

**SALE NO.28 OF 21<sup>ST</sup> / 22<sup>ND</sup> JULY, 2020**  
**COMMENTS**

Sri Lanka has recorded a total tea production of 26.8 m/kgs for June, 2020 which is again lower to the corresponding month of 2019. During the year-to-date period (Jan/June), the current year's production is only 129 m/kgs and is sharply behind the comparative figure of 157.6 m/kgs for the first half of 2019. The most severely affected in terms of crop during the first six months this year are the plantations from the low grown elevation, with a decline of 22.9 m/kgs (22.31%), whilst yields from the medium elevation have dropped by -11.10%. The high grown estates have enjoyed more favorable weather and have declined only -8.42%. In recent times, quite a severe negative impact on cropping patters has been noticed with the rise in soil temperatures following periods of drought, and more so in the lower elevational fields which is a source of deep concern to the tea industry.

Sale #28 concluded this week on July 21 & 22 (Tue/Wed) with an offer quantity of 6.6 m/kgs showed a marginal drop compared to the previous week's volume of 6.9 m/kgs. Low Grown Leafy/Semi Leafy/Tippy/Premium Flowery Grades comprised approximately 2.9 m/kgs, whilst Main Sale High & Medium category teas amounted to 0.8 m/kgs. 0.9 m/kgs was on offer in the Ex Estate catalogue.

There less demand for Ex Estate teas at irregularly easier. Best westerns declined up to Rs. 20/- per kg whilst plainer descriptions mostly ruled firm. Uva / Uda Pussellawa's too followed a similar trend. High and Medium CTC PF1's generally eased Rs. 10/- to 20/- per kg whilst Low Grown sorts were about firm at the commencement but appreciated on last by the close of the sale. There was less interest from some liquoring markets in Europe and the Far East. "Tea Bag" buyers continued selective, with maintained demand from those operating for Russia.

Good demand was seen for low grown semi leafy teas with most BOP1's and shotty Pekoes ruling fully firm to dearer, although some select BOP1's at the top end were irregular and barely steady. Bolder Pekoes again enjoyed robust competition and gained Rs 20/- and more. A range of wiry OP1's was fully firm to irregularly dearer, but others were easier. Well-made OP/OPA's were firm, but secondary teas were easier. Select best FBOP's were irregular, but the balance mostly gained up to Rs. 20/-, whilst FBOPF1's maintained previous prices. The best tippy FBOPF's continued to attract strong interest. Buyers for Iran were more active, whilst other Middle Eastern buyers lent strong competition. There was widespread demand from buyers for Russia. Turkey continued strong. Libya operated at the lower end.

This week's auction comprised of **11,650** lots with a total quantity of **6,680,735** kgs.

The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,200	972,218
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,665	817,160
Low Grown Tippy	1,929	1,028,856
High & Medium	1,579	795,828
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,481	1,441,372
Dust	587	615,513
Premium Flowery	427	80,680
Ex-Estate	<u>782</u>	<u>929,108</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>11,650</u></b>	<b><u>6,680,735</u></b>

***In Lighter Vein***

**THE PEARLY GATES**

St. Peter was standing at the pearly gates of heaven when a group of politicians walked up.

"Hey Peter, may we come in too to heaven?" asks one jovially. St. Peter replies "Well, we have never had a group of politicians come in to heaven before, so, let me ask God."

He then turns around and goes to consult God. "My lord, there is a group of politicians at the pearly gates of heaven. Should I let them in?" God thinks for a moment and says "We have never had politicians in heaven before. Let's see how it goes. Let them in."

St. Peter leaves God, only to come running back a few minutes later. "THEY'RE GONE!" He said.

"The politicians?"

**"THE PEARLY GATES!!!"**

## **LOW GROWNS – LEAFY**

**BOP1** : Best teas held firm on last week levels; balance too lost Rs.20-30/- per kg. Teas at the lower end were irregular.

**OP1** : Select best teas were lower by Rs.50/- per kg; balance declined Rs.20-30/- whilst poor sorts appreciated by Rs.20/-

**OP** : Teas in the best category declined by Rs.10/- per kg; balance were fully firm to irregularly dearer by Rs.10/-15/- per kg; secondaries for tended irregular.

