



## **The Guyana Rice Industry**

- ◆ The Rice Industry is the one of the pillars of the Guyanese Economy.
- ◆ This Industry employs over 150,000 persons, directly and indirectly.
- ◆ The potential to earn over US\$100M annually from exports.

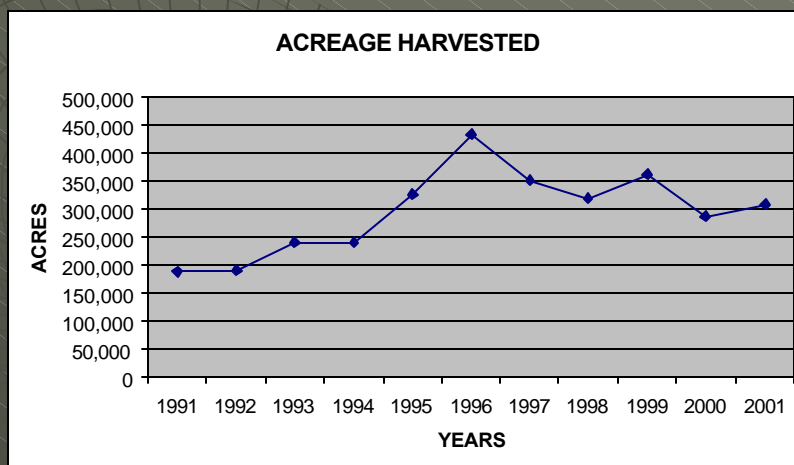
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- ◆ The sale of paddy generates over G\$10 billion annually.
- ◆ This income contributes significantly to rural development and poverty alleviation.
- ◆ Many producers are small subsistence farmers who depend solely on rice farming for a livelihood.

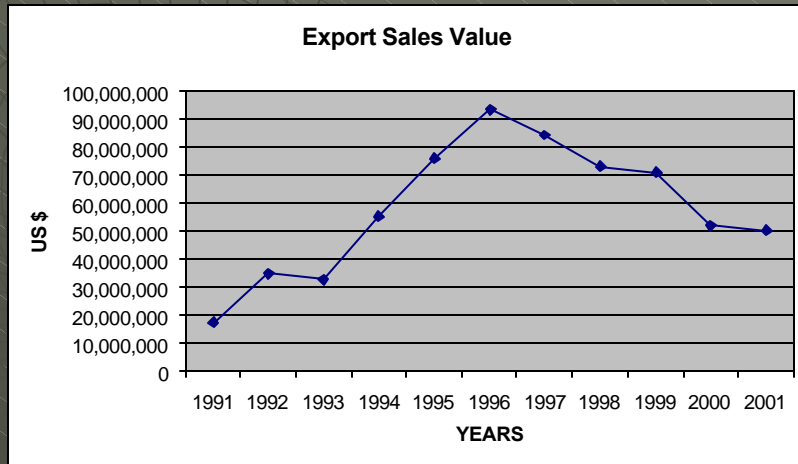
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- ◆ Also contributes significantly to the sustenance of businesses in the Services Sector – Transportation, Shipping, Banking, Insurance, Marketing, etc.
- ◆ Guyana is the only country in the world that exports as much as 70% of the rice produced.
- ◆ The lucrative prices obtained during the period 1995 – 1997 contributed significantly to the growth of the industry.

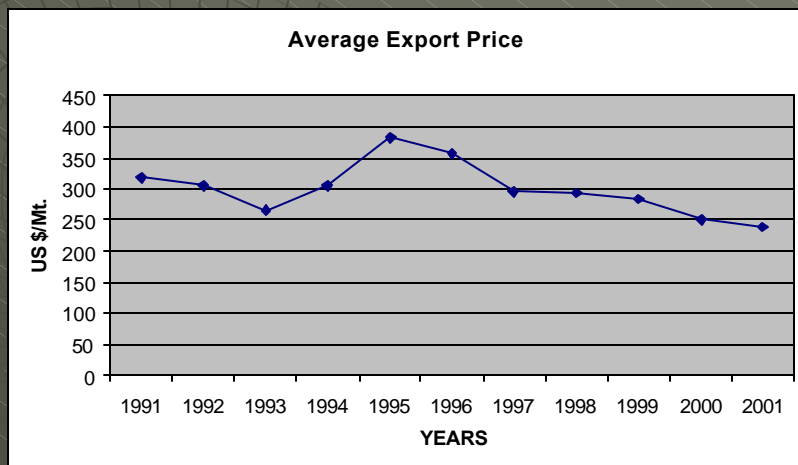
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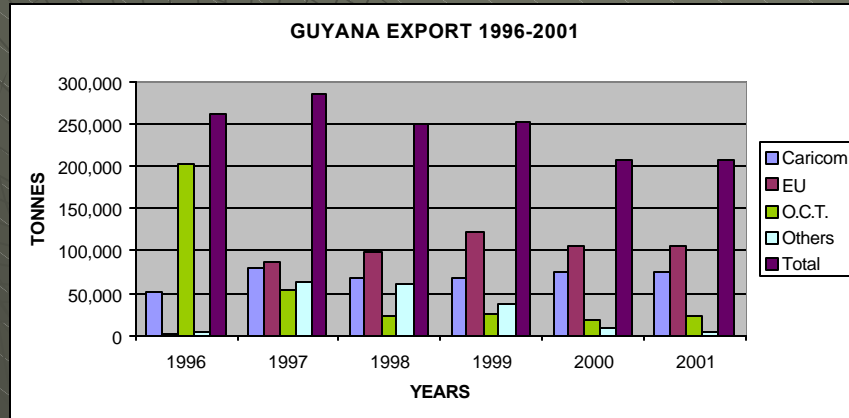
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