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Coffee prices recorded further rises during the month of February, with the monthly average of the ICO composite indicator price at 138.82 US cents per lb, an increase of 13.5% compared to the January average of 122.33 US cents per lb. In the case of Robustas the indicator price exceeded the mark of 115 US cents per lb, the highest level recorded since August 1995. There was intense activity on both the New York futures market for Arabicas and the London futures market for Robustas, which led to increased price volatility on these two exchanges. During the first two months of 2008, the volume of transactions for the first five positions on the New York futures market was equivalent to 117.4 million bags in January and 202 million bags in February. In 2007, the corresponding figures were 89.7 million bags in January and 129 million bags in February. The volume of transactions for the first six positions on the London futures market totalled some 28.9 million bags in January and 45.1 million bags in February 2008. In 2007 transactions in January totalled 24.3 million bags while the figure for February was 32.1 million bags.

It should be noted, however, that prices of the fertilizers most commonly used in coffee growing, namely phosphate, potash and urea have risen steeply on account of the sharp increase in the prices for oil-based products. One of the consequences of this is that coffee farmers are cutting down on their use of these inputs, which are needed to compensate for the poor quality of soils, particularly in Africa, where soil impoverishment is already affecting productivity.

The volume of exports in January 2008 was 7.5 million bags, bringing the total for the first four months of coffee year 2007/08 (October 2007 – January 2008) to 29.1 million bags, a fall of 8.1% compared to the figure of 31.7 million bags for the same period in coffee year 2006/07.

Price movements

With a further increase in the monthly average of the **ICO composite indicator price**, the upward trend in prices for the four groups of coffee has consolidated, reaching a level of 138.82 US cents per lb in February compared to 122.33 US cents per lb in January 2008 (Table 1). Once again, the steepest rise was recorded for Robustas, with the ICO indicator price up from 99.21 US cents per lb in January to 115.45 US cents per lb in February 2008. Coffee prices have been subject to substantial volatility in the first days of March, in part due to the continuing movement of money from investment funds in the coffee market. The ICO composite indicator price recorded on 10 March was 139.65 US cents per lb.

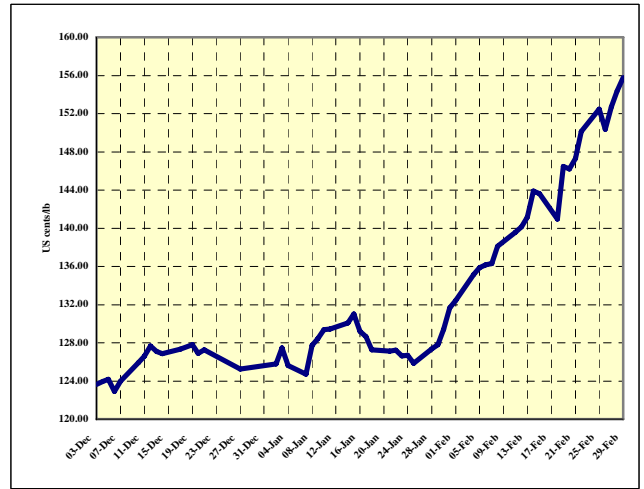
Graph 1 shows changes in the ICO daily composite indicator price since 1 February 2007. Graphs 2 to 5 show changes in daily indicator prices for the four groups of coffee since 3 December 2007.

In addition to the adverse effects of the decline of the US dollar (as demonstrated in the January edition of this report), it should be noted that the impact of higher prices on the incomes of coffee farmers has been somewhat offset by the increased price of fertilizers, particularly those derived from oil. Graph 6 shows changes in the prices of some important fertilizers used in the cultivation of coffee since December 2006.

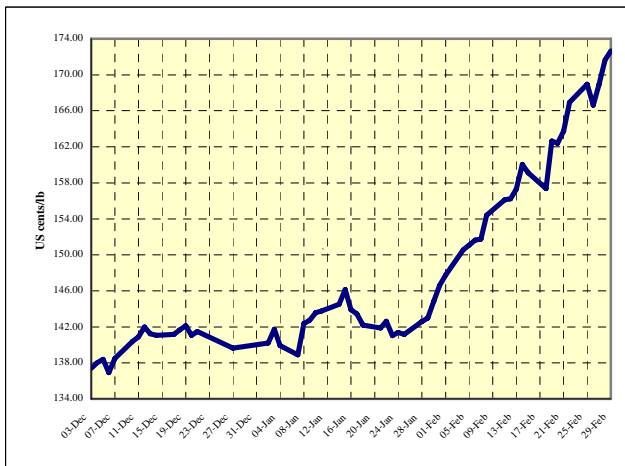
**Graph 1: Daily composite indicator price
1 February 2007 – 10 March 2008**



