

BACKGROUND ...

ECONOMIC OVERVIEW ...

Agriculture and Fisheries

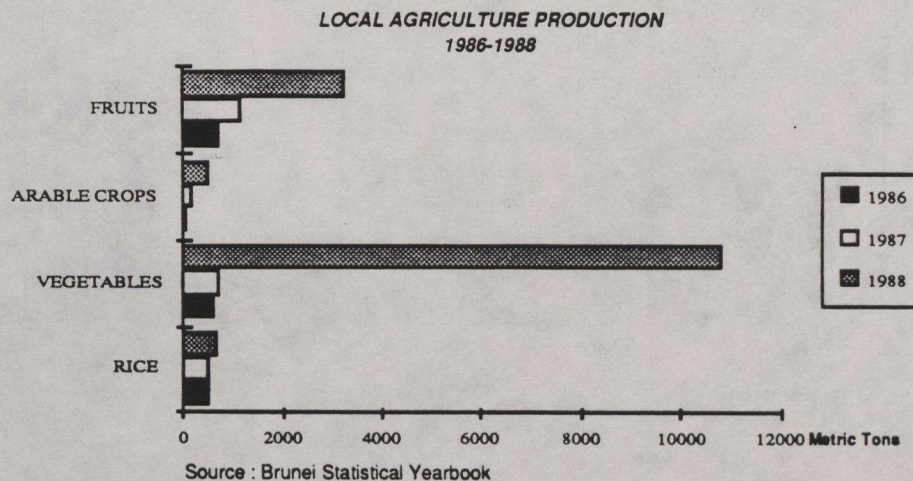
Of the Ministry of Development's 1988 budget, a total outlay of B\$6.2 million (C\$1 : B\$1.57), the Department of Agriculture received B\$40 million, and Fisheries, B\$4.5 million.

To date, Brunei imports approximately 80% of its rice consumed annually (20,000 tons) from Thailand. A 1,000 acre Kampong Wasan pilot project (B\$7 million) is expected to help Brunei achieve 30% self-sufficiency in rice production in 1990.

A Brunei government-owned 5,793 square kilometer Willeroo cattle station in Australia's Northern Territory supplies approximately 38% of the country's 8,100 imported cattle per year.

The 5th Development Plan projects undertaken to upgrade the agricultural infrastructure include :

- The Kampong Batang Mitus project (B\$1 million) produces 14-25 buffalo a year
- The B\$1 million Kampong Mentri hatchery produces 3.2 million chicks per year
- A chicken and beef abattoir (B\$8 million) at Kampong Mulaut slaughters 3,600 birds and 25 animals a day
- An irrigation system (B\$270,000) to be completed by March 1990



For the fishing sector, a fisheries center and a landing complex with handling facilities, ice plant, and quality control infrastructure in Muara and Kuala Belait were constructed to upgrade marketing and distribution.

