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About Us

The Caribbean Millers' Association (CMA) comprises of flour milling companies in Barbados, Belize, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad & Tobago. Membership has been extended to incorporate allied industries such as Feed Mills, Bakeries and suppliers of milling equipment. The aims of the Association are:

- To protect the flour milling industry from unfair competition
- To develop and exchange problem-solving ideas across the region
- To present a regional lobbying position for negotiation with extra-regional agencies

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Visit our website to learn more about our Members & Associate Members

www.CaribMillers.com

Polypro Solutions has over 30 years of experience in the packaging business. Learn more on page 3!

Our Members

- ADM Barbados Mills
- ADM Belize Mills
- ADM Jamaica Flour Mills
- Caribbean Agro Industries
- Caribbean Flour Mills
- De Molen Flour Mills
- East Caribbean Group of Companies
- Grand Moulins des Antilles
- Les Moulins d'Haiti
- Molinos de Puerto Rico
- Molinos Modernos
- National Flour Mills
- National Milling Company of Guyana
- Nutrimix Flour Mills

Associate Members

- AgriChem Inc.
- Buhler Inc.
- Caribbean Milling S.A.
- Codema
- Engrain
- Forest Companies
- GAP SA Grains & Produits
- Kansas City Bag Company
- Lemapack B.V.
- Manyan Inc. (Bag Supplier)
- Material Motion
- Ocrim, SPA
- Polypro Solutions (Bag Supplier)
- Sangati Berga
- U.S. Wheat Associates

Letter from the President



Karlene Nicholls - CMA President

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

On behalf of the Executive Council of the CMA, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. May 2016 bring you peace, joy and success.

Thanks for all the support given in 2015. It was a good year as we had new Associate Members joining the Association. I look forward to an even better 2016.

Last month we had our 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Montego Bay, Jamaica and it was one of the highest attended in years. The presentations were edifying and interesting from the first to the last. There were repeated calls for the CMA and the Caribbean Poultry Association (CPA) to join in some collaborative effort to strengthen our voices in policy making at the regional level which will be taken into consideration. We also had the opportunity to extend appreciation to our existing founders for their many years of service to the Association. On the other hand, we had our newest Associate Members joining us, namely, Codema, Forest Companies and Sangati Berga. Our excursions, going to lunch and enjoying real Jamaican cuisine, rafting on the Martha Brae River and having dinner at two fine restaurants were lovely experiences. All in all the Meeting was a success and we could not have done it without your support. I would like to extend special thanks to our sponsors and especially ADM Jamaica Flour Mills for hosting the event. The time and effort that they put into the planning of the Meeting was quite evident. The 20th AGM is scheduled to be held in Puerto Rico and we are excited about it. Thank you Molinos de Puerto Rico for agreeing to host the Meeting.

Let's look towards another successful and productive year.

Warmest regards,
Karlene

19th Annual General Meeting

The CMA would like to express appreciation to all the sponsors of the 19th AGM and everyone who attended.

Sponsors

- ADM Jamaica Flour Mills
- Buhler Inc.,
- GAP SA Grains & Produits
- Grand Moulins des Antilles
- Manyan Inc
- Molinos de Puerto Rico
- Muehlenchemie
- National Milling Company of Guyana
- Polypro Solutions
- U.S. Wheat Associates

Here are a few photos from the event:



Hon. Minister Ffolkes-Abrahams greets delegates at the Opening Session



The CMA Executive body (L-R): Mitchell Skalicky, Derrick Nemhard, Karlene Nicholls & Ronnie Mohammed



Delegates pose for a group shot



Rafting on the Martha Brae River

Visit our Event Gallery for more photos
<http://caribmillers.com/19th-annual-general-meeting/>

Upcoming Events

June

- ❖ Executive half year meeting

December

- ❖ 20th Annual General Meeting in Puerto Rico

In the Spotlight:



Overview

With over 30 years of experience in the packaging business, Polypro Solutions has the knowledge and experience to fulfill all your bagging needs. After 25 years in the family business with Polywrap Products, Chuck Guigui continues the tradition and now leads Polypro Solutions with his family as of 2011.