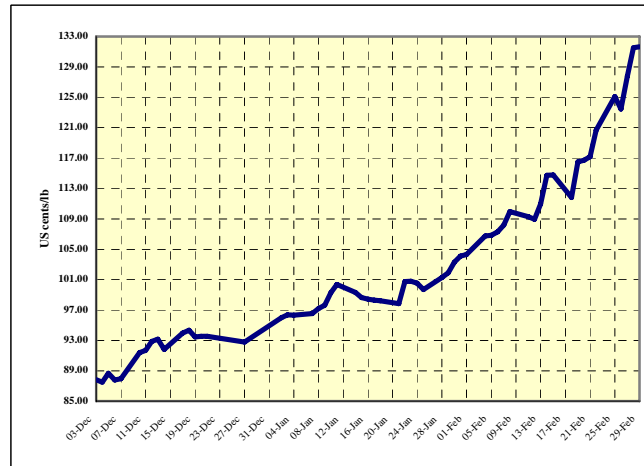
**Graph 4: Daily indicator prices
for Brazilian Naturals
3 December 2007 – 29 February 2008**



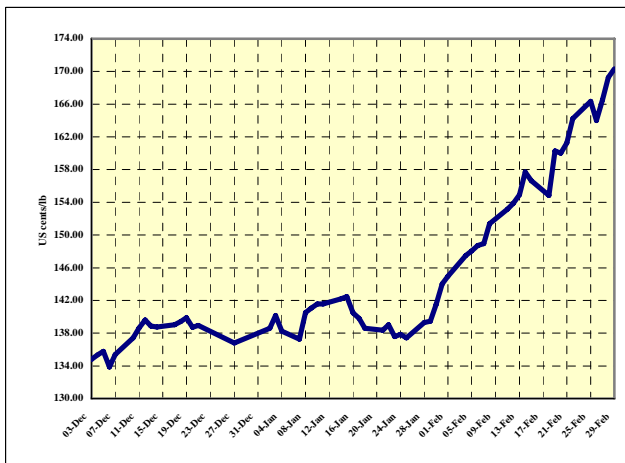
**Graph 2: Daily indicator prices
for Colombian Milds
3 December 2007 – 29 February 2008**



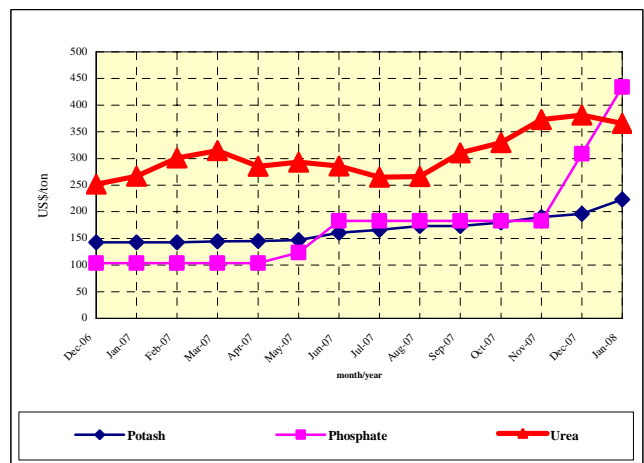
**Graph 5: Daily indicator prices
for Robustas
3 December 2007 – 29 February 2008**



