

# **Coffee and Currencies**

How the buck impacts the bean



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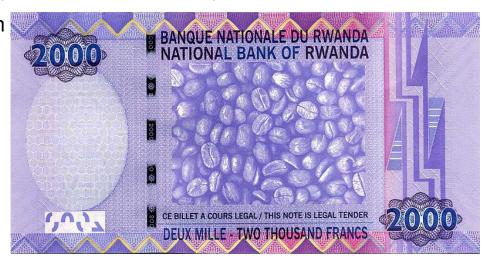
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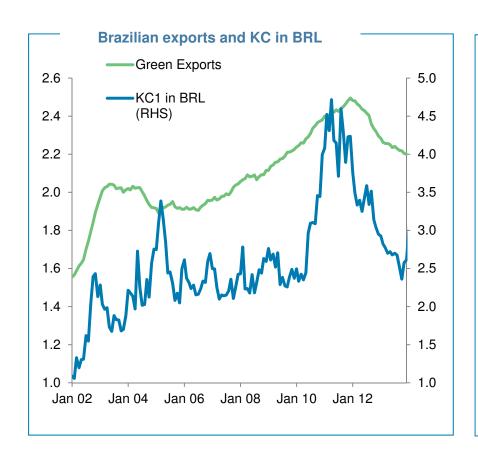
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## **Currency impacts**

- A devaluing currency (relative the USD) increases the local coffee price
  - Prompts selling (exports) in short term
  - Can encourage production in longer term
- A stronger USD = bearish commodities
  - A weaker BRL = bearish coffee
- Dollar denominated input costs can rise as the local currency falls
  - Fuel and fertilizer costs most susceptible
- Local economies have tools to combat a devaluing currency, but concerns about inflation, foreign reserves, or impact on trade can complicate matters
- The shifting exchange rates can impact the trade flow as some nations benefit from devalued currencies relative to the competition



## Coffee trade and currency



#### Coffee trade and currencies

	Coffee Exports (mln bags)	Foreign currencies from coffee (mln \$)	Coffee as share of exports	
Brazil	30.9	6'744	3	
Vietnam	18.6	2'510	4	
Columbia	8.5	2'552	6	
Indonesia	8.2	1'269	1	
India	4.4	943	0	
Guatemala	3.9	1'068	18	
Honduras	3.7	964	19	
Peru	3.6	938	3	
Ethiopia	2.5	734	46	
Mexico	2.3	599	0	
Uganda	2.1	422	17	
Nicaragua	1.8	469	34	
Total	90.5	19'212	2	

Source: Procafe, Bloomberg, BNP Paribas



When prices move higher (or local values move higher due to exchange rate shifts) selling/exports generally increase. The coffee trade is a major source of foreign currency (USD) for origin nations. The coffee portion has fallen due to increased development, but some nations still have a high share.

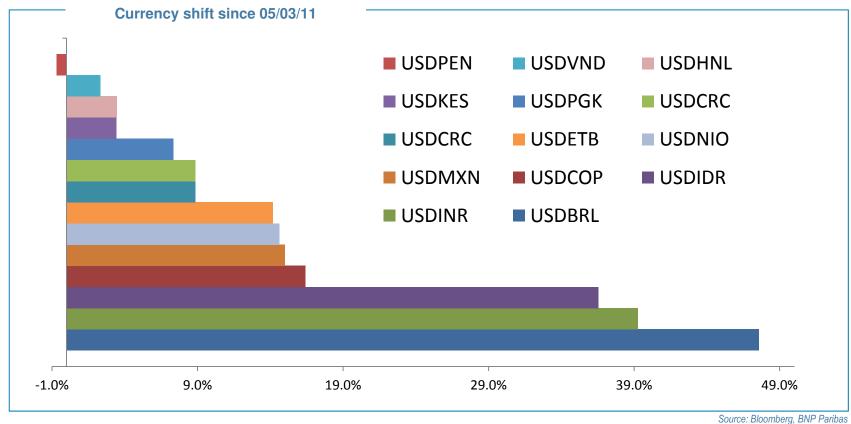


### Coffee currencies

- As coffee increases in the share of a nation's exports its importance as a USD source increases. Ethiopia, Rwanda, Honduras, and Guatemala are examples
  - The fate of coffee prices directly linked to the ability to buy USD denominated imports
  - Governments direct policy to support production/exports
- As the share of production increases currency volatility impacts the international price of coffee more
  - Brazil is the key example of this with the BRL linked to the Arabica price
- Nations that are very dependent on fickle foreign investment to finance growth are susceptible to high currency volatility (BRL, INR, IDR).
- Producers wary of inflation or stability of local currency may hold coffee as hedge or liquid asset
  - Vietnam an example



