

Coffee Production



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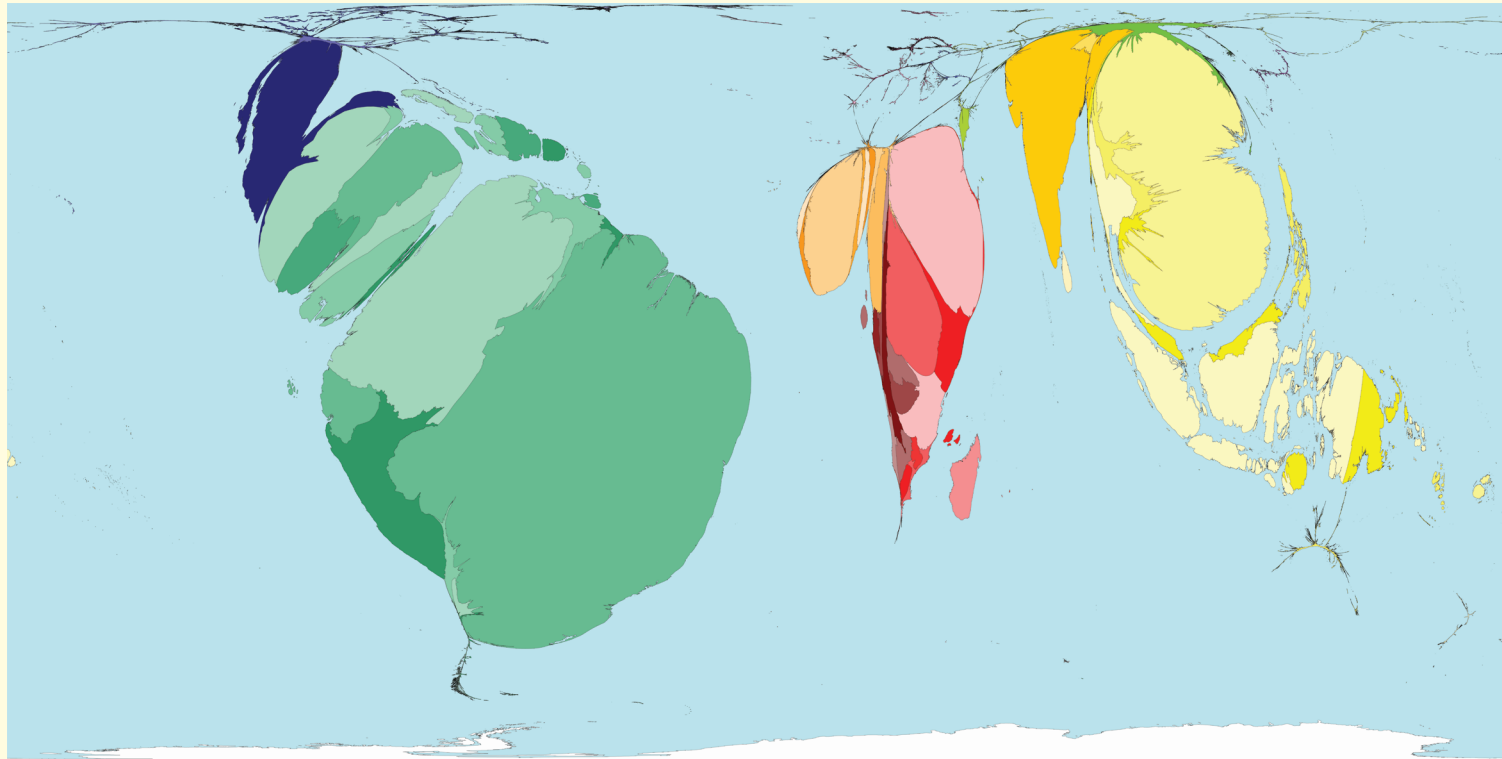


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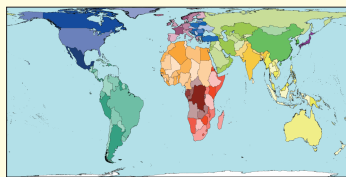
Coffee is produced in more than 60 countries of which three account for more than half of the world's production: Brazil, Vietnam and Colombia.

Arabica coffee, the fine-flavoured, aromatic type makes up 60-65% of the total production and usually fetches the highest prices. The other variety, robusta, is easier to produce and is more resistant to disease.

Around 75% of all coffee is exported. Only Brazil and Ethiopia enjoy high domestic consumption.

The world's annual production is currently around 115 million 60-kg bags or 7 million tonnes. It takes 420,000 containers (20 ft.) to carry this much coffee. Placed in a row these would stretch over more than 2,500 km.

The territory size shows the proportion of all coffee worldwide that is produced there.



Land area

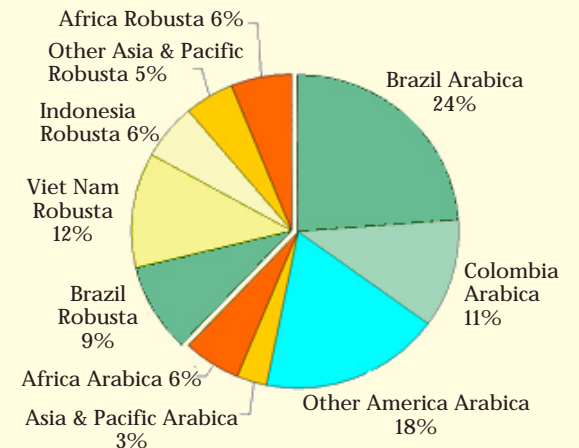
HIGHEST COFFEE PRODUCTION

Rank	Territory	Value	Rank	Territory	Value
1	Brazil	38.0	11	Cote d'Ivoire	2.4
2	Viet Nam	14.5	12	Uganda	2.4
3	Colombia	12.3	13	Costa Rica	1.8
4	Indonesia	7.4	14	El Salvador	1.4
5	Ethiopia	4.9	15	Nicaragua	1.3
6	India	4.7	16	Ecuador	1.1
7	Mexico	4.2	17	Papua New Guinea	1.1
8	Guatemala	3.8	18	Venezuela	0.9
9	Peru	3.4	19	Kenya	0.8
10	Honduras	2.9	20	Cameroon	0.8

Annual production in millions of 60-kg bags of green coffee beans

Technical notes

- Coffee means green coffee beans (arabica and robusta) used for roasted and soluble coffee.
- Data source: International Coffee Organization, ICO, London and ITC/UN's Coffee Guide, www.thecoffeeguide.org
- Production varies significantly from one year to another, e.g. due to climatic conditions. These data reflect average production for three years; either 2004-05-06 (production years) or 2005-06-07 (reporting years)



"The best coffee is what is sold at a profit" Jan van Hilten, 2002