

SALE NO.10 OF 09TH/10TH MARCH, 2021

COMMENTS

This week's tea auction (Sale # 10) was conducted on March 9 & 10 (Tue/Wed) and, the offer quantity of 6.1 m/kgs showed a gain of 0.7 m/kgs over the previous auction. The Low Grown Leafy/ Semi Leafy/ Tippy & Small Leaf/ Premium Flowery catalogues totaled 2.9 m/kgs up 0.4 m/kgs from the previous sale, whilst Main Sale High & Medium category amounted to 0.65 m/kgs. The Ex Estate catalogue had approximately 0.9 m/kgs.

In sharp contrast to last week's buoyant market witnessed for Ex Estate teas, this week's auction saw less demand with the exception of select best Western BOP's and BOPF's which were dearer where supported by special enquiry. In the below-best category, BOP's eased up to Rs. 20/- and sometimes more, while BOPF's declined Rs. 20/- to 40/-. Nuwara Eliya BOP's were much dearer for teas backed by Air Mail interest and only firm for others, while their BOPF's counterparts were irregularly easier. Uva/Uda Pussellawa BOP's and BOPF's were Rs. 10/- to 20/- lower. CTC PF1's from all elevations eased Rs. 10/- to 30/- per kg, while BP1's too followed a similar trend. Buyers for Germany, U.K. Japan and China and Hong Kong were more selective. Russia operated at lower levels for "Tea Bag" types.

There was fair demand for Low Grown leafy teas. Better OP1's dearer with cleaner below-best varieties firm to dearer and, OP/OPA's fully firm. In the semi-leafy catalogue BOP1's in general were a dearer feature with well-made PEK/PEK1's firm to selectively dearer and poorer sorts holding last levels. The best available FBOP's were firm but the balance was irregular following quality. Neater FBOPF1's were in general firm. Buyers for Iran were active albeit selective, while Syria and other Gulf States were active. Russia and the CIS were active on leafy descriptions. Turkey was observed to follow quality. There was good interest at the bottom from Iraq and Libya.

This week's auction comprised of **11,069** lots with a total quantity of **6,127,681** kgs.

The catalogue-wise breakdown was as follows:-

	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Qty. (Kgs)</u>
Low Grown Leafy	2,022	862,588
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,819	909,340
Low Grown Tippy	2,081	1,081,784
High & Medium	1,352	655,445
Off Grade/BOP1A	2,094	1,130,958
Dust	538	542,974
Premium Flowery	363	59,536
Ex-Estate	<u>800</u>	<u>885,056</u>
Total	<u>11,069</u>	<u>6,127,681</u>

In Lighter Vein

Explorer Gives Talk In Seaside Town

A famous British explorer was invited to a seaside town to give a talk about his adventures in the African jungle. "Can you imagine a people so primitive that they love to eat the embryos of a certain bird and slices of the belly of a certain animal?" the explorer asked the assembled audience. Its members gasped and looked around at each other in horror. "They also grind up grass seed, make it into a paste, burn it over a fire, then smear the result with a greasy mess that's extracted from the mammary fluid of certain other animals," the explorer continued.

"Utterly barbaric! How can people live like that?" said a shocked individual.

"All I've described is a breakfast of bacon, eggs and buttered toast, sir!" retorted the explorer.

Moral of the story: Don't be quick to judge cultures before you understand your own!

LOW GROWNS - LEAFY

BOP1 : A few select best invoices were maintained; balance was generally lower. Teas at the lower end maintained.

OPI : Select best teas were barely steady; balance declined by Rs.30/- per kg. Stalky invoices were maintained.

OP : Teas in the select best category was maintained, balance was lower by Rs.20/-. Teas at the lower end were maintained.

OPA : Select best invoices were maintained on last week's levels; balance declined by Rs.20/- per kg. Poorer sorts were firm to dearer.

PEK/PEK1: Well-made PEK1's were maintained; balance was barely steady. Best bold PEK's maintained. Balance was irregular. Teas at the lower end were irregular.