## **Currency moves**

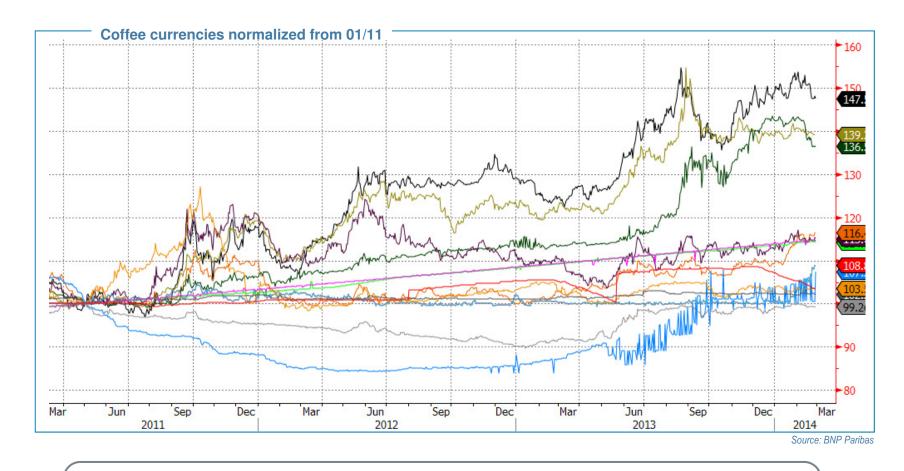




The shift in currency values since the Arabica peak in 2011 shows major devaluations (BRL, INR, IDR), modest moves (COP, MXN, NIO, ETB) and those with less volatility.



## **Coffee Currencies**

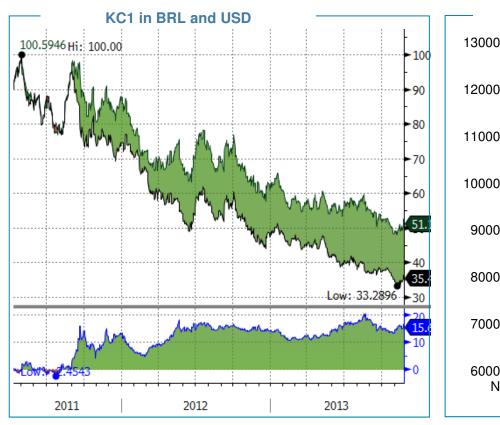


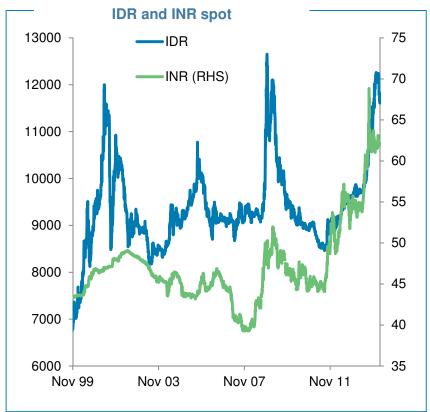


Much of the shift since the peak of coffee prices has occurred in the past year. The situation in the US (the potential end to QE3 and interest rates) is the driver.



## Winners (the R's)





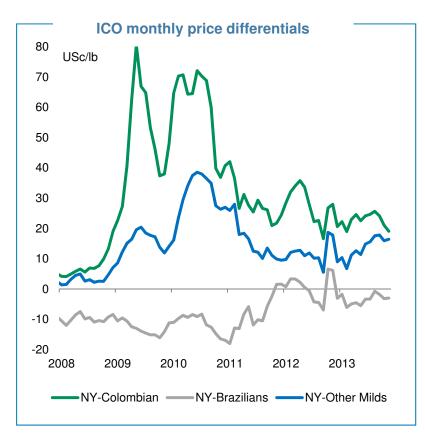
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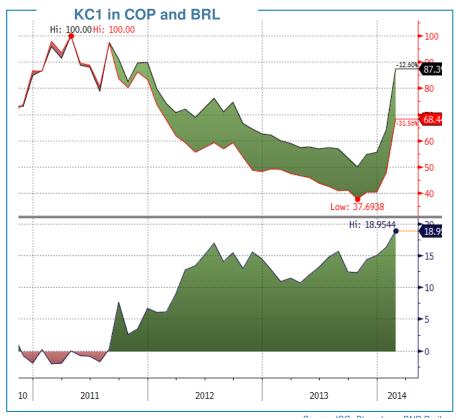


