

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALL-ISLAND JAMAICA CANE FARMERS ASSOCIATION FOR  
THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

1. The matter for tabling in the Houses of Parliament is the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the All-Island Jamaica Cane Farmers' Association (AIJCFA) for the year ended September 30, 2017. This report is being tabled in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 of the Sugar Cane Farmers (Incorporation and Cess) Act.

**2. BACKGROUND**

The All-Island Jamaica Cane Farmers' Association (AIJCFA) was incorporated under The Sugar Cane Farmers (Incorporated and Cess) Act on December 25, 1941. The Committee of Management maintains and operates the activities of the Association. All registered cane farmers are members of the Association and pay a cess on each tonne of cane delivered to a factory.

The main objectives of the All-Island Jamaica Cane Farmers' Association are:

- To promote the growing of cane and expansion of the cane farming industry
- The preparation of and the settling of terms for the cane farmers' contracts with sugar factories and aiding in the settlement of any dispute which may arise
- To buy and sell fertilizer and agricultural implements for the benefit of its members
- Make representation to the government on any matter affecting the interest of cane farmers.

**3. CANE PRODUCTION**

A total of 1,133,353 tonnes of cane was harvested from a total of 19,490 hectares, averaging 58.15 tonnes cane per hectare (TC/H). This represented an increase of 9.72% when compared to the 53 TC/H harvested for the 2015/2016 crop year. Of the total harvest, farmers supplied 541,260 tonnes (47.76%), while estates supplied 592,093 tonnes (52.24%).

Table 1 Cane Production for Farmers and Estates For the 2016/2017 Crop Year			
Factory Area	Cane Production ( Tonnes)		Total (Tonnes)
	Farmers	Estates	
Appleton	110,565	187,038	297,603
Frome	106,256	140,823	247,079
Golden Grove	85,641	65,419	151,060
Monymusk	72,739	103,290	176,029
Worthy Park	166,059	95,523	261,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>541,260</b>	<b>592,093</b>	<b>1,133,353</b>

**4. PLANTING**

Farmers planted a total of 543 hectares, which was 33% less than the previous year. However, sugar estates planted 906 hectares which represented an increase of 152% over the previous year 2016.

There were lower planting figures for the Appleton, Frome and Worthy Park areas and increases for the Bernard Lodge and Monymusk areas. The increased cane planting observed in irrigated areas was due primarily to funding from the Cane Expansion Fund (CEF).

**5. EXTENSION SERVICES**

All Extension Officers were involved in regular extension services, which included the following:

- i. Regular farm visits

- ii. Soil sampling
- iii. Leaf sampling
- iv. Monitoring of harvest operations
- v. Conducting field demonstrations
- vi. Conducting seminars
- vii. Monitoring of cane planting

Officers continued to provide advice and make recommendations to farmers on issues such as: crop nutrition, weed management, variety selection and management, irrigation and drainage, field layout, record keeping, pest and disease management and other agricultural best practices.

## 6. FINANCE

The Association recorded a profit of \$11,539,464 for the review period. This figure represents a significant improvement when compared to the loss of \$9,876,640 incurred 2016.

## RENUMERATION

The emoluments of the Committee of Management and Senior Executives for the 2016/17 year are included at appendices I and II.

## 8. AUDITORS' REPORT

Crowe Horwath Jamaica Chartered Accountants audited the Financial Statements. In their opinion, the financial statements gave a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at September 30, 2017. They have stated that the All-Island Jamaica Cane Farmers' Association financial performance, changes in equity and its cash flows for the year then ended September 30, 2017 are in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) and comply with the requirements of The Sugar Cane Farmers (Incorporation and Cess) Act.

## Other Matter Paragraph

The financial statements of the All-Island Cane Farmers' Association for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 were audited by another auditor who expressed a modified opinion, included in an "Emphasis of Matter Paragraph" on those statements on October 25, 2016.

5. The Annual Report of the All-Island Jamaica Cane Farmers' Association (AIJCFA) for the year ended September 30, 2017 is hereby submitted to be tabled in the Houses of Parliament, in accordance with Section 15 of the Sugar Cane Farmers (Incorporation and Cess) Act.



Audley Shaw, C.D., M.P  
Minister of Industry, Commerce, Agriculture and Fisheries  
May 2, 2019

## Appendix I

**All-Island Jamaica Cane Farmers' Association**  
**DIRECTORS COMPENSATION 2016/2017**

Position of Director	Fees (\$)	Motor Vehicle Upkeep/Travelling or Value of Assigned Motor Vehicle (\$)	Honoraria (\$)	All Other Compensation including Non- Cash Benefits as applicable (\$)	Total (\$)
Chairman- Allan Rickards	2,304,000.00	480,000.00	-		2,784,000.00
Vice Chairman - Hubert Baker	864,000.00	480,000.00	-	-	1,344,000.00
Badiyah Handal- Finance Committee Charman	540,000.00	480,000.00	-	-	1,020,000.00
Fitzroy Douglas		90,340.00	-	-	90,340.00
Vera Francis		36,100.00	-	-	36,100.00
Sydney Fray		202,100.00	-	-	202,100.00
Wesley Green		12,220.00	-	-	12,220.00
Derick Heaven		14,740.00	-	-	14,740.00
Everett Hyatt		9,400.00	-	-	9,400.00
Robert Jemieson		68,010.00	-	-	68,010.00
John Plummer		115,996.00	-	-	115,996.00
Winston Ritchie		220,916.00	-	-	220,916.00
Nelson Walters		32,397.00	-	-	32,397.00
Clayton Washington		70,626.00	-	-	70,626.00
Donald Williams		40,608.00	-	-	40,608.00
Sub-Total	3,708,000.00	2,353,453.00	-	5,782,664.99	6,061,453.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,708,000.00</b>	<b>2,353,453.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,782,664.99</b>	<b>11,844,117.99</b>

Kindly note that the Chairman Mr. Allan Rickards received loan of \$5,782,664.99 during the fiscal year

SENIOR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION 2016/17								
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 (\$)
								5,274,435.00
Secretary/ Manager - Nigel Myrie	2016/17	4,300,000.00		974,435.00				1,808,975.00
Acting Chief Accountant - Kaysia Anderson	2016/17	1,585,000.00		223,975.00		* 95,393.52		1,192,129.61
Accountant - Claudine Ferron	2016/17	1,192,129.61		-				3,540,220.00
Administrative Manager - Patrice Spence	2016/17	2,800,000.00		740,220.00				4,159,320.00
Head of Extension - Lincoln Davy	2016/17	3,200,000.00		959,320.00				
<b>Total</b>		<b>13,077,129.61</b>		<b>2,897,950.00</b>		<b>95,393.52</b>		

N.B. \* represents vacation emolument