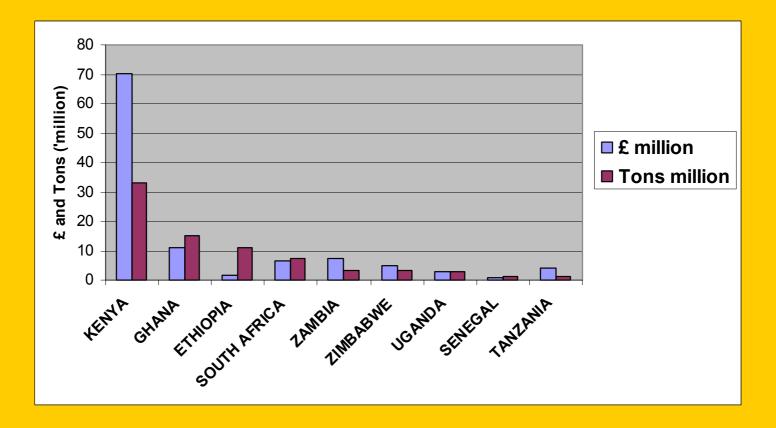
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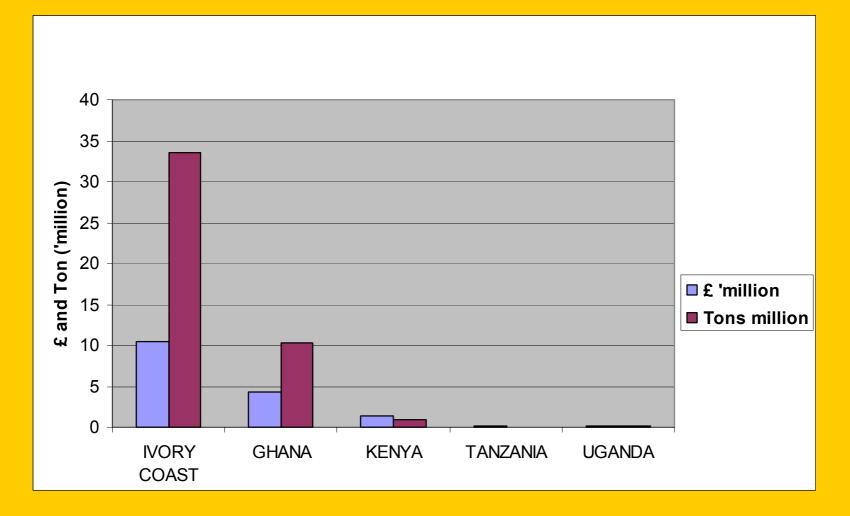
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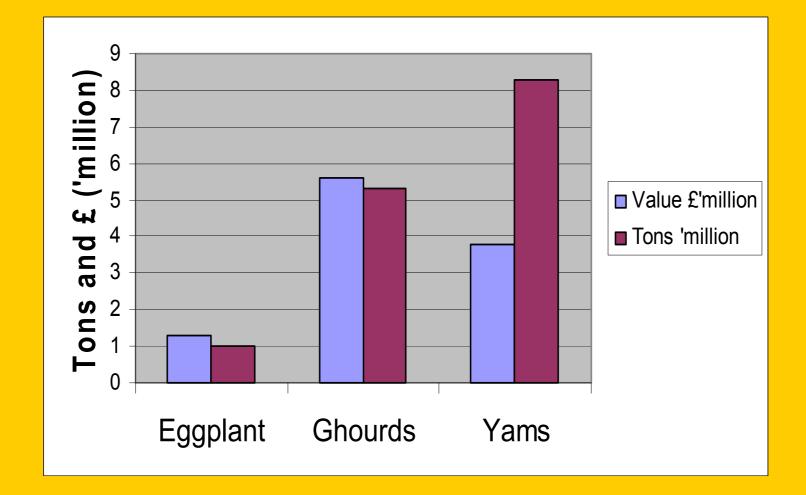
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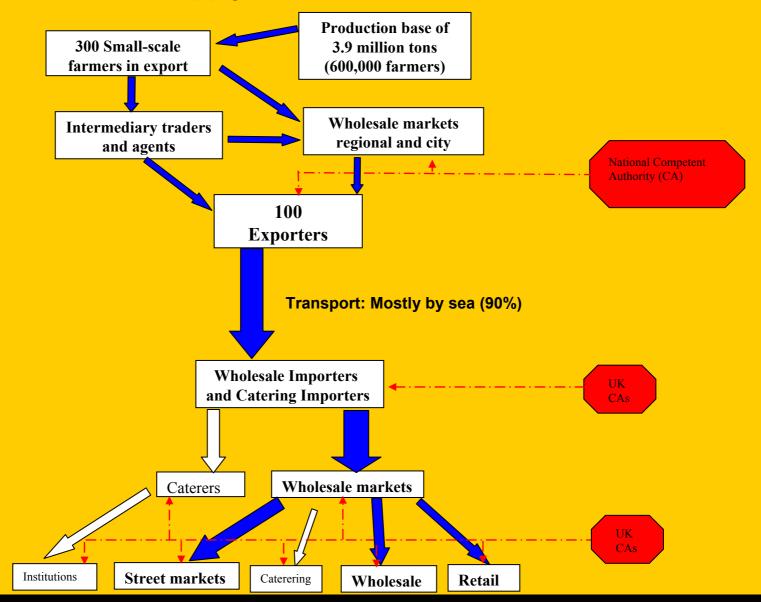
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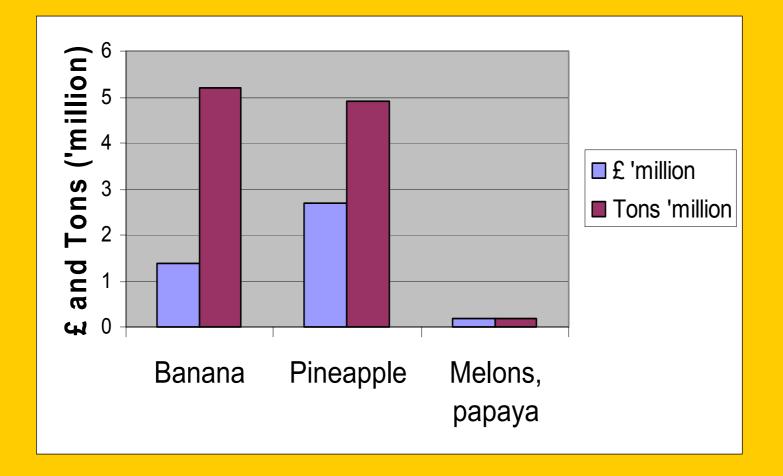
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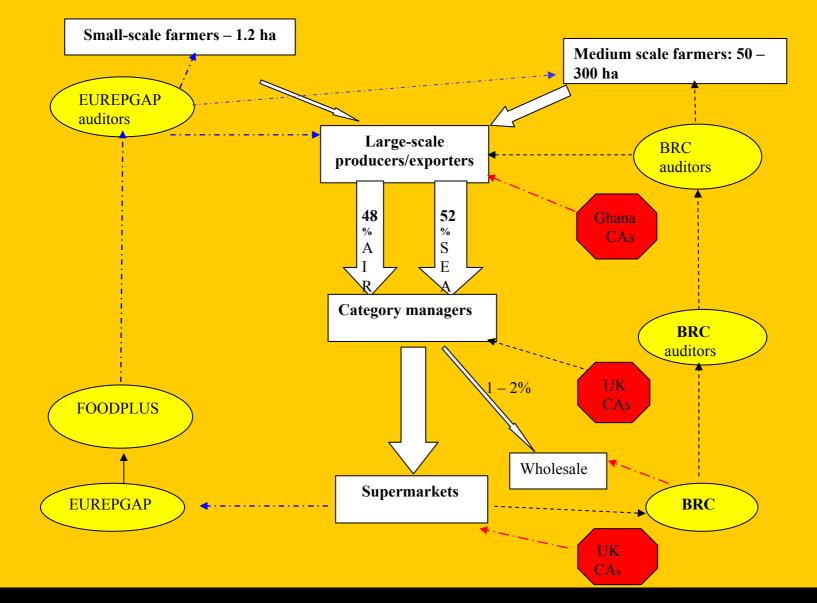
Yam supply chain from Ghana to UK



Fruit Exports from Ghana to UK for 2005



Pineapple Supply Chain from Ghana to UK



Issues

- Certain types of produce e.g. yams, egg plants, gourds, chilli pepper, are grown predominantly by smallholders and rely on the wholesale sector for export markets.
- The wholesale market would not be able to make a margin if the supermarkets decided to trade in these products.
- However, the organisation of this market does not necessarily benefit a large number of smallholders in Africa – small volumes, large national production base, poor linkages between farmers and exporters, lack of trust between exporters and importers, poor handling and quality control along the whole chain.
- Generally a lack of awareness of standards, although some wholesale importers require EUREPGAP.
- Smallholders can access high value markets e.g. supermarkets, but require linkages to larger producers/exporters, this is not necessarily a firm relationship. With the exception of Kenya, the numbers of smallholders accessing the supermarket chain on a regular basis remain relatively low.