

Govt approves coffee seed producers

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KAMPALA. Government has approved 15 coffee seed producers to produce over 118 metric tonnes of the seed in the next three years.

The certified producers are to ensure high quality coffee production, Uganda's major export. In 2015, exported roughly 3.6 million 60 kg bags

of coffee, generating around \$450 million (Shs1.53 trillion) in revenue.

"This is therefore this to inform the general public that the seed producers listed below whose seed gardens complied with request requirements for seed production, are authorized to process and supply elite seeds to UCDC and the private coffee nursery operators for purposes of propagation of high quality coffee planting material

for farmers," said Agriculture minister Vincent Bamulagaki Ssempijja.

To ensure that all coffee planting material are generated from coffee sourced from authorised gardens, the private coffee nursery operators will be required to obtain the coffee seed purchase receipts from the authorized seed suppliers for all purchases, Mr Ssempijja said in a statement issued on Friday October 20 2017.

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