



LANKA COMMODITY BROKERS LTD
TEA MARKET REPORT

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SALE NO.02 OF 08TH & 9TH JANUARY, 2019
COMMENTS

The total volume of 6.5 Mkgs on offer this week comprised of 3.2 Mkgs of Low Grown teas and 0.7 Mkgs of High Grown teas sold in the “Ex-Estate” catalogue. The quality of Low Grown teas was mostly similar to last. A limited selection of High Grown Westerns maintained previous quality whilst the remainder was irregular on account of teas representing invoices manufactured following the ten day work stoppage in the plantations. It is unfortunate that the plantation strike took place at a time when the Western quality season was blossoming out and this is a setback from the point of view of buyers of the select best quality teas.

The demand for Low Grown teas this week was quite encouraging with more widespread demand from the traditional Middle Eastern buyers as well those operating for the C.I.S countries and Turkey. It is hoped that the level of demand seen from these markets this week will be continued over the next two sales where larger volumes are on offer. Additionally, there was good interest from Libya and Iraq for secondary type teas.

Ex- Estate teas saw good demand for the select best teas which fully maintained previous levels. However, in instances where liquor merit was lower, the prices paid for orthodox teas were often irregularly lower. Buying for the “Tea Bag” sector has still not picked up to peak levels after the seasonal holidays but this sector is expected to bounce back within the next few weeks where better quality teas will be on offer.

This week’s auction comprised of **11,954** lots with a total quantity of **6,543,424Kgs**.
 The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	Lot	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	4,520	2,061,629
Low Grown Tippy	2,227	1,175,573
High & Medium	1,225	638,448
Off Grade/BOPIA	2,563	1,398,867
Dust	522	520,157
Premium Flowery	292	55,743
Ex-Estate	<u>605</u>	<u>693,007</u>
Total	<u>11,954</u>	<u>6,543,424</u>

CROP & WEATHER
For the period 31st Dec. 2018 – 06th January 2019

Both Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported experienced dry weather throughout the week and this dry spell is expected to continue in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology. **Udapussellawa and Uva regions** reported bright weather throughout the week. **In Low Grown**, Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions reported bright weather throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology predicted misty conditions during the week ahead

Crop Intake: Western, Udapussellawa , Uva , Sabaragamuwa and Ruhuna regions reported low crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya Region maintained.

In lighter vein **A Man Wakes Up in a Catholic Hospital**

A man suffered a serious heart attack and had bypass surgery.
 He awakened to find himself in the care of nuns at a Catholic hospital.
 As he was recovering, a nun asked how he was going to pay the bill.
 He replied, in a raspy voice, "No health insurance."
 The nun asked if he had money in the bank.
 He replied, "No money in the bank."
 The nun asked, "Do you have a relative who could help you?"
 He said, "Just a spinster sister, who is a nun."
 The nun, slightly perturbed, said, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."
The patient replied, "Then send the bill to my brother-in-law."

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY

- BOP1** : Select best invoices declined by Rs.30-40/- per kg and at times more; balance however advanced by Rs,10-15/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were too dearer.
- OP1** : Teas in the select best category maintained; balance appreciated by Rs.20/- per kg. Stalky invoices too followed a similar trend.
- OP** : Best teas declined on average Rs.20/- per kg and at times more; balance was fully firm on last week levels. Teas at the lower end gained by Rs,10-20/- per kg.
- OPA** : Select best invoices were barely steady; balance maintained. Poorer sorts appreciated by Rs.20/- per kg.
- PEK/PEK1:** Well made shotty invoices were firm on last week levels; balance was irregularly lower. Bolder varieties on average declined by Rs.20/- and more particularly the latter part of the sale. Teas at the lower end maintained.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP1	850-960	870-1200	680-740	670-730	500-650	580-630
OP1	1100-1500	1000-1600	700-750	670-720	400-450	380-420
OP	650-840	640-790	530-580	520-570	380-430	370-410
OPA	680-800	620-800	530-570	520-570	350-400	330-380
PEK/PEK1	810-1010	830-1270	700-730	725-750	525-550	500-550