**OPA** : Select best teas were lower; balance too maintained. Poorer sorts were irregularly lower.

**PEK/PEK1**: A few well made PEKOE1's were firm to selectively dearer; balance maintained. Best bold PEKOE's appreciated by Rs.20/- per kg; balance too appreciated by Rs.20-30/- per kg. Teas at the lower end too gained Rs.20/- and at times more.

### **Quotations (Rs./Kg)**

	<b>Best</b>		<b>Below Best</b>		<b>Others</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>BOP1</b>	800-1350	800-1450	600-670	600-670	500-550	500-550
<b>OP1</b>	900-1350	900-1400	670-720	680-730	370-410	380-420
<b>OP</b>	750-800	760-820	600-640	610-660	320-370	330-380
<b>OPA</b>	750-800	760-820	600-640	610-650	320-350	330-360
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	880-1000	860-980	650-720	630-700	500-560	480-530

## **TIPPY/SMALL LEAF**

**BOP/BOPSP** : Select best appreciated. Best and cleaner teas in the below best and lower end were firm. Others tended irregular.

**BOPF/BOPFSP** : Select best BOPF maintained. Below best and lower end were firm to dearer.

**FBOP/FBOP1** : Select best were irregular and at times lower. Best together with the below best were firm to dearer. Cleaner teas at the lower end appreciated. Best FBOP1's were firm. Below best and teas at the lower end appreciated.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1** : Well made tippy teas with a good show of tip attracted good demand. Best and below best too maintained. Select best FF1's were firm. Best and below best appreciated. Cleaner teas at the lower end too gained. Others were firm.

**FBOPFSP/EXSP** : Select best categories shows a declined in price and met with less demand. Best and the below best too were irregularly lower.

### **Quotations (Rs./Kg)**

	<b>Best</b>		<b>Below Best</b>		<b>Others</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>BOP/BOPSP</b>	900-1060	950-1060	650-700	650-700	550-600	550-580
<b>BOPF /BOPFSP</b>	700-870	700-800	600-650	600-650	500-550	500-520
<b>FBOP/FBOP1</b>	850-1080	900-1160	680-750	680-750	600-650	600-650
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	900-1300	900-1350	800-850	800-850	600-700	650-700
<b>FBOPFSP/EXSP</b>	2000-3750	2000-3700	1000-1300	1200-1500	900-1100	1000-1500

**MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS**

**FBOP** : Best on offer gained Rs.50-60/- whilst the others were firm on last levels.

**FBOPF/FBOPF1**: Select best maintained last levels, whilst the others were fully firm to dearer.

**PEK/PEK1** : Select best a few invoices gained Rs.40-60/- whilst the others were firm to last levels.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>Best</b>		<b>Below Best</b>		<b>Others</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
<b>FBOP</b>	850-1120	800-1000	700-850	680-800	600-700	550-680
<b>FBOPF/FBOPF1</b>	780-900	750-890	700-780	680-750	580-700	500-680
<b>PEK/PEK1</b>	820-940	800-870	740-820	730-800	650-740	600-730

**HIGH GROWN**

**BOP**: Best Western's declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more following quality. Teas in the Below Best category declined Rs.20/- per kg whilst the Plainer sorts were firm. Nuwara Eliyas - hardly any offerings. Brighter Uda Pussellawas were Rs.20/- per kg lower, whilst the others were firm. Better Uvas were up to Rs.20/- per kg lower, whilst the others were firm.

**BOPF**: Best Westerns declined Rs.20/- per kg. Teas in the Below Best category - better sorts firm to marginally easier whilst the others declined up to Rs.20/- per kg. Plainer sorts were firm. Nuwara Eliyas were firm and selectively dearer following special inquiry. Uda Pussellawas - better sorts were Rs.10-20/- per kg lower, whilst the others were firm. Uvas - better sorts were Rs.10-20/- per kg dearer whilst the others were firm.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>BOP</b>		<b>BOPF</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	570-660	570-700	570-620	590-640
Below Best Westerns	520-560	520-560	540-560	560-580
Plainer Westerns	490-510	480-510	480-530	480-550
Nuwara Eliyas	N/A	520-570	600-660	600-650
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	500-540	490-540	490-520	500-540
Other Uda Pussellawas	450-490	N/A	470-480	470-490
Best Uva's	500-530	510-570	530-590	540-570
Other Uva's	460-490	490-500	490-520	470-520

