



Coffee Rust: Impacts and Actions

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Incidence of Coffee Rust

	Coffee Area (hct)	% of Area Affected by Roya 2012/13
Costa Rica	93,774	64%
El Salvador	152,187	71%
Guatemala	276,479	59%
Honduras	282,513	30%
Nicaragua	126,154	36%
Panamá	19,490	32%
Perú	415,000	43%
México	769,786	10%
Dominican Rep.	131,250	46%
Total	2,266,633	35%

Has fallen in most
áreas in 13/14

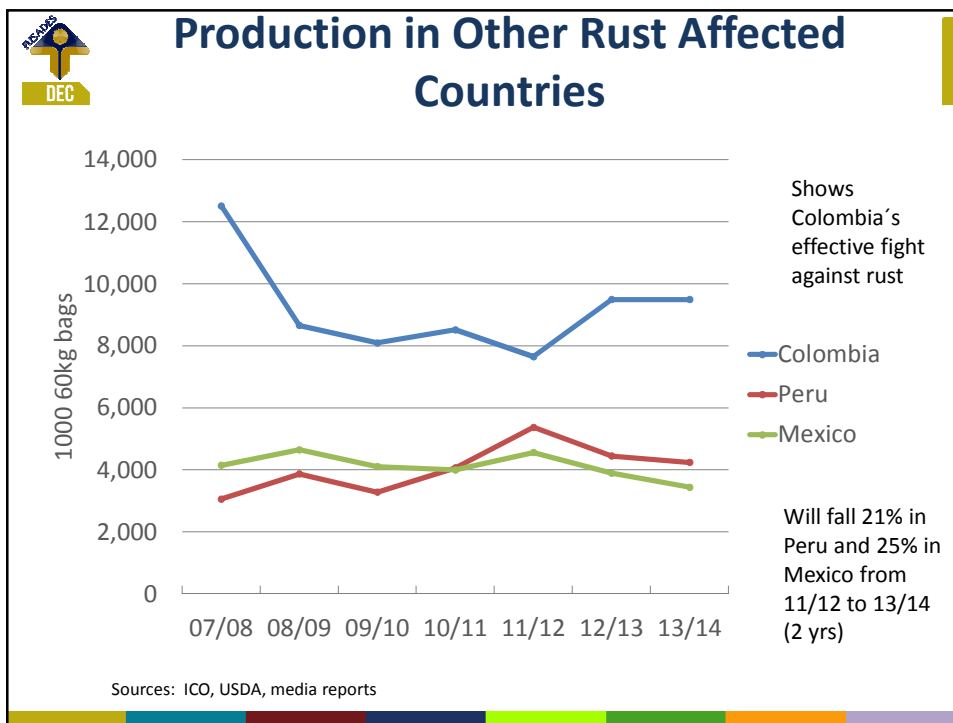
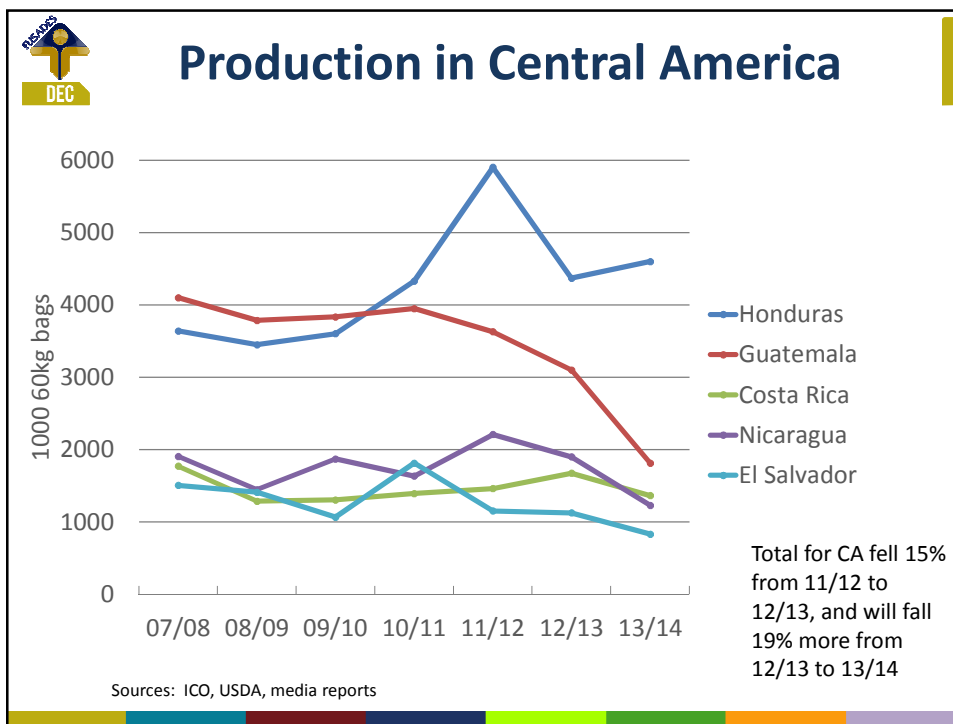
Steady or worse in
Guatemala