With numerous satisfied clients in both Canada and the US, Polypro Solutions has also been servicing the Caribbean region since its inception.

We are recognized as an Approved Vendor for numerous flour, wheat, special crop, and feed mills.

With our proven history of dependable service, our goal is to provide all mills with a quality product, at a competitive price, and with on time service.

Our products include:

- Bulk Bags:
 - Food grade certified; weight capacity from 500kg to 2,000 kg;
 - Custom made to best suit your mill requirements;
 - Numerous options are available from lifting loops, spout bottom, duffel top, and much more. Whatever you require can easily be added to the bag for optimal usage.

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 - Combine a variety of sizes, colours and prints to easily identify your products.
 - Choose the weave and thickness of the bag to ensure safe handling.



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In the Spotlight: National Flour Mills

Overview



National Flour Mills Limited (NFM) commenced trading activities in 1966 as Trinidad Flour Mills Limited and was incorporated on September 30th, 1972 eventually becoming a wholly owned State Enterprise in 1980. The Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

(GORTT) subsequently divested 49% of its shareholding to the public and retained 51%. NFM's share price has steadily increased for the past two years showing the strongest growth in 2015.

Main Product Lines

Flour - All Purpose, Bakers, Whole Wheat, Cake, Self-rising, High Gluten, Roti and Doubles with Cookie and Cracker produced for bakeries. Brands are Ibis, Hibiscus, Lotus, Lion, good N' natural, Palm and National Bakers.

Feed - Broilers, Layers, Ducks, Goats, Dairy, Sheep, Pigs, Horses, Rabbits and Talapia feed are made under the National Feeds brand with Puppy and Dog food under the Command Performance brand.

Dry Mixes - Baking Powder, Icing Sugar, Split Peas Powder, Custard Powder, Phoulorie Mix and traded products, Parboiled Rice, Brown Rice, Soyabean Oil, Instant Yeast, Coconut Milk Powder, Instant Ginger under the Lion, Lotus and good N' natural brands.

NFM will continue to provide competitively priced quality food and feed to our existing markets while building Customer partnerships regionally to become the most trusted food and feed manufacturer in the Region. NFM was reaffirmed by the CariCRIS credit rating agency to regional rating of *CariA-* (Foreign and Local Currency) and local rating of *ttA*, indicating a **good** level of creditworthiness locally and regionally.

Quality

NFM has maintained ISO certification continuously since 1994, is currently ISO 9001:2008 certified and well on its way to achieving SQF Level 3 certification in 2017.



NFM employee in the lab working

Corporate Social Responsibility

NFM supports educational, social and cultural causes such as the International Internship Program, the Blind Welfare Association and Mastana Bahar, a local Indian cultural television program, as well as the children of our employees through a post-secondary scholarship program.

Exciting Recipe!

Olive Loaf



Ingredients:

- 5 Cups Lotus® bakers flour
- 1 Packet instant yeast instant yeast
- 4 Tsp sugar
- 2 Tsp salt
- 1 Cup olive oil
- 1/2 Cup chopped black olives
- 1/2 Cup chopped green olives
- 2 Cups lukewarm water
- 2 Tbsp sesame seeds

Method

1. Combine 4 1/2 cups flour, yeast, sugar, salt and olives in a large bowl.
2. Mix olive oil and lukewarm water.
3. Add liquid to flour mixture and mix vigorously. Gradually incorporate remaining flour.
4. Knead dough for 8 minutes or until smooth on a floured surface, then place in a greased bowl. Cover and let rise until doubled in size.
5. Punch down and shape dough into 3 loaves, about 12 inches long. Place on a greased baking sheet. Using a sharp knife, slash the top of the loaves lengthwise.
6. Brush the top of loaves with olive oil and sprinkle sesame seeds.
7. Cover with grease proof paper and allow to rise, until doubled in size.
8. Remove paper and bake in a preheated oven at 360 °C for 25 minutes.

Remove loaves from the baking sheet and allow to cool on a rack before serving
Serves four

Recipe supplied by National Flour Mills