**MEDIUM GROWN TEAS**

**BOP**: Declined Rs.20/- per kg and more.

**BOPF**: Declined Rs.10-20/- per kg and more.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>BOP</b>		<b>BOPF</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
Best Westerns	500-870	550-880	440-540	470-550

**CTC**

**PF1** : High Grown declined Rs.10-20/- per kg following quality. Medium PF1's Rs.10-20/- per kg lower. Low Grown commenced marginally easier and appreciated as the sale progressed.

**BP1**: High Grown gained Rs.20/- per kg and more. Medium firm and selectively dearer following special inquiry. Low Grown BP1's were firm and irregularly dearer

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	<b>PF1</b>		<b>BP1</b>	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	460-550	450-560	510-550	490-520
Medium	430-510	350-510	440-580	420-540
Low	420-640	450-650	460-680	480-650

**OFF GRADES**

Liquoring FNGS/FNGS1 appreciated by Rs.10-20/-per kg whilst Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s lost Rs.15/-. Best BP's eased Rs.25/-per kg. Well-made BMs firm on last whilst poorer types held firm. Select best BOP1A's shed Rs.10/- per kg whilst at the lower end the poorer sorts were dearer by Rs.10/- per kg.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<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)	370-540	370-540	340-390	340-390	330-430	330-430
Good Fannings (CTC)	340-430	340-430	320-390	320-390	320-390	320-390
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	210-310	210-310	290-320	290-320	290-330	290-330
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	440-470	440-470	420-480	420-480	429-490	429-490
Other BM's	310-370	310-370	300-380	300-380	300-380	300-380
Best BOP1As	470-550	470-550	480-600	480-600	500-750	500-750
Other BOP1As	310-340	310-340	310-340	310-340	310-350	310-350

**DUST**

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's firm to easier by Rs.10/- whilst the secondary and below best types maintained last levels. Poor varieties too maintained last levels. Low Grown Clean D/D1s were dearer by Rs.20-30/-. PD's from High & Low Grown elevations met with good demand and increased in prices as the sale progressed whilst Medium CTC's met with good demand.

QUOTATIONS (Rs/kg)	HIGH		MEDIUM		LOW	
	<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)	650-880	660-890	500-540	500-550	530-590	500-600
Good Primary PD (CTC)	590-700	540-590	530-570	500-540	600-700	550-610
Secondary Dust	300-350	300-350	300-350	300-350	300-310	300-310

**World Crop Statistics (MKGS)**

Country	Month	2019	2020	Difference +/-	To-date 2019	To-date 2020	Difference +/-
<b>SRI LANKA</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>27.28</b>	<b>26.84</b>	<b>-0.44</b>	<b>157.63</b>	<b>129.04</b>	<b>-28.59</b>
BANGLADESH	May	7.65	8.66	1.01	16.28	12.85	-3.4
KENYA	Apr.	26.13	49.65	23.52	132.42	208.22	75.8
SOUTH INDIA	March	59.50	32.20	-27.3	64.1	33.4	-30.70
NORTH INDIA	March	15.1	11.3	-3.8	39.5	40.60	1.1
MALAWI	May	4.50	2.80	-1.7	33.0	29.9	-3.1

Country	Month	2018	2019	Difference +/-	To-date 2018	To-date 2019	Difference +/-
UGANDA	Nov.	7.42	3.45	-4.0	64.86	50.83	-14.03

