

Figure 1 Monthly rainfall (mm) for the period October 2007 to May 2008 of the 2008 crop compared to the same period for the long term mean (LTM) and the 2007 crop

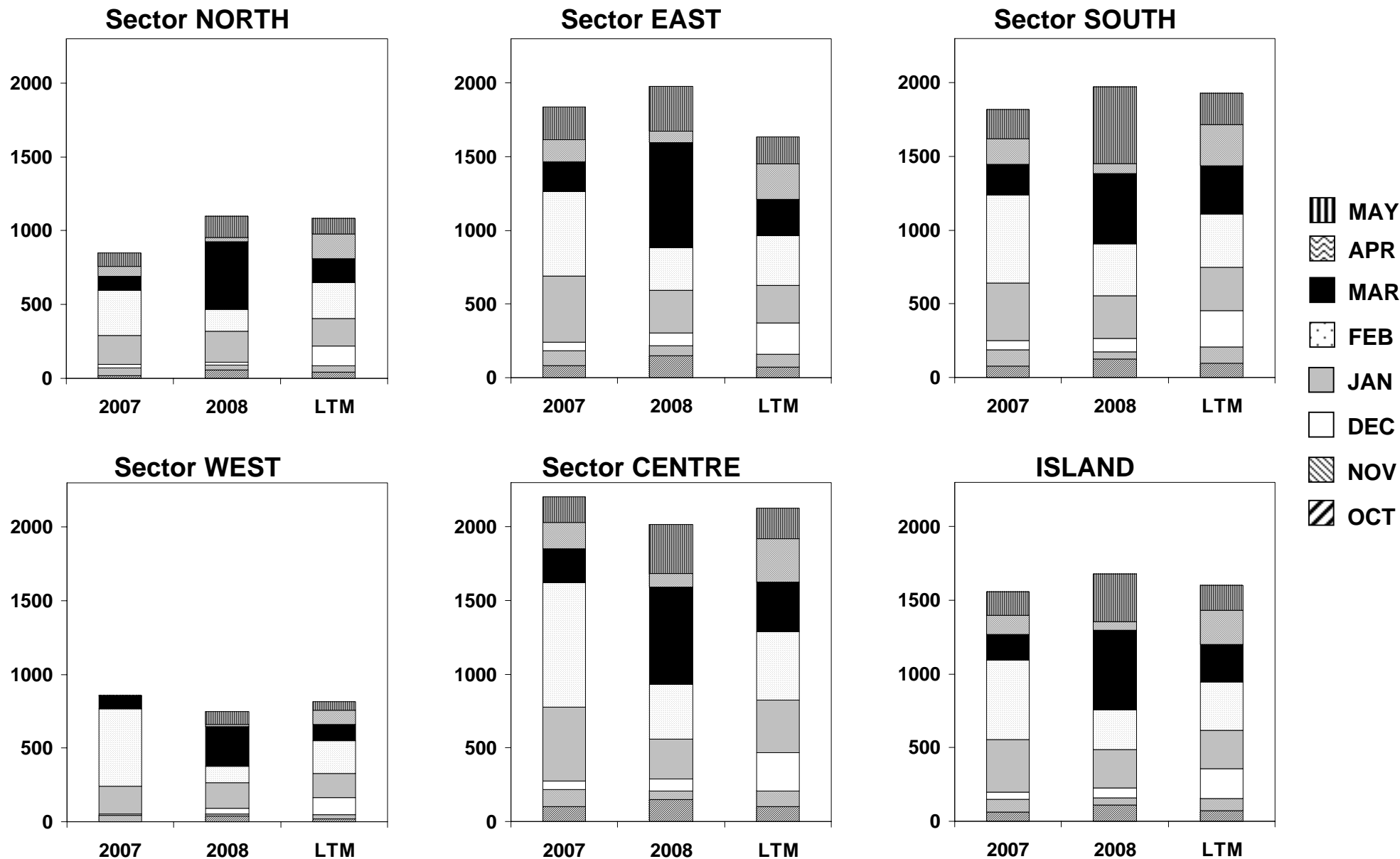
