : | 1.0 | . 9 | 1.1 | . 7 | 1.4 |
| West Indies (Fr.). . |  | . 8 | 2.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 | : | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 8.7 |
| Caribbean . . . | : | 72.7 | 120.2 | 137.3 | 129.8 | 145.7 | :: | 158.5 | 165.3 | 190.9 | 196.8 | 215.2 |
|  | : |  |  |  |  |  | : |  |  |  |  |  |
| Costa Rica . . . . <br> E1 Salvador. |  | 5.6 | 7.8 | 9.0 | 7.0 | 9.8 | : | 39.5 | 66.9 | 83.9 | 94.8 | 107.5 |
|  |  | 6.8 | 7.8 | 8.4 | 9.6 | 11.5 | : | 34.3 | 47.4 | 39.1 | 34.4 | 41.1 |
| Guatemala. . . . . |  | 10.0 | 14.1 | 14.8 | 10.4 | 14.9 | : : | 57.6 | 59.7 | 65.8 | 70.3 | 80.2 |
| Honduras . . . . . : |  | 4.1 | 5.9 | 7.0 | 5.5 | 8.1 | : | 29.3 | 59.4 | 69.9 | 73.8 | 82.5 |
| Nicaragua. . . . . <br> Panama |  | 4.5 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.8 | : | 25.1 | 33.4 | 40.3 | 42.6 | 49.8 |
|  |  | 10.6 | 16.5 | 15.6 | 15.6 | 19.4 | : | 16.4 | 51.7 | 53.1 | 46.2 | 45.1 |
| Panama * * ${ }_{\text {British Honduras . . }}$ |  | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.9 | : | 1.7 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.2 | 3.1 |
| Canal Zone . . . . | : | . 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | : | . 1 | 3/ | . 1 | 3/ | 3/ |
| Central America | : | 44.2 | 61.0 | 63.5 | 55.9 | 72.4 | : | 204.0 | 322.1 | 355.8 | 366.3 | 409.3 |
|  | : |  |  |  |  |  | : |  |  |  |  |  |
| Argentina. . . . . Bolivia. | : | 3.7 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 11.9 | 5.0 | : | 95.0 | 101.3 | 127.6 | 106.5 | 115.6 |
|  |  | 10.7 | 12.1 | 10.4 | 7.8 | 6.7 | : | 1.9 | 2.9 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Brazil . . . . .Chile. |  | 100.0 | 109.7 | 88.1 | 68.6 | 68.5 | : | 481.1 | 461.2 | 564.1 | 499.1 | 531.0 |
|  |  | 27.2 | 24.9 | 35.2 | 26.0 | 32.0 | : | 5.5 | 5.7 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 8.2 |
| Colombia . . . . |  | 25.5 | 25.0 | 32.8 | 31.0 | 38.6 | : | 229.8 | 179.7 | 178.2 | 146.9 | 196.8 |
| Ecuador. . . . . . : |  | 7.9 | 11.1 | 12.5 | 11.1 | 12.8 | : | 62.9 | 85.9 | 75.9 | 64.3 | 94.7 |
| Guyana . . . . . . . <br> Paraguay |  | 3.5 | 4.8 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 4.0 | : | 6.2 | 8.1 | 12.7 | 13.5 | 15.0 |
|  |  | 2.9 | 1.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.7 | : | 6.8 | 9.5 | 9.8 | 9.3 | 10.0 |
| Peru . . . . . . |  | 24.4 | 42.2 | 22.1 | 14.9 | 32.8 | : | 78.3 | 82.1 | 96.3 | 67.1 | 94.4 |
| Uruguay. . . . . : |  | 7.7 | 2.5 | 19.9 | 2.5 | 1.9 | : | 15.8 | 8.1 | 14.1 | 8.9 | 9.4 |
| Venezuela. . . . . . <br> French Guiana. |  | 79.6 | 90.9 | 90.8 | 90.8 | 98.7 | : | 19.5 | 22.6 | 19.3 | 22.1 | 27.0 |
|  | : | . 1 | . 2 | . 3 | . 2 | . 2 | :: | . 1 | 3/ | 3/ | 3/ | . 2 |
| Surinam. . . . . |  | 2.5 | 3.7 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 5.3 | , | 1.0 | 1.0 | .5 | . 3 | . 3 |
| South America . . | : | 295.7 | 331.0 | 326.9 | 276.7 | 309.2 | :: | 1,003.9 | 968.1 | 1,108.5 | 947.5 | 1,105.1 |
|  | : |  |  |  |  |  | : |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Latin America. | : | 480.2 | 581.9 | 608.3 | 553.7 | 682.5 | : | 1,626.6 | 1,782.5 | 2,054.0 | 1,953.6 | 2,242.5 |
| Total W. Hemisphere. | : | 901.1 | 1,066.9 | 1,092.3 | 1,062.9 | 1,208.9 | : | 1,806.6 | 1,983.6 | 2,280.2 | 2,197.6 | 2,547.9 |
| Total World. . . . . | 5 | 5,363.5 | 6,383.3 | 6,228.0 | 5,935.4 | 7,173.7 | : : | 3,896.8 | 4,454.4 | 5,028.4 | 4,954.2 | 5,666.0 |
|  | : |  |  |  |  |  | : |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hemisphere as percentage of world total . | : |  |  |  |  |  | : |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 17 | : | 46 | 45 | 45 | 44 | 45 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | : |  |  |  |  |  |

1/ Preliminary.
2/ Excludes export transshipments, mostly grains and oilseeds to Western Europe.
3/ Less than $\$ 50,000$.
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Table 10.-U.S. agricultural exports to the Western


Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Hemisphere, by principal export categories, 1966-70


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