

# PRODUCER PROFILE

**Name:** Layo Teraga Coffee Producers Cooperative Union

**Product:** Coffee

**Country:** Ethiopia

**FLO ID:** 29738

**Fairtrade Certified Since:** 2022

**Number of Certified Members:** 1,814

**Type of Organisation:** Small Producer Organisation (SPO)



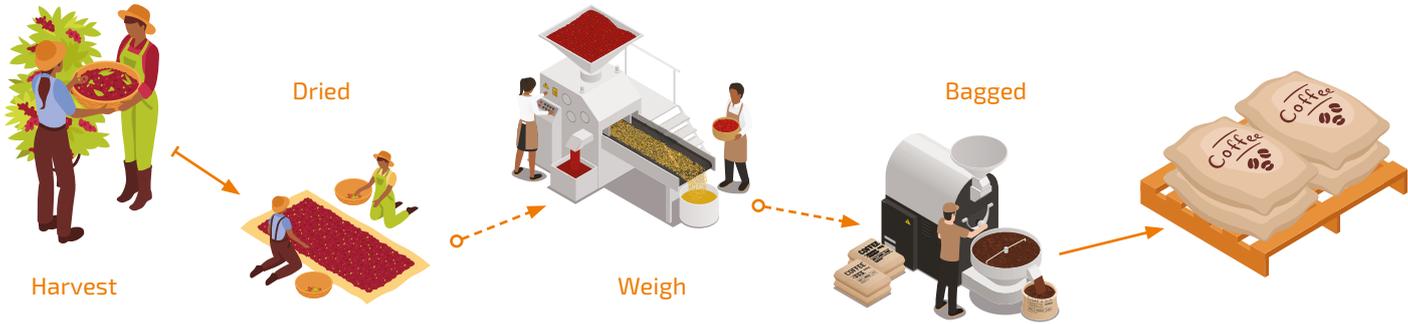
# Introduction

Layo Teraga Coffee Producers Cooperative (LTCPC), the name coined from two words, Layo and Teraga which mean fertile land name of a prominent figure in the area respectively, was established in 2004 by 60 smallholder members (59 males and 1 female) which has grown to 1,814 members (1,383 male and 431 female). The Cooperative's objective is to sustainably supply highland organic coffee from Guji to the global market while enhancing the socio-economic well-being of its members.

Layo Teraga has been in the coffee business for over 20 years, sourcing high-quality Guji and Sidamo highland organic coffee from its members for processing and exporting to the global market.

Until 2021, the cooperative operated under the Oromia Coffee Farmers' Cooperative Union (OCFCU). After that, it began exporting its coffee independently. Today, Layo Teraga supplies its coffee to major markets in the United States, China, the UK, Belgium, France and South Korea.

# Coffee Growing & Processing



The agro-climatic region of the Coop is highly favorable for coffee growing that imparts characteristic berries tastes of nuts chocolate, lemon and wine. Layo Teraga Cooperative prepares washed and sun-dried coffees at its own processing facilities by collecting coffee from members. Members collect only fully ripe berries and immediately supply to the Coop where they receive payment with invoice and record on log-book as well.

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## Altitude:

1861 – 2342 m ASL



## Total area under production:

3,249.63 ha



## Growing Practice:

100% Organic



## Smallholders:

2.5 ha on average



## Harvest Period:

October – February



## Processing Type:

Fully washed/ Sun-dried



## Other Certifications:

SPP, NPOP/NAB/0010



# Benefits of Fairtrade

The Coop implements different projects on social, coffee quality, productivity and sustainability using premium funds from the Fairtrade sales.

## Social Projects

Fairtrade premium is mainly invested on projects such as roads leading to the stores, and primary school.

## Quality, Productivity and Sustainability

Coop implements good agricultural practices using Fairtrade premium to improve the quality and increase the productivity of the coffee. The implementation of pre-and post-harvest handling, investment in coffee and tree seedlings nursery and marketing are partly supported by budget from the Fairtrade premium. Replacement of old coffee bushes helps to achieve higher production per unit area.

## Environment

The members of the Cooperative are producing high quality highland organic coffee in a protected environment under shade trees. The farming system of the members is entirely free of using agro-chemical (100% organic). It also implements soil and water conservation measures, biodiversity (flora and fauna) conservation and buffer zones around water bodies.







# Challenges

- Climate change poses a significant challenge, but the Cooperative is doing its utmost to adapt. Addressing this issue requires a collaborative effort from all stakeholders, including buyers and consumers, as effective climate change mitigation depends on the integration of traditional and scientific knowledge, substantial investment, and advanced technology.
- The area lacks adequate infrastructure, including roads, electricity, healthcare centers, and schools. The absence of standard roads poses a significant challenge, severely hindering the transportation of coffee from the region and the delivery of essential inputs to the site.

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