Summary

Discussion on the institutional and marketing factors involved in the Trinidad cocoa industry is contained in Chapter 1. This includes figures for holding size, exports, production and a consideration of the World Market situation facing Trinidad cocoa producers.

Methods, data and limitations of a study of labour on a small number of cocoa estates are presented in Chapter 2 which also gives data to show variability of cocoa holdings in Trinidad.

Agronomic practices on the sample estates and some costings for new techniques are included in Chapter 3. This gives especial consideration to fertilizers, weedkillers, artificial drying, irrigation and mechanization.

A Synthetic costing for maintenance of 100 acres data for some of the sample estates and discussion on establishment costs comprise Chapter 4. This chapter also offers some thoughts on economics of scale and capital requirements.

Much further detailed information on the sample estates is included in the Appendices.