

PB - Karani Wet Mill (GrainPro)



KABARE FARMERS COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED

Historical Background:

Farmers in Kabare planted their first coffee trees in 1954. The Coop has 11 wet mills namely Kiringa, Konyu, Karani, Kiang'ombe, Kaboyo, Mukure, Mukengeria, Kimandi, Kathata, Kiangothe, and Kiamiciri. The Coop is located within Kabare and Kirima locations of Gichugu Division, Kirinyaga East District on the southern slopes of Mount Kenya.

Management & Membership:

The Coop is managed by an elected board of 9 members. Each member represents an electoral zone in the two locations. Currently the Coop has 46 permanent members of staff who are headed by a Secretary Manager. The Secretary Manager oversees the day to day running of the Coop under the supervision of the board.

The 11 Wet mills in the coop have a membership of 12,300 farmers.

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Origin	Kenya Central Kenya, Kirinyaga East District, Gichugu Division, Kabare Location, Kirima Sub-Location
Region	Karani Wet Mill, Kabare Farmers Cooperative Society
Farm	SL 28, SL34, Ruiru 11
Variety	1500-1750 M
Altitude	Fully Washed
Proc. Method	

Coffee Production:

- The wet mill's current production stands at 350,000 Kg of Cherry. The Coop has expressed interest in partnering with it's marketing agent Sustainable Management Services Limited to implement a coffee quality improvement project with the aim of increasing the yields to over 600,000 Kg and getting the wet mill certified Rainforest alliance

Coffee Processing and Marketing:

Farmers selectively hand pick red ripe cherries that are delivered for wet milling the same day. The parchment is then fermented, washed and sun dried . Dry parchment is milled and bagged at Socfinaf coffee mills and then transported to SMS Ltd warehouses. The Coffee is then sold either through the Nairobi Central Auction or directly to overseas buyers.

Name: Karani wet mill, Kabare farmers cooperative Society

Country: Kenya

Central Kenya, Kirinyaga East District,
Gichugu
Region / Area: Division, Kabare Location, Kirima Sub-
location

No. of Producers: 1500 Members

Average Production: 350,000 Kg cherry

Process: Timely and selective hand picking is carried out in Karani. Cherry is delivered to wet mill the same day it is picked. Cherry sorting is carried out at the wet mill



prior to the pulping. Red ripe cherries are separated from underripes, overripes and foreign matter. Processing utilizes clean river water (wet processing) that is recirculated before disposal into seepage pits. Sun drying is done before delivery of the coffee to the dry mill for secondary processing.

Varieties: SL 28, SL34 constitute 95% while the rest is Ruiru 11

Flowering: Main crop- March and Fly crop- October each year

Average Rainfall: 1450 -1700 mm per year. The rains are in two seasons , short and long rains. Early crop depends on short rains that come between october – November . Main crop receives adequate rain between March and June each year

Altitude: 1500-1750 Metres Above Sea Level

Temperature Range: 19 – 28 Degree Celsius

Soils: Deep red volcanic soils

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