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

- BOP/BOPSP:** Select best and best BOP's eased. Cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Others firm.
- BOPF/BOPFSP:** Select best appreciated. Best and below best together with teas at the lower end easier.
- FBOP/FBOP1 :** Select best and best FBOP's firm. Cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Others sold around last levels. FBOP1's in general firm to dearer.
- FBOPF/FBOPF1:** Very tippy teas maintained. Balance declined. Select best and best FF1's declined. Cleaner below best and cleaner teas at the lower end were firm to dearer. Others sold around last levels.
- FBOPFSP/ EXSP:** Very tippy teas together with best maintained whilst the lower end prices were irregularly lower.

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
BOP/BOPSP	780-1350	780-830	580-620	550-650	380-420	380-420
BOPF /BOPFSP	800-1500	780-920	580-650	550-650	380-420	380-420
FBOP/FBOP1	760-980	750-960	650-720	650-730	580-620	600-650
FBOPF/FBOPF1	750-840	800-900	550-650	550-650	500-600	550-620
FBOPFSP/EXSP	750-2400	800-2900	650-700	700-750	600-700	600-700

MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Best on offer maintained last week levels, others Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer.

FBOPF/FBOPF1: Select best invoices gained Rs.20-30/- per kg whilst the others firm on last levels.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best types declined by Rs.10-20/- per kg whilst the others were irregular and mostly lower.

	Best		Below Best		Others	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
FBOP	820-980	820-980	760-820	725-800	580-760	500-700
FBOPF/FBOPF1	850-960	850-920	750-850	750-780	600-750	600-700
PEK/PEK1	860-960	850-980	750-860	720-840	600-750	600-670

HIGH GROWNS

BOP: Best Westerns –select invoices gained Rs.20/-per kg and more. Teas in the below best category were irregular following quality. Plainer sorts were firm. Nuwara Eliyas together with Udapussellawas sold around last levels. Uvas –few select teas were dearer by Rs.20/-per kg and more, others were firm.

BOPF: Best Westerns gained Rs.20/-per kg and more for the limited availability. Teas in the below best category were irregular following quality. Plainer clean leaf teas were up to Rs.20/-per kg dearer, others were irregular and difficult of sale. Nuwara Eliyas were firm and Rs.20-30/-per kg dearer following special inquiry. Udapussellawas were firm and Rs.10-20/-per kg dearer, selectively for the better leaf teas. Uvas – better teas were Rs.20-30/-per kg dearer, others were irregular.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	650-720	650-700	660-750	640-730
Below Best Westerns	620-640	600-640	620-650	600-630
Plainer Westerns	540-600	530-580	530-600	540-590
Nuwara Eliyas	520-550	480-520	530-600	480-610
Other Uda Pussellawas	440-470	450-470	470-480	450-480
Best Uva's	630	600-700	560-620	550-600
Other Uva's	580	530-580	500-530	500-530

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP: Up to Rs.20/-per kg dearer

BOPF: Better sorts were Rs.10-20/-per kg dearer. Poorer sorts tended easier.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	BOP		BOPF	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	520-890	550-730	490-600	450-580

CTC

PF1: High & Medium Grown PF1's were firm and tended irregular, whilst Low Grown were Rs.30-40/-per kg dearer in most instances.

BP1: High & Medium Grows were firm and tended irregular, whilst Low Grows gained Rs.20-30/-per kg and more for select invoices

Quotations (Rs./Kg)

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	PF1		BP1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	500-600	420-510	600	500
Medium	425-640	410-540	400-540	490
Low	425-740	400-710	390-650	340-550

OFF GRADES

Best liquoring FNGS/FNGS1's lost Rs.10-20/- whilst the poorer sorts were irregularly lower by Rs.25-50/- per kg. Best BP's were firm. Well made BM's were firm; poorer types were irregularly lower by Rs.25-50/- per kg. Select best BOP1A's were firm whilst poorer types were irregularly lower by Rs.25-50/- per kg.