**Graph 3: Daily indicator prices
for Other Milds
3 December 2007 – 29 February 2008**



**Graph 6: Monthly prices of
selected fertilizers
December 2006 to January 2008**



Source: International Monetary Fund

Table 1: ICO daily indicator prices and futures prices (US cents per lb) – February 2008

| | ICO composite | Colombian Milds | Other Milds | Brazilian Naturals | Robustas | New York* | London* |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Feb-08 | | | | | | | |
| 01-Feb | 127.25 | 147.77 | 144.97 | 132.45 | 104.31 | 142.90 | 97.98 |
| 04-Feb | 129.86 | 150.56 | 147.52 | 135.17 | 106.77 | 146.55 | 99.38 |
| 05-Feb | 130.27 | 151.07 | 148.04 | 135.87 | 106.83 | 146.15 | 99.50 |
| 06-Feb | 130.73 | 151.64 | 148.73 | 136.16 | 107.28 | 146.88 | 99.86 |
| 07-Feb | 131.15 | 151.75 | 148.94 | 136.30 | 108.17 | 147.00 | 100.90 |
| 08-Feb | 133.19 | 154.42 | 151.37 | 138.12 | 109.93 | 150.80 | 102.56 |
| 11-Feb | 134.01 | 156.10 | 153.19 | 139.59 | 109.29 | 151.53 | 101.90 |
| 12-Feb | 134.22 | 156.21 | 153.88 | 140.16 | 108.93 | 151.57 | 101.38 |
| 13-Feb | 135.60 | 157.28 | 154.95 | 141.14 | 110.95 | 152.97 | 103.51 |
| 14-Feb | 138.72 | 160.05 | 157.70 | 143.90 | 114.75 | 156.38 | 107.25 |
| 15-Feb | 138.30 | 159.12 | 156.65 | 143.63 | 114.77 | 153.48 | 107.39 |
| 18-Feb | 135.83 | 157.35 | 154.85 | 140.97 | 111.81 | Holiday | 104.35 |
| 19-Feb | 141.02 | 162.66 | 160.28 | 146.49 | 116.52 | 158.85 | 108.98 |
| 20-Feb | 140.92 | 162.39 | 160.02 | 146.22 | 116.71 | 168.50 | 109.11 |
| 21-Feb | 141.86 | 163.74 | 161.28 | 147.32 | 117.18 | 160.22 | 111.33 |
| 22-Feb | 145.00 | 166.95 | 164.25 | 150.11 | 120.69 | 163.50 | 113.97 |
| 25-Feb | 147.98 | 168.95 | 166.35 | 152.48 | 125.09 | 165.30 | 117.55 |
| 26-Feb | 145.96 | 166.62 | 164.01 | 150.37 | 123.47 | 161.15 | 115.94 |
| 27-Feb | 149.01 | 168.94 | 166.53 | 152.69 | 127.78 | 165.25 | 120.25 |
| 28-Feb | 151.78 | 171.66 | 169.26 | 154.36 | 131.54 | 168.55 | 123.97 |
| 29-Feb | 152.60 | 172.65 | 170.31 | 155.78 | 131.64 | 166.95 | 124.56 |
| Feb-08 | 138.82 | 159.90 | 157.29 | 143.78 | 115.45 | 156.22 | 108.17 |
| 2007 | | | | | | | |
| January | 105.81 | 126.07 | 124.53 | 112.50 | 79.13 | 123.76 | 71.10 |
| February | 104.18 | 123.82 | 122.03 | 110.03 | 79.08 | 119.74 | 71.09 |
| March | 100.09 | 118.33 | 117.08 | 104.91 | 77.00 | 114.38 | 69.16 |
| April | 99.30 | 116.11 | 114.60 | 102.22 | 79.58 | 112.29 | 72.03 |
| May | 100.09 | 115.01 | 113.24 | 101.49 | 83.91 | 111.28 | 76.26 |