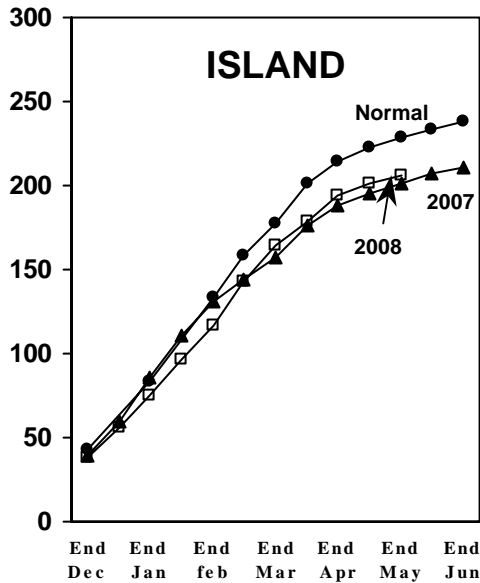
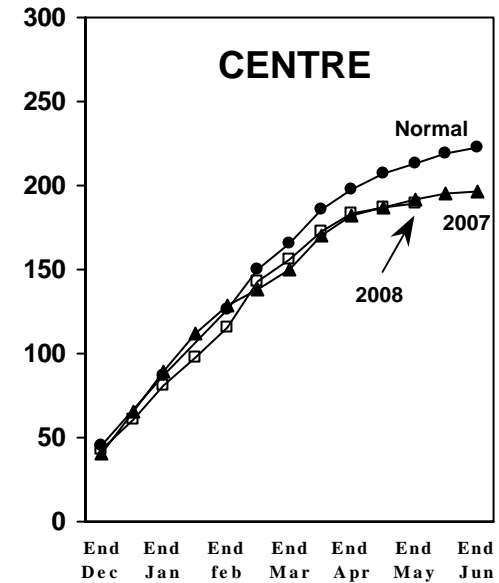
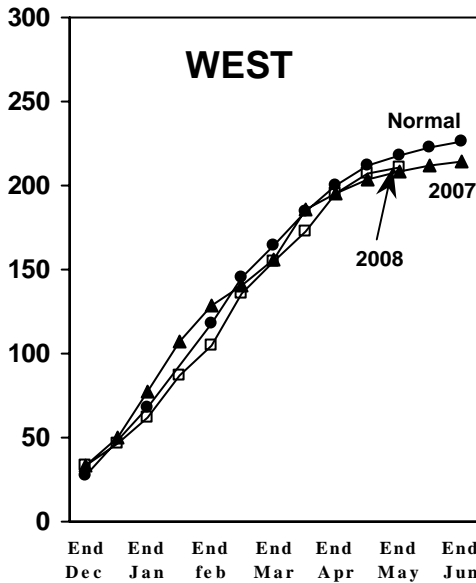
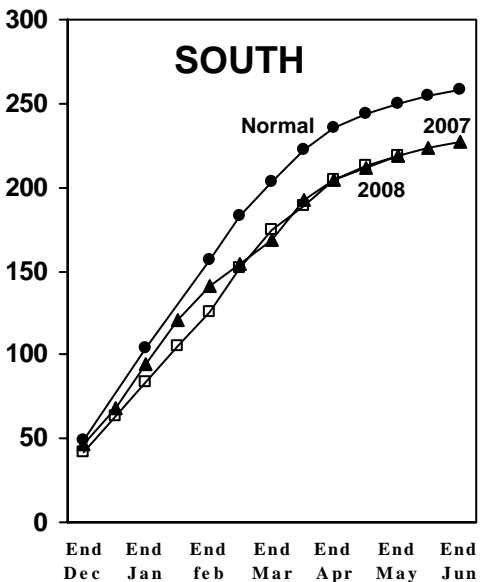
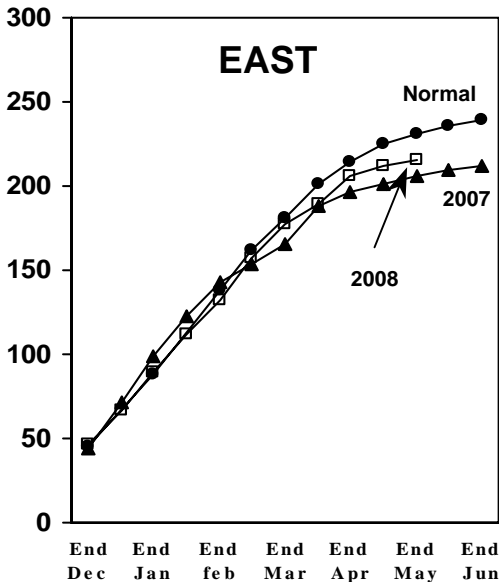
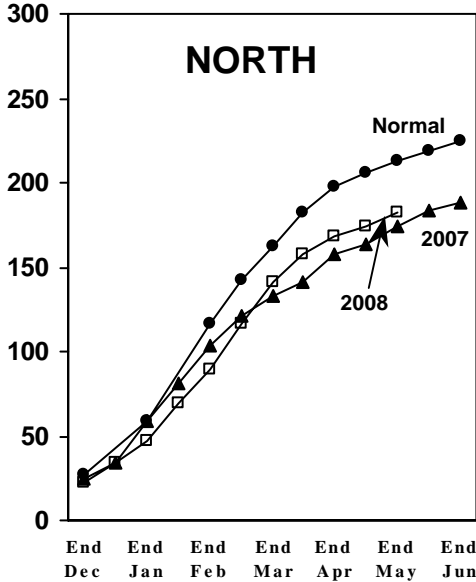