The Brazilian real, the Indian rupee, and the Indonesian rupiah have seen the greatest devaluation in the past three years. This has tempered the impacts of the falling NY market (and may have exacerbated it). In 2013/14 three nations accounted for 46% of coffee output.



### **Not Winners**





Source: ICO, Bloomberg, BNP Paribas

The shift in currencies and how that impacts local valuation of the NY market have not been compensated by differentials (which are more focused on the local market and the supply/demand for coffee type). Strong economic outlook in Colombia has resulted in strength in the peso.

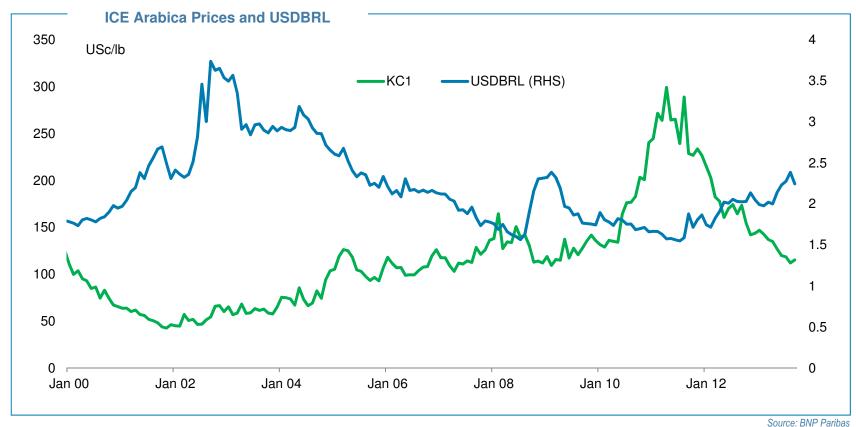


#### **USDBRL** and Arabica

- The Brazilian real has the most impact on the coffee market of the origin currencies
  - The relationship has grown stronger as the Brazilian share of Arabica grows (recently)
  - Liberalization in currencies and coffee trade has also supported the relationship
  - The ability to deliver Brazilian beans to NY may have impact as well
- "US Fed 'tapering' and concerns about the Chinese growth outlook may continue to erode global commodity prices and undermine capital flows into emerging markets like Brazil... Brazil is now bumping up against supply constraints, as evident from its worsening external accounts and its stubbornly above-target inflation. Brazil's growthinflation trade-off is worsening"