<b><u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>UVA MEDIUM</u></b>			<b><u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u></b>		
<b>*Dartry Valley</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>870/-</b>	Demodera S	BOP	750/-	<b>*Sithaka</b>	<b>BOP1</b>	<b>1350/-</b>
Craighead	BOP	870/-	<b>*Halpewatta Uva</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>730/-</b>	Sithaka	OP1	2100/-
Kenilworth	BOPSP	760/-	Dickwella	BOPF/BOPFSP	920/-	Pothotuwa	OP1	2100/-
Windsorforest	BOPF/BOPFSP	560/-	Dickwella	BOP1	860/-	Ceciliyan	OP1	2100/-
Harangalla	BOP1	890/-	<b>*Halpewatta Uva</b>	<b>FBOP /FBOP1</b>	<b>960/-</b>	Wathurawila	OP	830/-
Craighead	FBOP /FBOP1	960/-	Dickwella	FBOPF/FBOPF1	880/-	Muswenna	OP	810/-
Dombagastalawa	FBOPF/FBOPF1	960/-	Dickwella	OP/OPA	770/-	<b>*Makandura</b>	<b>OP</b>	<b>800/-</b>
<b>*Dartry Valley</b>	<b>OP/OPA</b>	<b>870/-</b>	Dickwella	OP1	920/-	<b>*Makandura</b>	<b>OPA</b>	<b>960/-</b>
<b>*Dartry Valley</b>	<b>OP1</b>	<b>920/-</b>	Glen Alpin	PEK/ PEK1	920/-	Lucky Dais	PEKOE	1080/-
<b>*Uplands</b>	<b>PEK/ PEK1</b>	<b>940/-</b>	<b><u>UVA HIGH</u></b>			Mulathiyan Hills	PEKOE	1080/-
Ingurugala	PEK/ PEK1	940/-	Aislaby	BOP	750/-	New JSP	PEKOE	1060/-
Roslin Hill Super	PEK/ PEK1	940/-	Uva Highlands	BOPSP	660/-	Rathna	PEKOE	1060/-
Cooroondoowatte	PEK/ PEK1	940/-	Bandaraeliya	BOPF/BOPFSP	590/-	Navinda	PEKOE	1060/-
<b><u>WESTERN HIGH</u></b>			Uva Highlands	BOP1	810/-	<b>*Allen Valley</b>	<b>PEKOE</b>	<b>1040/-</b>
Moray	BOP	660/-	Aislaby	FBOP /FBOP1	960/-	Veddagala	PEKOE1	1180/-
Venture	BOPSP	640/-	Aislaby	FBOPF/FBOPF1	810/-	<b><u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES</u></b>		
Glentilt	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	Glenanore	OP/OPA	750/-	Kiruwanaganga	BOP	1060/-
Glenloch	FBOP /FBOP1	780/-	Uva Highlands	OP1	820/-	Adams View	BOP	1040/-
Inverness	FBOPF/FBOPF1	750/-	Uva Highlands	PEK/ PEK1	840/-	<b>*N/M Carmel</b>	<b>BOP</b>	<b>1020/-</b>
Glenloch	OP/OPA	700/-	<b>*Battawatte</b>	<b>PEK/ PEK1</b>	<b>830/-</b>	<b>*Ihalapanapitiya</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>1000/-</b>
Venture	OP/OPA	700/-	<b><u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u></b>			Ceciliyan	BOPSP	960/-
Inverness	OP/OPA	700/-	Kirklees	BOP	530/-	<b>*Anadaradeniya Sup</b>	<b>BOPSP</b>	<b>940/-</b>
Venture	OP1	770/-	Kirklees	BOPSP	540/-	<b>*Hidellana</b>	<b>BOPF</b>	<b>870/-</b>
Glenloch	PEK /PEK1	880/-	<b>*Mooloya</b>	<b>BOPF/BOPFSP</b>	<b>520/-</b>	Kelani	BOPFSP	730/-
<b><u>NUWARA ELIYA</u></b>			Highforest	BOPF/BOPFSP	520/-	Lumbini	FBOP	1080/-
Lovers Leap	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	Gonapitiya	BOP1	660/-	Sithaka	FBOP	1060/-
Kenmare	FBOP/ FBOP1	770/-	Gampaha	FBOP/ FBOP1	710/-	Ceciliyan	FBOP1	1040/-
Kenmare	OP/OPA	750/-	Gampaha	FBOPF/FBOPF1	740/-	Himara	FBOPF	1300/-
Kenmare	PEK/PEK1	840/-	Delmar	OP/OPA	690/-	<b>*Hedigalla</b>	<b>FBOPF</b>	<b>1180/-</b>
<b><u>CTC TEAS</u></b>			<b>*Delmar</b>	<b>OP1</b>	<b>760/-</b>	Siriwmewanna	FBOPF1	1120/-
<b><u>HIGH GROWN</u></b>			Delmar	PEK/ PEK1	880/-	<b><u>PREMIUM FLOWERY</u></b>		
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	530/-	<b><u>OFF GRADES</u></b>			<b>*Garden Leaf</b>	<b>FBOPFSP</b>	<b>3750/-</b>
Dunsinane CTC	BP1	550/-	Glentilt	FNG/FNG1	560/-	Lions	FBOPFEXSP	3400/-
Dunsinane CTC	BPS	520/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS	630/-	<b>*Athukorala Group</b>	<b>FBOPFEXSP</b>	<b>3300/-</b>
<b><u>MEDIUM GROWN</u></b>			RansegodaHills	BM	690/-	Berubeula	FBOPFEXSP1	3500/-
Strathdon CTC	PF1	510/-	Gunawardane	BM	690/-	<b><u>DUST</u></b>		
<b>*Strathdon CTC</b>	<b>BP1</b>	<b>580/-</b>	Dickwella	BP	650/-	Mattakelle	DUST1	880/-
<b>*Carolina CTC</b>	<b>BPS</b>	<b>500/-</b>	Semidale	BOP1A	790/-	Ceciliyan CTC	PD	700/-
<b><u>LOW GROWN</u></b>						DunsinaneCTC	PD	700/-
Kalubowitiyana CTC	PF1	620/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	PF1	620/-						
Suduwelipothahena	BP1	680/-						
Canora	BPS	470/-						