| June | 107.03 | 121.20 | 119.33 | 107.32 | 92.68 | 118.22 | 84.82 |
| July | 106.20 | 120.78 | 117.63 | 106.24 | 92.51 | 115.61 | 84.50 |
| August | 107.98 | 125.22 | 123.19 | 111.73 | 87.44 | 121.64 | 79.91 |
| September | 113.20 | 130.37 | 128.04 | 117.14 | 92.78 | 127.74 | 83.27 |
| October | 115.71 | 136.49 | 134.29 | 122.12 | 91.10 | 134.36 | 81.67 |
| November | 114.43 | 133.32 | 131.00 | 119.87 | 92.59 | 127.80 | 84.28 |
| December | 118.16 | 140.12 | 137.58 | 125.93 | 91.39 | 135.08 | 84.62 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | |
| January | 122.33 | 142.66 | 139.86 | 127.93 | 99.21 | 138.47 | 91.70 |
| February | 138.82 | 159.90 | 157.29 | 143.78 | 115.45 | 156.22 | 108.17 |
| annual averages | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 64.24 | 102.60 | 87.07 | 79.86 | 41.41 | 94.58 | 40.11 |
| 2001 | 45.59 | 72.05 | 62.28 | 50.70 | 27.55 | 58.86 | 23.92 |
| 2002 | 47.74 | 64.91 | 61.54 | 45.25 | 30.02 | 57.02 | 25.88 |
| 2003 | 51.91 | 65.33 | 64.20 | 50.31 | 36.95 | 65.24 | 34.11 |
| 2004 | 62.15 | 81.44 | 80.47 | 68.97 | 35.99 | 79.53 | 32.84 |
| 2005 | 89.36 | 115.73 | 114.86 | 102.29 | 50.55 | 111.38 | 46.80 |
| 2006 | 95.75 | 116.80 | 114.40 | 103.92 | 67.55 | 112.30 | 59.77 |
| 2007 | 107.68 | 125.57 | 123.55 | 111.79 | 86.60 | 121.83 | 78.56 |
| % change between Feb-08 and Jan-08 | 13.48 | 12.08 | 12.46 | 12.39 | 16.37 | 12.82 | 17.96 |
| % change between Feb-08 and Feb-07 | 33.25 | 29.14 | 28.89 | 30.67 | 45.99 | 30.47 | 52.16 |
| % change between Feb-08 and 2007 average | 28.92 | 27.34 | 27.31 | 28.61 | 33.31 | 28.23 | 37.69 |
| volatility (%) | | | | | | | |
| Jan-07 | 0.83 | 0.75 | 0.77 | 0.76 | 1.32 | 1.27 | 1.36 |
| Feb-07 | 0.84 | 0.89 | 0.89 | 0.98 | 1.04 | 1.05 | 1.07 |
| Mar-07 | 1.11 | 0.97 | 1.08 | 1.07 | 1.59 | 1.72 | 1.39 |
| Apr-07 | 0.98 | 1.01 | 1.08 | 1.19 | 1.14 | 1.18 | 1.27 |
| May-07 | 0.73 | 0.74 | 0.77 | 0.85 | 0.95 | 1.25 | 0.86 |
| Jun-07 | 0.90 | 0.79 | 0.81 | 0.79 | 1.64 | 1.17 | 1.28 |
| Jul-07 | 0.76 | 0.91 | 0.84 | 0.85 | 1.10 | 1.44 | 1.40 |
| Aug-07 | 1.17 | 1.22 | 1.26 | 1.18 | 1.32 | 1.89 | 1.14 |
| Sep-07 | 1.48 | 1.59 | 1.63 | 1.59 | 1.70 | 1.98 | 1.28 |
| Oct-07 | 1.46 | 1.50 | 1.61 | 1.61 | 1.52 | 2.03 | 1.13 |
| Nov-07 | 0.91 | 1.15 | 1.12 | 1.21 | 0.92 | 1.29 | 1.00 |
| Dec-07 | 0.87 | 0.76 | 0.86 | 0.79 | 1.40 | 1.04 | 1.15 |
| Jan-08 | 0.86 | 0.99 | 1.01 | 1.02 | 0.96 | 1.43 | 0.98 |
| Feb-08 | 1.34 | 1.15 | 1.15 | 1.26 | 1.86 | 2.42 | 1.88 |