Figure 2. Stalk height at end-May 2008



□ 2008 ▲ 2007 ● Mean of 5 highest cane yielding years of the past ten years (Normal)

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Table 1a

Rainfall (mm) for Crop 2008 compared to the long term mean (LTM) and that of 2007 crop

Crop	May 2008					
	N	E	S	W	C	Island
2007	89	224	200	4	171	162
2008	146	306	521	90	335	324
LTM	107	180	212	56	210	168

Total from October 2007 to May 2008

Crop	N	E	S	W	C	Island
2007	847	1838	1818	858	2203	1559
2008	1098	1978	1971	749	2016	1677
LTM	1084	1633	1928	814	2128	1601

Table 1b

Rainfall (% of long term mean) for Crop 2008 and Crop 2007

Crop	May 2008					
	N	E	S	W	C	Island
2007	83	124	94	7	81	97
2008	136	170	246	161	160	193

Total from October 2007 to May 2008

Crop	N	E	S	W	C	Island
2007	78	113	94	105	104	97
2008	101	121	102	92	95	105

Source: Raw provisional data from Meteorological services

Table 2a. Stalk elongation (cm) during the Month of May

North			East			South			West			Centre			Island		
2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal
14.9	16.6	15.9	8.8	9.1	17.0	14.2	14.4	15.1	15.5	12.4	18.2	6.3	10.1	16.2	12.3	12.9	14.9
	89.8 *	93.6 **		96.7 *	51.8 **		98.6 *	94.0 **		125.0 *	85.2 **		62.4 *	38.9 **		95.4 *	82.3 **

Table 2b. Cumulative elongation (cm) at end-May

North			East			South			West			Centre			Island		
2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal
161.0	149.7	183.1	168.6	161.5	188.6	177.0	171.7	198.4	177.5	174.9	191.0	146.4	151.1	166.0	168.1	162.1	188.9
	107.5 *	87.9 **		104.4 *	89.4 **		103.1 *	89.2 **		101.5 *	92.9 **		96.9 *	88.2 **		103.7 *	89.0 **

Table 2c. Total cane height (cm) at end-May

North			East			South			West			Centre			Island		
2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal	2008	2007	Normal
182.9	174.1	213.2	214.9	205.5	231.0	218.3	218.7	250.2	211.0	208.2	218.4	189.5	191.8	213.7	205.8	201.4	229.0
	105.1 *	85.8 **		104.6 *	93.0 **		99.8 *	87.3 **		101.3 *	96.6 **		98.8 *	88.7 **		102.2 *	89.9 **

* End-May 2008 data expressed as a percentage of End-May 2007

** 2008 data expressed as a percentage of mean of 5 highest cane yielding years during past ten years

Table 3a. Average Pol % Cane (*richesse*) as at end May 2008

SECTOR	M 1176/77	M 1557/70	M 3035/66	M 52/78	M 695/69	R 570	R 575	R 579	R 573	M 1400/86	M 387/85	M 1246/84	M 703/89	M 1394/86
<i>NORTH</i>	10.1				12.4	9.9		10.0	12.3	9.8		10.8		
<i>EAST</i>	10.8	12.2	10.1	13.8	10.3	10.5	10.5	9.6	12.3	11.9	12.6	8.7		
<i>SOUTH</i>	9.9		8.0	11.7	10.2	7.0	11.4	8.6	10.9	9.8			11.7	9.8
<i>WEST</i>	8.9				9.7	7.3	10.2	10.9	11.8	7.2	8.5			
<i>CENTRE</i>	9.6		8.7	12.8	10.1	6.8		10.0		9.9	10.4		10.8	

Table 3b. Comparison of Pol % cane (*richesse*) at the end of April and May 2001, 2007 and 2008

SECTOR	April			May		
	2001	2007	2008	2001	2007	2008
<i>NORTH</i>	5.0	8.4	7.4	8.1	10.4	10.3
<i>EAST</i>	6.9	8.6	9.3	9.3	11.4	10.9
<i>SOUTH</i>	7.0	8.0	7.9	9.5	10.5	9.6
<i>WEST</i>	6.0	7.7	7.4	8.4	10.4	9.3
<i>CENTRE</i>	7.1	7.2	8.5	9.1	10.9	10.3
Island	6.5	8.1	8.2	9.0	10.7	10.1