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	900-1500	900-1400	610-660	620-660	540-570	540-570
OPI	900-1500	900-1500	650-680	650-700	470-050	400-450
OP	650-680	660-690	580-630	580-630	430-520	430-520
OPA	650-680	660-690	580-630	580-630	430-520	430-520
PEK/PEK1	860-1050	850-1050	740-780	750-800	500-550	500-550

TIPPY/SMALL LEAF

BOP/BOPSP : Teas in the best category met with good demand.

BOPF/BOPFSP : In general were firm.

FBOP/FBOP1 : Select Best and Best FBOP's appreciated. Cleaner Below Best and cleaner teas at the bottom too were dearer, whilst the balance were firm on last. FBOP1's in general were firm.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Very Tippy teas continued to attract good demand. Best and Below Best appreciated. Balance irregular following quality. Select Best and Best FF1's together with cleaner Below Best appreciated. Balance were firm on last.

FBOPFSP/EXSP : Invoices in the top category selectively dearer and below best varieties held firm. Teas at the lower end sold at last week levels.

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	1000-1300	900-1250	700-750	700-750	500-550	500-550
BOPF /BOPFSP	700-850	700-810	650-700	650-700	500-550	500-550
FBOP/FBOP1	900-1250	850-1200	700-750	700-750	550-600	550-600
FBOPF/FBOPF1	900-1040	800-1200	800-900	800-900	550-600	550-600
FBOPFSP/EXSP	1500-3150	1500-2600	900-1500	900-1200	600-625	600-625

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MEDIUM GROWN LEAFY/SEMI LEAFY TEAS

FBOP : Select best types declined Rs.40-50/- per kg whilst the others were irregularly lower Rs.10-20/-.

FBOPF/FBOPF1 : Again best on offer declined Rs.30-40/- whilst the other were firm on last levels.

PEK/PEK1 : Select best declined Rs.10-20/- whilst the other maintained on last levels.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	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	860-1060	900-1120	760-860	800-900	680-760	700-800
FBOPF/FBOPF1	780-900	800-940	680-780	700-800	580-680	600-700
PEK/PEK1	800-960	840-980	700-800	740-840	600-700	640-740

HIGH GROWNS

BOP: Best Western's – Select invoices gained Rs. 20 per kg and substantially more following special inquiry, whilst the others and mostly where quality was not maintained prices were irregular and easier. In the Below Best category, teas in the higher priced bracket declined Rs. 20 per kg and more, whilst the others together with the teas at the lower end of the market continued to sell around last week's levels. Nuwara Eliya's continued to sell well at firm to dearer rates. Uda Pussellawa's were Rs. 10-20 per kg lower, whilst the Uva's were irregular.

BOPF: Best Western's A few select invoices, where quality was maintained, were firm, whilst the others declined Rs. 20-40 per kg and more following quality. In the Below Best and Plainer categories, teas in the upper price bracket were Rs. 30-40 per kg easier, whilst the others declined Rs. 10-20 per kg. Nuwara Eliya's were irregular following quality. Uda Pussellawa's were firm and Rs. 10 per kg easier. Uva's declined Rs. 10-20 per kg.

<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	700-2100	740-1300	700-880	740-900
Below Best Westerns	660-690	670-720	660-690	700-720
Plainer Westerns	640-650	630-650	620-650	640-690
Nuwara Eliyas	900-1450	570-980	550-810	550-800
Brighter Uda Pussellawas	630-650	610-640	620-650	580-640
Other Uda Pussellawas	580-590	N/A	570-590	560
Best Uva's.	670-710	670-730	620-680	630-660
Other Uva's	610-650	600-640	590	600-620

MEDIUM GROWN TEAS

BOP: Rs. 20 per kg lower.

BOPF: Declined Rs. 20 per kg.

<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	570-810	640-760	560-660	560-680

CTC

High Grown : **BP1s** – Declined Rs. 20-30 per kg.

PF1s - Brighter sorts were Rs. 20-30 per kg easier, whilst the others were Rs. 10-20 per kg lower.

Medium Grown : **BP1s** - Rs. 20-30 per kg easier.

PF1s - Coloury sorts were Rs. 10-20 per kg lower, whilst the thinner liquoring teas were discounted.