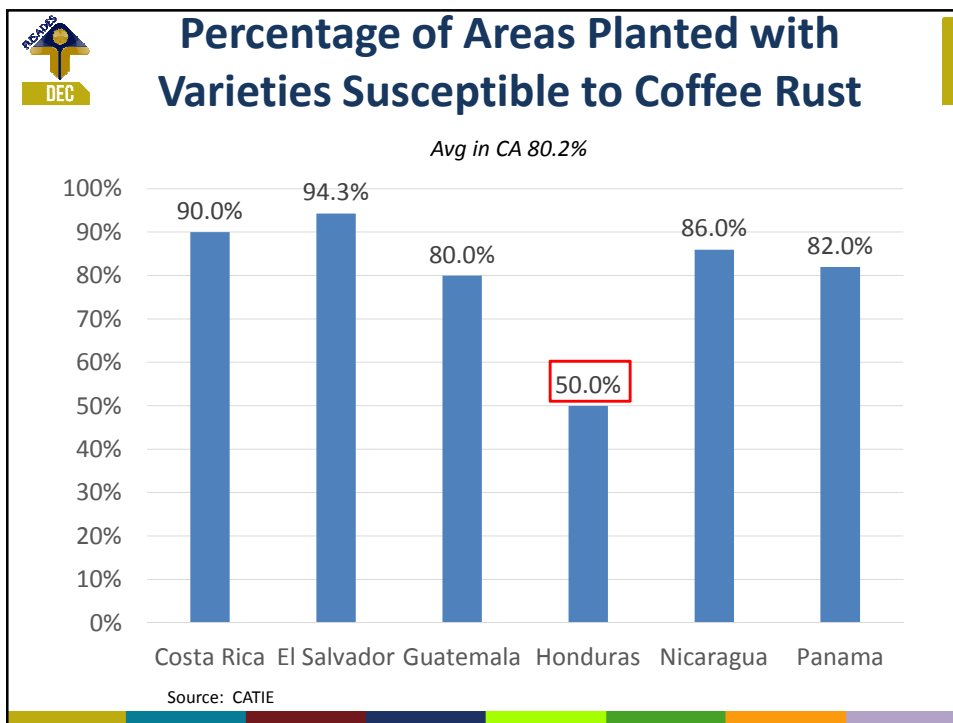
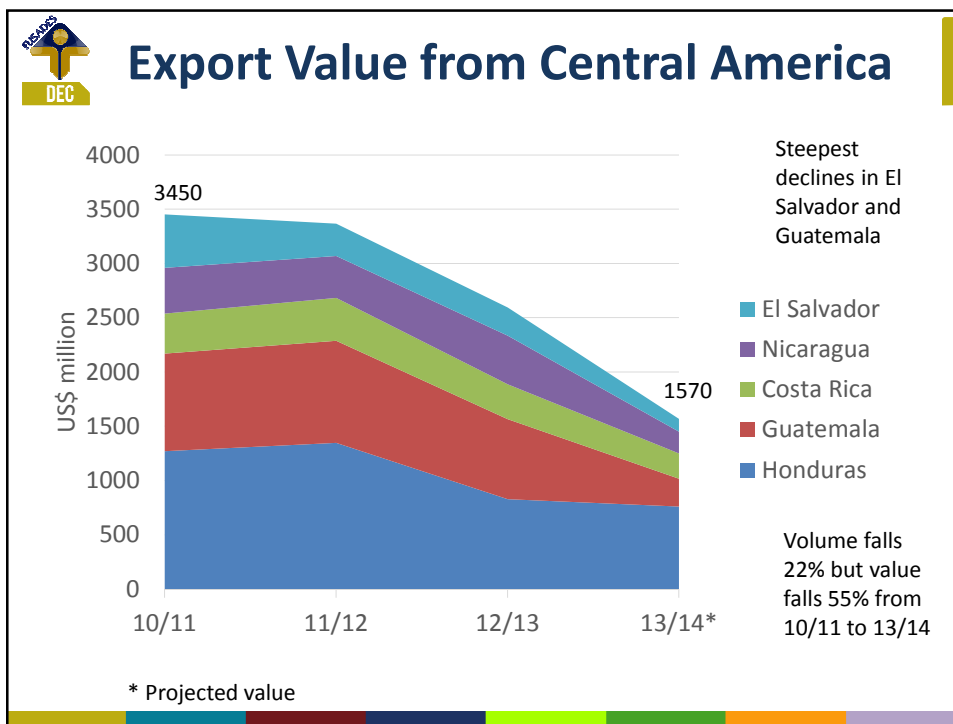
In Mexico, will
increase to 30% in
13/14

