



# **TEA AND TOBACCO**

**Table 3.1 - Area under tea cultivation - Island of Mauritius, 2003 -2007**

(Hectares)

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Plantation cultivated by factories	193	193	193	192	190
Plantation cultivated by private planters	488	481	477	496	519
<b>Total area cultivated</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>709</b>

**Table 3.2 - Distribution of individual tea plantations by size - Island of Mauritius, 2007**

Size (hectares)	No. of individual plantations	Aggregate area cultivated (hectares)
Less than 1	1,451	474
1 but less than 2	19	27
2 but less than 3	3	7
3 but less than 4	3	11
4 but less than 5	-	-
5 but less than 10	3	21
10 but less than 25	3	50
25 but less than 100	-	-
100 and above	1	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,483</b>	<b>709</b>

Source: Tea Board

**Table 3.3 - Production of green leaf of tea by type of producer - Island of Mauritius, 2003-2007**

(Tonnes)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Factory estates</b>	<b>Metayers</b>	<b>Free planters</b>	<b>Planters in co-operative societies</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2003</b>	1,216	2,266	2,208	1,283	<b>6,973</b>
<b>2004</b>	1,426	2,228	2,268	1,307	<b>7,229</b>
<b>2005</b>	1,393	2,061	2,145	1,199	<b>6,798</b>
<b>2006</b>	1,434	2,216	2,703	1,296	<b>7,649</b>
<b>2007</b>	1,686	2,233	2,870	1,238	<b>8,027</b>

Source: Tea Board

**Table 3.4 - Production of black tea by factories - Island of Mauritius, 2003 -2007**

(Tonnes)

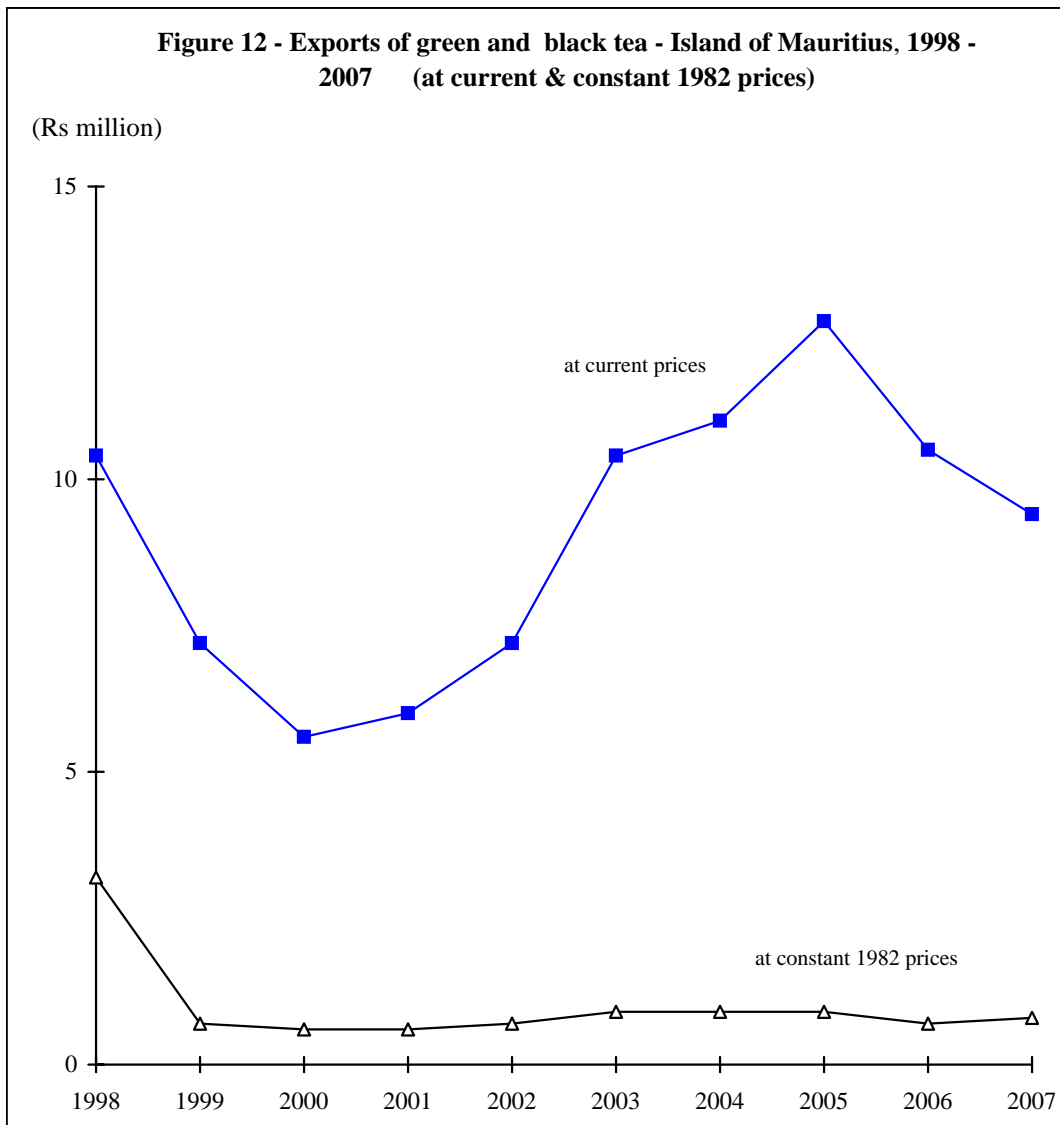
<b>Factory</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Bois Cheri	631	703	695	690	692
La Chartreuse	248	358	400	542	532
La Flora	63	1	-	-	-
Corson	494	420	292	335	339
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,436</b>	<b>1,482</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>1,563</b>