Low Grown : **BP1s** - Select Best invoices were firm, whilst the others were Rs. 20 per kg lower.

PF1s - Rs. 20-30 per kg easier.

<u>Quotations (Rs./Kg)</u>	PF1		BP1	
	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>
High	530-550	510-640	520-600	540-590
Medium	380-570	420-620	420-610	400-590
Low	480-660	450-850	450-760	480-680

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OFF GRADES

Liquoring FNGS lower by Rs.10-15/- per kg. Clean Low Grown FNGS/FNGS1s firm. Best BP's held firm. Well-made BMs firm. Lower end teas lost Rs.10-20/- . Select best BOP1A's firm. Poorer lost Rs.10-20/-.

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)	450-580	450-590	450-490	400-490	450-490	400-490
Good Fannings (CTC)	375-520	375-540	400-520	370-530	380-450	380-450
Other Fannings (Orthodox)	400-460	400-460	400-460	400-460	400-460	400-450
Other Fannings (CTC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Good BM's	490-530	480-530	490-530	480-530	490-560	470-570
Other BM's	460-480	470-480	460-480	470-480	460-480	470-480
Best BOP1As	490-510	490-510	500-550	500-560	580-630	580-630
Other BOP1As	470-490	490-500	470-490	480-500	470-490	480-520

DUST

Select best liquoring High Grown D1's declined by Rs.40-60/- per kg and at times more. Secondaries and below best types too followed a similar trend. Poor varieties however were firm on last. Low Grown Clean Dust/Dust1's witnessed an irregular demand and lost Rs.10-20/- per kg. PD's from High & Medium elevations witnessed an irregular demand whilst Low Grown PD's tended irregularly lower.

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)	570-780	600-780	550-640	580-710	480-600	500-630
Good Primary PD (CTC)	500-640	510-750	560-650	540-640	680-800	600-710
Secondary Dust	390-440	380-430	390-440	380-430	380-430	380-430

World Crop Statistics (MKGS)

Country	Month	2019	2020	Difference +/-	To-date 2019	To-date 2020	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Dec.	21.89	25.80	3.91	300.12	278.48	-21.64
BANGLADESH	Oct.	13.41	11.49	-1.92	79.35	68.94	-10.4
KENYA	Oct.	46.30	48.27	1.97	363.10	467.44	104.3
SOUTH INDIA	Dec.	18.1	20.3	2.2	219.0	221.5	2.50
NORTH INDIA	Dec.	48.2	53.6	5.4	1171.1	1034.1	-137.0
MALAWI	Dec.	4.90	5.20	0.3	48.20	45.20	-3.0
UGANDA	Nov.	4.79	0.18	-4.6	55.70	35.50	-20.20

Country	Month	2020	2021	Difference +/-	To-date 2020	To-date 2021	Difference +/-
SRI LANKA	Jan.	21.93	23.04	1.11	21.93	23.04	1.11

