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IMPORTS OF FOOD, FOODSTUFFS
AND SELECTED AGRICULTURAL INPUTS
IN CARICOM COUNTRIES

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TABLE 1
CARICOM
IMPORTS OF FOOD AND FOODSTUFFS
 (EC\$'000)
 (1971 - 1973)

	1971	1972	1973 ^P
<u>Total Food Imports:</u>			
Barbados	53,349.7	63,002.0	45,440.0
Guyana	41,529.2	38,135.9	48,509.9
Jamaica		216,493.9	250,831.4
Trinidad & Tobago		132,923.0	153,130.6
West Indies Associated States*	50,118.8	56,142.2	n.a.
<u>01 Meat and Meat Preparations:</u>			
Barbados	15,635.4	17,879.6	9,349.4 ^{1/4}
Guyana	2,011.4	2,164.5	1,583.4 ^{2/}
Jamaica		39,191.0	39,554.0
Trinidad & Tobago		18,136.7	22,984.5
West Indies Associated States*	9,395.8	12,365.1	n.a.
<u>02 Dairy Products:</u>			
Barbados	6,990.0	8,406.0	5,454.3 ^{1/}
Guyana	14,882.8	10,869.2	12,757.7 ^{2/}
Jamaica		36,710.2	28,023.0
Trinidad & Tobago		26,053.4	26,119.3
West Indies Associated States*	5,220.2	7,682.7	n.a.
<u>03 Fish and Fish Preparations:</u>			
Barbados	2,547.4	2,731.5	1,786.5
Guyana	3,182.9	302.2	-
Jamaica		29,111.5	31,523.4
Trinidad & Tobago		6,093.1	5,344.4
West Indies Associated States*	4,493.6	4,702.2	n.a.

TABLE 1 (CONT'D.)

	1971	1972	1973 ^P
05 Fruits & Vegetables:			
Barbados	7,120.6	6,982.6	n.a.
Guyana	6,115.2	5,869.8	5,840.9 ^{2/}
Jamaica		16,599.4	17,986.1
Trinidad & Tobago		19,087.6	25,112.6
West Indies Associated States*	2,077.1 ^{3/}	2,269.1 ^{3/}	n.a.
08 Feeding Stuff for Animals:			
Barbados	5,524.2	6,651.1	5,749.0
Guyana	291.9	280.9	n.a.
Jamaica		9,074.4	12,205.4
Trinidad & Tobago		11,837.3	13,989.3
West Indies Associated States*	681.9 ^{3/}	819.2 ^{3/}	n.a.

*Excludes Antigua

^{4/} Canned meat not available.

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^{1/} January to July

^{2/} January to November

^{3/} Data for St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia & Montserrat.

Source: External Trade Reports and data supplied ECLA.

TABLE 2

BARBADOS

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES
(EC\$ '000)

(1971 - 1973)

COMMODITIES	1971	1972	1973 ^{1/}
Meat and meat preparations	15,635.4	17,879.6	9,349.4
Dairy products	6,990.0	8,406.0	5,454.3
Fish and fish preparations	2,547.4	2,731.5	1,786.5
Fruit and vegetables	712.0	6,982.6	n.a.
Feeding stuff for Animals	5,524.2	6,651.1	5,749.0
Imports of food	53,349.7	63,002.0	45,440.0
TOTAL imports	243,684.5	270,435.7	186,006.8

^{1/} Jan-July

n.a. - Not available

SOURCE: External Trade Reports and data supplied ECLA.

TABLE 3

GUYANA

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES
(EC\$'000)

(1971 - 1973)

COMMODITIES	1971	1972 ^P	1973 ^{1/}
Meat and meat preparations	2,011.4	2,164.5	1,583.4
Dairy products	14,882.8	10,869.2	12,757.7
Fish and fish preparations	3,182.9	302.2	-
Fruit and vegetables	6,115.2	5,869.8	5,840.9
Feeding stuff for Animals	291.9	280.9	n.a.
TOTAL food imports	41,529.2	38,135.9	48,509.8
TOTAL imports	267,631.7	274,363.8	294,962.3

p - preliminary

n.a. - Not available

^{1/} Data are for Jan-Nov.

SOURCE: Annual Account Relating to External Trade 1971 and Monthly Account Relating to External Trade Dec. 1972 and Nov. 1973.

TABLE 4

JAMAICA

IMPORTS OF FOOD AND TOTAL IMPORTS

	EC\$000 1972 ^{1/}	J\$000 1972	J\$000 1973	EC\$000 1973 ^{2/}
01 Meat and Meat Preparations	39,191.0	16,329.6	18,189.1	39,554.0
011 Meat Fresh, chilled or frozen				
012 Meat Dried, salted or smoked				
013 Meat Canned & meat preparations				
02 Dairy Products	36,710.2	15,295.9	12,886.5	28,023.0
021 Milk Fresh				
022 Milk evaporated, condensed or dried				
023 Butter				
024 Cheese				
03 Fish & Fish Preparations	29,111.5	12,129.8	14,496.2	31,523.4
031 Fish Fresh				
032 Fish Canned and Fish preparations				
05 Fruit and Vegetables	16,599.4	6,916.4	8,271.0	17,986.1
052 Dried Fruits				
053 Fruits preserved				
054 Fresh & dry vegetables				
055 Vegetable preserved and preparations				
08 Feeding Stuff for Animals	9,074.4	3,781.0	5,612.7	12,205.4
TOTAL FOOD IMPORTS	216,493.9	90,205.8	115,346.0	250,831.4
TOTAL IMPORTS	1,183,597.7	493,165.7	604,070.8	1,313,612.4

