

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JAMAICA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016**

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, 2016. The report is being tabled in accordance with Section 12 (2) of the Jamaica Agricultural Society Incorporation Act.

**2. FIELD SERVICES**

The year ended March 31, 2016 proved difficult for the members as they experienced bush fires, prolonged drought conditions as well as spells of extremely high rainfall. Outside of natural occurrences, high input prices and praedial larceny were some of the other negative factors impacting production. Nevertheless, the negative aspects of the year ended did not stop farmers from making great efforts to produce. They developed strategies within the sector to combat their challenges and benefited from relief in the form of seeds, seedlings and fertilizers among other inputs distributed throughout the parishes. Training was also conducted in areas such as climate smart agricultural techniques and sustainable agricultural practices, with the aim of equipping the future generation of farmers.

**Membership**

For the year April 2015 – March 2016, ‘paid up’ branch affiliation declined by 14.2% relative to the previous year. The Society in an effort to increase this category, has stated that it aims to increase contact hours with farmers, implement an additional loyalty programme through partnerships with various organisations and reactivate dormant branches. The Society registered a total of 292 direct members across all parishes. This figure represents a 3% decline as the previous year had 301 direct members being registered.

**Total Branch Affiliation & Direct Membership for All Parishes (April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016)**

	<b>Branches Affiliated</b>	<b>Members Affiliated</b>	<b>Part Affiliated Branches</b>	<b>Direct Members Registered</b>
Total - Review Period	139	3,843	99	292
Total - Previous Yr (2014-2015)	162	4,389	118	301

### **Training**

Farmers received formal and informal training in support of their personal development and the development of their families. Listed below are some of the targeted subject areas:

1. Poultry Management and Production
2. Public Health Regulations
3. Proper Record Keeping
4. Good Agricultural Practices
5. Apiculture

### **Praedial Larceny**

Praedial Larceny continues to plague the agricultural sector. In an effort to have this curtailed, farmers were urged to increase their purchase of Agricultural Produce Receipt Books. A total of 1,739 receipt books were sold within the year, which represents an increase of 16.79% over the previous year. In addition, the Praedial Larceny Prevention Unit continued its work with the farmers to reduce the incidence of larceny and the recovery of stolen animals where possible.

### **3. DENBIGH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SHOW**

All the parishes, inclusive of parish officers and Association of Branch Society (ABS) members continued their work in maintaining the high standard of the Parish Pavilions and main exhibits. Clarendon emerged as the overall winner of the Parish Pavilion and their parish exhibits earned them the Percival Broderick Trophy along with the Rudolph Burke Trophy.

### **4. EAT JAMAICAN CAMPAIGN**

For the period under review, the project arm of the Society was instrumental in the planning and execution of the "Night of Authentic Jamaican Food". The response from patrons indicated that this event should be a staple on the calendar of the JAS.

### **5. COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES**

Commercial activities for the review period focussed primarily on the generation of revenue from property rental and pimento sales. The properties that generated revenue for the JAS were as follows:

<u>Property</u>	<u>2015/16 Amount Collected (\$)</u>
Campton House Manchester	3,240,000
Portland JAS Building	200,000
Denbigh Show Ground	432,000
Car Park	506,000
JPS Contract	420,000
Head Office (Church St.)	<u>1,200,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>5,998,000</u></b>

### **Pimento Operations**

The plan for the 2015/16 review period was to buy pimento berries in eight parishes. However, due to the extended dry period experienced, purchasing was limited to the following parishes, namely: Kingston and St. Andrew, St. Thomas and Manchester. A total of 940kg of pimento valued at \$620,700 was purchased for the period.

### **6. FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The Society recorded a net deficit of \$8,122,391 for the review period. This was observed to be due primarily to increases in Operating Expenses (11.02%) and Finance Costs (94.44%). Subvention was \$80,473,817, which represented an increase of 4.3% over the previous year and was also 83.63% of Operating Revenue.

### **7. RENUMERATION**

The emoluments of the Directors and Senior Executives for the 2015/16 year are included at appendices I and II.

### **8. AUDITORS' REPORT**

McKenley & Associates audited the Financial Statements. In their opinion, the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the Society's financial position as at March 31, 2016. They have stated that the Society's financial performance, changes in reserves and its cash flows for the year then ended, are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

9. The Annual Report of the Jamaica Agricultural Society for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2016 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.



**Audley Shaw CD, MP.**

**Minister of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries**

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**JAMAICA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
**DIRECTORS COMPENSATION 2015-2016**

Position of Director	Fees (\$)	Motor Vehicle Travelling (\$)	Honoraria (\$)	All Other Compensation including Non-Cash Benefits as applicable (\$)	Total (\$)
President	96,000.00	498,816.00	600,000.00	-	1,194,816.00
1st Vice President	-	91,360.00	-	-	91,360.00
2nd Vice President	-	412,176.00	-	-	412,176.00
Director 1	-	40,000.00	-	-	40,000.00
Director 2	-	43,520.00	-	-	43,520.00
Director 3	-	6,272.00	-	-	6,272.00
Director 4	-	108,400.00	-	-	108,400.00
Director 5	-	90,160.00	-	-	90,160.00
Director 6	-	115,920.00	-	-	115,920.00
Director 7	-	3,360.00	-	-	3,360.00
Director 8	-	6,000.00	-	-	6,000.00
Director 9	-	96,720.00	-	-	96,720.00
Director 10	-	31,700.00	-	-	31,700.00
Director 11	-	41,800.00	-	-	41,800.00
Director 12	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00
Director 13	-	12,040.00	-	-	12,040.00
Director 14	-	30,140.00	-	-	30,140.00
Director 15	-	38,976.00	-	-	38,976.00
Director 16	-	6,912.00	-	-	6,912.00
Director 17	-	12,288.00	-	-	12,288.00
Director 18	-	6,280.00	-	-	6,280.00
Director 19	-	238,096.00	-	-	238,096.00
Director 20	-	79,360.00	-	-	79,360.00
Director 21	-	40,400.00	-	-	40,400.00
Director 22	-	95,040.00	-	-	95,040.00
Director 23	-	25,600.00	-	-	25,600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>96,000.00</b>	<b>2,176,336.00</b>	<b>600,000.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,872,336.00</b>

**JAMAICA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

Position of Senior Executive	Year	Salary (\$)	Gratuity or Performance Incentive (\$)	Traveling Allowance or Value of Assigned Motor Vehicle (\$)	Pension or Other Retirement Benefits (\$)	Other Allowances (\$)	Non-Cash Benefits (\$)	Total (\$)
Chief Executive Officer	2015-16	3,801,208.00	-	1,219,656.00	-	-	-	5,020,864.00
Chief Financial Officer	2015-16	1,679,717.00		643,128.00				2,322,845.00
Human Resource Manager	2015-16	1,445,186.00	-	643,128.00	-	-	-	2,088,314.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>6,926,111.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,505,912.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,432,023.00</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.