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<u>WESTERN MEDIUM</u>			<u>UVA MEDIUM</u>			<u>LOW GROWN LEAFY GRADES</u>		
Kenilworth	BOP	810/-	El Teb	BOP	690/-	New Vithanakande	BOP1	1900/-
Vellai Oya	BOPF/BOPFSP	660/-	El-Teb	BOPF/BOPFSP	690/-	Pothotuwa	OP1	2300/-
Craighead	BOP1	1020/-	Demodara 'S'	BOP1	900/-	Green House	OP	920/-
Craighead	FBOP /FBOP1	1060/-	Sarnia Pladarie	FBOP/FBOP1	1000/-	Liyonta	OP	920/-
Craighead	FBOPF/FBOPF1	900/-	Halpewatte Uva	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-	Mulathiyan Hills	OPA	1180/-
*Dartry Valley	FBOPF/FBOPF1	890/-	Sarnia Pladarie	OP/OPA	760/-	Lakvinka	PEKOE	1400/-
*Harangala	OP/OPA	790/-	Halpewatte Uva	OP1	820/-	Matuwagala Super	PEKOE1	1300/-
Kenilworth	OP1	860/-	*Halpewatte Uva	PEK/ PEK1	960/-	Nilvin Super	PEKOE1	1300/-
New Rothschild	OP1	860/-				Lumbini	PEKOE1	1300/-
*Orange Field	OP1	820/-	<u>UVA HIGH</u>			*Hidellana Super	PEKOE1	1250/-
*Harangala	PEK/PEK1	960/-	Uva Highlands	BOP	780/-	<u>LOW GROWN TIPPY GRADES.</u>		
*Dartry Valley	PEK/PEK1	960/-	Bandaraeliya	BOPF/BOPFSP	680/-	Golden Garden	BOP	1300/-
New Rothschild	PEK/PEK1	960/-	Uva Highlands	BOP1	710/-	*Peak Paradise	BOPSP	1080/-
Cooroondoowatte	PEK/PEK1	960/-	Glenanore	FBOP/FBOP1	920/-	*Allen Valley	BOPSP	870/-
			Aislaby	FBOPF/FBOPF1	760/-	*Andaradeniya Sup	BOPSP	860/-
			Glenanore	OP/OPA	730/-	*Sithaka	BOPF	750/-
<u>WESTERN HIGH</u>			*Battawatte	OP1	760/-	*Sithaka	FBOP	1250/-
Somerset	BOP	2100/-	Glenanore	PEK/ PEK1	900/-	Pothotuwa	FBOP	1250/-
Great Western	BOPF/BOPFSP	880/-				Garden Leaf	FBOP1	940/-
Inverness	BOP1	900/-	<u>UDA PUSSELLAWA</u>			*Hidellana	FBOP1	920/-
Torrington	FBOP/FBOP1	1000/-	Luckyland	BOP	650/-	Co-op Cola	FBOPF	1040/-
Torrington	FBOPF/FBOPF1	860/-	Mooloya	BOPF/BOPFSP	650/-	Sirimewenna	FBOPF1	940/-
Queensberry	OP/OPA	680/-	Gampaha	FBOP/ FBOP1	690/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	FBOPF1	920/-
Venture	OP1	780/-	Gordon	FBOPF/ FBOPF1	750/-			
Torrington	PEK /PEK1	890/-	Gordon	OP/OPA	600/-	<u>PREMIUM FLOWERY.</u>		
			Gordon	OP1	750/-	Aruna Passara	FBOPFSP	2200/-
<u>NUWARA ELIYA</u>			Delmar	PEK/PEK1	710/-	*Garden Leaf	FBOPFSP	2100/-
Lovers Leap	BOP	1450/-				New Vithanakanda	FBOPFEXSP	3150/-
Lovers Leap	BOPF/BOPFSP	800/-	<u>OFF GRADES</u>			*Athukorala Sup	FBOPFEXSP	2350/-
Mahagastotte	FBOP/FBOP1	1040/-	Glentilt	FNGS	630/-	K.D.U Super	FBOPFEXSP1	2250/-
Court Lodge	FBOPF/FBOPF1	730/-	Holyrood	FNGS	630/-			
Mahagstotte	OP/OPA	740/-	Hingalgoda CTC	PFGS	730/-	<u>DUST</u>		
Lovers Leap	OP1	800/-	Golden Garden	BM	690/-	Wattegodde	DUST1	720/-
Lovers Leap	PEK/PEK1	840/-	*Ihalapanapitiya	BM	660/-	Great Western	DUST1	720/-
			*Orange Field	BP	670/-			
<u>CTC TEAS</u>			Garden Leaf	BOP1A	750/-	Ceciliyan CTC	PD	800/-
<u>HIGH GROWN</u>			*Garden Leaf	BOPIA	740/-			
Dunsinane CTC	PF1	600/-	*Goorook Oya	BOPIA	700/-			
Mt.Vernon CTC	BP1	550/-						
Mt.Vernon CTC	BPS	540/-						
<u>MEDIUM GROWN</u>								
* Carolina CTC	PF1	610/-						
Delta CTC	BP1	570/-						
Carolina	BP1	540/-						
Strathdon	BPS	540/-						
<u>LOW GROWN</u>								
Ceciliyan CTC	PF1	760/-						
Hingalgoda CTC	BP1	660/-						
Ceciliyan CTC	BPS	690/-						

