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1990/91		1991/92		1992/93		MILK PRODUCTION & PAYMENTS	
PRODUCTION	RATE	PRODUCTION	RATE	PRODUCTION	RATE	PRODUCTION	RATE
33743 KG.	4.20	157189 KG.	4.20	184408 1/2 KG.	5.10	183890	8.20
39483 1/2 "	3.60	171440 1/2 "	4.10	192898 "	5.10	17908	8.40
38550 1/2 "	3.60	185884 1/2 "	4.00	195558 "	5.60	210494 1/2	8.40
140093 1/2 "	3.45	185994 "	4.10	195592 "	5.50	294450 1/2	8.40
116686 1/2 "	4.40	144513 1/2 "	4.00	189521 "	5.00	164400 1/2	10.50
106604 1/2 "	4.00	118416 "	4.00	194811 "	5.00	157757 1/2	10.40
124848 "	4.50	115124 "	4.40	164539 "	6.00	175567 1/2	11.80
146829 "	4.00	167763 1/2 "	4.70	187748 1/2 "	6.00	215467 1/2	11.80
143724 "	4.00	163350 "	4.60	194427 1/2 "	6.05	228487 1/2	11.80
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Abstract

This research aims to gain insight into the performance of Kenyan agricultural producer organizations in supporting their farmer membership in a changing governance environment. As Kenyan agriculture becomes increasingly liberalized and embedded in regional and global agricultural markets, Kenyan small-scale farmers, and the farmer organizations that support them, are increasingly facing new challenges requiring adaptation and innovation. In particular, mounting pressures to commercialize the dairy sector have important implications for rural livelihoods and farmer rights in Kenya. Thus drawing on the fields of cooperative theory, political economy, new institutional economics, and rural sociology, and utilizing qualitative research methods, this research will produce insight into how the services and activities of agricultural producer organizations, and in particular dairy cooperatives, are part of a social economy, the agricultural policies that frame this engagement, and the implications for these organizations' efforts to adapt to a changing governance landscape.