

KENYA - Volcano Cloud Creates Havoc for African Exports

Nairobi, April 23, 2010 (CISA <<http://www.cisaneWSafrica.org/>>) – Fish, flowers, fruit and vegetables were tossed or fed to cows throughout Africa as a volcanic eruption in Iceland paralyzed flights to European markets.

In Kenya, some 10 million flowers mostly roses were thrown while asparagus, broccoli and green beans grown for export to Europe were fed to Kenyan cattle because storage facilities were filled to capacity.

Horticulture is Kenya's top foreign exchange earner, making \$922 million last year from the export of roses, carnations and lilies. Some 5,000 day laborers are now on lay off since the ash cloud stopped air traffic, showing how one event can have drastic consequences for an export economy.

Other producers facing steep losses are pineapple growers in Ghana; and flower farmers in Ethiopia, Uganda, Egypt and Zambia.

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