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

MONTHLY AVERAGE – FEBRUARY, 2021

Elevation	Orthodox	CTC	Orth. & CTC Combined
	Month	Month	Month
Uva High	583.18	521.82	580.32
Western High	638.63	577.89	632.80
Uva Medium	586.65	-	586.65
Western Medium	590.52	547.89	578.13
Low Grown	684.07	545.04	674.29

COLOMBO AUCTION - GROSS SALE AVERAGES**SALE NO.09 OF 03rd March, 2021**

	2021			2020	
	Weekly	Month to Date	Year to Date	Weekly	Year to Date
Uva High Grown	580.04	585.05	578.62	529.37	490.07
Western High Grown	657.56	661.44	630.61	582.83	577.76
High Grown	641.37	644.78	617.24	569.73	557.30
Uva Medium	609.79	605.16	592.03	571.10	526.87
Western Medium	594.09	594.70	580.20	528.56	510.08
Medium Grown	597.10	596.83	583.52	540.08	514.19
Low Grown (Orthodox)	686.05	686.05	684.15	638.62	646.62
Combined L.G. (Orthodox + CTC)	676.28	674.91	674.51	620.36	628.96
Total	657.88	657.28	648.38	596.09	596.73

DETAILS OF TEAS AWAITING SALES

	<u>Sale of 16th/17th March '2021</u>		<u>Sale of 23rd /24th March 2021</u>	
	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)	Lots	Qty. (Kgs)
Low Grown Leafy	1,963	828,986	1,984	844,590
Low Grown Semi Leafy	1,727	836,701	1,742	874,848
Low Grown Tippy	1,985	1,034,261	1,984	1,051,253
High & Medium	1,430	686,624	1,526	722,157
Off Grade/BOPIA	2,177	1,193,649	2,877	1,130,740
Dust	547	545,466	553	549,612
Premium Flowery	344	57,029	343	55,386
Ex-Estate	<u>878</u>	<u>994,989</u>	<u>882</u>	<u>1,006,766</u>
Total	<u>11,051</u>	<u>6,177,705</u>	<u>11,101</u>	<u>6,235,352</u>

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The attention of all Producer Clients is drawn to Circular No.6 issued by The Colombo Tea Traders' Association which is attached to this report.

Also attached are the "Tea Sale Arrangements" for the Second Quarter 2021 (April/May/June).

CATALOGUES

Sale No.12 of 23rd/24th March, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues closed on **04th March, 2021**.

Sale No.13 of 30th/31st March, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **11th March 2021** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

Sale No.14 of 06th/07th April, 2021

The Main Sale & Ex-Estate Sale catalogues are scheduled to be closed on **18th March, 2021** at **04.30 p.m.** but sale may close before the scheduled date when the number of lots if reached.

SALE NO.11

BROKER'S SELLING ORDER

Auction of 16th/17th March, 2021

Leafy/Tippy/BOP1A/ Premium Flowery

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

High & Medium/Off Grades/Dust

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

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

Crop & Weather

For the period 01/03/2021 to 07/01/2021

Western/Nuwara Eliya Regions - The Western and Nuwara Eliya regions reported bright weather in the morning and evening showers during the latter part of the week. The Department of Meteorology expects heavy showers in both regions in the week ahead. **Uva/Udapussellawa Regions** - Clear mornings were experienced by both regions, whilst evening showers were reported towards the closure of the week. Morning showers are expected in the week ahead in the Uva Region by the Department of Meteorology **Low Grown** - The Low Grown Region reported sunny mornings with overcast evenings and occasional showers. Heavy showers are expected in the Sabaragamuwa Region in the week ahead according to the Department of Meteorology

Crop Intake - The Western, Nuwara Eliya, Uva and Udapussellawa regions maintained the crop intake, whilst a few sub-districts in the Bogawantalawa, Hatton, Talawakelle, and Maturata regions reported a slight decrease in the crop intake. The Low Grown Region maintained the crop intake, whilst a few sub-districts in the Sabaragamuwa Region reported a slight increase in crop.

