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**Initiative to intercrop coffee and
maize in Colombia**

Final results for 2003

Background

A further report on the initiative to intercrop coffee with maize in Colombia is attached, containing the final results of this programme for 2003.

Action

The Executive Board is requested to take note of this document.

COFFEE AND MAIZE PROGRAMME – 2003

The Coffee and Maize Programme resulting from the Agreement between the *Federación Nacional de Cultivadores de Cereales* (National Federation of Cereal Farmers – Fenalce), the *Centro Internacional para el mejoramiento de Maíz y Trigo* (International Centre for the Improvement of Maize and wheat – CIMMYT) and the *Federación Nacional de Cafeteros de Colombia* (National Federation of Coffee Growers of Colombia), which was endorsed by the Ministry of Agriculture, is designed to promote maize growing in coffee producing areas.

The programme, which was warmly welcomed by coffee growers, currently involves 46,800 coffee growers in around 30,800 hectares of the coffee region and envisages the planting of a similar area in 2004. In addition, productivity has increased from 1.7 tons of maize per hectare to 3.4 tons/ha in the coffee region.

The positive response of coffee growers to the planting of maize in rehabilitated coffee plots is attributable to the climate of confidence created through the availability of improved genotypes and the use of better management techniques for the combined crops; the programme for the transfer of technology to ensure adoption; and the competitive edge of this diversification crop, as well as the support price of Col\$495,000 per ton.

The new plantings will yield 100,000 tons of yellow maize, representing an income of more than Col\$50,000 million for the coffee growers involved. In addition to generating an additional 1.5 million man/days of labour, this will save the country around 17 million dollars in cereal imports.

	First semester		Second semester		Total completed		Targets	Completed/ Targets
	Completed		Completed		2003	2003	2003	2003
	Coffee growers	Hectares	Coffee growers	Hectares	Coffee growers	Hectares	Hectares	%
Antioquia	10,257.0	8,176.0	-	-	10,257.0	8,176.0	4,000.0	204
Boyacá	380.0	172.5	193.0	68.6	573.0	241.1	500.0	48
Caldas	3,190.0	3,736.6	4,120.0	1,664.2	7,310.0	5,400.8	4,000.0	135
Cauca	-	-	6,553.0	2,000.0	6,553.0	2,000.0	1,000.0	200
Cesar - Guajira	288.0	286.5	-	-	288.0	286.5	500.0	57
Cundinamarca	800.0	605.0	1,527.0	786.0	2,327.0	1,391.0	1,000.0	139
Huila	1,689.0	675.5	2,067.0	826.8	3,756.0	1,502.3	1,200.0	125
Magdalena	29.0	34.5	89.0	98.5	118.0	133.0	50.0	266
Nariño	-	-	1,500.0	714.0	1,500.0	714.0	800.0	89
Nte. De Santander	223.0	203.9	380.0	296.0	603.0	499.9	1,150.0	43
Quindío	442.0	661.0	192.0	328.5	634.0	989.5	670.0	148
Risaralda	2,395.0	1,916.0	155.0	128.0	2,550.0	2,044.0	2,000.0	102
Santander	2,100.0	2,491.0	1,684.0	866.0	3,784.0	3,357.0	1,000.0	336
Tolima	3,936.0	2,328.0	973.0	598.0	4,909.0	2,926.0	2,500.0	117
Valle del Cauca	310.0	336.5	751.0	798.9	1,061.0	1,135.4	1,500.0	76
Total	26,039.0	21,623.0	20,184.0	9,173.5	46,223.0	30,796.5	21,870.0	141

Source: Technical Division - Coffee Growers Departmental Committees