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WELCOME TO OUR

Quarterly Newsletter



Glimpse of 2024...

As we begin a New Year, we would like to take this opportunity to briefly reflect on the year that was.

During the early part of 2024 we welcomed a new member to CMA - CESCO, represented by Mr. Andrea Nicolini and also new faces: CODEMA's new owner, Mr. Aleks Mortimer; Mr. Sven Kunz of Buhler who replaced Andreas John and Mr. Marcello Blake of ADM Belize Mills replaced the former Managing Director, Philip Milliken, one of CMA's long standing, founding member and past President of CMA who retired in 2023 but remains an Honorary Member of CMA. We look forward to seeing more new faces and companies who are desirous of joining the Association.

Regrettably, we said farewell to one of our past Presidents, Mrs. Karlene Nicholls, Managing Director of ADM Barbados who passed away, suddenly 1st November 2024, Karlene will be greatly missed. May her soul rest in peace.

We look forward to 2025 and pray success in all your endeavours both professionally and personally.

In this Newsletter:

Featured company: Pinnacle Feeds, upcoming events, and more....



THANK YOU!

The Secretariat would like to extend a BIG thank you to the following sponsors who contributed in making CMA's 27th Annual General Meeting a success:

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**"If you need a new process and
don't install it
you pay for it without getting it."**

*-Ken Stork (President, Association of
Manufacturing Excellence)*



CMA's new location

WE ARE NO LONGER AT OUR ORIGINAL LOCATION...

For those who were not aware CMA's location initially began on the premises of 209 Windward Road, Kingston 2, Jamaica West Indies, however due to the effects of mother nature on October 30th of 2023 CMA had no other alternative but to seek another location.

The office relocated to 17 Bell Road, Kingston 2 in March 2024 and has a new telephone contact number which is 1(658)213-5602.

We look forward to hearing from you either by phone or email: caribmill@cwjamaica.com. For additional information, pictorials about CMA you are welcome to visit our website: www.caribmillers.com for further updates.

Pinnacle Feeds Limited: A Legacy of Excellence in Animal Nutrition

Pinnacle Feeds Limited has long been recognized as a leader in the manufacturing of animal nutrition products, serving the Bajan market and recently the wider Caribbean for over three decades. With a commitment to quality and excellence, Pinnacle Feeds Limited has established itself as a trusted name in the industry, providing top-tier products that support the growth and wellbeing of livestock across the region.

A Rich History of Growth

Founded in 1988, Pinnacle Feeds Limited began its journey under the umbrella of Roberts Manufacturing Company Limited (RMCO), which already had a strong brand equity in Barbados. In 1993, the company expanded its operations further by commissioning a soybean extraction plant, significantly increasing its production capacity and ability to serve the growing demand for high-quality animal feeds.

Pinnacle Feeds' commitment to innovation and progress is reflected not only in its strategic expansions but also in its rigorous adherence to quality standards. RMCO was among the first to attain International Organization for Standardization (ISO) certification. The company achieved the **ISO 9002:1994** Quality Systems certification in 1998 within a record time of just nine months. This was followed by an upgrade to **ISO 9001:2000** Quality Management Systems certification in 2002, further demonstrating the company's commitment to maintaining superior quality standards.

Setting the Standard in Food Safety

In addition to its ISO certifications, Pinnacle Feeds and RMCO have prioritized food safety, aligning their operations with global best practices. In 2003, the company obtained Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) certification, kickstarting a robust food safety management systems journey that continues to this day.

In 2019, Pinnacle Feeds achieved another milestone with the successful acquisition of Safe Quality Food (SQF) Code certification, a globally recognized food safety standard accredited by the Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI). This certification demonstrates

Pinnacle Feeds' ongoing compliance with the highest international standards for the manufacture of safe food and feed products. Since then, the company has undergone rigorous recertification audits against successive editions of the SQF standard, maintaining key certifications.



Pinnacle Feeds Superior Advantage

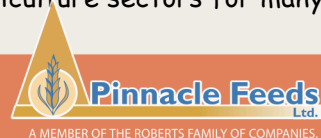
At the core of Pinnacle Feeds' operations is a committed technical team that continues to innovate, ensuring that they meet the ever-evolving needs of the Caribbean market. The company's unwavering commitment to excellence is evident not only in its certifications but also in its ongoing efforts to stay at the forefront of the animal nutrition industry. Exceptional after-sales service has always been a pillar with which the company prides itself.