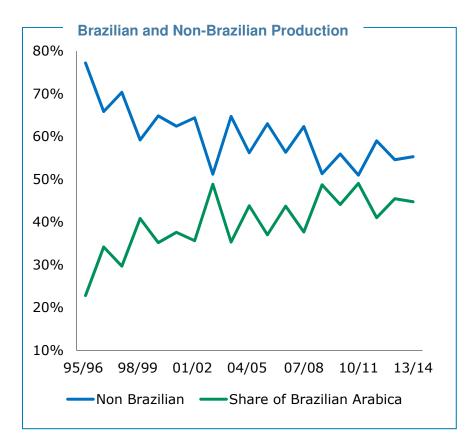
### **USDBRL** and ICE Arabica







## **Brazilian Arabica supply**



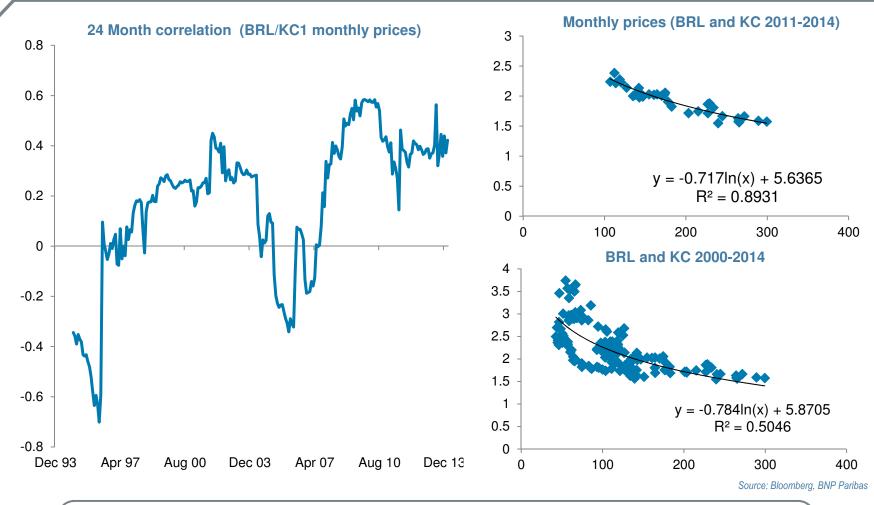




The Brazilian share of global Arabica production continues to increase along with Arabica exports. This increases the importance of the BRL for global coffee prices.



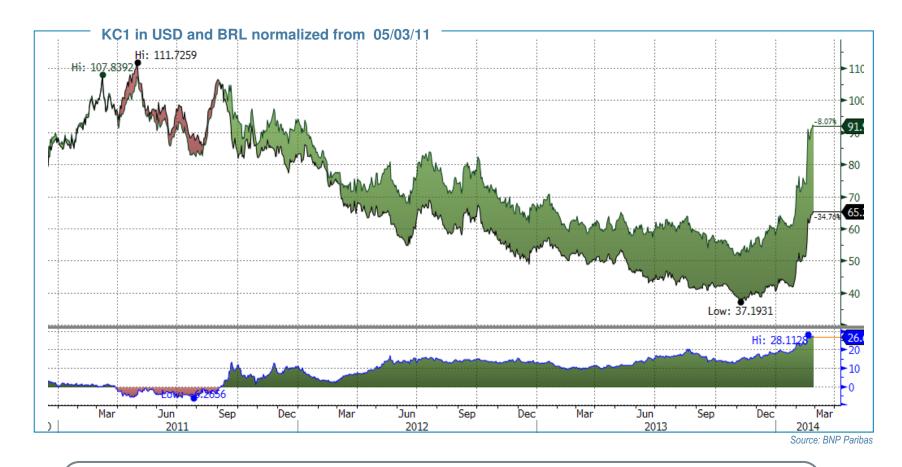
### Correlation between BRL and KC



The correlation between the BRLUSD and Arabica prices has increased over the past 15 years, and is generally positive. There are many other variables in the relationship, but we find a weaker BRL has an increasingly stronger relationship with a weaker KC1.



### ICE Arabica in USD and BRL





The offsetting change in currency can be seen with the ICE Arabica price in BRL 26% higher than the same price in USD.

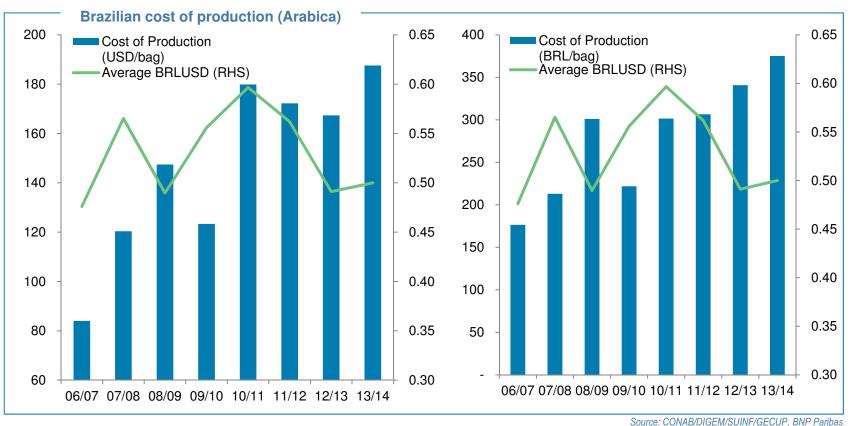


## **Cost of Production**

- Generally, falling currency values against the USD increase import costs leading to higher inflation and input costs for agricultural enterprises
- Average coffee production costs in Brazil are estimated between 350-390 BRL/bag (but varies by production type, yield and other factors)
  - Costs have more than doubled in the past eight seasons
- In Brazil the major aspects in the costs of production are labor, inputs (fertilizer/pesticide), and financing (the cost of capital). Much of this is based on policy; the cost of labor and the price of fuel.