Private Sale Figures (01.03.2021 – 06.03.2021)	- 103,090.00 Kgs
Cumulative	- 916,216.50 Kgs



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

BANGLADESH AUCTION- SALE NO.40 HELD ON MONDAY 01st MARCH, 2021

CTC LEAF: 18,558 packages of Current Season and 70 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with a little more demand at firm to slightly dearer rates.

BROKENS: A nominal weight of good Brokens on offer were well supported at around last levels and were generally firm to a touch dearer. All other Brokens sold well in line with quality. Withdrawals were fewer.

FANNINGS: A small weight of clean Fannings met with quite a strong demand and were generally dearer following quality. Medium and plainer types met with a better demand and sold around last levels.

CTC DUST: 6,124 packages of Current Season and 45 packages of Old Season teas on offer met with a good demand. Good liquoring Dusts sold at slightly easier levels closely following quality. Medium and Plainer sorts were fully firm to a little dearer. Nominal weight of BLF Dusts sold at around last levels. Blenders lent strong support with fair interest from the Loose tea buyers.

COMMENTS : There was more activity in this week’s sale from both Blenders and Loose tea buyers. All types were disposed off at fairly firm rates and the withdrawals were fewer.

Dusts sold well.

Our catalogue (Sale 40): Avg: Tk 193.09, Sold 94.1% & (Sale 39) Avg: Tk 195.48, sold 80.2..

Quotations – This Week – (In Taka)

Brokens	This Week	Last Week	Fannings	This week	Last Week	Dust	This Week	Last Week
Large	175-185N	172-180N	Best	195-210N	195-205N	PD	172-219	172-230
Medium	177-187	172-182	Good	190-195	188-193	RD	168-262	169-304
Small	185-193	183-190	Medium	180-188	177-185	D	178-260	175-274
Plain	170-175	165-172	Plain	170-175	165-173	CD	140-262	182-174
BLF	170-177	160-170	BLF	170-177	160-170	BLF	152-185	178-197

COURTESY: NATIONAL BROKERS LTD

10th March 2021

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TEA SALE ARRANGEMENTS FOR 02nd QUARTER - 2021 APRIL / MAY / JUNE



SALE NO	DATE OF SALE	CLOSING DATES		PROMPT DATES		10% PAYMENT	E PLATFORM LEVY PROMPT DATES	
		EX ESTATE	MAIN SALE	BUYER'S	SELLER'S		BUYER'S	BROKER'S
APRIL								
14	Tue/Wed-06 th /07 th	18/03/2021 4.30 pm		15/04/2021	16/04/2021	09/04/2021	15/04/2021	19/04/2021
15	Tue/Wed -20 th /21 st	25/03/2021 4.30 pm		27/04/2021	28/04/2021	23/04/2021	27/04/2021	29/04/2021
16	Tue/Wed-27 th /28 th	01/04/2021 4.30 pm		04/05/2021	05/05/2021	30/04/2021	04/05/2021	06/05/2021
MAY								
17	Tue/Wed-04 th /05 th	08/04/2021 4.30 pm		11/05/2021	12/05/2021	07/05/2021	11/05/2021	13/05/2021
18	Tue/Wed-11 th /12 th	22/04/2021 4.30 pm		18/05/2021	19/05/2021	17/05/2021	18/05/2021	20/05/2021
19	Tue/Wed-18 th /19 th	29/04/2021 4.30 pm		25/05/2021	28/05/2021	21/05/2021	25/05/2021	31/05/2021
20	Mon/Tue-24 th /25 th	06/05/2021 4.30 pm		31/05/2021	01/06/2021	28/05/2021	31/05/2021	02/06/2021
JUNE								
21	Tue* (Half DAY)/ Wed -01 st /02 nd	13/05/2021 4.30 pm		08/06/2021	09/06/2021	04/06/2021	08/06/2021	10/06/2021
22	Tue/Wed-08 th /09 th	20/05/2021 4.30 pm		15/06/2021	16/06/2021	11/06/2021	15/06/2021	17/06/2021
23	Tue/Wed-15 th /16 th	28/05/2021 4.30 pm		22/06/2021	23/06/2021	18/06/2021	22/06/2021	25/06/2021
24	Mon/Tue-21 st /22 nd	03/06/2021 4.30 pm		28/06/2021	29/06/2021	25/06/2021	28/06/2021	30/06/2021
25	Tue/Wed-29 th /30 th	10/06/2021 4.30 pm		06/07/2021	07/07/2021	02/07/2021	06/07/2021	08/07/2021