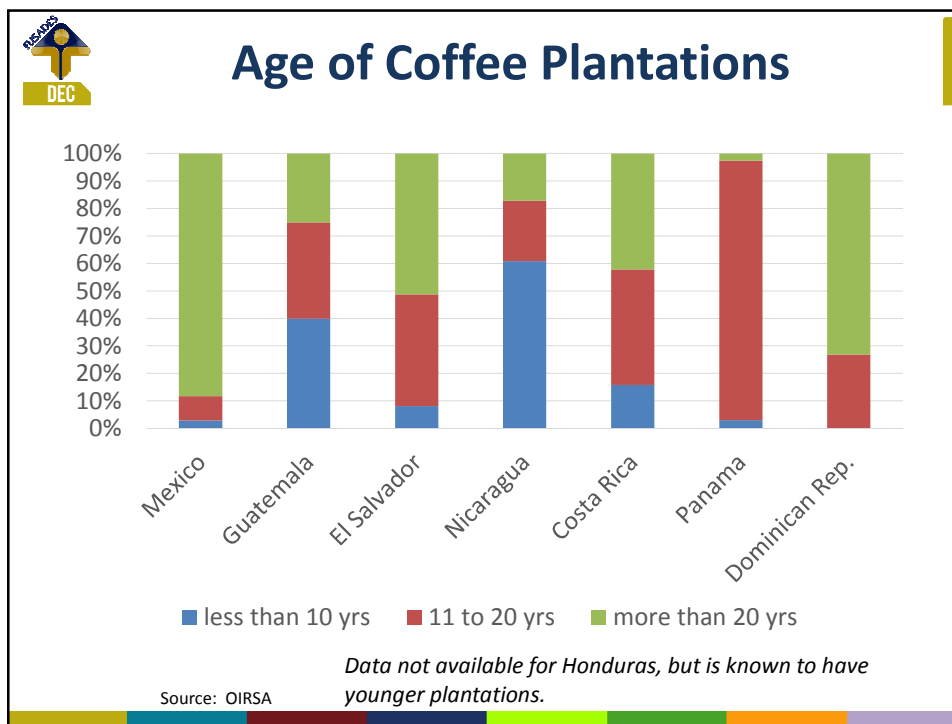
Goal to reduce to 20%
in Peru by December
2013

Severity in affected
areas in El Salvador:
pruning in 76%, 12%
recepta, 2% new
plants, 11% no action

Source: CATIE, ICO








Other Compounding Factors

- Greater losses among small scale farmers
- Other plagues and diseases; climate change
- Lower quality – less income from differentials
- Lower price and smaller crop - lower credit
- No good solutions for organic production