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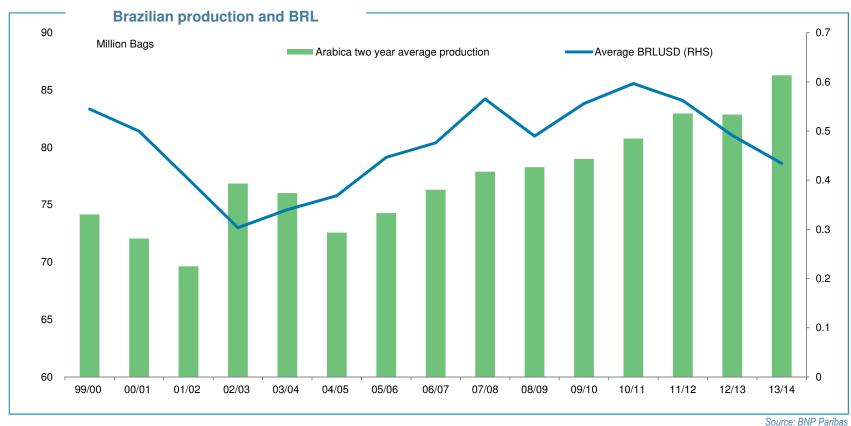




Given the set costs and other variables the cost of production in Brazil has not exhibited a strong relationship with the BRLUSD rate.



## Brazilian output and the rate





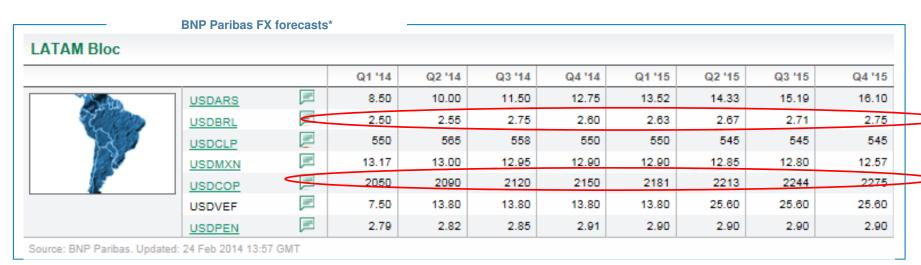


## Outlook

- BNP Paribas forecasts further depreciation in many emerging market economies and coffee origins.
  - The US economy and the QE3 taper, coupled with individual nations' economic outlook will drive rates
- A bearish outlook for the BRL will mean KC1 values in Brazil will increase (even more than the current rally)



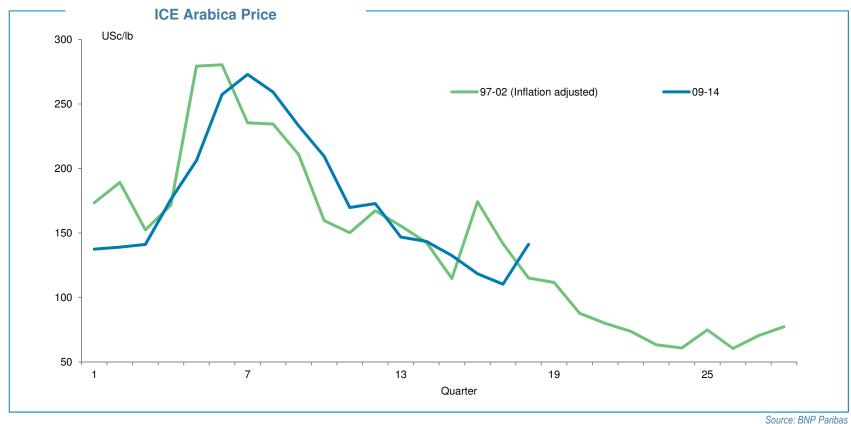
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\*Quarter and year end

A weaker outlook for the BRL (18%) is bearish ICE Arabica prices (all else equal). The gap between COP (11%) and BRL is forecast to grow impacting profitability.