<u>QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)</u>	<u>HIGH</u>		<u>MEDIUM</u>		<u>LOW</u>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Fannings (Orthodox)	300-500	330-520	270-350	320-370	70-360	310-390
Good Fannings (CTC)	300-310	300-330	300-310	300-330	300-310	310-330
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	300-310	300-330	270-300	300-320	270-300	300-320
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	320-380	340-380	330-420	350-420	420-520	450-520
Other BM's	270-320	310-340	270-320	310-340	270-320	310-340
Best BOP1As	400-410	400-410	400-420	460-500	475-550	500-550
Other BOP1As	270-300	290-310	270-310	290-350	270-310	290-330

DUST

Best liquoring High Grown D/D1's appreciated by Rs.40/- per kg whilst others were firm to dealer by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Secondary and poorer types were firm on last levels. Select best Low Grown D/D1's declined by Rs.50/- whilst the poorer sorts were fully firm to easier. CTC PD's maintained last levels.

<u>QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)</u>	<u>HIGH</u>		<u>MEDIUM</u>		<u>LOW</u>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Good Primary Dust 1(Orthodox)	680-840	660-800	600-690	420-4700	400-480	480-560
Good Primary PD (CTC)	500-690	440-510	600-690	450-550	480-690	500-700
Other Primary Dust (Orthodox)	300-330	300-330	350-370	350-370	400-450	400-450
Other Primary Dust (CTC)	N/A	N/A	300-340	300-340	290-340	290-340
Secondary Dust	320-370	320-370	300-340	300-340	290-330	290-330
Poorer Dust	300-350	300-350	240-290	240-290	290-350	290-350

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

Country	Month	2017	2018	Difference +/-	To-date 2017	To-date 2018	Difference +/-
<i>SRI LANKA</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	<i>24.9</i>	<i>24.7</i>	<i>-0.20</i>	<i>283.7</i>	<i>277.7</i>	<i>-6.0</i>
<i>BANGLADESH</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	8.3	8.2	-0.10	67.7	66.7	-1.0
<i>KENYA</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	43.4	49.3	5.86	347.0	395.5	48.6
<i>MALAWI</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	2.1	1.4	-0.7	39.9	44.2	4.3
<i>NORTH INDIA</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	162.0	150.5	-11.5	929.9	930.0	0.10
<i>SOUTH INDIA</i>	<i>Oct.</i>	21.2	25.9	4.7	197.3	187.6	-9.70
<i>UGANDA</i>	<i>Nov.</i>	5.63	3.06	-2.6	47.67	52.95	5.28

