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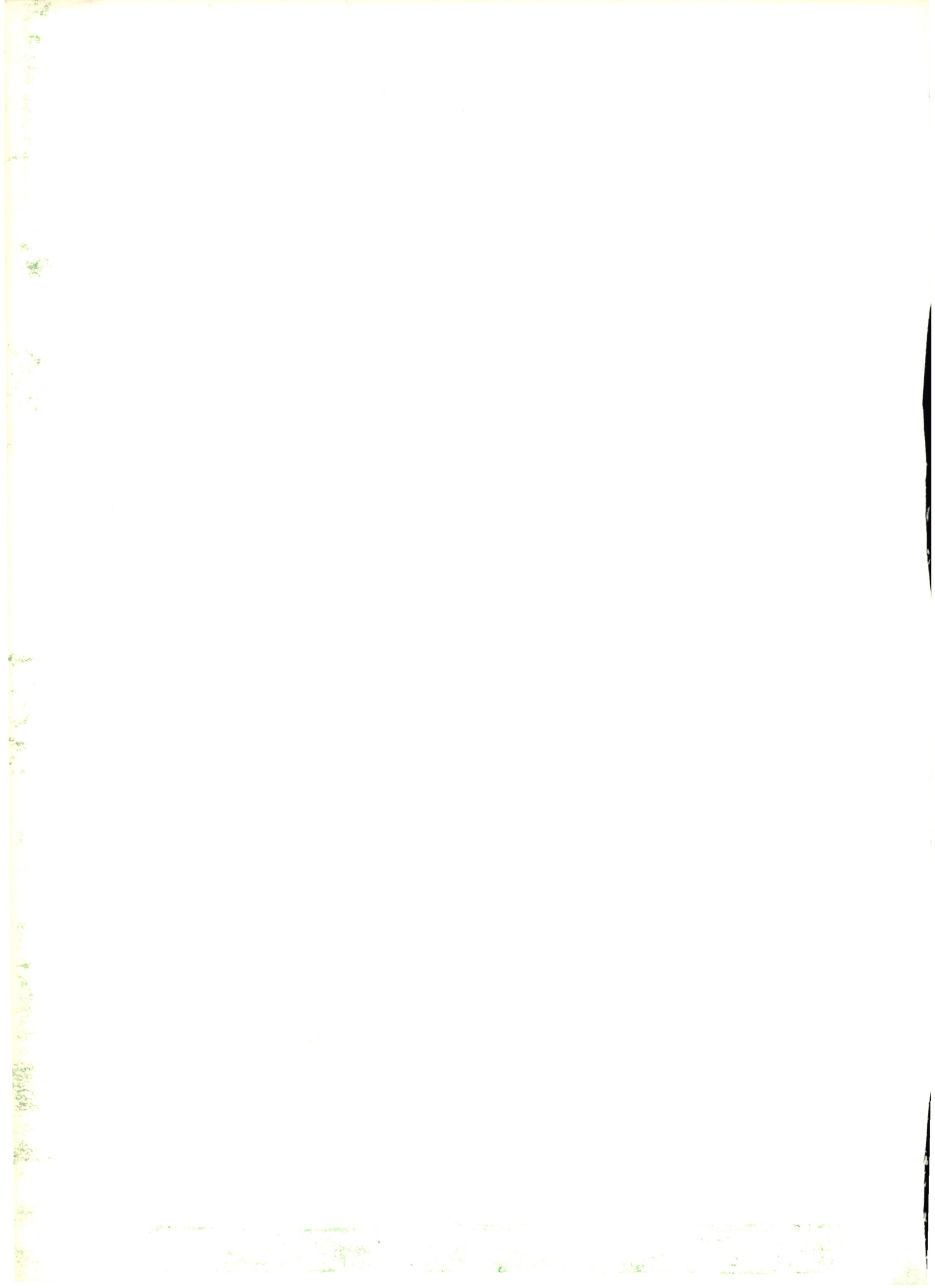
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REVIEW OF THE SISAL INDUSTRY - JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 1988

(a) Sisal Fibre Production

As a result of good weather and a welcome improvement in the prices of sisal fibre in the world market throughout the second half of 1988, the falling trend in production which started in 1985 was virtually reversed. Sisal production in 1988 almost equalled that of 1987. A total of 36,972 metric tons of sisal fibre and tow was produced as compared to 37,024 in 1987. This level of production was realized in spite of the loss of Samar sisal Estate which was sold to an agricultural farming company and the Murang'a County Council.

The highest monthly production was obtained during the month of March when 3,351 metric tons of sisal fibre and tow was processed. On the other hand, the lowest monthly production was recorded during the month of February: 2,815 metric tons.

On a regional basis, production comparison figures for the two successive years are as follows:-

Province	Production in 1987 (Metric Tons)	Production in 1988 (Metric Tons)
Coast	13,923	13,460
Rift Valley	13,730	14,648
Central	5,132	4,195
Eastern	3,253	4,195
Nyanza	986	1,294
	<hr/> 37,024 <hr/>	<hr/> 36,972 <hr/>