*Averages of 2nd and 3rd positions

Table 2: Production in selected exporting countries

| Crop year commencing | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | % change 2007 & 2006 |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| TOTAL | 115 330 | 109 369 | 125 611 | 117 830 | -6.19 |
| <i>Africa</i> | <i>14 349</i> | <i>12 935</i> | <i>14 796</i> | <i>15 663</i> | <i>5.86</i> |
| Cameroon | 727 | 849 | 827 | 795 | -3.91 |
| Cote d'Ivoire | 2 301 | 1 962 | 2 847 | 2 350 | -17.47 |
| Ethiopia | 4 568 | 4 003 | 4 636 | 5 733 | 23.67 |
| Kenya | 756 | 640 | 750 | 725 | -3.37 |
| Tanzania | 763 | 721 | 750 | 867 | 15.63 |
| Uganda | 2 593 | 2 159 | 2 600 | 2 750 | 5.76 |
| Others | 2 640 | 2 601 | 2 385 | 2 443 | 2.43 |
| <i>Arabicas</i> | <i>7 675</i> | <i>6 484</i> | <i>7 270</i> | <i>8 304</i> | <i>14.22</i> |
| <i>Robustas</i> | <i>6 674</i> | <i>6 451</i> | <i>7 526</i> | <i>7 359</i> | <i>-2.21</i> |
| <i>Asia & Oceania</i> | <i>28 733</i> | <i>29 249</i> | <i>31 982</i> | <i>32 075</i> | <i>0.29</i> |
| India | 4 592 | 4 567 | 4 750 | 4 850 | 2.10 |
| Indonesia | 7 536 | 8 659 | 6 650 | 7 000 | 5.27 |
| Papua New Guinea | 998 | 1 268 | 807 | 1 043 | 29.21 |
| Thailand | 884 | 999 | 766 | 935 | 22.05 |
| Vietnam | 14 174 | 13 595 | 18 455 | 17 500 | -5.17 |
| Others | 548 | 160 | 554 | 747 | 34.80 |
| <i>Arabicas</i> | <i>3 542</i> | <i>3 719</i> | <i>3 134</i> | <i>3 527</i> | <i>12.54</i> |
| <i>Robustas</i> | <i>25 191</i> | <i>25 530</i> | <i>28 848</i> | <i>28 548</i> | <i>-1.04</i> |
| <i>Mexico & Central America</i> | <i>15 814</i> | <i>17 379</i> | <i>17 098</i> | <i>18 771</i> | <i>9.79</i> |
| Costa Rica | 1 887 | 1 778 | 1 580 | 1 912 | 21.01 |
| El Salvador | 1 437 | 1 502 | 1 372 | 1 476 | 7.61 |
| Guatemala | 3 703 | 3 676 | 3 950 | 4 000 | 1.26 |
| Honduras | 2 575 | 3 204 | 3 461 | 3 833 | 10.75 |
| Mexico | 3 867 | 4 225 | 4 200 | 4 500 | 7.13 |
| Nicaragua | 1 130 | 1 718 | 1 300 | 1 750 | 34.63 |
| Others | 1 214 | 1 277 | 1 235 | 1 300 | 5.29 |
| <i>Arabicas</i> | <i>15 799</i> | <i>17 243</i> | <i>16 964</i> | <i>18 626</i> | <i>9.80</i> |
| <i>Robustas</i> | <i>15</i> | <i>136</i> | <i>135</i> | <i>145</i> | <i>7.68</i> |
| <i>South America</i> | <i>56 434</i> | <i>49 805</i> | <i>61 735</i> | <i>51 320</i> | <i>-16.87</i> |
| Brazil | 39 272 | 32 977 | 42 544 | 33 740 | -20.69 |
| Colombia | 12 033 | 12 329 | 12 789 | 12 400 | -3.04 |
| Ecuador | 938 | 1 138 | 1 177 | 950 | -19.29 |
| Others | 4 191 | 3 361 | 5 225 | 4 230 | -19.05 |
| <i>Arabicas</i> | <i>48 691</i> | <i>40 127</i> | <i>51 916</i> | <i>40 828</i> | <i>-21.36</i> |
| <i>Robustas</i> | <i>7 743</i> | <i>9 678</i> | <i>9 819</i> | <i>10 493</i> | <i>6.86</i> |
| TOTAL | 115 330 | 109 369 | 125 611 | 117 830 | -6.19 |
| Colombian Milds | 13 345 | 13 416 | 14 004 | 13 663 | -2.44 |
| Other Milds | 25 113 | 25 520 | 27 010 | 27 980 | 3.59 |
| Brazilian Naturals | 37 249 | 28 639 | 38 270 | 29 642 | -22.54 |
| Robustas | 39 622 | 41 795 | 46 327 | 46 545 | 0.47 |
| Arabicas | 75 708 | 67 574 | 79 284 | 71 285 | -10.09 |
| Robustas | 39 622 | 41 795 | 46 327 | 46 545 | 0.47 |
| TOTAL | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Colombian Milds | 11.57 | 12.27 | 11.15 | 11.60 | |
| Other Milds | 21.77 | 23.33 | 21.50 | 23.75 | |
| Brazilian Naturals | 32.30 | 26.19 | 30.47 | 25.16 | |
| Robustas | 34.36 | 38.21 | 36.88 | 39.50 | |
| Arabicas | 65.64 | 61.79 | 63.12 | 60.50 | |
| Robustas | 34.36 | 38.21 | 36.88 | 39.50 | |

In thousand bags

Market fundamentals

The **total production** figure for crop year 2007/08 has been revised to around 118 million bags (Table 2). This increase is attributable mainly to the upward revision of Vietnamese production, which is now estimated at 17.5 million bags.

