



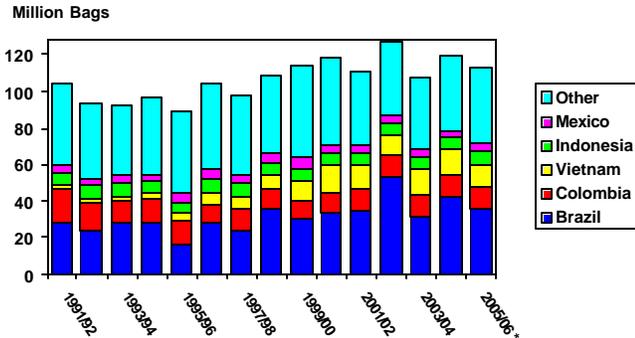
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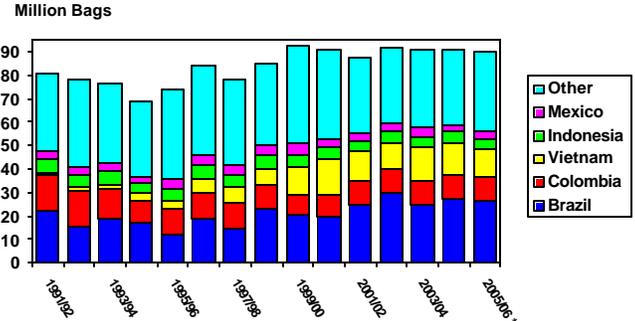
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**World 2005/06 Coffee Production Forecast
To Drop as Brazil's Crop Declines**



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**World Coffee Exports Forecast to
Remain Stable in 2005/06**



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World coffee production in 2005/06 is forecast at 113.1 million bags (60 kilograms or 132.276 pounds), down about 6 percent, or 6.7 million bags over the previous year. Most of the decrease is attributed to the drop in Brazil's 2005/06 coffee production level. Brazil's production of coffee during 2005/06 is forecast at 36.5 million bags, down 14 percent in 2004/05. Since Brazil is the largest coffee producer, swings in Brazil's supplies of coffee account for a large portion of the change in the world total supplies of coffee. Total coffee supplies in 2005/06 are forecast at 136.3 million bags, down 4 percent from the previous year. In order to maintain coffee exports near last year's level, ending stocks for 2005/06 are forecast at 14.9 million bags, down from 21.3 million bags estimated for 2004/05.

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