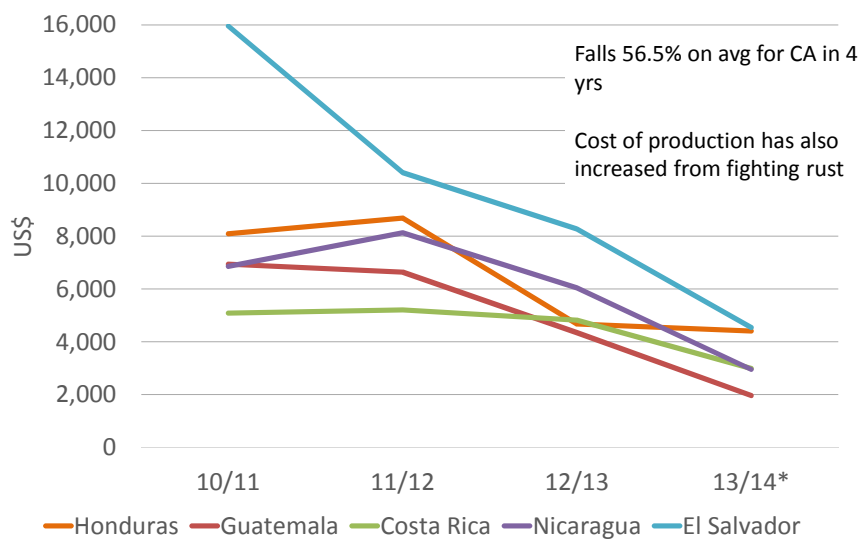
Coffee Rust not only destroyed my farm,
but also my dreams.

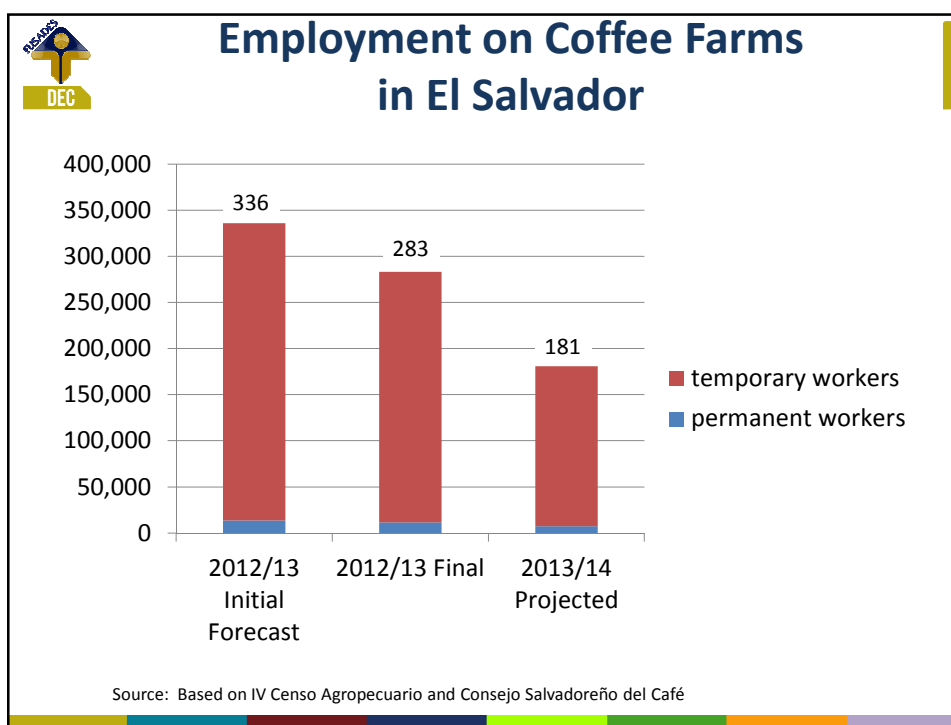


- Ernestina Martínez,
Ojo de Agua,
Honduras



Estimates of Average Gross Annual Income for Coffee Farmers





Social impacts

- Over 500,000 farm and processing jobs lost in 2013 in Central America
- Average less than 3 hct per farmer
- Few employment/income/staple food production alternatives in coffee areas
- Assessment in Guatemala (WFP)
 - 43% of coffee HH spend over 65% of income on food
 - 85% grow corn/beans but not enough for whole year
 - 37% of laborers have no other livelihood
 - 15% of small farmers have no other source of income
 - 35,000 vulnerable families who need assistance
 - 37,000 additional families at risk of becoming food insecure



Action Plan

- Food assistance for over 55,000 families for 3-5 months (WFP)
- Early warning and information system
- Research on blends
- Research on varieties
- Research and train farmers on fighting coffee rust
- Identify sources for financing/innovative tools
- Diversification




More than a crisis, it is a new beginning for coffee in Central America.

- *Robéiro Oliveira Silva, Executive Director ICO*