In the case of crop year 2008/09 my estimate remains unchanged between 123 and 126 million bags. It should be noted, however, that the decline in the use of fertilizers consequent upon the oil price explosion may have a negative impact on production.

Exports during January 2008 totalled 7.5 million bags, representing a fall of 9.6% compared to exports of 8.2 million bags in January 2007. Total exports for the first four months of coffee year 2007/08 were 29.1 million bags compared to 31.7 million bags for the same period in coffee year 2006/07 (Table 3).

Table 3: Exports Coffee years 2006/07 and 2007/08 (October – January)

| | 2006/07 | 2007/08 | % change |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| TOTAL | 31.71 | 29.14 | -8.09 |
| Colombian Milds | 4.21 | 4.57 | 8.56 |
| Other Milds | 5.71 | 5.30 | -7.04 |
| Brazilian Naturals | 10.63 | 9.38 | -11.79 |
| Robustas | 11.16 | 9.89 | -11.40 |
| Arabicas | 20.55 | 19.26 | -6.30 |
| Robustas | 11.16 | 9.89 | -11.40 |

In million bags

Increased consumption over the last few years has been a significant factor in underpinning the present upward trend in prices. For 2006 **world consumption** is calculated at 120 million bags, compared to 118 million bags in 2005 (Table 4). Preliminary estimates of world consumption in 2007 indicate a figure of around 123 million bags.

Tables 5 and 6 show per capita consumption in selected exporting and importing countries. The firm market trend has led to an increase in retail prices in nearly all importing countries with the exception of Japan (Table 7).

**Table 4: World consumption
(Calendar years 2002 – 2006)**

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| WORLD TOTAL | 110 268 | 112 490 | 117 839 | 117 929 | 119 901 |
| <i>Producing countries</i> | <i>27 511</i> | <i>28 189</i> | <i>29 238</i> | <i>30 164</i> | <i>31 309</i> |
| Brazil | 13 710 | 14 088 | 14 763 | 15 363 | 16 100 |
| Indonesia | 1 875 | 1 958 | 2 000 | 2 000 | 2 000 |
| Ethiopia | 1 833 | 1 833 | 1 833 | 1 833 | 1 833 |
| Mexico | 1 500 | 1 500 | 1 500 | 1 556 | 1 794 |
| Colombia | 1 400 | 1 400 | 1 400 | 1 400 | 1 400 |
| India | 1 084 | 1 142 | 1 188 | 1 272 | 1 337 |
| Philippines | 825 | 873 | 917 | 917 | 917 |
| Venezuela | 690 | 693 | 700 | 703 | 723 |
| Others | 4 594 | 4 703 | 4 938 | 5 121 | 5 205 |
| <i>Importing countries</i> | <i>82 758</i> | <i>84 301</i> | <i>88 601</i> | <i>87 765</i> | <i>88 592</i> |
| <i>European Community</i> | <i>38 637</i> | <i>39 764</i> | <i>41 083</i> | <i>39 374</i> | <i>40 993</i> |
| Germany | 8 498 | 9 499 | 10 445 | 8 665 | 9 151 |
| Italy | 5 182 | 5 507 | 5 469 | 5 552 | 5 593 |
| France | 5 526 | 5 394 | 4 929 | 4 787 | 5 278 |
| United Kingdom | 2 260 | 2 236 | 2 458 | 2 680 | 3 057 |
| Spain | 2 833 | 2 740 | 2 705 | 3 007 | 3 017 |
| Netherlands | 1 574 | 1 743 | 1 978 | 1 927 | 2 129 |
| Poland | 2 201 | 2 242 | 2 281 | 2 267 | 1 953 |
| Belgium | 1 484 | 1 575 | 1 281 | 1 158 | 1 537 |
| Sweden | 1 224 | 1 178 | 1 234 | 1 170 | 1 315 |
| Finland | 970 | 966 | 1 034 | 1 102 | 1 047 |
| Others | 6 884 | 6 685 | 7 268 | 7 058 | 6 917 |
| USA | 19 125 | 20 193 | 20 973 | 20 998 | 20 667 |
| Japan | 6 875 | 6 770 | 7 117 | 7 128 | 7 268 |
| <i>Other importing</i> | <i>18 122</i> | <i>17 574</i> | <i>19 428</i> | <i>20 266</i> | <i>19 663</i> |
| Russian Federation | 3 301 | 3 409 | 2 877 | 3 040 | 3 177 |
| Canada | 2 302 | 2 133 | 2 747 | 2 794 | 3 097 |
| Algeria | 1 852 | 1 752 | 2 159 | 1 892 | 1 836 |
| Korea Republic of | 1 306 | 1 305 | 1 401 | 1 394 | 1 463 |
| Australia | 976 | 873 | 864 | 1 039 | 992 |
| Ukraine | 431 | 637 | 724 | 977 | 752 |
| Others | 7 953 | 7 465 | 8 656 | 9 129 | 8 346 |

