

## Brazil's CNC Sees Coffee Output Falling 8% for 2017-2018 Crop

CoffeeNetwork (Medellin)- Brazil's coffee production will fall by 8% in the coffee year June 2017-July 2018 to 46 million 60-kg bags hit by lower production of conilon at the southeastern province of Espírito Santos, Silas Brasileiro, Executive President of the Conselho Nacional do Café (CNC) Brazil, told CoffeeNetwork.

Lack of rains hit the formation of beans, which will result in the production of 6 million 60-kg bags in the Espírito Santos state, down from the 10-12 million bags the region usually produces, Brasileiro said on the sidelines of the World's First Coffee Producers Forum. The other states of Bahia and Rondonia will produce 2 million bags, respectively.

Brazil, the world's largest coffee producing nation, will be able to produce around 52 million 60-kg bags for the period June 2018-July 2019 as weather is playing in favour, up from the 50 million 60-kg bags produced during 2016-2017, he noted.

Of total Brazilian output for 2017-2018, 36 million 60-kg bags will be Arabica beans and the balance 10 million 60-kg bags will be Robusta.

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