\* Sold by Lanka Commodity Brokers Ltd / +++All Time Record Price / ++ Equal All Time Record Price

**COLOMBO AUCTION – GROSS SALE AVERAGES**

**SALE NO.27 OF 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2020**

	2020			2019	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	511.17	512.54	548.31	419.39	475.55
Western High Grown	539.16	539.74	597.97	462.83	543.03
High Grown	530.19	531.42	583.13	449.45	523.91
Uva Medium	553.25	557.77	588.92	463.12	505.55
Western Medium	492.56	498.66	531.19	401.78	469.86
Medium Grown	513.06	518.96	549.40	420.44	479.71
Low Grown (Orthodox)	681.91	679.49	686.14	534.30	595.39
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	667.23	664.35	668.41	526.80	583.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>609.59</b>	<b>608.84</b>	<b>629.29</b>	<b>489.46</b>	<b>554.62</b>

**DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES**

	<u>Sale of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July, 2020</u>		<u>Sale of 04<sup>th</sup> August, 2020</u>	
	<b>Lots</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>	<b>Lots</b>	<b>Qty. (Kgs)</b>
Low Grown Leafy	2,011	865,904	1,436	608,744
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,529	734,757	1,062	499,360
Low Grown Tippy	1,889	986,599	1,253	644,423
High & Medium	1,523	764,428	884	433,672
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,054	1,233,028	1,450	826,541
Dust	525	545,082	330	320,858
Premium Flowery	454	85,177	248	47,603
Ex-Estate	<u>775</u>	<u>912,277</u>	<u>599</u>	<u>693,847</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>10,760</u></b>	<b><u>6,127,252</u></b>	<b><u>7,262</u></b>	<b><u>4,075,048</u></b>

Weekly Private Sale Figures (13/07/2020 – 18/07/2020)	-	102,073.00 Kgs.
Cumulative	-	2,589,968.60 Kgs.

## **CATALOGUES**

### **Sale No.30 of 04<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 (One Day Sale)**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020** without violations - **02 days ahead of schedule.**

### **Sale No.31 of 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues which are scheduled to close on **23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2020** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

### **Sale No.32 of 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> August, 2020**

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **30<sup>th</sup> July, 2020** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

## **SALE NO.29**

### **BROKER'S SELLING ORDER**

**Auction of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

#### **Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery**

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

#### **High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust**

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

#### **Ex-Estate**

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

## **Crop & Weather**

**From 13<sup>th</sup> July to 19<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**

**Western /Nuwara Eliya Regions:** Dull mornings with evening showers were reported in both regions throughout the course of the week. The Department of Meteorology predicts showers/thundershowers in the Western Region during the week ahead.**Uva/Udapussellawa Regions:** Both regions experienced bright weather with a few isolated showers throughout the week. The Department of Meteorology forecasts showers/thundershowers with rainfall (above 50 mm) in the Uva Region in the week ahead. **Low Grown**s Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions reported bright mornings and dull evenings. According to the Department of Meteorology, fairly heavy rainfall (above 75 mm) is expected in the Sabaragamuwa Region during the week ahead.