In million bags

**Table 5: Per capita consumption
in selected exporting countries
(Calendar years 2002 – 2006)**

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Brazil | 4.59 | 4.65 | 4.81 | 4.93 | 5.10 |
| Costa Rica | 3.62 | 3.40 | 4.17 | 5.04 | 4.77 |
| Dominican Republic | 2.26 | 2.22 | 2.31 | 2.39 | 2.36 |
| Haiti | 2.30 | 2.27 | 2.23 | 2.19 | 2.16 |
| Nicaragua | 2.07 | 2.10 | 2.12 | 2.09 | 2.06 |
| Honduras | 1.86 | 1.83 | 1.86 | 2.02 | 1.98 |
| El Salvador | 1.44 | 1.42 | 1.44 | 1.62 | 1.85 |
| Colombia | 1.95 | 1.92 | 1.90 | 1.87 | 1.84 |
| Venezuela | 1.63 | 1.61 | 1.60 | 1.58 | 1.59 |
| Madagascar | 0.68 | 1.03 | 1.43 | 1.50 | 1.46 |
| Guatemala | 1.53 | 1.49 | 1.45 | 1.42 | 1.38 |
| Ethiopia | 1.50 | 1.47 | 1.43 | 1.39 | 1.36 |
| Panama | 1.31 | 1.29 | 1.26 | 1.24 | 1.24 |
| Cuba | 1.19 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 1.20 |
| Mexico | 0.88 | 0.88 | 0.87 | 0.90 | 1.02 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 1.07 | 1.06 | 1.04 | 1.02 | 1.00 |
| Ecuador | 0.77 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.69 | 0.68 |
| Philippines | 0.62 | 0.65 | 0.66 | 0.65 | 0.64 |
| Indonesia | 0.52 | 0.53 | 0.54 | 0.53 | 0.52 |