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THIS WEEK'S TOP PRICES

<u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u>			<u>UVA MEDIUM</u>			<u>LOW GROWN LEAFY</u>		
Craighead	BOP	890/-	Demodara 'S'	BOP	730/-	New Vithanakande	BOP1	960/-
Craighead	BOPSP	790/-	*Halpewatte Uva	BOP SP	725/-	Suduwelipothahena	BOP1	960/-
*Vellaioya	BOPF/ BOPFSP	600/-	St.James	BOPF/BOPFSP	470/-	*Makandura	BOP1	920/-
Craighead	BOP1	1250/-	Halpewatte Uva	BOP1	1000/-	Sithaka	OP1	1500/-
*Harangala	FBOP/FBOP1	980/-	Shawlands	FBOP /FBOP1	870/-	Gunawardena	OP1	1500/-
Craighead	FBOP/FBOP1	980/-	Shawlands	FBOPF / FBOPF1	750/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OP	1000/-
Craighead	FBOPF /FBOPF1	960/-	Shawlands	OP/OPA	790/-	*Makandura	OPA	800/-
Deenside	OP/OPA	760/-	Glen Alpin	OP1	810/-	A C U Super	OPA	800/-
Craighead	OP1	1250/-	Aruna Passara	PEK / PEK1	850/-	Mulathiyana Hills	OPA	800/-
Craighead	PEK/PEK1	960/-				Lickra	OPA	800/-
			<u>UVA HIGH</u>			Willie Group Super	OPA	800/-
			Nayabedde	BOP	640/-	Liyonta	OPA	800/-
<u>WESTERN HIGH</u>			Haputhale Super	BOP SP	710/-	Lakvinka	PEKOE	1010/-
Bearwell	BOP	720/-	Nayabedde	BOPF/BOPFSP	620/-	*L.Weerapana	PEKOE	1000/-
Ingestre	BOPSP	750/-	Oodoowerre	FBOP/ FBOP1	820/-	Deerwood Super	PEKOE1	1010/-
Annfield	BOPF / BOPF SP	750/-	Haputhale Super	FBOPF / FBOPF1	750/-	<u>LOW GROWN TIPPY</u>		
Ingestre	BOPF / BOPF SP	750/-	Haputhale Super	BOP1	800/-	Devagiri	BOP	860/-
Great Western	BOPF / BOPF SP	750/-	Haputhale Super	OP1	800/-	Bogoda Group	BOPSP	1350/-
Queensberry	FBOP/ FBOP1	920/-	Battawatte	OP/OPA	760/-	Pothotuwa	BOPF	1500/-
Queensberry	BOP1	700/-	Haputhale Super	PEK/PEK1	790/-	Mulathiyana Hills	BOPFSP	1400/-
Venture	FBOPF/FBOPF1	600/-				Pothatuwa	FBOP	980/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	440/-	<u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u>			Suduwelipothahena	FBOP	940/-
Holyrood	PEK/PEK1	680/-	Kirklees	BOP	550/-	Sithaka	FBOP	940/-
			Alma	BOPSP	600/-	*L.Kottawa	FBOP	920/-
<u>NUWARA ELIYA</u>			*High Forest	BOPF/BOPFSP	560/-	New Vithanakande	FBOP1	840/-
Mahagastotte	BOP	550/-	Delmar	FBOP/ FBOP1	840/-	*L.Kottawa	FBOPF	820/-
Kenmare	BOP	550/-	Alma	FBOPF/FBOPF1	780/-	*Hedigalla	FBOPF	790/-
Mahagastotte	BOPF/BOPFSP	600/-	Delmar	OP/OPA	600/-	*L.Weerapana	FBOPF	780/-
Lovers Leap	BOPF/BOPFSP	600/-	Alma	OP1	790/-	Liverpool Sup	FBOPF1	840/-
Lovers Leap	BOPSP	570/-	Delmar	PEK /PEK1	820/-	*Makandura	FBOPF1	820/-
Kenmare	FBOP/ FBOP1	770/-				Sithaka	FBOPF1	800/-
Mahagastotte	PEK / PEK1	810/-	<u>OFF GRADES</u>			<u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u>		
			*Lucky Ihalagoda BM		560/-	Winwood Garden	FBOPFSP	1500/-
			*Chandrika Estate BM		560/-	Graceland	FBOPFSP	1200/-
<u>CTC TEAS</u>			Coop cola	BM	560/-	*Ehelakanda	FBOPFSP	1150/-
			Nelun Dalla	BP	660/-	Sihara	FBOPFEXSP	2400/-
<u>HIGH GROWN</u>			Kotiyagala	FNGS/FNGS1	560/-	Kamarangapitiya	FBOPFEXSP1	1700/-
Mt. Vernon	PF1	600/-	Wanarajah	FNGS/FNGS1	560/-	Deerwood Super	FBOPFEXSP1	1400/-
Dunsinane CTC	BP1	600/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS	650/-	Suduwelipothahena	FBOPFEXSP1	1400/-
Mt. Vernon	BPS	470/-	*Lucky Ihalagoda	BOP1A	690/-			
						<u>DUST</u>		
<u>MEDIUM GROWN</u>						Somerset	DUST1	840/-
*Carolina	PF1	640/-				Mt. Vernon	PD	720/-
Strathdon CTC	BP1	540/-						
Delta CTC	BP1	540/-						
Aultmore CTC	BPS	460/-						
<u>LOW GROWN</u>								
Hingalgoda CTC	PF1	740/-						
Henathenne CTC	BP1	650/-						

* Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd

+++ All Time Record Price

++ Equal All Time Record Price

COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES

SALE NO.01 OF 02nd January, 2019

	2019			2018	
	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Year</u>
		<u>To-date</u>	<u>To-date</u>		<u>To-date</u>
Uva High Grown	483.65	516.79	483.65	584.11	584.11
Western High Grown	605.48	611.41	605.48	646.25	646.25
High Grown	574.57	586.25	574.57	629.26	629.26
Uva Medium	501.06	502.70	501.06	555.27	555.27
Western Medium	488.11	493.48	488.11	566.58	566.58
Medium Grown	491.02	495.52	491.02	563.40	563.40
Low Grown (Orthodox)	600.94	602.69	600.94	640.40	640.40
Combined L. G. (Orthodox+CTC)	590.94	592.37	590.94	633.96	633.96
Total	571.09	574.89	571.09	622.39	622.39

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	<u>Sale of 14th / 16th Jan.' 2019</u>		<u>Sale of 22nd/23rd Jan.' 2019</u>	
	Lot	Qty. (Kgs)	Lot	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	4,262	2,002,364	4,332	2,269,712
Low Grown Tippy	2,284	1,250,704	2,444	1,496,876
High & Medium	1,473	744,772	1,519	846,704
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,472	1,360,576	2,448	1,433,115
Dust	564	568,703	564	607,993
Premium Flowery	269	52,630	289	59,434
Ex-Estate	<u>905</u>	<u>1,036,885</u>	<u>1,249</u>	<u>1,480,054</u>
Total	<u>12,229</u>	<u>7,016,634</u>	<u>12,845</u>	<u>8,193,888</u>

Weekly Private Sale Figures (From 01/01/2019 – 05/01/2019) - 107,341.00Kgs
 Cumulative - 107,341.00Kgs

CATALOGUES

Sale No. 04 of 22nd/ 23rd January, 2019.

The Main Sale catalogues closed on **02nd January, 2019** one day ahead of schedule and Ex-Estate catalogue closed on **3rd January, 2019** on schedule.

Sale No. 05 of 29th/ 30th January, 2019.

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **10th January, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots is reached.

Sale No. 06 of 05th/ 06th February, 2019.

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **17th January, 2019** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale will be closed before the scheduled date when the number of lots is reached.

BROKER'S ORDER- SALE NO.03

Auction of 14th/16th January, 2019 - Main Sale

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium

1. John Keells PLC
2. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
3. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
4. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
5. Eastern Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Bartleet Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
- 8. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

1. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
- 3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
4. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
5. Bartleet Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
7. John Keells PLC
8. Eastern Brokers (Pvt) Ltd

Auction of 16th January, 2019 - Ex-Estate

1. Mercantile Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
2. Ceylon Tea Brokers PLC
- 3. Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd**
4. Bartleet Produce Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
5. Eastern Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
6. Forbes & Walker Tea Brokers (Pvt) Ltd
7. Asia Siyaka Commodities PLC
8. John Keells PLC

LCBL APPROXIMATE SELLING TIME- SALE NO:03

Monday 14th January 2019

High & Medium : 09.50 a.m.
BOP1A : 05.45 p.m.

Wednesday 16th January, 2019

Ex-Estate : 08.20 a.m.
Low Grown Tippy : 08.45 a.m.
Premium Flowery : 10.05 a.m.
Low Grown Leafy : 11.45 a.m.
Off Grades : 12.45 p.m.
Dust : 02.45 p.m.

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OTHER MARKETS

MOMBASA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT

Demand : Good General demand prevailed for the 160,648 packages (10.49 kilos) on offer with 14.44% neglected.

BP1 – The best BP1’s available were irregular and varied between USC3 dearer to easier by upto USC17 with brighter categories remaining firm to USC10 below last levels while mediums were steady to easier by upto USC8.

PF1 – Best PF1’s in the market were irregular varying between firm to USC12 dearer to easier by up to USC20 while brighter descriptions lost between USC2-USC7. Medium varieties were irregular and ranged between USC12-USC16 easier with a few lines gaining upto USC4.