Source: Tea Board

**Table 3.5 - Exports of green and black tea (at current and constant 1982 prices) - Island of Mauritius, 2003 - 2007**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Quantity (tonnes)	52.4	51.0	52.5	40.8	45.9
<b>Exports (f.o.b value in Rs million)</b>					
At current prices	10.4	11.0	12.7	10.5	9.4
At constant 1982 prices	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8

Source: Tea Board



**Table 3.6 - Exports of green and black tea by country of destination - Island of Mauritius, 2003 -2007**

(Quantity in tonnes; f.o.b value in Rs million)

Country of destination	2003		2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Reunion	27.8	5.3	19.9	4.3	24.6	5.6	16.0	4.0	16.9	4.5
France	19.0	4.1	23.4	5.7	22.2	5.6	23.3	6.1	23.6	4.3
Japan	4.0	0.7	3.5	0.7	3.6	0.8	0.5	0.1	-	-
Other countries	1.6	0.3	4.2	0.3	2.1	0.7	1.0	0.3	5.4	0.6
<b>Total Exports</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>9.4</b>

**Table 3.7 - Tobacco: Area harvested, yield and production of leaf, crop year <sup>1</sup> - Island of Mauritius : 2003/2004 - 2007/2008**

	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
<b>Number of growers</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>294</b>
- Virginia Flue-cured	191	190	183	159	154
- Amarello Air-cured	217	222	204	158	140
<b>Area harvested (hectares)</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>252</b>
- Virginia Flue-cured	315	325	264	232	230
- Amarello Air-cured	63	23	23	17	22
<b>Average yield (tonnes/hectare)</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>1.20</b>	<b>1.25</b>
- Virginia Flue-cured	1.14	1.02	1.05	1.22	1.30
- Amarello Air-cured	1.06	1.13	0.78	0.89	0.73
<b>Leaf production (tonnes)</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>316</b>
- Virginia Flue-cured	359	331	278	283	300
- Amarello Air-cured	67	26	18	15	16

<sup>1</sup> Crop year usually extends from April to March the following year

Source: Tobacco Board

**Table 3.8 - Tobacco: Average price paid to planters and value of production - Island of Mauritius : 2003/2004 - 2007/2008**

	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008
<b>Average price to planters (Rs/kg)</b>					
- Virginia Flue-cured	94.18	108.12	110.29	131.86	122.55
- Amarello Air-cured	48.33	55.93	59.29	67.61	58.84
<b>Value of production (Rs million)</b>	<b>37.2</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>42.5</b>
<b>Tobacco used in cigarette manufacture (tonnes)</b>	<b>656.5</b>	<b>634.5</b>	<b>513.2</b>	<b>497.9</b>	<b>484.5</b>
- Domestic leaf	550.2	519.5	430.3	391.9	310.3
- Imported leaf	106.3	115.0	82.9	106.0	174.2