**Crop Intake:** The Western Region showed an increase in the crop intake, whilst the Nuwara Eliya, Uva, Udapussellawa, Ruhuna and Sabaragamuwa regions maintained.

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## - O T H E R M A R K E T S -

### BANGLADESH AUCTION

**Sale 09 held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.**

**CTC LEAF:** 56,610 packages of Current Season teas & 90 packages of Old Season Teas on offer met with quite fair but selective demand.

**BROKENs:** Well made good liquoring small Brokenes were a fairly good market and were about steady whilst their BOPs met with a little less demand and prices eased in line with quality. The remainder particularly the plain and BLF teas were again a lower market with more withdrawals.

**FANNINGS:** Well made good liquoring Fannings met with a fairly good demand but prices were a little easier compared to last. All others were again a weak feature with prices dropping further with more withdrawals.

**CTC DUST:** 9,813 packages of Current Season teas on offer met with a good demand. Good liquoring Ds and CDs were well competed for and sold at dearer levels. Their Medium varieties were irregularly around last. However, plain Ds and all RDs were a lower market and eased by Tk. 5/- to Tk.7/- with fair withdrawals particularly BLF Dusts. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

**COMMENTS:** The sale for Leaf section of the catalogue was held at the Bangabandhu Conference Hall, World Trade Center, Chittagong and the Dust was held at the usual auction venue. Improved liquoring invoices attracted good competition and generally tended dearer. As for others, buyers were selective and closely followed quality. Both Blenders and Loose tea buyers were more active but operated selectively.

CDs were a strong feature of the sale.

**Our catalogue (Sale 09): Avg: Tk 179.13 , Sold 49.7% & (Sale 08) Avg: Tk 171.09, sold 51.4%.**

### Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokenes	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	160-170	160-170	Best	190-200	190-195	PD	143-256	162-262
Medium	160-175	160-180	Good	175-185	170-185	RD	100-281	95-301
Small	170-200	165-200	Medium	155-165	150-160	D	124-291	115-266
Plain	125-145	135-150	Plain	125-145	130-145	CD	200-350	150-318
BLF	105-130	105-130	BLF	105-130	105-130	BLF	100-224	95-204

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## SOUTH INDIAN ROUND-UP FOR THE WEEK ENDING 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020.

### KOCHI

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand:** Better demand. Broken and Fannings were selling dearer by Rs.8 to 10 and sometimes more. Fair demand from Internal and Upcountry buyers. Export buyers lent fair support.

#### LEAF-ORTHODOX:

**Demand:** Good demand.

**Market:** Well made high grown whole leaf and broken were selling at fully firm to occasionally dearer levels following quality. Medium whole leaf were selling at fully firm with selective lines appreciated in value and broken were selling at barely steady level. Medium Fannings were selling at fully firm levels.

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

#### DUST

**Demand:** Fair demand.

**Market:** Best liquoring popular finer grades and better mediums were selling dearer by Rs.2 to 3 and sometimes more and bolder grades appreciated in value by Rs. 5 to 8 and more. Plainer sorts were selling dearer by Rs.6 to Rs. 8 and finer grades witnessed restricted enquiry.

**Buying Pattern:** Major blender AVT and KSCSC was inactive. Best mediums fetched with fair support from regional packeters. Domestic buyers were active in their purchases. Exporters were selective.

### COONOR

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand:** Strong.

**Market:** The market opened strongly being fully firm to dearer by Rs. 3/- to Rs.5/- on the Best and Better types. The Mediums and Plainers continued to share the bulk of the price surge as it has gained another Rs. 10/- consecutively for the third week.

**The overall sale percentage is 98% at an average of Rs. 139.78.**

**Buying Pattern:** Strong Internal operations were forthcoming with equally strong support from the Major Blenders. Regional Packeteers were also lending good support whilst the Exporters have been seen operating at their limits.