D1 – Best DUST1’s in the market were irregular and varied between USC6 above last levels to easier by up to USC15 while brighter varieties eased by USC15-USC24.

SECONDARY – In the secondary catalogues BP’s were discounted while PF’s lost value. Clean well sorted coloury Fannings eased while DUST’s were firm.

Pakistan packers were hesitant but thereafter strengthened. Egyptian packers lent strong support with more and improved enquiries from Russia, Bazaar and UK. Afghanistan were slow at the start but lent more support as the sale progressed. Sudan maintained activity. There was less interest from Yemen, other Middle Eastern countries, Kazakhstan and other CIS nations. Iran were quiet. Somalia were less active at the lower end of the market.

	BP1	PF1	PD
Best	285-418	272-312	258-350
Good Medium	250-360	255-295	260-284
Lower Medium	134-262	154-236	110-228
Plainer	120-186	60-184	98-186

JAKARTA TEA AUCTION MARKET REPORT NOT AVAILABLE

At The Time Of Printing

SOUTH INDIAN ROUNDUP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 05TH JANUARY, 2019

KOCHI

CTC LEAF

Demand: Fair demand. Market tending barely steady for the Best broken and occasionally dearer. Fannings ruled at fully firm levels to occasionally dearer. Internal and Upcountry buyers lent less support. Exporters lent useful support for plainer fannings.

LEAF-ORTHODOX:

Demand: Good demand.

Market: Market ruled at dearer levels for the well-made whole leaf and smaller broken, particularly for the best Nilgiri. However, Medium Broken and Fannings were selling at barely steady levels. Plainer sorts witnessed less demand and suffered withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: CIS/Middle East exporters were less active. Upcountry buyers lent support on whole leaf grades.

DUST

Demand: Fair Demand

Market: Best liquoring popular finer grades were selling at irregular and lower by Rs.1 to 2. Bolder grades ruled at dearer levels due to export enquiry. Better mediums and Plainer bolder sorts were at barely steady levels.

Buying Pattern: Major blender AVT and KSCSC were active on the best mediums with fair support from regional packeters. Domestic buyers were fairly active in their purchases. Exporters were active on their purchase.

COONOOR

CTC LEAF

Demand: Strong

Market: Market opened barely steady to irregularly lower and as the sale progressed it had gained momentum and sold at fully firm levels. There was a better enquiry forthcoming for blacker, cleaner BOPF's which gained in the price levels.

Buying Pattern: Good Internal enquiry was forthcoming with equally good support from the Major Blenders. Exporters have been lending fair support.

ORTH LEAF

Demand: Good

Market: Generally an irregular and mostly easier market. Whole leaves were rather barely steady and dearer on the cleaner types. Broken and Fannings were tending lower with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good export enquiry was forthcoming with reasonably good Internal operation.

CTC DUST

Demand: Good

Market: Market generally was steady to firm with the smaller dusts selling at fully firm to dearer levels and the sale percentage was far better than last week.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Internal operation with equally good support from the Major Blenders. Exporters were fairly active.

ORTH DUST

Demand: Good

Market: Steady to firm and dearer at times on the cleaner types and the Secondaries were rather lower with Tertiaries having had a better enquiry and selling at dearer levels. However the browner and stalky teas were rather discounted.

Buying Pattern: Fairly good Export operation was forthcoming with reasonably good Internal participation.

COIMBATORE

CTC LEAF

Demand: Fair demand.

Market: Better medium smaller broken and BOPF's were firm to dearer by Re.1/- to Rs.2/- sometimes more. Medium teas were steady with some withdrawals. Plainer teas were lower by Re.1/- to Rs.2/.

Buying Pattern: Fair general demand. Whole leaf barely steady. Others irregular.

CTC DUST

Demand: Fair general demand.

Market: Better liquoring and popular sorts were firm to occasionally dearer. Mediums were irregular and lower by a Re. Plainers lower by Rs.2/- with some withdrawals.

Buying Pattern: Fair demand. Lower by Rs.2/- sometimes more.

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