In kilogrammes

**Table 6: Per capita consumption
in selected importing countries
(Calendar years 2002 – 2006)**

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Algeria | 3.54 | 3.30 | 4.00 | 3.46 | 3.30 |
| Australia | 2.99 | 2.64 | 2.58 | 3.07 | 2.90 |
| Canada | 4.41 | 4.05 | 5.16 | 5.19 | 5.70 |
| <i>European Community</i> | <i>4.78</i> | <i>4.90</i> | <i>5.04</i> | <i>4.82</i> | <i>5.00</i> |
| Austria | 6.80 | 5.26 | 7.24 | 5.59 | 4.41 |
| Belgium | 8.67 | 9.16 | 7.42 | 6.68 | 8.84 |
| Bulgaria | 2.59 | 3.04 | 2.81 | 3.33 | 3.28 |
| Cyprus | 3.81 | 3.89 | 4.32 | 4.97 | 3.92 |
| Czech Republic | 3.78 | 3.66 | 3.62 | 3.87 | 3.58 |
| Denmark | 8.99 | 8.06 | 9.43 | 8.80 | 9.19 |
| Estonia | 4.89 | 5.08 | 5.71 | 6.48 | 7.48 |
| Finland | 11.19 | 11.10 | 11.87 | 12.60 | 11.92 |
| France | 5.54 | 5.37 | 4.88 | 4.71 | 5.16 |
| Germany | 6.18 | 6.90 | 7.58 | 6.29 | 6.64 |
| Greece | 4.49 | 5.04 | 4.72 | 4.70 | 4.62 |
| Hungary | 3.76 | 3.82 | 4.20 | 3.39 | 3.56 |
| Ireland | 2.08 | 2.27 | 3.31 | 3.23 | 2.88 |
| Italy | 5.36 | 5.67 | 5.61 | 5.68 | 5.71 |
| Latvia | 3.70 | 4.08 | 4.01 | 3.76 | 4.74 |
| Lithuania | 3.60 | 3.01 | 3.44 | 3.38 | 3.76 |
| Luxembourg | 13.22 | 12.07 | 15.67 | 11.66 | 13.49 |
| Malta | 1.36 | 1.58 | 2.33 | 2.44 | 4.32 |
| Netherlands | 5.87 | 6.46 | 7.30 | 7.08 | 7.80 |
| Poland | 3.44 | 3.51 | 3.58 | 3.56 | 3.07 |
| Portugal | 4.17 | 3.78 | 3.90 | 4.29 | 4.24 |
| Romania | 2.02 | 2.08 | 2.26 | 2.38 | 2.33 |
| Slovakia | 3.36 | 3.54 | 3.15 | 3.26 | 3.13 |
| Slovenia | 5.68 | 5.02 | 5.55 | 5.44 | 5.27 |
| Spain | 4.11 | 3.91 | 3.79 | 4.16 | 4.12 |
| Sweden | 8.24 | 7.89 | 8.22 | 7.76 | 8.69 |
| United Kingdom | 2.28 | 2.25 | 2.46 | 2.67 | 3.03 |
| Japan | 3.24 | 3.18 | 3.34 | 3.34 | 3.41 |
| Korea, Republic of | 1.66 | 1.65 | 1.76 | 1.75 | 1.83 |
| Norway | 9.13 | 8.95 | 9.23 | 9.61 | 9.27 |
| Russian Federation | 1.36 | 1.41 | 1.19 | 1.27 | 1.33 |
| Switzerland | 6.73 | 6.95 | 5.86 | 8.89 | 7.51 |
| Ukraine | 0.54 | 0.80 | 0.92 | 1.25 | 0.97 |
| USA | 3.95 | 4.12 | 4.24 | 4.20 | 4.09 |

In kilogrammes

Table 7: Retail prices in selected importing countries

| | September | | | % change 2007 & 2006 |
|---------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | |
| European Community | | | | |
| Austria | 387.95 | 419.13 | 422.27 | 0.75 |
| Belgium | 416.30 | 445.11 | 499.79 | 12.29 |
| Cyprus | 523.94 | 541.06 | 582.36 | 7.63 |
| Denmark | 437.27 | 456.30 | 481.25 | 5.47 |
| Finland | 291.24 | 302.51 | 335.30 | 10.84 |
| France | 275.68 | 304.82 | 345.38 | 13.31 |
| Germany | 429.08 | 438.76 | 476.47 | 8.60 |
| Italy | 608.05 | 639.08 | 717.86 | 12.33 |
| Latvia | 406.89 | 441.24 | 493.85 | 11.92 |
| Luxembourg | 605.83 | 654.09 | 678.16 | 3.68 |
| Malta 1/ | 1 026.26 | 1 115.82 | | |
| Netherlands | 369.05 | 401.81 | | |
| Poland | 259.51 | 282.47 | 371.71 | 31.59 |
| Portugal | 474.66 | 476.86 | 518.70 | 8.77 |
| Slovakia | 271.69 | 313.00 | 399.86 | 27.75 |
| Slovenia | 380.59 | 404.27 | 461.97 | 14.27 |
| Spain | 317.92 | 351.00 | 390.76 | 11.33 |
| Sweden | 297.73 | 321.22 | 358.13 | 11.49 |
| United Kingdom 1/ | 1 492.85 | 1 694.25 | 1 820.24 | 7.44 |
| Japan | 796.43 | 841.21 | 791.88 | -5.86 |
| Norway | 407.81 | 401.87 | 466.54 | 16.09 |
| Switzerland | 574.97 | | | |
| USA | 337.60 | 317.30 | | |

In US cents per lb

1/ Soluble coffee

In conclusion, I would like to indicate that the continued consolidation of prices is attributable to a balance between supply and demand on the market that is expected to persist for the remainder of coffee year 2007/08. Investment funds, attracted by the commodity markets, are very active at the moment and could increase price volatility in the short term, as shown by the behaviour of the market during the first days of March.