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Farewell to CMA's Outgoing President

In this issue of CMA's Newsletter we bid farewell to CMA's longstanding member and former President, Philip Milliken who has been with the



1997 FLASHBACK: L-R: President, Dennis McGee (Jamaica); 1st VP, Philip Milliken (Belize); Hon. Alfredo Martinez; Jorge David and Paul Dickenson (Photo taken: Belize City, Dec. 1997)



Philip Milliken, outgoing CMA President (Photo taken: 26th AGM in Grenada (Dec. 2023))

Association from its inception in 1995. Messrs. McGee and Milliken saw the need in forming an association of flour millers for the Caribbean region by a steering committee comprising of representatives from Trinidad & Tobago, Belize, Barbados, Jamaica, St. Vincent, Grenada and Curacao. It was mutually agreed that CMA should be formed primarily to develop and exchange problem-solving ideas across the region, to protect the flour milling industry from unfair competition and to present a regular lobbying position for negotiations with government agencies.

"One of the only times you should ever look back is to see how far you've come."

CMA has grown tremendously in the past 28 years with over 20 countries within and outside of the Caribbean region.

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Delegates in attendance: 26th Annual General Meeting CMA December 2023 Grenada

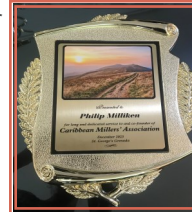
26th AGM Pictorial

A PEEK OF PHIL'S LIFE

Philip is originally from Ireland but has been living in Belize for most of his life. He shared that it took him some time to adjust to the culture and the traditions of Belize, but he has enjoyed his years in the country.

Philip has a great sense of humor and it's hard not to smile or laugh when you are around him. He loves hunting and meeting new people. During one of our conversations, he left me with the wise words, "Treat others the way you would like to be treated." This has been his approach to life and handling situations.

Although Phil is retiring, he will continue to serve as an ex-officio member. We wish him a relaxing and healthy retirement and look forward to seeing him at our next AGM!



CMA's plaque to Philip



Presentation of gift: to Philip at the office of ADM Grenada. Front row: Kirl Charles (Grenada), Philip Milliken (Belize), Karlene Nicholls (Barbados); John McCutcheon (Grenada). Back row: Gilbert Spooner (Grenada); Derrick Nembhard (Jamaica); James Gill (USA); Marva Calliste (Grenada).



Plaque presentation to Phil by President Matias Pinto with Derrick Nembhard, Secretary/Treasurer looking on.



Group Tour: Spice & Herb Garden



Dinner at the Aquarium Restaurant (rooftop)



L-R: President, Matias Pinto; 1st VP, Gilbert Spooner; Min. Joseph Andall (Grenada); Philip Milliken (Outgoing President) and Karlene Nicholls (Past President)



Head Table: Listening to a presentation

Here are pictorials of CMA 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) held at the Radisson Grenada Beach Resort in the beautiful spice island of Grenada. Do enjoy!



Bulgaria wheat exports soar on strong demand, record stocks

The CMA Secretariat's office has been temporarily relocated due to the earthquake that occurred on Monday, October 30th, 2023 in Jamaica. Despite this, daily operations continue to run offsite.

If you need to contact the Secretariat, please do so via email at caribmill@cwjamaica.com. We apologize for any inconvenience caused and look forward to serving you in 2024!



SOFIA, BULGARIA – Large beginning stocks, good export demand and prices have driven Bulgarian wheat exports in 2023-24 to 3 million tonnes as of early November, an increase of 260% from the previous year, according to a report from the US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS).

However, an unusually dry and warm fall has made planting of 2024-25 winter grains challenging, with wheat planting 26% behind.

Planting of rye was behind 63% and triticale 41%. Rain arrived in early November, and while a relief, did not dramatically change the situation, FAS said.

With more rain in the forecast, it is expected to support the early development of winter grains. Planting was expected to continue until the end of the month.

Initial expectations are for wheat production of 6.3 million tonnes. That compares to final production data of 6.8 million tonnes for 2023-24.

About 48% of the crop is milling quality compared to 66.3% in 2022, due to unfavorable weather conditions and not sufficient sunshine.

"This is also the lowest share of milling wheat for the last five years," FAS said.

Farmers were eager to sell due to relatively good yields and record ending stocks. While prices were lower than the previous marketing year, they still provided a positive margin to producers, FAS said.

Of the 3 million tonnes of exports, 2.2 million tonnes were exported to non-EU countries. Primary non-EU destinations have been South Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Morocco and Algeria.

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