^{1/} Converted to EC\$ at rate J\$1 = EC\$2.40

^{2/} " " " " " " J\$1 = EC\$2.1746

SOURCE: External Trade Reports 1972, 1973

Notes: J\$1.00 = EC\$2.1746 is calculated essentially as the weighted average of daily selling rates between 1 January and 31 March and average mid-month and end of month rates from March to December.

TABLE 5

TRINIDAD & TOBAGO

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES FOR
1972 - 1973

<u>Commodities</u>	<u>1 9 7 2</u>		<u>1 9 7 3^P</u>	
	<u>lbs. '000</u>	<u>TT\$ '000</u>	<u>lbs. '000</u>	<u>TT\$ '000</u>
TOTAL IMPORTS		1,471,098.8		1,536,367.7
Food		132,923.0		153,130.6
Animal feeds	73,644.8	11,837.3	41,542.9	13,989.3
Meat & meat preparation	20,130.4	18,136.7	19,261.6	22,984.5
Dairy products	38,929.7	26,053.4	37,454.9	26,119.3
Fish & fish preparation	7,275.4	6,093.1	5,749.3	5,344.4
Fruits & vegetables	91,327.2	19,087.6	86,328.6	25,112.6
Nuts	484.0	730.0	414.0	729.2

p = preliminary

SOURCE: Overseas Trade 1972, Central Statistical Office, Trinidad
Overseas Trade Monthly Report July 1973, and
Overseas Trade Monthly Report December 1973, Central
Statistical Office, Trinidad.

TABLE 6

ASSOCIATED STATES:^{1/}

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

1971 - 1972

	<u>1971^P</u> <u>EC \$'000</u>	<u>1972^P</u> <u>EC \$'000</u>
TOTAL IMPORTS	222,841.9	225,232.1
Food	50,115.8	56,142.2
Animal feeds	681.9 ^{2/}	819.2 ^{2/}
Meat & meat preparations	9,395.8	12,365.1
Dairy products	5,220.2	7,682.7
Fish & fish preparations	4,493.6	4,702.2
Fruits & vegetables	2,077.7 ^{2/}	2,269.1 ^{2/}

NB: Data for 1973 are not available.

^{1/} Excludes Antigua as data are not available.

^{2/} Data for St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla, St. Lucia and Montserrat.

P - Preliminary

Source: External Trade reports and official data supplied to UN - ECLA.

TABLE 7

GRENADA

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

1971 - 1972

(EC \$'000)

<u>COMMODITIES</u>	<u>1971^P</u>	<u>1972^P</u>
TOTAL IMPORTS	45,590	42,811
Food	12,975	13,284
Animal feeds	n.a.	n.a.
Meat & meat preparations	2,519	2,641
Dairy products	1,634	1,739
Fish & fish preparations	1,261	1,258
Fruits & vegetables	n.a.	n.a.

NB: Data for 1973 are not available.

P - Preliminary

n.a. - not available

Source: Official data supplied to ECLA.

TABLE 8

DOMINICA

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

1971 - 1972

(EC \$'000)

<u>COMMODITIES</u>	<u>1971^P</u>	<u>1972^P</u>
TOTAL IMPORTS	33,019	35,924
Food	7,711	9,364
Animal feeds	n.a.	n.a.
Meat & meat preparations	1,653	2,684
Dairy products	839	1,271
Fish & fish preparations	727	885
Fruits & vegetables	n.a.	n.a.

NB: Data for 1973 are not available.

n.a. - not available

P - Preliminary

Source: Official data supplied to UN - ECLA.

TABLE 9

ST. KITTS-NEVIS-ANGUILLA

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

1971 - 1972

(EC \$'000)

<u>COMMODITIES</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
TOTAL IMPORTS	30,504.6	30,562.5
Food	6,257.9	7,531.5
Animal feeds	251.5	258.2
Meat & meat preparations	1,155.8	1,581.0
Dairy products	960.3	1,191.8
Fish & fish preparations	515.9	522.3
Fruits & vegetables	678.9	724.7

NB: Data for 1973 are not available.

Source: External Trade of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla
1971 and 1972, Department of Statistics,
St. Kitts.

