

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JAMAICA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY FOR THE  
YEAR 2013/2014

The matter for tabling in the Houses of Parliament is the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Jamaica Agricultural Society (JAS) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014. The report is being tabled in accordance with Section 12 (2) of the Jamaica Agricultural Society Incorporation Act.

**2.0 FIELD SERVICES**

The JAS through its Field Services Department continued to organize farmers into production groups. This resulted in the development of community based projects valued at millions of dollars which addressed the production needs of farmers.

**2.1 Membership**

The JAS for the period under review, placed significant emphasis on increasing membership. The Society pursued this objective with the implementation of projects and programmes and contacting dormant branches to have them reactivated. The Society registered a total of 171 direct members across all parishes. However, this achievement was less than the 212 recorded for the previous year.

**Total Branch Affiliation & Direct Membership for All Parishes for the Period  
April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2014**

	Branch Target	Branches Affiliated	Members Affiliated	Part Affiliated Branches	Registered Branches	Direct Members Registered
Total - (Review Period)	435	163	4.373	139	33	171
Total - Previous Yr 2012-2013	435	245	6.323	110	44	212

**2.2 Farmer Training**

For the period under review, farmer training was one of the key focus areas of the Society. The Society in an effort to build the capacity of their members implemented projects which saw farmers being trained in several areas. The main areas of focus targeted for training included:

- i. Crop production and management
- ii. Food safety modernization

- iii. Agro-processing
- iv. Record keeping
- v. Good agricultural practices
- vi. Climate change
- vii. Food preservation and agricultural standard
- viii. Soil conservation
- ix. Marketing of produce
- x. Integrated pest management

### **2.3 Commercial Activities**

The Society in an effort to further assist its members, engaged in various commercial activities which included purchasing their products for re-sale. For the period under review, these activities generated sales totalling \$1.57M which compares with \$1.04M in the previous year.

### **2.4 Projects**

The JAS in an effort to improve the standard of living of its members and their families, implemented a number of projects consistent with the objectives of its Strategic Plan. Among these projects is the National Red Peas Revolving Project which involves farmers being given the legume to plant with a contract to give back 3% of total yield to the Society. The other projects were implemented throughout several parishes and covered a range of activities including: Irish potato expansion, forest conservation, bee keeping and peanut production among others. In addition to the JAS, these projects were funded/sponsored by several agencies.

## **3.0 CALENDAR EVENTS**

### **3.1 Denbigh Agricultural Show**

All displays of the parishes were of a very high standard and over the three days earned visits and commendation from all levels of the society. Clarendon emerged as the overall winner of the parish pavilion and parish exhibits which saw them receiving the Percival Broderick Trophy and St. Ann pavilion won the best pavilion and received the Rudolph Burke Trophy.

### **3.2 National Champion Farmer And Sir Arthur Farquharson Most Improved Farm Competitions**

These competitions continued to gain tremendous support from farmers. Mr. Lester Murray of Manchester was again awarded National Champion Farmer 2013 and Mr. Nicholas Powell was again awarded the title of Young Champion Farmer.

### **3.3 Eat Jamaican Day Celebration**

In a proclamation by the Governor General, November 25<sup>th</sup> was officially declared as "Eat Jamaican Day" and shall be celebrated as such annually. For the past ten years the

JAS has promoted and encouraged Jamaicans to embrace the concept “Grow what we eat, eat what we grow” and to make it a way of life.

**4. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The Society achieved a surplus of \$2.1M for the review period. This represents a reduction of 60.7% (\$3.1M) from the \$5.2M surplus earned in the previous year. Subvention, notwithstanding a 5.3% decline, was \$77.6M or 81.8% of the total revenue. Other significant categories included “other income” of \$7M and rental income of \$3.3M.

Operational expenses totaled \$92.9M, a decrease of \$4M from the previous period.

**5. REMUNERATION**

The salaries and emoluments of the directors and senior executives are set out at appendices I and II respectively.

**6. AUDITORS’ REPORT**

The Financial Statements were audited by McKenley & Associates Chartered Accountants and they have stated that in their opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Society as at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 and of the financial performance, changes in reserves and cash flows of the Society for the year ended and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

7. The Annual Report of the Jamaica Agricultural Society is hereby submitted to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament in accordance with the provisions of Section 12 (2) of the Jamaica Agricultural Society Incorporation Act.



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**JAMAICA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**DIRECTORS COMPENSATION 2013-2014**

Position of Director	Fees (\$)	Motor Vehicle Travelling (\$)	Honoraria (\$)	All Other Compensation including Non-Cash Benefits as applicable (\$)	Total (\$)
President	96,000.00	338,063.00	-	-	434,063.00
1st Vice President	-	101,472.00	-	-	101,472.00
2nd Vice President	-	190,250.00	-	-	190,250.00
Director 1	-	65,280.00	-	-	65,280.00
Director 2	-	39,600.00	-	-	39,600.00
Director 3	-	84,630.00	-	-	84,630.00
Director 4	-	4,400.00	-	-	4,400.00
Director 5	-	133,100.00	-	-	133,100.00
Director 6	-	3,360.00	-	-	3,360.00
Director 7	-	30,720.00	-	-	30,720.00
Director 8	-	10,800.00	-	-	10,800.00
Director 9	-	10,752.00	-	-	10,752.00
Director 10	-	30,080.00	-	-	30,080.00
Director 11	-	87,710.00	-	-	87,710.00
Director 12	-	26,400.00	-	-	26,400.00
Director 13	-	55,664.00	-	-	55,664.00
Director 14	-	34,800.00	-	-	34,800.00
Director 15	-	40,320.00	-	-	40,320.00
Director 16	-	37,400.00	-	-	37,400.00
Director 17	-	30,000.00	-	-	30,000.00
Director 18	-	31,500.00	-	-	31,500.00
Director 19	-	7,200.00	-	-	7,200.00
Director 20	-	45,000.00	-	-	45,000.00
Director 21	-	68,000.00	-	-	68,000.00
<b>Total</b>	96,000.00	1,506,501.00	-	-	1,602,501.00

**Notes**

- Where a non-cash benefit is received (e.g. government housing), the value of that benefit shall be quantified and stated in the appropriate column above.

**JAMAICA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

<b>Position of Senior Executive</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Salary (\$)</b>	<b>Gratuity or Performance Incentive (\$)</b>	<b>Traveling or Allowance Value of Assigned Motor Vehicle (\$)</b>	<b>Pension or Other Retirement Benefits (\$)</b>	<b>Other Allowances (\$)</b>	<b>Non-Cash Benefits (\$)</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
Chief Executive Officer	2013-14	3,395,707.00	-	975,720.00	-	-	-	4,371,427.00
Chief Financial Officer	2013-14	1,631,717.00	-	208,380.00	-	-	-	1,840,097.00
Human Resource Manager	2013-14	1,292,799.00	-	514,500.00	-	-	-	1,807,299.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,320,223.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,698,600.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,018,823.00</b>

Notes

1. Where contractual obligations and allowances are stated in a foreign currency, the sum in that stated currency must be clearly provided and not the Jamaican equivalent.
2. Other Allowances (including laundry, entertainment, housing, utility, etc.)
3. Where a non-cash benefit is received (e.g. government housing), the value of that benefit shall be quantified and stated in the appropriate column above.