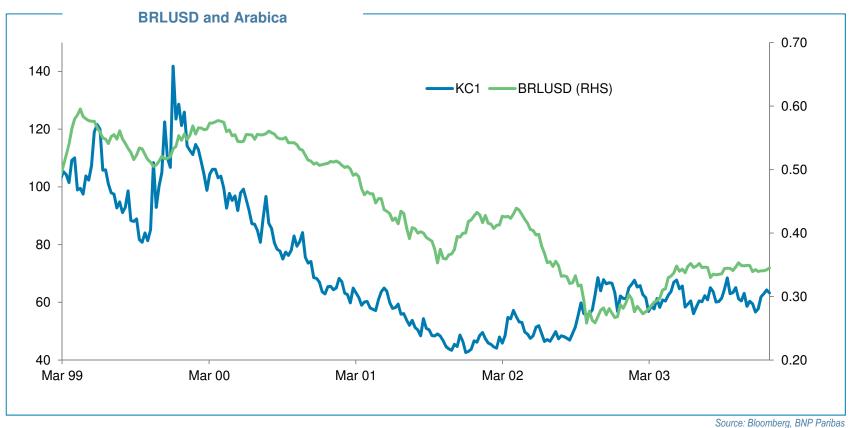
## **Arabica Price**





ICE Arabica prices since 2009 have shadowed the 1997-2002 bear market. This includes the current rally which is similar to the increase in prices in 1999. Even the rate... "last week's 20% surge was the largest one-week rally since Dec 1999" **Reuters** 



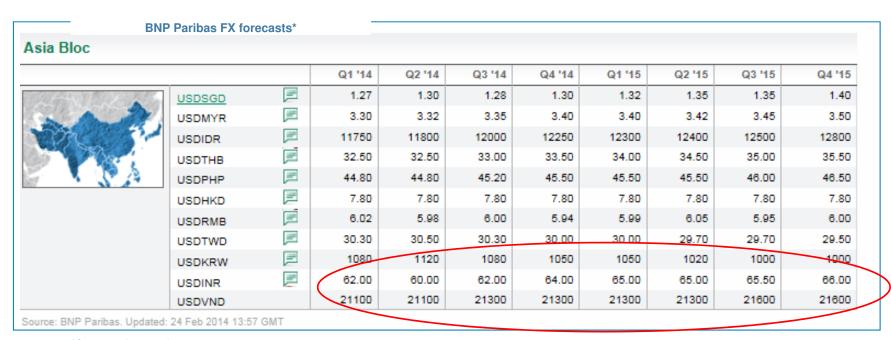




After increasing 77% in 1999 Arabica in 2.5 months the bear market continued with prices bottoming out in 2002. The BRL lost 53% of its value between the end of 1999 and the nadir in 2002.



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In Asia forecasts call for stable dong valuation, while INR (5%) and IDR (10%) both are expected to see modest devaluation.

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## **Stronger USD is the major factor**



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#### **Projections for coming seasons**

Brazil S/I	D	13/14	14/15	15/16
Output		55.5	48.5	47.0
	Arabica	39.0	32.0	31.0
	Robusta	16.5	16.5	16.0
Domestic use		21	21.5	22
	Arabica	8.5	8.5	8.5
	Robusta	12.5	13	13.5
Exports		28.3	28.2	28.3
	Arabica	27	27	27
	Robusta	1.3	1.2	1.3
	Stocks	8.3	7.1	3.8
Arabica		7.3	3.8	- 0.7
Robusta		1.0	3.3	4.5

Global output	13/14	14/15	15/16	
Arabica	39.0	32.0	31.0	
Robusta	16.5	16.5	16.0	
Brazilian crop	55.5	48.5	47.0	
Non Brl Arabica	47.0	48.4	49.0	
CA + MX	14.2	15.8	17.0	
Colombia	12.0	12.3	12.5	
<b>Total Arabica</b>	86.0	80.4	80.0	
Other Robusta	51.2	50.1	51.0	

Global S/D		13/14	14/15	1	5/16
Output		153.7	147.0	)	147.0
Aı	rabica	86.0	80.4	1	80.0
Ro	busta	67.7	66.6	5	67.0
Domestic use		146.5	148.0	)	150.0
Aı	rabica	80.0	80.0	)	80.0
Ro	busta	66.5	68.0	)	70.0
Change in stocks		7.2	- 1.0	) -	3.0
Aı	rabica	6.0	0.4	1	-
Ro	busta	1.2	- 1.4	1 -	3.0



In order for Arabica stocks to contract Brazilian production needs to drop significantly below 50 million bags.



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