TABLE 10

ST. VINCENT

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

1971 - 1972

(EC \$'000)

<u>COMMODITIES</u>	<u>1971^P</u>	<u>1972^P</u>
Meat and Meat preparations	1,094.5	1,544.3
Dairy products	1,081.9	1,442.7
Fish and fish preparations	630.2	642.3
Fruits & vegetables	n.a.	n.a.
Feeding stuff for animals	n.a.	n.a.
IMPORTS OF FOOD	9,208.0	10,204.8
TOTAL IMPORTS:	36,171.9	35,164.4

NB: Data for 1973 are not available

P - Preliminary

n.a. - not available

Source: Data supplied ECLA

Table 11

ST. LUCIA

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES
FOR 1971 - 1972
(\$EC'000)

COMMODITIES	1971	1972
Meat and meat preparations	2,466.4	3,261.7
Dairy products	478.9	1,720.1
Fish and fish preparations	1,201.2	1,182.3
Fruit and vegetables	1,247.3	1,316.2
Feeding stuff for Animals	336.1	404.8
Imports of food	12,147.9	13,175.7
TOTAL Imports	68,998.4	68,690.2

Data for 1973 are not available.

Source: External Trade Report 1971 and
Quarterly Reports 1972.

Table 12

MONTSERRAT

IMPORTS OF FOOD AND TOTAL IMPORTS
FOR 1971 - 1972
(EC\$'000)

COMMODITIES	1971	1972
01 Meat and Meat Preparation	507.1	653.1
02 Dairy Products	226.1	318.1
03 Fish and Fish Preparation	158.3	212.3
05 Fruit and Vegetables	151.5	228.2
08 Feeding stuff for animals	94.3	156.2
TOTAL FOOD IMPORTS	1,816.0	2,583.0
TOTAL IMPORTS	8,558.0	12,080.0

N.B.: Data for 1973 are not available.

Source: External Trade Reports, 1971 & 1972.

Table 13

BELIZE

IMPORTS OF SELECTED COMMODITIES
FOR 1972 - 1973

COMMODITIES	1972	1972 ^{1/}	1973	1973 ^{1/}
	Bze \$000	EC\$ 000	Bze \$000	EC\$ 000
Meat and meat preparations	1,474.0	1,768.8	2,596.0	3,115.2
Dairy products	3,875.0	4,650.0	3,720.0	4,464.0
Fish and fish preparations	111.0	133.2	240.0	288.0
Fruit and vegetables	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Feeding stuff for animals	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
TOTAL food imports	15,187.0	18,224.4	17,500	21,000
TOTAL imports	59,063.0	70,875.6	67,084	80,500.8

^{1/} Converted at rate Bze\$ 1 = EC\$ 1.20

n.a. = Not available.

Source: Data supplied ECLA.

Table 14

IMPORTS OF FOOD AND FEEDING STUFF
IN SELECTED CARICOM COUNTRIES

SITC Revised

(Average 1969-1971)

('000 US\$)

GROUPS	JAMAICA		BARBADOS		TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	
	Value	% Total	Value	% Total	Value	% Total
-0 Food (Total)*	61,341	100%	23,507	100%	50,778	100%
-01 Meat & Meat Preparations	13,039	21.3	7,103	30.2	6,907	13.6
-02 Dairy Products - Eggs	9,436	15.4	3,396	14.4	8,983	17.7
-05 Fruits & Vegetables	4,611	7.5	3,406	14.5	6,888	13.6
-08 Feeding Stuff	780	-	2,668	-	3,817	-
	GUYANA		BELIZE		ANTIGUA	
Food (Total)*	13,180	100%	6,100	100%	2,900	100%
Meat & Meat Preparations	1,100	8.3	1,240	20.3	1,050	36.2
Dairy Products (only)	4,390	33.3	2,035	33.4	460	15.9
Fruits & Vegetables	1,960	14.9	440	1.2	215	7.4
Feeding Stuff	8	-			175	-
	GRENADA					
Food (Total)*	2,975					
Meat & Meat Preparations	540	18.1				
Dairy Products	640	21.5				
Fruits & Vegetables	45	1.5				
Feeding Stuff	202	-				

* Not including live animals and fishes

Source: FAO Trade Yearbook 1972.

Equivalent in US Dollars

1969 1970 1971 1972

Exchange rates used

Antigua	}	1 BWI dollar	=	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.525
Barbados							
Grenada							
Jamaica	}	1 J dollar	=		1.200	1.200	1.260
T'dad & Tobago							
Guyana		1 G dollar	=	0.500	0.500	0.500	0.520
Belize		1 dollar	=	0.600	0.600	0.600	0.600

Table 15

IMPORTS OF FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES
IN SELECTED CARICOM COUNTRIES

(Average 1969-1971)

('000 US\$)

	<u>Antigua</u>	<u>Barbados</u>	<u>Grenada</u>	<u>Jamaica</u>	<u>Trinidad & Tobago</u>	<u>Guyana</u>	<u>Belize</u>
Crude Fertilizers		2.3		38 ^{1/}	8	8 ^{2/}	
Manufactured Fertilizers	<u>10</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>343</u>	<u>3048</u>	<u>452</u>	<u>1511</u>	<u>493</u>
<u>Total</u>	10	796.3		3086	460	1519	
Pesticides	<u>78</u>	<u>1227</u>		<u>1720</u>	<u>1443</u>	<u>625</u>	<u>215</u>
<u>Total</u>	88	2123.3		4806	1903	2144	

^{1/} Figures for 1970 and 1971.

^{2/} Figures for 1970.

Source: FAO Trade Yearbook.