***N.B. - SALE No 21 Tuesday Sale starting at 1.00p.m. and maximum 9,000 lots offered for sale.**

HOLIDAYS for 2021

April	02 nd	Friday	Good Friday (P.B.)
	13 th	Tuesday	Day Prior to Sinhala & Tamil New Year Day (P.B.M.)
	14 th	Wednesday	Sinhala & Tamil New Year day (P.B.M.)
	26 th	Monday	Bak Full Moon Poya Day (P.B.M.)
May	01 st	Saturday	May Day (P.B.M)
	14 th	Friday	Id-UI-Fitr (Ramazan Festival Day) (P.B.)
	26 th	Wednesday	Vesak Full Moon Poya Day (P.B.M.)
	27 th	Thursday	Day following Vesak Full Moon Poya Day (P.B.M.)
June	24 th	Thursday	Poson Full Moon Poya Day (P.B.M.)

THE COLOMBO TEA TRADERS' ASSOCIATION

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CIRCULAR NO. 06 OF 2021

March 10, 2021

FOR ATTENTION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

EXTRENIUS MATTER / IMPURITIES IN TEA

Further to the Circular No 02 of 2013 dated January 18, 2013 on the subject of **“IMPURITIES IN TEA”**.

It is reported that a considerable volume of teas offered through the Auction is contaminated with extraneous matter. The CTTA's Quality Claim Management System has confirmed the veracity of this. Buyers have pointed out that they have raised this concern over the past few decades, notwithstanding which, it has continued unabated and, in fact, has progressively intensified.

It has been observed that teas originating from factories in all elevations, even those producing high quality, high priced teas, with high profile garden marks, are equally affected. However, the incidence of impurities has been predominantly in the leafier grades, such as FBOP, OP, Pekoe, OPA, BOP1A, and Tippy Grades.

Buyers have reported that the extraneous matters mainly grit detected in Tippy Teas have gone up significantly. The foreign Buyers are making tea quality claims based on extraneous matters in the Ceylon Tea shipments that could adversely affect our market share.

In the cleaning process of blends during the preparation of export consignments, a wide range of extraneous matter has been detected. This includes stones, grit, metal particles from old machinery, dried frogs, geckos, human hair, pieces of wire, poisonous madatiya seeds, chewed "veralu" [olive] seeds, betel nuts, pieces of plastic, beetles, screw nails, plant seeds, stapler pins, safety pins, watch battery, small pieces of glass, metal nails and pieces of iron. Exporters are unable to identify the specific garden marks responsible; as the detection can only be made at the point, the teas exit the blending drums.

Attention is drawn to the fact that there are punitive measures already in place, which could be imposed against manufacturers/factories that, through negligence or deliberate acts, are identified as having extraneous matter/impurities in their teas. Such legal provisions are as follows:

- i. Section 8(2) of the Tea Control Act No 51 of 1957, which provides for suspension or cancellation of the Registration of the Tea Factory.- Sri Lanka Tea Board.**
- ii. Food Act No 26 of 1980, which makes provision for litigation, in terms of the Food Hygiene Regulation.- Director-General of Health, Department of Health.**
- iii By-Law 36 of the By-Laws and Conditions for Sale of Tea by Public Auction and by Private Treaty, which provides for the imposition of a fine and debarment from offering teas for sale through the auction.- Colombo Tea Traders' Association**

The situation has become so alarming that Buyers have requested the intervention of the Association to impose some form of punitive measures, as, in most instances, the profusion of such impurities create the impression that they may have been deliberately introduced. This matter was addressed at a recent meeting of CTTA, at which deliberations ensued on means by which to eliminate this problem.

It will be appreciated if producers will pay special attention to this aspect of manufacture and packing, towards protecting our valuable overseas markets.

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