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SUBJECT: Progress Report No. XIV and Final Report No. XV on the Cuban 1952 Sugar Crop Which Closed August 1, 1952.

The fourteenth regularly scheduled semi-monthly Progress Report, dated July 31, and the Final Report, dated August 1, 1952, on Cuba's 1952 sugar crop production have been issued by the Cuban Sugar Stabilization Institute and are being forwarded as enclosures to this despatch. The Institute's figures as compared to the previous record crop of 1948 and the years 1950 and 1951 are shown on pages 2 and 3.

Cuba's 1952 record sugar crop of 7,963,689 short tons (7,011,393 Spanish long tons) exceeds the former 1948 record crop of 6,674,950 short tons (5,876,761 Spanish long tons) by 1,288,739 short tons (1,134,632 Spanish long tons), this difference representing an increase of 19.3% over the 1948 record production.

At the close of the crop on August 1, the production of blackstrap molasses equaled 397,909,132 gallons as compared to 332,335,000 gallons in 1948 and 288,625,000 gallons in 1951. The number of gallons of blackstrap molasses per short ton of sugar equaled 49.97 as compared to 49.79 in 1948 and 42.83 and 45.46 gallons in 1950 and 1951 respectively.

The 1952 average sugar yield of 12.20% was only slightly lower than the 12.39% obtained in the former record year of 1948, but considerably lower than for the years 1950 and 1951 when the average sugar yield was 13.06% and 12.90% respectively.

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AS OF JULY 31

		<u>1948</u>	<u>1950</u> <u>/1</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Mills in Operation	Number	1 <u>/2</u>	0 <u>/3</u>	1 <u>/4</u>	2 <u>/5</u>
Raw Sugar Produced	Short Tons	6,670,060	6,127,093	6,346,089	7,962,672
Molasses Produced	1,000 Gallons	331,931	262,365	288,228	397,627
Arrobas of Cane Cut (Estimated)	1,000 Arrobas <u>/6</u> <u>/8</u>	4,276,221	3,701,072	3,905,893	5,128,162
Area of Cane Harvested (Estimated)	Caballerias <u>/7</u>	87,452	87,706	91,800	105,753
Final Cane Yield per Caballeria	Arrobas <u>/8</u>	48,845	42,199	42,504	48,500 <u>/6</u>
Sugar Yield from Cane Cut (Cumulative)	Percent	12.39	13.06	12.89	12.19
Arrobas of Cane per Short Ton of Sugar	Arrobas <u>/8</u>	641.1	604.1	615.5	644.0
Molasses per Short Ton of Sugar	Gallons	49.75	42.83	45.52	49.94

PERCENT OF INCREASE OR DECREASE OVER 1948 SUGAR CROP

Sugar Produced	100.00	- 8.86	-5.11	+ 19.38
Molasses Produced	100.00	-26.51	-15.16	+ 19.79
Cane Cut	100.00	-15.54	- 9.48	+ 19.92
Area Harvested	100.00	+ 0.29	+ 4.97	+ 20.91

/1 Based on Ministry of Agriculture's final
1950 crop figures.

/2 160 mills had finished grinding

/3 All 161 mills had finished grinding.

/4 160 mills had finished grinding.

/5 159 mills had finished grinding.

/6 Calculated on an Island average of 48,500
arrobas of cane per caballeria.

/7 One caballeria equals 33.162 acres.

/8 One arroba equals 25.3531 pounds.

Source: Cuban Sugar Stabilization Institute, Ministry of Agriculture and the 161 operating mills in Cuba.

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