

ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF COCONUTS IN CEYLON

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Based on Exports of Coconut Products and on Rutherford's Estimate of Domestic Consumption, viz., 140 nuts per head per annum.

Year	Production (nuts)	Year	Production (nuts)
1915	1,228,945,000	1935	1,729,655,000
1916	1,171,360,000	1936	1,553,244,000
1917	1,153,246,000	1937	1,913,191,000
1918	1,222,393,000	1938	2,024,982,000
1919	1,569,591,000	1939	1,848,584,000
1920	1,358,675,000	1940	1,549,839,000
1921	1,492,621,000	1941	1,653,137,000
1922	1,575,429,000	1942	1,665,749,000
1923	1,399,692,000	1943	2,034,646,000
1924	1,660,370,000	1944	1,767,863,000
1925	1,791,737,000	1945	1,861,120,000
1926	1,800,169,000	1946	1,561,514,000
1927	1,786,681,000	1947	1,542,354,000
1928	1,809,180,000	1948	1,973,951,000
1929	1,846,849,000	1949	1,977,977,000
1930	1,758,913,000	1950	2,095,165,000
1931	1,855,590,000	1951	2,353,651,000
1932	1,629,272,000	1952	2,573,935,000
1933	1,805,748,000	1953	2,402,945,000
1934	2,127,755,000	1954	2,349,000,000

Total estimated acreage = 1,100,000 (Approx.)

Conversion Rates.

1 ton of copra	—	5,000 nuts
1 ton of oil	—	8,125 nuts
1 ton of DCN	—	6,900 nuts

The rising trend in the production of coconuts since 1947 shows that the Coconut Industry is no longer a "declining asset." With the steady progress in replanting and the widespread application of modern methods of cultivation and manuring, it is now forging ahead and one can confidently expect that, as a result of the favourable rainfall conditions in 1954 there will be a record crop in 1955.