Its manufacturing processes are designed to ensure that every product meets the highest standards of nutrition, safety, and consistency. From feed for poultry, livestock, and aquaculture to specialty products for specific animal needs, Pinnacle Feeds offers a comprehensive range of solutions designed to support the growth and performance of animals across the Caribbean.

What sets Pinnacle Feeds apart is its unrelenting pursuit of quality in every aspect of its operations. Pinnacle Feeds ensures that every bag of feed that leaves its facility is a product of excellence. Through its certifications and continuous improvement processes, Pinnacle Feeds has earned the trust of farmers within Barbados and actively expanding its regional footprint making it a key player in the Caribbean animal feed industry.

As Pinnacle Feeds continues to grow and evolve, it remains committed to the values of quality, safety, and customer satisfaction that have defined the company since its inception.

With a proud history and a bright future, Pinnacle Feeds stands ready to continue serving the needs of the Caribbean livestock and agriculture sectors for many years to come.



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Guyana

C.M.A.'s 28th Annual General Meeting, scheduled for December 9-10, 2025, will be hosted in Guyana. Here are a few interesting facts about Guyana.

Guyana's official name is the 'Co-operative Republic of Guyana'. A former British colony, it is the only state of the "Commonwealth of Nations" located on the South American mainland. It achieved independence from the United Kingdom on May 26, 1966.

The country experienced the tragic Jonestown Massacre in 1978. It is the only South American nation where English is the official language. Much of the country's land is covered by rainforests, home to a rich diversity of wildlife.

Culture: Guyanese culture is a vibrant tapestry woven from various influences, including Indian, African, Amerindian, British, Portuguese, Chinese, and Creole cultures. This diversity is reflected in the country's customs, traditions, festivals, and spiritual beliefs, making it one of the most culturally rich nations in the world. With over nine (9) Indigenous tribes and a blend of customs and celebrations, Guyana showcases a unique cultural identity that combines Caribbean elements with Indigenous roots.



KAIETEUR FALLS: Standing at 825 feet, these falls are nearly five times taller than North America's Niagara Falls.



Population: 832,994 as of November 19, 2024. (World Population Review)

Guyana's economy is projected to continue its growing trend for yet another consecutive year with projections putting Real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at a 34.3 per cent growth for 2024.

For the remaining months leading up to the Annual General Meeting, you will be learning more about Guyana and the host company National Milling Company of Guyana Inc. (NAMILCo).

Source: Wikipedia & YouTube

Upcoming Events

1. Executive Mid-Year Meeting - June 2025
2. 28th A.G.M. - December 9-10, 2025

China's Grain Output



BEIJING, CHINA — China's push to become more self-sufficient in grain appears to be paying off as record production and declining imports are forecast for the country in the 2024-25 marketing year, according to a recent report from the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) of the US Department of Agriculture.

The FAS projected China's grain output to reach 706.5 million tonnes, a 1.6% increase over the previous year driven by expanded acreage and higher yields. All three major grains are expected to achieve production increases, the FAS said.

China's National Bureau of Statistics forecasts a 2% year-on-year increase in corn production at 294.9 million tonnes, supported by increased planting of high-yield varieties. However, the FAS said industry estimates range from 280 million to 293 million tonnes.

"Post believes the effective production of corn is lower than the official number due to several industry reports of severe toxin issues in the new crop," the FAS said.

RECORD-LOW corn-prices in late 2024 encouraged corn use in China's domestic feed and industrial sectors. The FAS noted that feed and residual use of grains is forecast to grow modestly to 287.2 million tonnes, "reflecting increased corn use in feed formulations due to lower prices. The shift is reducing reliance on wheat and rice as feed ingredients."

Wheat production is estimated to increase by 2.6% year on year to 140.1 million tonnes due to improved yields from last year's low base, the agency said.

"Industry reported wheat quality was good, but supplies of good-quality, high-protein wheat were tight and that there were higher toxins in wheat from south Henan and north Hubei.

China, which is the world's largest wheat and rice producer, is expected to slightly increase its rice output in 2024-25 to 145.3 million tonnes.

From a grain trade perspective, the most noteworthy development is a projected 40% decrease in corn imports and a 37% decrease in wheat intake.

The FAS projects a "strategic reduction in corn imports (from 23.4 million) to 14 million tonnes as part of government policies to protect domestic farmers coupled with efforts to diversify corn suppliers, which is resulting in more corn coming from South American origins."

The FAS said the steep decline in imported wheat is due to strong domestic production and weak demand, "although trade with Argentina is expanding."

SOURCE: World-Grain 2025