#### ORTH LEAF

**Demand:** Good

**Market:** Unlike last week the sale had suffered some withdrawals, otherwise a barely steady to irregularly easier market, however the High-Grown, cleaner teas have held their levels to make it a steady market overall.

**The overall sale percentage is 86% at an average of Rs.124.19.**

**Buying Pattern:** Strong Internal operations with selective export participation.

#### CTC DUST

**Demand:** Strong.

**Market:** Yet again the market opened with steady to firm on the Best and Better types and fully firm to dearer on the Mediums and Plainers. As the sale progressed it had gained momentum to be sold at Rs.10/- to Rs.1 and further across all categories and grades.

**The overall sale percentage is 96% at an average of Rs.132.37**

**Buying Pattern:** Strong Internal operations with active participation from the Exporters. Major Blender and other Regional Packeteers were also lending fair support.

#### ORTH DUST :

**Demand:** Strong.

**Market:** Fully firm to dearer by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- on the popular, cleaner primary dusts. Secondaries were holding at firm to occasionally dearer levels. Tertiaries were irregular and mostly lower.

**The overall sale percentage is 86% at an average of Rs. 122.55.**

**Buying Pattern:** The Internal market seems to have dominated the overall buying as Export has been selective or rather subdued.

### COIMBATORE

#### CTC LEAF

**Demand:** Strong demand.

**Market:** Better medium bolder broken were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- sometimes more. Smaller broken and BOPF's were substantially dearer. Medium and plainer teas were dearer by Rs.8/- to Rs.15/-.

**ORTH LEAF:** Fair demand. Whole leaf firm to dearer. Secondaries were irregular and lower by Rs.2/- to Rs.3/-.

#### CTC DUST

**Demand:** Strong demand.

**Market:** Better liquoring and popular sorts dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.10/- sometimes more following quality. Medium sorts were dearer by Rs.5/- to Rs.8/- with few withdrawals. Plainer sorts dearer by Rs.10/- sometimes more.

**ORTH DUST :** Good demand. Firm.

Source: Paramount Tea Marketing (SI) Private Limited.

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## ***Floods kill scores in India's tea-growing Assam; nine rhinos drown***

***Rescue teams were facing a double challenge of rising flood waters amid the novel corona virus as villagers driven from their homes huddle in shelters***

[Reuters](#) , Monday 20 Jul 2020

Intense rain and floods in the Indian state of Assam have killed at least 84 people and displaced more than 2.75 million since May, authorities said on Monday, as they tried to collect the bodies of nine rare rhinos drowned in the past 10 days.

Rescue teams were facing a double challenge of rising flood waters amid the novel corona virus as villagers driven from their homes huddle in shelters.

"It's hard to enforce social distancing when people are being ordered to move away from the rising waters," said Sanghamitra Sanyal, a member of the northeastern state's flood management force.

"We're urging people to at least cover their mouth and nose with a piece of clean cloth."

Officials warned that the water level in the Brahmaputra river was expected to rise by 11 cm (4.3 inches), two weeks after it burst its banks swamping more than 2,500 villages.

Assam, famous for its tea plantations, is hit by flooding every rainy season despite flood-control efforts.

Rights groups accuse corrupt officials of siphoning off funds meant for flood projects, resulting in shoddy construction of embankments which are often breached.

Floods have also inundated the Kaziranga National Park, home to the world's largest concentration of one-horned rhinoceros, with an estimated 2,500 out of a total population of some 3,000 of the animals.

"Nine rhinos have drowned and over 100 other animals have been killed," Atul Bora, Assam's agriculture minister who is Kaziranga's member of the state parliament, told Reuters.

With the park waist-deep in water, rhinos, elephants and deer have been forced to seek refuge on roads and in human settlements.

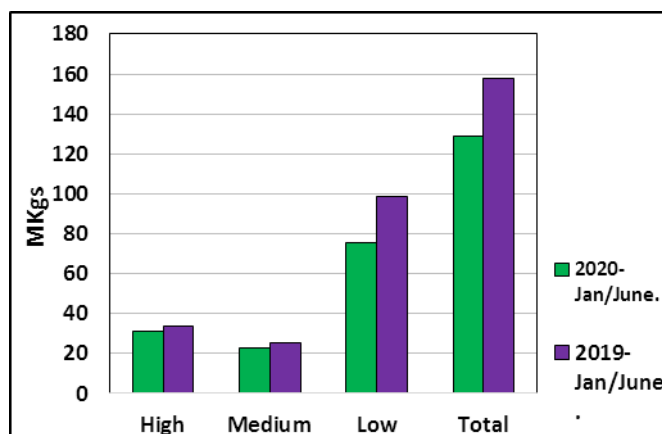
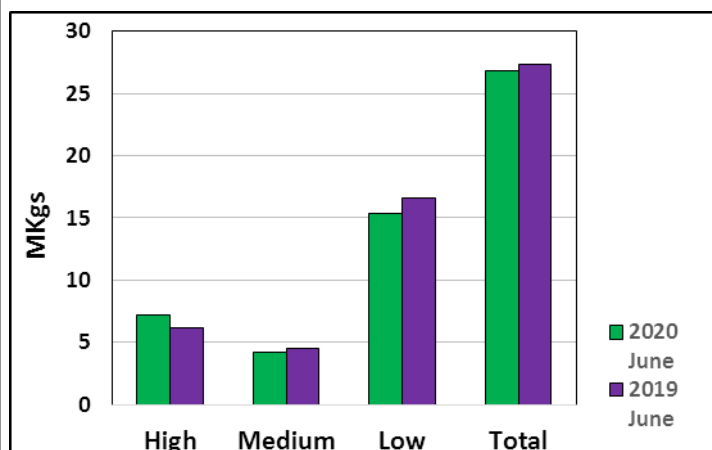
22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020.

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Better cropping conditions prevailed throughout June, 2020 although the output of 26.8 m/kgs is still marginally behind the tea production of June, last year. The total shortfall for June 2020 compared to the corresponding month in the previous year is - 435,000 kgs. During January to June, 2020 the total Sri Lanka tea production is 129 m/kgs and is 25.5 m/kgs behind the comparative figure for the first half of 2019. More comprehensive elevation-wise details relating to tea production are given below.

### Sri Lanka Tea Production-June 2020 vs. 2019 (In Kgs)

	2020-June	2019-June	+/-	%	Jan/ June 2020	Jan/June 2019	+/-	%
<b>High</b>	7,248,358	6,199,304	1,049,054	16.92	30,864,203	33,701,233	(2,837,030)	(8.42)
<b>Medium</b>	4,265,514	4,510,106	(244,592)	(5.42)	22,758,710	25,600,215	(2,841,505)	(11.10)
<b>Low</b>	<u>15,333,759</u>	<u>16,573,937</u>	<u>(1,240,178)</u>	<u>(7.48)</u>	<u>75,420,088</u>	<u>98,338,260</u>	<u>(22,918,172)</u>	<u>(23.31)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>26,847,631</u>	<u>27,283,347</u>	<u>(435,715)</u>	<u>(1.60)</u>	<u>129,043,001</u>	<u>157,639,709</u>	<u>(28,596,708)</u>	<u>(18.14)</u>



During the period January to June, 2020 the larger crop harvests have been from the following regions.

1	Ratnapura	20,848,924.00	11	Kelani Valley	3,103,830.00
2	Galle	16,356,854.00	12	Pussellawa/Hewaheta	2,982,546.00
3	Kalutara	8,665,197.00	13	Kegalle	2,875,709.00
4	Gampola/Nawalapitiya/Dolosbage	8,533,561.00	14	Bogawantalawa	2,824,996.00
5	Deniyaya	5,710,454.00	15	Upcot/Maskeliya	2,554,243.00
6	Demodara/Haliella/Badulla	4,972,670.00	16	Kadugannawa	2,462,375.00
7	Matara	4,690,363.00	17	Morawaka	2,540,622.00
8	Hatton/Dickoya	3,196,876.00	18	Balangoda	2,269,024.00
9	Nanuoya/Lindula/Talawakelle	3,913,973.00	19	Agarapathana	2,186,648.00
10	Balangoda/Rakwana	3,722,250.00	20	Uda Pussellawa/Halgranoya	2,060,685.00